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Summary Information

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Dumas, C.G.F. 1779 January 1 A.L.S. 3p. XXXIX, 70.
to The American Commissioners.

The reply of the States-General to the memoir of France; in case they refuse to agree to France's terms, the King will exclude them from the regulations in favor of neutral nations. Sir Joseph Yorke's influence with a certain great personage. Splendid part played by their friend [M. Van Berkel].
(In French.)

Arnold, ----- d' 1779 January 1 A.L.S. 1p. XIII, 1.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has written to General Arnold to grant him, in consideration of the name he bears, employment in the American army; is thirty-eight years old and the father of a numerous family; desires Franklin to lend his influence to the request.
(In French.)

Bondfield, John. Bordeaux 1779 January 1 A.L.S. 1p. XIII, 4.
to The American Commissioners.

The "Chasseur" loaded and only waiting for the "Governor Livingston," which is detained by contrary winds at Isle de Ré; glad a convoy is appointed. Continued advices of captures have stagnated all private expeditions.

Chondeville, -----. Bourges 1779 January 2 A.L.S. 3p. XIII, 5.
to Benjamin Franklin

Accusation against one M. le Ralle, who is probably in hiding at Paris, and who, among his other crimes, borrowed ten Louis from him which he never returned; thinks he may seek Franklin's protection, and so forewarns him.
(In French.)

Newenham, Sir Edward. Marseilles 1779 January 2 A.L.S. 1p. XIII, 6.

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to Benjamin Franklin

The protection and assistance he rendered to Americans in Ireland, particularly Colonel Ethan Allen and those who were with him. Desires a license to remain in Marseilles with his two sons and their Swiss tutor.

Huntington, Samuel

1779 January 3

L.S. John Jay, XIII, 7.

to Benjamin Franklin

President. 2p.

Transmitting an Act of Congress of the 23d ult.; quotes from the Secretary's letter to explain who Mr. Gosrunus Erkelens is and the nature of his occupation; encloses a copy of an Act of Congress of the 1st inst. on the subject of an expedition against Canada.

(In triplicate.)

Lee, Arthur. Chaillot

1779 January 3

A.L.S. 1p. XIII, 8.

to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing a letter, received the day before, from Dr. Berkenbout; wishes to know if anything can be made of it for the public good.

Hope and Co. Amsterdam

1779 January 4

A.L.S. 1p.; XIII, 9.

to Benjamin Franklin

D.S. 2p.

Desired by Messrs. Jacob Hagen and Son, of London, to enclose the following copy of a Resolution of the Pennsylvania Land Co.

Enclosure. A Resolution to propose to the Governors of the Pennsylvania Hospital to receive from the Pennsylvania Land Co. as much of their remaining property in America as may be deemed a reasonable equivalent for the sum due them.

The Treasurer of Loans. Philadelphia

1779 January 4

A.L.S. LIV, 1.

to The American Commissioners.

Fra[nci]s
Hopkinson.
1p.

Notification of bills of exchange furnished to the Continental Loan Office of Massachusetts Bay.
(In duplicate.)

Theobald, James. London

1779 January 4

A.L.S. 1p. XIII, 10.

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to Benjamin Franklin

In his letter of November, 1777, acquainted Franklin with the death of Mrs. Bache, of Preston; is very anxious for news of Franklin and his family.

Du Bouchet, Denis-Jean-Florimond 1779 January 4 A.L.S. 1p. XIII, 11.
de Langlois de Mautheville, chevalier.
Auxerre

to Benjamin Franklin

Wishing Franklin every happiness and prosperity. Desires any news he may have received of General Conway.

Calmels, ----- Brest 1779 January 4 L.S. 2p. XIII, 12.
to Benjamin Franklin

In consequence of the numerous prizes sold at Brest, various articles can be bought for the United States at advantageous prices; offers to transact these purchases.
(In French.)

Cuchet, Gaspard-Joseph. Paris 1779 January 4 L.S. 1p. XIII, 13.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sending him Faujas de Saint-Fond's "Recherches sur les volcano Éteints du Vivarais et du Velay," for which he subscribed.
(In French.)

Cooper, Samuel. Boston 1779 January 4 A.L.S. 3p. XIII, 14.
to Benjamin Franklin

Speaks of the Marquis de la Fayette in the most complimentary manner. Commends Count d'Estaing highly, and explains the cause for the ungrounded prejudice against him; the peaceable, inoffensive and courteous behaviour of his men. Proposed invasion of Canada.

Bibliography

Courcelle, ----- de. Paris 1779 January 5 A.L.S. 1p. XIII, 15.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Thanks Franklin for his kindness to M. Briffant who has been well recieved in Boston and asks that the enclosed letter be forwarded to him.

(In French.)

Dumas, C.G.F. to Benjamin Franklin	1779 January 5	A.L.S. 1p.	XXXIX, 71.
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Precautions taken before recommending M. Jean de Neufville to Franklin.

(In French.)

Bingham, William. St Pierre to Benjamin Franklin	1779 January 5	A.L.S. 9p.	XIII, 16.
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Arrival of Comte d'Estaing and his fleet. Damage sustained by Admiral Byron's fleet during a storm. Capture of the Island of St. Lucia by the English; the expedition against them of Comte d'Estaing, and its ignominious failure, owing to the Comte's weakness and cowardice. Encloses an extract of a letter to M. de Sartine from the Governor of Guadeloupe, on behalf of the owners and crew of an American privateer which was unfortunately sunk by one of the batteries of that island.

Roberdeau, Daniel. Philadelphia to Benjamin Franklin	1779 January 5	A.L.S. 1p.	XIII, 17.
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Requesting Franklin to forward the enclosed letter.

(In duplicate.)

Bradford, Jno. Boston to Benjamin Franklin	1779 January 6	A.L.S. 1p.	XIII, 18.
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Introducing his son to Franklin, and asking him to afford the young man his patronage and advice.

Calmels, ----- Brest to Benjamin Franklin	1779 January 6	L.S. 3p.	XIII, 19.
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Encloses a list of certain articles which he offers to procure for the United States. Details relative to the sale of "La Revanche."

(In French.)

Holtzer, Antoine. Colmar to Benjamin Franklin	1779 January 6	A.L.S. 3p.	XIII, 20.
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Concerning a new quality of beer and its various excellencies.
(In French.)

John Lloyd, et al., Merchants. Nantes to The [American] Commissioners.	1779 January 7	L.S. John Lloyd et al. 5p.	LXI, 15,16.
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Complaining of lack of protection to American vessels.

Calmels, -----, Brest to Benjamin Franklin	1779 January 8	L.S. 1p.	XIII, 21.
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Has just procured an inventory of the sale of the two ships; believes that the larger of the two vessels will be suitable to Franklin's purpose, as well as the cargo of merchandise.
(In French.)

Dumas, C.G.F. to Benjamin Franklin	1779 Jan. 5	A.L.S. 1p.	XXXIX, 71 1/2.
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Introducing the Baron Sturler de l'Altemberg.
(In French.)

Dagord, Vincent to Benjamin Franklin	1779 January 8 and February 26	Mem. in 3d P. 1p.	LXII, 22 and 23.
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Asks him to obtain his deliverance from prison so as to enter the service of the United States.
(In French.)
(In duplicate.)

Reiche, Rev. Paul Christopher to Benjamin Franklin	1779 January 9	A.L.S. 4p.	XIII, 22.
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A Lutheran clergyman with a large family, desires to go to America and earn his living. Has supported his family by teaching, preaching and writing books. Wishes to know whether he can make a support by teaching writing or farming in America; if these are impossible, suggests aiding the American army by his knowledge of strategy.
(In Latin.)

Greenleaf, Joseph. Boston	1779 January 9	A.L.S. 1p.	XIII, 23.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Writes on behalf of his son who has been a prisoner in Portsmouth Jail for several months; begs Franklin to procure his exchange and, if possible, send him home in some public vessel.

Bondfield, John. Bordeaux 1779 January 9 A.L.S. 5p. XIII, 24.
to The American Commissioners.

Concerning the depreciation of the currency and the consequent high prices. Danger of contracting debts in the present reduced state of the paper credit. Possibility of France advancing a sufficient sum to sink the Continental paper. Aid he has given to two Americans who were wounded in an engagement with an English privateer. The "Governor Livingston" and the "Chasseur" almost ready to sail.

Holtzendorff, Louis-Casimir, baron de 1779 January 10 A.L.S. 2p. XIII, 25.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sends copies of General Washington's letter, testifying to his good character, also his congé from General Gates; joins to this his general essay on the Prussian Tactics which he proposed to General Washington when he found that the American officers were in need of learning their métier.

Collas, Peter. Nantes 1779 January 10 A.L.S. 1p. XIII, 26.
to Benjamin Franklin

Thanking Franklin for his favor received by Mr. Wharton, as well as for the articles therein mentioned. According to his advice, has written to Mrs. Mecom for directions how to make crown soap.

Montboissier, Philippe-Claude de 1779 January 11 A.L.S. 1p. XIII, 27.
Beaufort-Canillac, comte de. Paris
to Benjamin Franklin

Reminding Franklin of his promise to give a letter of recommendation to M. Fleurian de Langle, a relative of the Marquis de la Fayette.

(In French.)

Soller, -----. Saarlouis 1779 January 12 A.L.S. 6p. XIII, 28.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Concerning the articles manufactured in his iron foundry, and the prices.
(In French.)

Dumas, C.G.F. 1779 January 12 A.L.S. 3p. XXXIX, 72.
to The American Commissioners.

Affairs in Holland; quotes an explanation of France's memoir, sent to the Grand Pensionnaire by the French Ambassador.
(In French.)

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1779 January 12 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVIII, 1.
to Benjamin Franklin

His project of going to America checked; one of the richest ships to his address has been blown up; every soul perished and not a farthing saved; loss sustained by M. de Chaumont and M. de Montieu.

Jeffries, Dr. John. London 1779 January 12 L. in 3d P. 1p. LIV, 2.
to Benjamin Franklin

Assurance of the continued love and esteem of the members of their Society for Dr. Franklin.

Lanthenar, François. Lyons 1779 January 12 A.L.S. 3p. XIII, 29.
to Benjamin Franklin

Explaining a project of himself and a friend to go to America and engage in commerce at first, and later in agriculture; begs Franklin to give them his advice, and if possible, facilitate their passage over.
(In French.)

Le Maire de Gimel, Jacques 1779 January 12 A.L.S. 2p. XIII, 30.
to Benjamin Franklin

Announcing the burning of the ship "le Flaman," Captain Blondeau. Has written many times requesting answers to his letters he brought from the Governor of Virginia.
(In French.)

Ludwig, Georg Balthasar. Amstadt 1779 January 13 A.L.S. 2p. XIII, 58.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Offers to send woolen clothes to the United States.

Sayre, Stephen. Copenhagen to Benjamin Franklin	1779 January 13	A.L.S. 4p.	XIII, 31.
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Acknowledging his letter of the 25th ult. Containing the approval of his proposition; unfortunately, before its receipt, the ship intended for the voyage was sold at public auction; his regret at such a miscarriage of his plans. His intended trip to Stockholm; is aware that America does not need the good will of any more European powers, but nothing ought to be neglected. Mr. F. Lewis has promised his utmost interest to get him some employment in Europe; his present character that of a modern Don Quixote.

Lavabre, Doerner and Co. Paris to Benjamin Franklin	1779 January 15	A.L.S. 1p.	XIII, 32.
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Concerning an order by Franklin, to pay a certain sum to a young man, named Colomb de Nismes, at present in a Savannish regiment.
(In French.)

Dumas, C.G.F. to Benjamin Franklin	1779 January 15	A.L.S. 2p.	XXXIX, 73.
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His Mecca is to see Franklin in Holland, consummating the work begun by himself.
(In French.)

D' Arbaud, Helle Comte. Basse Terre to Sartine	1779 January 15	L.S. 2p.	LXI, 39.
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Regarding the indemnification demanded for the owner and crew of the "Fair Play."
(Copy.)

Price, Richard, 1723-1791 to Benjamin Franklin	1779 January 18	A.L.S. 2p.	XIII, 33.
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Begging F[rankli]n to procure for the bearer, Mr. Morris, access to the persons he wants to see; his business is to procure some passports; trusts this will give Dr. Franklin small trouble. Sends the enclosed papers by Mr. Morris, of their contents he is ignorant.

Pommereuille, -----, sieur de. Paris	1779 January 16	A.L.S. 1p.	XIII, 34.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Undaunted by the cruelty of the English toward French prisoners, desires to fight under the colors of liberty; begs for an interview so that, should his request be refused, he may still have seen the most illustrious man of his age.

Pickerin, Capt Thomas. Brest 1779 January 16 A.L.S. 2p. XIII, 35.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the two prizes taken by him since he left Brest; the Court of Admiralty's failure to condemn the cargo of the second prize.

Dumas, C.G.F. 1779 January 16 A.L.S. 2p. XXXIX, 74.
to The American Commissioners.

By a memoir just presented, Holland is excluded from all the favors which France grants to neutral nations; Amsterdam alone to be left in enjoyment of these; great discontent prevails.
In French.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1779 January 16 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVIII, 2.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sends Franklin two of his chapters; takes the liberty of keeping the third for himself. Impatiently awaiting the arrival of M. de Montieu.

Aigueville ----- d'. Alicante 1779 January 16 A.L.S. 2p. XIII, 36.
to Benjamin Franklin

Orders from the King of Spain to admit American corsairs and their prizes to the port of Alicante; necessity of having a consul-general there to look after American interests; offers himself for the position.
In French.

Lemire, ----- Dieppe 1779 January 17 A.L.S. 1p. XIII, 37.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing à memorandum of the sale of two small prizes. Informing Franklin of some excellent beer and rum which he can purchase.
In French.

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John Watson and John Swain. Calais 1779 January 17 L.S. 2p. XIII, 38.
to Franklin and Lee.

Acquainting them with their capture, by the English, in October, 1777, their subsequent escape, and present confinement in Calais prison; their destitute condition and desire to obtain their freedom in order to reënter the American service.

Chardon, Daniel-Marc-Antoine. Paris [1779?] June 17 A.L.S. 1p. XLI, 33.
to Benjamin Franklin

Informing Franklin that the affair of Captain Macknil [McNeill] has been tried and settled in the Captain's favor.
(In French.)

Nicolas, Pierre-François. Paris 1779 January 18 A.L.S. 2p. XIII, 39.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has sent him a copy of his work "Dissertation Chimique sur leseaux minérales de la Lorraine"; stimulating effect on his own work of Franklin's treatise on electricity. Has discovered a sure process of dyeing cottons a fast black; offers to treat with Franklin concerning this discovery, if it can be of use to America.
(In French.)

La Blancherie, Claude-Mammès de Pahin 1779 January 19 A.L.S. 1p. XIII, 40.
Champlain de
to Benjamin Franklin

Sends Franklin the new plan of the institution of which he is the head; invites Franklin, his grandson and Dr. Adams to the first meeting, to be held on the 20th inst.
(In French.)

Kéralio, Agathon Guynement, chevalier 1779 January 19 A.L.S. 1p. XIII, 41.
de
to Benjamin Franklin

At the request of Prince Gallitzin, sends him a letter, concerning some experiments in electricity.
(In French.)

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Gillon, Alexander. Brest 1779 January 19 A.L.S. 1p. XIII, 42.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begging Franklin to communicate the contents of the enclosed to his colleagues, particularly to Mr. Izard.

Dumas, C.G.F. 1779 January 19 A.L.S. 3p. XXXIX, 75.
to The American Commissioners.

The 26th of January appointed by the King of France for the publication of the new regulations, In case he does not receive a suitable reply from Holland before that time; irresolution in the Holland Assembly; courier sent to France to request a week's delay; attitude of Amsterdam.
(In French.)

Dumas, C.G.F. 1779 January 19 A.L.S. 2p. XXXIX, 76.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begging Franklin to pay no attention to an open letter which may be presented to him by a M. Poirier, a lawyer of Dunkirk; his reasons for doubting the good faith of this gentleman; his desire to obtain the position of American agent at Dunkirk; is sending Franklin four lines by the hand of a much better friend to America.
(In French.)

Walton, Lieut Thomas. Spithead 1779 January 20 D. 1p. LX, 24.
to Benjamin Franklin

Copy of discharge given to William Gardner an American prisoner on board the British warship, "Lenox."

Ford, Hezekiah. Chaillot 1779 January 20 A.L.S. 1p. XIII, 43.
to Benjamin Franklin

Is quite sure that he left the papers containing the Resolves of Congress in Franklin's book at Passy, after he had finished the copy for Mr. Lee; if they are not to be found will send Franklin a fair copy.

Monthuley, ----- Evreux 1779 January 20 A.L.S. 1p. XIII, 44.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Having heard that Franklin was pleased with his samples of two colored cloths, offers him the fruits of his labors. Encloses a letter for Mr. Williams.

(In French.)

Holtendorff, Louis-Casimir, baron de. 1779 January 20 A.L.S. 1p. XIII, 45.

Paris

to Benjamin Franklin

Wishes to know if Franklin has conferred with his colleagues respecting the papers he sent him and their decision.

Izard, Ralph. Paris 1779 January 20 A.L.S. 1p. XIII, 47a.

to Benjamin Franklin

Calls upon Franklin to fulfil his promise, made in the presence of Lee and Adams, to send him a copy of his answer to the writer's letter of the 2d inst.; desires at the same time all his reasons, in writing, for disobeying the Resolution of Congress of May 7th, 1778.

Capellen tot den Pol, Joan Derk van der 1779 January 21 A.L.S. 4p. XIII, 48.

to Fizeaux

Despairs of making any progress in favor of American credit, while false reports of English victories are being continually circulated; urges the wisdom of having a correspondent devoted to the interests of France and America, to whom authentic reports might be forwarded. Favorable impression created by Governor Trumbull's letter. Appreciates the honor done him by the Ministers at Passy, in their generous commendation of his conduct with regard to the Scottish Brigade; thanks them for their very kind offer, which at present he is unable to accept. Excellent choice France has made in the person of the Duc de la Vauguyon.

(In French.)

Lloyd, John et al. American Merchants at 1779 January 21 A.L.S. 4p. LIV, 5.

Nantes. Nantes

to The American Commissioners.

Concerning a convoy to guard merchant ships to America. Severity of weather hinders sailing of ships. Acknowledge receipt of a copy of the Treaty of Commerce, and ask what ports are to be free, pursuant to the 30th Article. Refer to danger from Barbary corsairs, and ask advice as to protection

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from them. Pray for more knowledge as to the impost duties levied by each of the United States. Patience and perseverance will win the present contest.

Parny des Falines, ----- de. Paris 1779 January 21 A.L.S. 1p. XIII, 49.
to Benjamin Franklin

Writes for information concerning a sum of money deposited in the public treasury, at Charleston, and redeemable at a certain date.
(In French.)

Gilbank, Jno. Nantes 1779 January 21 A.L.S. 2p. XIII, 50.
to The American Commissioners.

The mortification of their refusal to accept his bill; there is one method still left by which he may raise the desired sum; that is, for them to endorse a bill drawn by him on the President of Congress; if this suggestion is also refused, is afraid it will be attributed to their indifference to the fate of an American officer. Complains bitterly of the treatment he has received; exonerates Congress from being privy to it; hints at a time coming when he may be able to resent this treatment in another way than by words.

George Hakins, John Tomling, James Horel, John Redaway and John Sheay. Quimper 1779 January 21 L.S. 1p. XIII, 51.
to Benjamin Franklin

Their escape from a British privateer and their present imprisonment among a parcel of French thieves, with only six sons a day to live upon, to lie on dirt at night, and to gaze through iron bars all day; beg Franklin to take pity on his poor countrymen.

Thompson, John. Brest 1779 January 22 L.S. 4p. LX, 43.
to Benjamin Franklin

Was appointed gunner on the brig "Lexington." Lost a leg while on that vessel. Has been in the Royal Marine Hospital at Brest. Is now cured from the effects of an operation. Wishes to proceed to America and requests a passage.

Adamoli, ----- Paris 1779 January 22 A.L.S. 3p. XIII, 52.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Sending Franklin a poem which he trusts will meet with his approbation. Desires to know if the "Société d'Emulation," of London, rewards discoveries presented by any but Englishmen; the discovery in question will considerably shorten long and difficult calculations in weights, measures, monies, etc.

(In French.)

Brillon, Mme to Benjamin Franklin	1779 January 22	A.L. 1p.	XLIII, 13.
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Criticised for her informal relations with Franklin; necessary to submit to what is called propriety. State of her nerves; begs him to drink tea with her every day.

(In French.)

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Niles, Robert. Nantes to The American Commissioners.	1779 January 22	A.L.S. 1p.	XIII, 53.
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Was captured by a Jersey privateer whose captain accidentally let fall that Mr. Dobrée, of Guernsey, was one of his owners; his son, Mr. Dobree of Nantes, anxious to have in writing the particulars of this conversation, but as it is a matter which concerns the country, thought it best to leave the decision with them.

Hartley, David to Benjamin Franklin	1779 January 23	A.L.S. 1p.	XIII, 54.
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For his sentiments, refers Franklin to his letters written as a Member of Parliament to his constituents. The alliance between France and the United States is an obstacle to peace.

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Williams, Jonathan Jr. to The American Commissioners.	1779 January 23	A.L.S. 2p.	XXXVIII, 3.
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Concerning some property belonging to Mr.Simeon Deane which was delivered by mistake to M.Schweighauser. Bill for gunstocks, etc.

Lee, William. Frankfort to The American Commissioners	1779 January 23	A.L.S. 2p.	LXI, 25.
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Requesting the Commissioners to obtain articles of war for the State of Virginia.

Girard, -----Rennes 1779 January 23 A.L.S. 3p. XIII, 55.
to Benjamin Franklin

Demands justice from Franklin in the case of one of his compatriots, who hired a chaise from him on the pretext of going to Paris to consult him on important business; since then nothing has been heard of the chaise.

(In French.)

Hartley, David. London 1779 January 23 A.L.S. 1p. XIII, 56.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has communicated Franklin's favor of January 1st to the Board of Sick and Hurt and received their answer to the effect that measures are being taken to send to France the number of Americans agreed upon for the exchange.

Bondfield, John. Bordeaux 1779 January 23 A.L.S. 2p. XIII, 57.
to The American Commissioners

Requesting passes for certain American ships which otherwise are taken by their own people as well as by the enemy. Reports received from Cadiz of an engagement between Comte d'Estaing and an English fleet. Letters from Martinique mention that their ports are blockaded by English cruisers and that Comte d'Estaing is daily expected.

Pommereuille, -----, sieur de. Paris 1779 January 24 A.L.S. 3p. XIII, 58.
to Benjamin Franklin

Upon hearing that there are 5,000 officers without employment in America, gave up an idea of bearing arms there. Is very anxious to join a friend of his in Boston; desires to know something about that city, if a man can live there pleasantly and if the price of provisions are very high.

Kentisbear, William. Toulon 1779 January 24 A.L.S. 2p. XLIV, 26.
to Benjamin Franklin

Implores Dr. Franklin to procure his freedom, that he might secure a pass and proceed to his family in America.

Swallow, James. Calais prison 1779 January 25 A.L.S. 2p. XIII, 60.

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to Benjamin Franklin

Begging Franklin to obtain his release.

Darrell, Josiah. Nantes 1779 January 25 A.L.S. 2p. XIII, 61.
to Benjamin Franklin

Complains that five of his sailors have deserted, and have then been taken on board French privateers. Has been involved in five law-suits; considers one which he lost very unjust, whereby he is forced to pay his sailors' debts, after he had notified the people that he would not be answerable for their debts.

Dumas, C.G.F. 1779 January 25 A.L.S. 2p. XXXIX, 77.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning a loan for the United States to be raised at Amsterdam; his dissatisfaction with the manner in which the affair has been conducted. Greater work he could accomplish if he had a formal commission as American Chargé d' Affaires to the United Netherlands.
(In French.)

**Pierre le Cacheur, Julien Bertols, -----
Farcis, and ----- Vincent** 1779 January 25 Mem. in 3d P.LXII, 20a.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Ask Franklin to obtain their liberty so as to enable them to enter the service of the United States.
(In French.)

**La Blancherie, Claude-Mammès de Pahin
Champlain de** 1779 January 25 A.L.S. 1p. XIII, 62.
to Benjamin Franklin

Missed him at the last meeting; hopes he may have the pleasure of seeing him at the next.
(In French.)

Wuybert, Antoine-Félix. Paris 1779 January 25 A.L.S. 3p. XIII, 63.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Was unable to see Mr. Lee, on account of his being ill. His miserable situation without money or friends; his family unable to assist him; anchors all his hopes to Franklin; is only too anxious to serve America and revenge himself for all the ill treatment inflicted upon him by the enemy.

(In French.)

Gillon, Alexander. Brest 1779 January 25 A.L.S. 2p. XIII, 64.
to The American Commissioners.

His arrival from America via Havana. Has some letters to deliver to them in person; must first go to Nantes to give directions for the disposal of any property, belonging to South Carolina which has arrived in Europe.

Lee, Arthur. Chaillot 1779 January 20 A.L.S. 2p. XIII, 46.
to Benjamin Franklin and J. Adams

His fever still confines him to the house. Urges the absolute necessity of informing the Minister without delay of the exhausted state of their finances.

Kentisbear, William. Toulon 1779 January 26 A.L.S. 1p. XLIV, 27.
to Benjamin Franklin

His inability to either speak or understand French, and begs Dr. Franklin to procure his freedom and enable him to proceed to his family.

Davy des Piltieres, -----. La Flèche 1779 January 26 A.L.S. 3p. XIII, 65.
to Benjamin Franklin

His son entered the American service in January, 1777; in 1778, he was a lieutenant in the 4th Battalion of Georgia; since then has heard nothing; if he lives, begs Franklin to aid his advancement, and if he is dead, asks for a certificate of the fact.

(In French.)

Petrie, S. Paris 1779 January 26 A.L.S. 1p. XIII, 66.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begging that the enclosed letter be sent to Philadelphia with Franklin's despatches.

Charbonnet,-----. Brest 1779 January 27 A.L.S. 4p. XIII, 67.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Asks his protection for two friends at Lyons; having received his permission to communicate their plans to him, sends the enclosed letter.

(In French.)

Dumas, C.G.F. 1779 January 27 A.L.S. 2p. XXXIX, 78.
to The American Commissioners.

The Resolution of November 18th annulled by the Holland Assembly; their answer to France not yet decided upon.

(In French.)

La Plaigne, Emmanuel-Pierre de. 1779 January 27 A.L.S. 2p. XIII, 68.
Limoges
to Benjamin Franklin

Asks Franklin to assist his brother, to whom he gave one of the commissions of lieutenant, which the Congress of Georgia empowered him to bestow; has heard that le Sieur de Foucherelles has endeavored to injure his and his brother's reputation. Asks if it is true that Franklin discouraged M. Aubert from attempting another passage to Savannah.

(In French.)

Le Veillard, Louis Guillaume 1779 January 27, A.L.S. 1p. XLII, 124.
to Benjamin Franklin Wednesday

Begging Franklin to postpone his dinner with Mme. Bouffé from February 2d to the 3d or 10th.

Pickerin, Capt Thomas. Brest 1779 January 28 L.S. 4p. LXI, 92.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning his right to vessels recaptured as prizes.

Lloyd, John et al. American Merchants 1779 January 28 Mem. S. 4p. LXI, 17.
and Captains of Vessels. Nantes
to The [American] Commissioners.

Complaining of the hindrances to American vessels in French waters, and asking for redress.

Pelissier, Christophe. Lyons 1779 January 29 A.L.S. 3p. XIII, 69.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

to Benjamin Franklin

Sent Franklin three certificates of the supplies furnished in 1776 by M. Laframboise to the army of the United States at Three Rivers, in Canada; reminds Franklin of his promise to obtain, from Congress, the payment of this sum.

(In French.)

Dumas, C.G.F.	1779 January 29	A.L.S. 1p.	XXXIX, 79.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Has need of his advice in a career which grows more and more ticklish.

(In French.)

L'Espérance, -----, baron de. Paris	1779 January 29	A.L.S. 3p.	XIII,70.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Recommending [I.] Bordot for the position of agent of Congress at La Rochelle.

(In French.)

The Continental Congress, Committee of Foreign Affairs. Philadelphia	1779 January 29	A.L.S. James Lovell 1p.	XIII,71.
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to Benjamin Franklin

The enemy exerting their forces but too successfully in Georgia; hopes that Comte d'Estaing will be able to operate with the Colonial forces in order to wrest from their foes the fruits of their present success. Late as it is, encloses a quadruplicate of his credentials and wishes him every success in his important agency.

(Copy.)

The Continental Congress, Committee of Foreign Affairs. Philadelphia	1779 January 29	A.L.S. James Lovell 3p.	XIII, 72.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Triplicate of preceding, with an additional letter announcing that he has forwarded, via St. Eustatia, letters for Franklin and the Marquis de la Fayette, from the President of Congress.

Muticie?, W.M. Bristol	1779 January 30	L. 1p.	LIV, 6.
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to The American Commissioners.

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Was made prisoner when the vessel "Senaut Protée," from Philadelphia for France, was captured by two English privateers. Amongst his letters and papers seized were severed bills of exchange drawn on the American Commissioners. The latter are requested not to pay these bills, unless endorsed by Hope and Co., of Amsterdam.

(In French.)

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1779 January 31 A.L.S. 4p. XXXVIII, 4.
to The American Commissioners.

Concerning two indorsements, by Arthur Lee, written on the back of his accounts sent to the Commissioners; quotes the two in full; considers them as injurious to his reputation as they are false and malignant; begs them to order an examination of his accounts; desires nothing but justice.

Brillon, Mme 1779 January 31 A.L. 1p. XLIII, 14.
to Benjamin Franklin

Giving him a comb which will last another twenty years; believes he will have a long life.

(In French.)

Bibliography

Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves, marquis de, 1757-1834 1779 March 31 A.L.S. 3p. XIII, 2.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning an expedition of which he is to be given the command; hopes it may take place as it will plague their good friends, and perhaps get some money for America; with two such points in view, would go round the world; is awaiting Captain Jones with the greatest impatience.

Espivent de la Villesboisnet, ---- 1779 January A.L.S. 2p. LXI, 18.
to The American Commissioners.

Concerning prize vessels captured by Captain Pi[c]ker[i]n.

(In French.)

Veuve Mathurin Cornic & fils. Morlaix 1779 February 1 A.L.S. 1p. XIII, 73.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Concerning the arrival of a small English ship called the "Butterfly," captured on the 16th by the Corsair, "le Marquis de la Fayette."

(In French.)

Bondfield, John. Bordeaux 1779 February 2 A.L.S. 2p. XIII, 74.
to The American Commissioners.

Arrival of Captain Jason Lawrence, whose schooner, the "General Arnold," was captured by a Jersey privateer; he destroyed the packets and bills of exchange he had from Congress; he reports great unanimity in Pennsylvania and much spirit in Philadelphia; European goods scarce and dear; the English privateers off Chesapeake Bay very numerous.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1779 February 2 A.L.S. 5p. XXXVIII, 5.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sending him the letter written to himself and Mr. Adams in consequence of the accusations of Mr. Lee [XXXVII, 4, see p.17]. Concerning the choice of his judges; sends an estimate of the supplies which have passed through his hands and an estimate of his profits, which amounted to not 1 1/4 per cent.

Sears, David. Amsterdam 1779 February 3 A.L.S. 2p. XIII, 75.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning some furs which he brought over to France from Boston; trouble with the custom house; desires Franklin to write them a line of explanation.

The Treasurer of Loans. Philadelphia 1779 February 3 A.L.S. LIV, 7.
to The American Commissioners. Fra[nci]s
Hopkinson.

Notification of bills of exchange furnished to the States of Pennsylvania and New Jersey.
(In quadruplicate.)

Borel, Antoine 1779 February 3 A.L.S. 1p. XIII, 76.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing the two papers confided to him by Franklin; looked in vain for him at M. de la Blancherie's assemblies.

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(In French.)

Lloyd, John. Nantes 1779 February 4 A.L.S. 2p. XIII, 77.
to The American Commissioners.

Acknowledging their letter of the 26th ult., addressed to several American gentlemen.

Gordon, William. Jamaica Plains 1779 February 4 A.L.S. 1p. XIII, 78.
to Benjamin Franklin

Asks that the enclosed letter concerning Mr.Parker's ship may be forwarded by a safe conveyance. Thinks Mr.Deane has been imprudent in the matter of his publications. The amazing damage done to the country by too much paper and too little hard money. Hopes the wisdom of Congress and the assistance of France will decrease the high price of all articles.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1779 February 4 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVIII, 6.
to Benjamin Franklin

Arrival of a brig from Edenton; Captain reports that troops were embarking at New York, that General Washington was moving to the north and General [Nathanael] Greene to the south.

Sarsfield, Comte de 1779 February 4 A.L. 1p. XLIV, 28.
to Benjamin Franklin

Asking Franklin to return him the French verses which he gave him on the last occasion Franklin dined at his house.

(In French.)

Antonio Francesco Salucci et fils . 1779 February 5 A.L.S. 3p. XIII, 79.

Leghorn

to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning a vessel they have fitted out for America; thanks Franklin for the passport granted the captain and begs him to write to America in order to facilitate this project.

(In French.)

Marchant, Capt. Stephen. Dunkirk 1779 February 5 A.L.S. 2p. XIII, 81.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Has accepted the command of a privateer at Dunkirk and desires a commission from Franklin.

Foucherolles, ----- (dit La Mothe Du Pin 1779 February 5 A.L.S. 3p. XIII, 83.
to Benjamin Franklin

Is anxious to hear what success has attended Franklin's letter on his account, to the Congress of Georgia.

Lee, Arthur. Chaillot 1779 February 6 L.S. 1p. XIII, 84.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sees that Mr. Deane, in his public letter, has declared that he received a Resolution of Congress recalling him and appointing another Commissioner in his place on the 4th of March; desires to know if this fact was concealed from Franklin as well as from him.

Bingham, William. St Pierre 1779 February 6 A.L.S. 2p. XIII, 85.
to Benjamin Franklin

Instances in which certain articles of the Treaty of Commerce have not been enforced. Report of a successful enterprise against Savannah, by a detachment of British troops who, it was said, were marching toward Charleston without opposition.

Lee, Arthur. Chaillot 1779 February 7 A.L.S. 3p. XIII, 86.
to Franklin and Adams.

Concerning the appointment of Dr. Bancroft to transact business for them in England; at a loss to conceive why he has no choice in this matter; the notorious character of Dr. Bancroft as a stock-jobber; his living in open defiance of decency and religion; his enmity against him [Lee]; has evidence in his possession proving Dr. Bancroft a criminal with regard to the United States; washes his hands of any such appointment.

Raimondis, -----, chevalier de. Brest 1779 February 7 L.S. 1p. XIII, 87.
to Benjamin Franklin

Would have delivered personally to Franklin the letter intrusted to him by General Gates, if his health had permitted it; lost his arm while commanding the "Cæsar" in an engagement off Rhode Island, and the wound is not yet healed; has entrusted the letter to M.de La Neuville, a great friend of General Gates.

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(In French.)

O'Heguerty, Peter Charles Daniel, count. 1779 February 7 A.L.S. 2p. XIII, 88.

Nancy

to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to offer his services to the Americans and begs for a letter of recommendation for that country; has a profession and a fortune, but detests idleness.

(In French).

Landais, Capt. Pierre. Brest 1779 February 7 L.S. 3p. XIII, 89.

to Benjamin Franklin

Announcing his arrival from Boston where he was fitted out for the purpose of conveying to France, the Marquis de la Fayette and his suite and the Chevalier de Raimondis. Difficulty they had in obtaining seamen owing to the number of privateer ships of war in America; describes a threatened mutiny on board and the instant means they took to check it; at present in need of 100 good seamen. Describes the trip. Thirty-eight of his men in irons.

Lee, Arthur. Chaillot 1779 February 7 A.L.S. 1p. XIII, 90.

to Franklin and Adams.

Desires to know if it is true that Dr. Bancroft goes to England, charged with a commission from Franklin, Adams and himself

Monngard, M. & Mme. de [1779.] February 7 L. in 3d P. 1p. XLIII, 215.

to Benjamin Franklin

Accepting his invitation to dinner.

Chase, Joseph. Nantes 1779 February 8 A.L.S. 2p. XIII, 91.

to The American Commissioners.

Asking them to procure his brother's discharge from prison at Dinan, as well as certain other prisoners who claim to go on board any ship-of-war belonging to America.

Hartmann, Rudolphe Ernest. Amsterdam 1779 February 8 A.L.S. 2p. XIII, 92.

to Benjamin Franklin

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Refers to his letters of the 15th and 25th of June with enclosure to General Washington with inquiries concerning Baron Hermann de Zedwitz, who owed him a considerable sum of money.

(In French.)

Lee, Arthur. Amsterdam	1779 February 8	A.L.S. 1p.	XIII, 93.
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to The American Commissioners.

No marks mentioned by which Mr. Deane's claim to any of the goods in the possession of the public agent can be ascertained; cannot think it consistent with his duty to concur in delivering them to any person upon so inadequate a claim.

Pringle, John Julius. Paris	1779 February 9	A.L.S. 1p.	XIII, 94.
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to The American Commissioners.

Having heard that it is their intention to despatch some person to England to negotiate an exchange of prisoners, offers his services in that capacity.

Lee, Arthur. Chaillot	1779 February 9	A.L.S. 1p.	XIII, 95.
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to Franklin and Adams.

Forwards the letter just received; convinced that the gentleman who offers his services, is unexceptionable as to character and abilities; hopes he will meet with their approbation.

Bondfield, John. Bordeaux	1779 February 9	A.L.S. 1p.	XIII, 96.
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to The American Commissioners.

Acknowledging the four passports for the ship.

Fournier, Simon-Pierre, la jeune	1779 February 10	A.L.S. 1p.	XIII, 97.
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Concerning the type ordered by Franklin, which is ready to be sent.

Lee, Arthur. Chaillot	1779 February 10	A.L.S. 2p.	XIII, 98.
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to Franklin and Adams.

Being now convinced that Mr. Deane's claim is ascertained by marks, has signed the letter, Reasons why he is unwilling to sign the letter to Captain Jones concerning his commission. Complains of having received a very indecent letter from Dr. Bancroft desiring a copy of the letter containing

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an attack upon his character; the disclosure of privately expressed opinions can only expose the Commissioners to abuse and malevolence.

Bingham, William. St Pierre, Martinique 1779 February 10 A.L.S. 5p. XIII, 99.
to The American Commissioners.

Explains a glaring act of injustice to some American seamen by the Judge of the Admiralty; these men, having escaped from prison, entered into the service of an English vessel of which they afterwards gained possession; having arrived at Martinique and being fired on by the forts, they sought the protection of a French frigate who guided them into port; since then the Judge has condemned their ship as a lawful prize of the French frigate; the effect of such injustice on every American on this island.

Le Roux, C.J. Paris [1779 February 20] L. 5p. XL, 76.
to Benjamin Franklin

His plans for a National Academy of Education, a patriotic and philanthropic institution, the publication of a periodical Journal of Education, and the erection of a Hall of Fame.
(In French.)

Wharton, Joseph Jr. Nantes 1779 February 11 A.L.S. 2p. XIII, 99 1/2.
to Benjamin Franklin

Congratulating Franklin on his appointment as sole representative of America at the Court of France. Wishes to know if this "Alliance" is to return to America and if their fifteen or more vessels may have the benefit of her convoy.

Rousseaux, Jean. Calais 1779 February 12 A.L.S. 2p. XIII, 100.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has written two letters explaining his miserable situation and begging for assistance, but has received no reply; lost everything when he was taken prisoner on the 19th of September, 1777.
(In French.)

Belton, Joseph. Passy 1779 February 13 A. Mem S. L(ii), 56b.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

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Receipt for fifty Louis d'ors on account of public service to the United States which he undertook to perform.

Jullien, ----- Lyons 1779 February 13 A.L.S. 2p. XIII,101.
to Benjamin Franklin

The scepter of imposture is broken; the clarion note of philosophy has convicted Bernard and other dangerous snarlers, of lying and error; fearful effects of fanaticism; triumph of reason and humanity as exemplified in America.

(In French.)

Beaumarchais, Pierre-Augustin Caron de. 1779 February 13 L.S. 1p. XIII 102.
Paris
to Benjamin Franklin

The proceedings of Mr. Lee obliged him to assert his rights; this does not mean any lessening of his respect and admiration for Franklin.

(Press copy.)

Beaumarchais, Pierre-Augustin Caron de. 1779 February 13 L.S. 10p. XIII, 102a.
Paris
to The Continental Congress.

Concerning the summons sent his agent at Nantes, by order of the commissioners, to pay over the sum he received from the sale of the small cargo of "La Thèrese"; considers this sum as part payment of the immense amount due him from Congress. Goes over the many instances of his devotion to the American cause since the year 1776; the financial sacrifices he has made and the poor return he has had, culminating in this final proof of ingratitude. Has been falsely represented to Congress as deputed by the French Court to give outright the supplies sent over; owing to such insidious means his letters to Congress remained unanswered and no return was made for the cargoes, Is obliged to address this letter officially to the three Commissioners, but his personal resentment is directed only against Arthur Lee; his opinion of that gentleman's conduct. Pictures the results of an open breach over this affair; his own sources of retaliation.

(In French. Press copy.)

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The Continental Congress 1779 February 14 D.S. Charles LIV, 8.
to The American Commissioners. Thomson,
Secretary. 2p.

Attested copy of a resolution ordering duplicates to be issued of bills of exchange, drawn in favor of Robert Bridges.

Deux-Ponts, Marianne Camasse 1779 February 14 A.L.S. 3p. XIII, 104.
(Gamache), comtesse de Forbach and
duchesse douairière de
to Benjamin Franklin

The long illness of her eldest son; her own collapse after the strain of nursing; her first pleasure is to write to Franklin; is sure of a place in his memory, which she guards with the utmost jealousy. Has received no news of her nephew; fears that he has been captured by the English; will not complain if he has died fighting for America.

(In French.)

Kéralio, Agathon Guynement, chevalier 1779 February 14 L. 1p. XIII, 105.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Thanking him many times for the good news received; is much better able to fight when Franklin supplies the weapons. Not necessary in future to sign their letters.

(In French.)

Gargaz, Pierre-André. Tonlouse 1779 February 14 A.L.S. 1p. XIII, 106.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begging Franklin to have the two subjoined manuscripts printed, in order to promote a perpetual peace between America, England, and France.

(In French.)

A.E. by Franklin. "Project of universal peace by a galley-slave."

Le Bolloche de Kerascoet, Ollivier-René . 1779 Dec. 5 A.L.S. 2p. XIII, 82.
Paimpal
to Benjamin Franklin

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His eldest son, Thibault Le Bolloche, who sailed for America in June last, a prisoner at Kilkenny, Ireland. Gives an account of himself, his family and children. Thanks Franklin for the kindness he has shown them, and begs him to advance his son two Louis to assist his return home.

(In French.)

Grand, Ferdinand to Benjamin Franklin	1779 February 15	A.L.S. 2p.	XIII, 103.
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Acknowledging certain sums of money.

(In French.)

Badger, Jno. to Benjamin Franklin	1779 February 15	A.L.S. 1p.	XIII, 107.
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Apologizes for not waiting in person on Franklin with his humble request, but is obliged to leave at once for Lyons.

Girardin,----- Paris to Benjamin Franklin	1779 February 15	A.L.S. 1p.	XIII, 108.
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Desires to make some improvements in physical apparatus. The new electrical machine he presented to Franklin is for sale, and can always be seen at the house of M. le Marquis de Courtanvaux; desires Franklin's approval of it.

(In French.)

Anderson, George. Lisbon to The American Commissioners.	1779 February 16	A.L.S. 7p.	XIII, 109.
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Concerning American seaman cast adrift at Lisbon, whose necessities have been relieved by the same gentleman mentioned in his letter of October 20th, 1778. Gives an account of a ship fitted out by this gentleman with a valuable cargo and manned with these American seamen; its subsequent capture by an English gun-ship the "Bellons." Enclose a list of the Americans now at the gentleman's house. Advisability of ordering a few French frigates to cruise off the harbor of Lisbon. Concerning a Mr. Bulkeley, who made his whole estate by the Americans and who is at present part owner of the English privateer, "Bellons."

Dumas, C.G.F. to The American Commissioners.	1779 February 16	A.L.S. 1p.	XXXIX, 81.
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No answer yet to the French Ambassador.
(In French.)

Williams, Jonathan Jr. to Benjamin Franklin	1779 February 16	A.L.S. 2p.	XXXVIII, 8.
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Urges Franklin to hasten the examination of his accounts. Recommends Mr. Ridley as the bearer of Franklin's letters and despatches to America.

John Walsh and others. (English prisoners on board Patience.) Brest to Benjamin Franklin.	1779 February 16	A.L.S. 3p.	XIII, 110.
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While under the care and inspection of the officers of the "Ranger," experienced every attention and kindness, but since they have been in the charge of Mr. Riou, they have suffered various kinds of neglect; beg for a speedy exchange.
(Copy.)

Bondfield, John. Bordeaux to The American Commissioners.	1779 February 16	A.L.S. 2p.	XIII, 111.
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Introducing M. Bory, nephew to M. Beaujon at Paris. Arrival of the Marquis de la Fayette from Boston. News of prizes. The failure of the House of Besmarin tends to increase the prejudice against American connections.

Maudit, T A de, Chevalier to Benjamin Franklin	1779 February 17	A.L.S. 2p.	XIII, 113.
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Desires a written testimonial from Franklin of the services he rendered to America; the great assistance which it will be to him in his approaching interview with the Minister.
(In French.)

Cochin, Charles-Nicolas. Paris to Benjamin Franklin	1779 February 17	A.L.S. 1p.	XIII, 114.
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Recommending M. Panier as the best manufacturer of printing presses.
(In French.)

Calliez (?), -----. Dunkirk	1779 February 17	A.L.S. 3p.	XIII, 115.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Congratulating Franklin on his appointment as Minister Plenipotentiary; impossible for Congress to have made a choice more gratifying to France.

(In French.)

Gourlade and Moylan. L'Orient

1779 February 17

A.L.S. 1p. XIII, 116.

to Benjamin Franklin

Congratulating him on his appointment as Minister Plenipotentiary. The sincerity of their devotion to America.

Landais, Capt. Pierre. Brest

1779 February 17

A.L.S. 1p. XIII, 117.

to Benjamin Franklin

Has received a letter from John Lotcher, master of the "Victoria," one of two Swedish ships sent to France to be examined; he reports his arrival at Bas Island and his having lost sight of the other ship, "Anna Louisa," in a fog.

Lavabre, Doerner and Co. Paris

1779 February 18

L.S. 3p. XIII, 118.

to Benjamin Franklin

Asking for the return of a certain sum of money placed with Franklin's bankers to the account of M. [Pierre] Colomb, who, however, never touched it. Desires to know if vessels sailing under the Genoese flag can trade freely with the United States.

(In French.)

Lafreté, Jean-Jacques de. Paris

1779 February 18

A.L.S. 1p. XIII, 119.

to Benjamin Franklin

Asking for the promised letter of recommendation; sends a packet for M. Gérard which he begs Franklin to forward.

(In French.)

Le Roux, C.J. Paris

1779 February 18

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

to Benjamin Franklin

Asking that M. Marin be informed of the day and hour when he (Le Roux) will read about a new, patriotic and disinterested institution.

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(In French.)

Lee, Arthur, Chailot 1779 February 18 A.L.S. 2p. XIII, 121.
to Benjamin Franklin

Expects to call the next day and congratulate him on his appointment. Desires nothing more earnestly than to cultivate the harmony recommended in the Resolution of Congress; therefore, he will not, as he had intended, demand an explanation of Franklin's apparent concurrence with Mr. Deane in his outrageous abuse of himself.

Le Roy, Jean Baptiste 1779 February 18 A.L.S. 3p. XIII, 121 1/2.
to Benjamin Franklin

Recommending M. Panier as one of the ablest manufacturers of printing presses; his desire to set up his business in America. Hopes to have a talk with him at M. de la Blancherie's Assembly, which meets that day; congratulates him on his appointment as Minister Plenipotentiary.

(In French.)

Lloyd, Richard Bennett. London 1779 February 19 A.L.S. 2p. XIII, 122.
to Benjamin Franklin

Will remain in London until the arrival of Mr. Hartley, to whom he will deliver Franklin's letters.

Walkar, John. Paimboeuf 1779 February 19 A.L.S. 2p. XIII, 123.
to Benjamin Franklin

After serving three years in the service of the United States, was taken prisoner by the English and brought to England; made his escape and went to Dunkirk where he was refused aid by Mr. Coffyn; started for Paris, but his money giving out and being unable to speak French, he was enlisted in the "regiment de Berwick"; desires to be sent back to Pennsylvania.

Bret, Antoine. Paris 1779 February 19 A.L.S. 1p. XIII, 124.
to Benjamin Franklin

Having heard that Franklin is commissioned to have a gold sword made for the Marquis de la Fayette, recommends one of his friends who is willing to part with a magnificent sword, made for the late King of Portugal.

(In French.)

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G.B. Gillon, Susanna Hodenpyl. Bath 1779 February 19 A.L.S. 1p. XIII, 125.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing a letter for her brother, Mr. Alexander Gillon, of Charleston, who expects to be in Paris in a few days.

Vicq d' Azyr, Félix 1779 February 19 A.L.S. 2p. XIII, 126.
to Benjamin Franklin

Inviting Franklin to be present at a meeting of the Royal Society of Medicine.
(In French.)

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1779 February 20 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVIII, 9.
to The American Commissioners.

Rectification of the mistake relative to Mr. Simcon Deane's goods.

The Treasurer of Loans. Philadelphia 1779 February 20 1p. LIV, 9.
to The American Commissioners.

Notification of bills of exchange furnished to the States of Maryland, New York, Massachusetts-Bay and Delaware.
(In quadruplicate.)

Saint-Pierre Dutalli (Dutaillis), Joseph-Nicolas. The Frigate Concord 1779 February 20 A.L.S. XIII, 127.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p. ;1p.

Officer and engineer in the American service; sends a copy of a letter written to M. de Sartine; his unfortunate experience and present imprisonment on board the frigate "Concord."
(In French.)

[Notes in English on back of Mss.] In M. de St. Pierre's letter to M. de Sartine, he confessed that, knowing how inhumanly the French prisoners were treated, he wrote a letter to the Governor of Jamaica proposing a plan for conquering Carolina and Georgia; encloses this plan and points out its palpable absurdity and the object for which it was written. His imprisonment at St. Domingo; later, sent a prisoner to France.

Desgranges and Co. Paris 1779 February 20 L in 3d P. 1p. XIII, 128.

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to Benjamin Franklin

Sending a prospectus of their armament, and asking that Franklin and his friends should aid an enterprise, whose object is to insure commercial prosperity.

(In French.)

Durif de Cazaneuve, Capt. La Rochelle 1779 February 20 A.L.S. 4p. XIII, 129.
to Benjamin Franklin

Commanded "Le Marquis de la Fayette," in the service of Messrs. Mease, Barclay, Caldwell and Co., of Philadelphia; taken prisoner by the English and detained three months at Halifax; exchanged by the Comte d'Estaing and arrived finally at La Rochelle; need of money; begs Franklin to accept a letter of exchange which was drawn on Messrs. Gruel, of Nantes, who refused to pay it.

(In French.)

Bondfield, John. Bordeaux 1779 February 20 A.L.S. 2p. XIII, 130.
to The American Commissioners.

Asking for a letter of marque for the ship, "Mary Fearon." Concerning a letter from the President of the Navy Board at Boston.

Brutière, G. Anquetil. Granville 1779 February 21 A.L.S. 2p. XIII, 131b.
to Benjamin Franklin

Reminding Franklin of his promise to redress his (Brutiere's) wrongs; was compelled by an American privateer to take on board his ship seven English prisoners, who consumed the major part of his supplies, and forced him to return to Dieppe; desires indemnification for his losses.

(In French.)

Hamelin, -----. Nantes 1779 February 21 A.L.S. 4p. XIII, 132.
to Benjamin Franklin

[Joseph] Belton, an American, after boarding with him six months, left without paying; he promised to send the money upon his arrival in Paris whither he went to show Franklin a new kind of gun; begs Franklin's interest to obtain it for him.

(In French.)

Lee, Arthur. Chaillot 1779 February 21 A.L.S. 2p. XIII, 133.

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to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging Franklin's letter of the 18th inst. in which he desires all the papers belonging to their department; reason why he declines to give up the few original papers in his possession relating to the transactions of their late joint Commission; if Congress orders it, will cede the point.

Mante, Thomas. Fort l'Eveque 1779 February 22 A.L.S. 4p. XIII, 134.
to Benjamin Franklin

Obliged to have recourse to Franklin's bounty once again; the obduracy of his antagonist, which all the efforts of M. Turgot cannot soften, still subjects him to an unjust imprisonment; for want of a small sum of money, is unable to record his letters of naturalization. Has translated M. Dupont's Table of the Principles of Political Economy into English; desires to dedicate it to Franklin. His hope of retruning one day to America.

Taverne Demont Dhiver. Dunkirk 1779 February 22 A.L.S. 2p. XIII, 135.
to The American Commissioners.

Influenced by their recommendation, given to Captains Marchant and Arnold, both of Boston, is ready to employ them on his vessel, the "Comte de Maurepas"; desires Franklin to send two commissions to them, under his care.

(In French.)

Feutry, Aimé Ambroise Joseph 1779 February 22 A.L.S. 1p. XIII, 136.
to W.T. Franklin

Desiring that the enclosed pamphlet and letter may be forwarded to Mr. Silas Deane. Refers him to a certain page and line of his latest work for the quatrain referring to Franklin.

(In French.)

Bondfield, John. Bordeaux 1779 February 22 A.L.S. 1p. XIII, 137.
to The American Commissioners

Report just received from La Rochelle of the arrival there of a State vessel loaded with tobacco; no particulars as yet.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1779 February 23 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVIII, 10.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Answers to certain questions about Mr. Mercier.

Dumas, C.G.F. to Benjamin Franklin	1779 February 23	A.L.S. 1p.	XXXIX, 82.
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Answer to the French Ambassador returned as not satisfactory.
(In French.)

Johnson, Joshua. Nantes to Benjamin Franklin	1779 February 23	A.L.S. 2p.	XIII, 138.
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Congratulating him on his appointment as Minister Plenipotentiary, Begs him to interfere in the matter of exorbitant duties levied on some old furniture of his.

Gridley, Joseph. Nantes to Benjamin Franklin	1779 February 25	A.L.S. 2p.	XIII, 140.
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Desiring the position of Consul to the United States in France.

Thompson, Benjamin. Nantes to Benjamin Franklin	1779 February 25	A.L.S. 3p.	XIII, 141.
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Is a native of Boston and a son of the late Captain Thompson who commanded the galley, "Experiment," in the service of Pennsylvania; gave up his commission in the army to take up commerce; his unsuccessful expedition to France; his present situation without money or friends; desires Franklin to procure him some honest employment and to help him out of his most pressing difficulties.
(In French.)

Dubois, Henrÿ. Amsterdam to Benjamin Franklin	1779 February 25	L.S. 2p.	XIII, 142.
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Desires Franklin to send the enclosed letter to Messrs. Wallisch and Hancock, as he is furnishing them with various article in his trade. Reports that the ship commanded by Captain Moses Grinnell, from Boston, and destined for Amsterdam, has arrived at Rotterdam.
(In French.)

Le Roux, C.J. Paris to Benjamin Franklin	1779 February 25	A.L.S. 1p.	XIII, 143.
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Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Begging Franklin to deliver to M. Necker the memoir, entitled, "Plan d'un nouvel Etablissement patriotique et désintéressé"; if this plan merits Franklin's approbation, has another copy for him.
(In French.)

McLaughlin, ----- and Creery, -----. 1779 February 26 L.S. 3p. XIII, 144.

Paimboeuf

to Benjamin Franklin

Account of their services in the army of the United States and their arrival in France in the "Boston" frigate commanded by Captain Tucker; were enticed into Berwick's French regiment, and having deserted in order to return to America, were retaken, punished and imprisoned; asks to be redeemed and sent back to the Continental troops.

Landais, Capt. Pierre. Brest 1779 February 26 L.S. 3p. XIII, 145.

to Benjamin Franklin

Objects to completing his crew with French sailors. Repairs needed on the "Alliance"; enumerates the advantages of having her sheathed with copper; being thus equipped, sincerely believes there will be no frigate her equal in the world.

Landais, Capt. Pierre. Brest 1779 February 26 A.L.S. 3p. XIII, 146.

to Benjamin Franklin

Before he set out for Marseilles, to take command of the "Flamand," he spoke to Mr. Deane concerning his compensation and Franklin approved of his views. Action of the Congress in relation thereto. Mr. Deane has been sitting in the Congress a long time, but nothing definite has yet been done. His monthly pay has been due since July 4th, last; has sold all his clothes and spent his cash, and has but nine guineas left.

Dumas, C.G.F. 1779 February 26 A.L.S. 2p. XXXIX, 83.

to Benjamin Franklin

Information about a certain clique of foreigners in France, enemies to America, who are kept informed by her false friends of all her adherents attempt to do.
(In French.)

Beaumont, Anne-Louise and Jean-Baptiste-Jacques Elie de. Paris 1779 February 26 A.N. 1p. XIII, 147.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

to Benjamin Franklin

Invitation to dinner.
(In French.)

Paulze, Jacques. Paris	1779 February 27	L.S. 2p.	XIII, 148.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Thanking Franklin for the information of the arrival, at L'Orient, of the French ship " La Bergère," loaded with tobacco from Maryland; has written concerning their portion of the cargo.
(In French.)

Bordot, François. La Rochelle	1779 February 27	A.L.S. 2p.	XIII, 149.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Reporting the appearance, off the coast, of the French frigate, "Courageuse," with an English six and twenty gun privateer in tow: the fight said to have been desperate; no particulars as yet.

Marchant, Capt. Stephen	1779 February 27	A.L.S. 2p.	XIII, 150.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Has been promised the command of a privateer at Dunkirk; writes to ask for an American commission.

MacCreery, William. Bordeaux	1779 February 27	A.L.S. 3p.	XIII, 151.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Asking Franklin to procure American merchants the liberty of loading salt at Bordeaux, free of duty; complains that their ships are treated as strangers and obliged to pay duties accordingly.

Conti, Louis-François-Joseph de Bourbon, comte de la Marche and prince de Paris	1779 February 28	L.S. 1p.	XIII, 152.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Has arranged with Messrs. de Vergennes and Sartine to give him the necessary passports for his student Riotto [Augustin Badran]; begs also for Franklin's passport; he goes to England to procure dogs and horses.
(In French.)

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Rousseaux, Jean. Dunkirk 1779 February 28 A.L.S. 2p. XIII, 153b.
to Benjamin Franklin

Claims his salary as well as his prize money due him during the service to Congress.
(In French.)

de la Colombes, -----. Au Puy 1779 February 26 A.L.S. 1p. LXX, 60.
to Benjamin Franklin

Requesting Dr. Franklin to forward in his mail a letter to M. [Conrad Alexandre] Gérard [de Rayneval] which he sends.
(In French.)

Landais, Capt. Pierre. Brest 1779 February 28 A.L.S. 3p. XIII, 154.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the trial of the conspirators; urges again the advisability of sheathing his vessel with copper; has not time to make an estimate of the expense of all the repairs needed; his reasons for objecting to exchange most of the conspirators and carry three or four of the wickedest to America for trial, as Franklin suggests.

Bernardi, Giovanni de 1779 February? A.L.S. 2p. XLI, 116.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to settle in America and asks his advice.
(In Italian.)

Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves, marquis de, 1757-1834 1779 February A.L.S. 1p. XLII, 134.
to Benjamin Franklin

His Majesty's orders to remain in Paris without seeing a great number of acquaintances; thousand absurd rumors circulated about American affairs; happy to receive Franklin at his house.

Dumas, C.G.F. 1779 March 1. A.L.S. 1p. XXXIX, 84.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Address presented to the States General and the Holland Assembly by a deputation of Rotterdam merchants, protesting against the wrong done them by the decree published in France; committee appointed to consult thereon with the Admiralty.

(In French.)

Williams, Jonathan Jr. to Benjamin Franklin	1779 March 2.	A.L.S. 2p.	XXXVIII, 11.
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Business connected with his agency at Nantes.

Lloyd, Richard Bennett. London to Benjamin Franklin	1779 March 2.	A.L.S. 2p.	XIII, 155.
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Sends a copy of a letter received by Mr. Hartley from the Office for Sick and Wounded Seamen; Mr. Hartley's kind reception of him and his promise to send Franklin the earliest intelligence concerning an exchange of prisoners.

Hartley, David. London to Benjamin Franklin	1779 March 2.	A.L.S. 2p.	XIII, 156.
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Has shared Franklin's discontent respecting the delay in the exchange of prisoners. Has received positive assurance that the first cartel-ship has left Spithead, on her passage to Plymouth, to take on board the first hundred. Has spoken to the Minister concerning Franklin's proposal to send Dr. Bancroft to expedite the exchange, but he thought it needless in so plain a business.

Blodget, Nathan. Brest to Benjamin Franklin	1779 March 3.	A.L.S. 1p.	XIII, 157.
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Desiring permission to leave the "Alliance," where he holds the position of purser, and go to Paris on his own business.

Duverger, -----. Liège to Benjamin Franklin	1779 March 3.	A.L.S. 2p.	XIII, 158.
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Offering his service to supply Franklin with arms for the United States.

(In French.)

A.E. by Franklin. Obligated to the gentleman but has not at present any orders of that kind to be executed.

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Landais, Capt. Pierre. Brest 1779 March 3. A.L.S. 2p. XIII, 159.
to Benjamin Franklin

In reference to orders from the Navy Board of Boston, as to pay of the ship's company; encloses a copy. Expresses pleasure at the prospect of having the Honorable Mr. Adams as a passenger.

Tascher, President [1779 ?] March 3 A.L.S. 2p. XL, 60.
to Benjamin Franklin

Recommending the son of the French Consul at Rome for a consulship in that city.
(In French.)

Dumas, C.G.F. 1779 March 3 A.L.S. 2p. XXXIX, 85.
to Benjamin Franklin

Decision of the Admiralty already taken; understands that it is to be in accord with Amsterdam's wishes.
(In French.)

Bingham, William. St Pierre, Martinique 1779 March 3 L. 3p. XIII, 160 and
to The American Commissioners. 160 1/2.

Obliged to draw on them to pay for the fitting out of the frigate, "Deane," and the armed brigantine, the "General Gates," now at St. Pierre; justifies this step; Congress indebted to him for a large sum; it is with the greatest difficulty he can support the weight of such heavy advances.
(Copy in duplicate.)

Montaudouin de la Touche, Jean-Gabriel. 1779 March 4 A.L.S. 2p. XIII, 161.
Nantes
to Benjamin Franklin

Congratulating Franklin on his late appointment. Trusts that he has ceased to be troubled by the gout. Sorry to hear of the lack of success Comte d'Estaing has had. Introducing M. David de Morlaix.
(In French.)

Ridley, Matthew. Nantes 1779 March 4 A.L.S. 1p. XIII, 162.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Congratulating Franklin on his appointment.

Oliver, Richard. London 1779 March 4 A.L.S. 2p. XIII, 163.
to Benjamin Franklin

Expects to leave shortly for the West Indies with two or three friends; desires Franklin to lend them the protection of his name, should the fate of war make them prisoners.

Paine, Thomas. Philadelphia 1779 March 4 A.L.S. 4p. XIII, 164.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning Mr. Deane's inflammatory address, published in the newspapers of December 5th; the influence it exerted on the public; his reply to it; the abuse he met with not only from the people but from Congress. Justifies his attack on Mr. Deane from the papers in his possession; the pains he took not to involve Franklin in this affair; has had an exceeding rough time of it, but the tide of public sentiment has turned in his favor. Sent in his resignation of Secretary to the Committee of Foreign affairs.

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[Note on MS. by unknown hand. An unfair letter! Paine dismissed from his office as Secretary for using his position to publish the substance of secret despatches.]

Mons, Samuel Stanley, baron and -----, 1779 March 5 A.L.S. 1p. XIII, 165.
baroness de. Altona
to Benjamin Franklin

Asking Franklin's influence with Congress that she may obtain possession of her property.
(In French.)

Bon de Corcelles, Pierre. Moudon 1779 March 5 A.L.S. 3p. XIII, 166.
to Benjamin Franklin

His admiration for America; desires to settle there, preferably in Pennsylvania, with several farmers who will go over under his direction; wishes information as to the price of land or whether it is granted gratis.

(In French.)

A. Dr. of answer by Benjamin Franklin. That the lands in Pennsylvania not yet granted all belong to the Proprietary, Mr. Penn. That he sells them for £5, sterling, the 100 acres. A price so low that

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probably the gentlemen would chuse rather to purchase than to accept them as a gift. That no lands are given to encourage strangers to settle in that province. A good climate, good air, good soil, good government, good laws and liberty have been sufficient encouragements without hiring inhabitants by other gifts; and all these he will meet with, besides an honest, virtuous people, who receive strangers with a sincere welcome and will respect his talents.

The Treasurer of Loans. Philadelphia to The American Commissioners	1779 March 5	A.L.S. Fra[nci]s Hopkinson. 1p.	LIV, 15.
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Notification of bills of exchange furnished the States of New Hampshire, New Jersey and Virginia.
(In triplicate.)

Baldwin, Charles. London to Benjamin Franklin	1779 March 5	A.L.S. 2p.	XIII, 168.
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Their ardent desire to see him again; his Mrs. Baldwin's regular Sunday entertainment. Hopes his son has received the letters of recommendation sent by Franklin. The profile he alluded to is 2 1/2 inches long, of the Royal Manufactory of Sauve; Miss Watkins promises to kiss it the moment it comes to hand.

Gourlade and Moylan. L'Orient to Benjamin Franklin	1779 March 5	A.L.S. 2p.	XIII, 169.
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Requesting instructions regarding the cargo of tobacco arrived from Virginia.

Aubry, -----. Luxeuil to Benjamin Franklin	1779 March 6	A.L.S. 3p.	XIII, 170.
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Desires Franklin to procure his son employment in America.
(In French.)

Hartmann, Rudolphe Ernest. Amsterdam to Benjamin Franklin	1779 March 6	A.L.S. 1p.	XIII, 171.
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Wrote him the year before, in June, with a request to forward to General Washington his letter concerning the whereabouts of Baron de Zedwitz, who owes him a large sum of money; desires to know if Franklin has received any information.

(In French.)

A. E. by Franklin. Sent his letter to America, but has heard nothing since.

MacCreery, William. Bordeaux 1779 March 6 A.L.S. 2p. XIII, 172.
to Benjamin Franklin

Wrote Franklin concerning the port duties charged on sundry articles shipped by the subjects of the United States. Asks him to obtain permission from the Minister for Messrs. Delap and himself to load the ship "Buckskin" with salt, free of duty. Offers to take any goods bound for Maryland.

S. and J.H. Delap. Bordeaux 1779 March 6 A.L.S. 1p. XIII, 173.
to Benjamin Franklin

Asking Franklin to give his decision in the case of a prize brigladen with fish and oil, whose sale was stopped by the Judge of the Admiralty; need of haste owing to the perishable quality of the cargo.

Johnson, Joshua. Nantes 1779 March 6 A.L.S. 2p. XIII, 174.
to Benjamin Franklin

Thanking him for his readiness to release him from the duties imposed on his furniture by the Farmers-General; sends a list of the articles involved. Pleased with the appointment of the Alliance to convey their ships to America. Arrival of "La Bergère" with a cargo of tobacco.

Roberdeau, Jacques-Dominique. 1779 March 6. A.L.S. 2p. XIII, 175.
Haguenau
to Benjamin Franklin

In February of the proceeding year, sent Franklin a letter to forward to General Daniel Roberdeau, Member of Congress in the United States; having received no answer, encloses another, which he begs may be sent by a safe conveyance.

(In French.)

Jones, Capt. John Paul. L'Orient 1779 March 6. A.L.S. 10p. XIII, 176.
to Benjamin Franklin

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The mystery so delicately mentioned in Franklin's favor of the 24th, he intended to explain much earlier; encloses a copy of the original paper; the subject was communicated to sundry members of Congress at the beginning of the war; after this misfortune of his life, was advised to retire incognito to America until the Admiralty Commission should arrive on the Island; everything changed by the revolution in America; appointments he received in the navy of the Colonies; his summary of his own character. Explains the affair of the pillage of Lord Selkirk's plate;¹ his intention to restore it; believes Mr. Alexander to be his enemy; his indifference to spies. Congratulates Franklin on his appointment. Concerning the outfit of the "Poor Richard."

[Enclosure.] Account of the accidental killing of a mutinous sailor, by the master of West India ship [evidently John Paul Jones himself]; his actions, subsequent to this melancholy accident; reasons why he did not surrender himself for trial.

Bibliography**Other Descriptive Information**

¹ See also "John Paul Jones Commemoration at Annapolis, April 24, 1906.", Washington, 1907, p. 123 et seq.

Bondfield, John. Bordeaux to Benjamin Franklin	1779 March 6.	A.L.S. 2p.	XIII, 177.
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News of the arrival of various ships from America. South Carolina perfectly secure from any attempt of the enemy. The ships at Nantes loaded and ready to sail.

-----, ----- to Benjamin Franklin	[Circa 1779.] March 6	L. 1p.	XLIV, 103.
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Glad to hear of his welfare; neither of the drafts mentioned have appeared. Wishes they may live to meet when swords and spears are beat into plough shares and pruning hooks.

Warville, Brissot de to Benjamin Franklin	[1779.] March 7	A.L.S. 1p.	XL, 82.
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Has seen him at M. Marat's experiments; admired him from afar; sent him a prospectus of his work on Penal Laws, with a letter to which he has received no answer; asks his acceptance of a little work on the same subject.

Stockton, Samuel W. Frankfort-on-the-Main	1779 March 7	A.L.S. 2p.	XIII, 179.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Franklin's acquaintance with the reasons for his coming to and remaining in Germany; is now about to return to America, unless Franklin can suggest some situation in which he can serve his country; if not, begs leave to carry Franklin's next despatches to Congress; this will perhaps entitle him to a free passage, an important point with him at present. Congratulates him on his appointment.

Williams, Jonathan Jr.	1779 March 9	A.L.S. 2p.	XXXVIII, 13.
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to Benjamin Franklin

General run of articles ordered from America. Letter he wrote Mr. Lee.

Bondfield, John. Bordeaux	1779 March 9	A.L.S. 1p.	XIII, 180.
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to Benjamin Franklin

News of the arrival of certain vessels with their prizes. Lack of success among the French privateers from these ports.

Sayre, Stephen. Copenhagen	1779 March 10	A.L.S. 2p.	XIII, 181.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Well pleased at the disposition of the Swedish Court towards the American cause; has had several conferences with the Prime Minister and the king; believes that through Sweden, Russia might be wrought upon to change her attitude. Is about to leave for Amsterdam, whence he means to sail for America; desires Franklin to send him word if he can employ him in any adequate or useful manner. Hints at the likelihood of a certain family sowing seeds of discord in America.

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to Benjamin Franklin

Requesting Franklin to accept the enclosed drafts.
(In French.)

Taverne Demont Dhiver. Dunkirk	1779 March 10.	L.S. 1p.	XIII, 182.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Observes by Franklin's favor of the 28th ult. that he is waiting to hear from Congress before granting his request.

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Darlincourt and fils. Paris 1779 March 10 A.L.S. 3p. XIII, 183.
to Benjamin Franklin

Have a bill of exchange drawn on Franklin, for which they desire his signature.
(In French.)

Landais, Capt. Pierre. Brest 1779 March 10 A.L.S. 1p. XIII, 184.
to Benjamin Franklin

Can do nothing respecting their Swedish prize until he receives Franklin's positive orders concerning the disposal of the prisoners and the refitting and manning of his ship.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1779 March 10 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVIII, 14.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing a copy of his letter to Mr. Lee [of March 8] to which he has received no answer. Sorry to hear that M. Beaumarchais and the late Commissioners could not agree.

Sovalete, ----- Paris 1779 March 11 L. 1p. XIII, 185.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desiring him to frank the accompanying letter.
(In French.)

Priestley, Joseph. London 1779 March 11 A.L.S. 2p. XIII, 186.
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing Mr. Hamilton, of Ireland, a friend of liberty, and a lover of science. Has often wished for an opportunity to converse, or even to write with freedom on the subject of a scheme once entertained by Franklin in his favor. Is just printing off a volume of a new work of experiments in various branches of natural philosophy; promises to send him a copy.

Brillon, Mme [1779] March 11 A.L. 1p. LXX, 32, a.
to Benjamin Franklin

Was disappointed when she heard Franklin's carriage go away. Had expected him to come in. Has been suffering from insomnia. Asks him to call soon.
(In French.)

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Pées, Bernard. Nantes 1779 March 12 A.L.S. 4p. XIII, 187.
to Benjamin Franklin

Giving an account of his misfortunes since quitting St. Pierre, Martinique, in January, 1777, with a cargo bound for Charleston; twice he lost his vessel and twice he was imprisoned by the English; is now anxious to return to his wife and children at St. Pierre; sends Franklin a sum in silver of the United States and begs for an equivalent in French livres.
(In French.)

Mante, Thomas 1779 March 12 A.L.S. 1p. XIII, 188.
to Benjamin Franklin

Solicits an answer to the letter he wrote some days before.

Ridou, -----. Paris 1779 March 12 A.L.S. 2p. XIII, 189.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has heard of Franklin's success in curing several persons of the dropsy; begs to know the remedy.
(In French.)

Arondel, -----. Paris 1779 March 2 A.L.S. 2p. XIII, 189 1/2.
to Benjamin Franklin

Related to Lord Arundel in England; has tried for six months, in vain, to obtain a position which will enable him to support his aged father; at present is only a common soldier; requests Franklin's protection; if this is refused, will be obliged to go to England and accept benefits from Lord Arundel.
(In French.)

Sykes, H. Paris 1779 March 13 A.L.S. 1p. XIII, 190.
to Benjamin Franklin

Encloses a letter from Mr. Haywood, which will explain all the particulars relative to the small globe which Franklin was interested in.

Astori, François. Naples 1779 March 13 A.L.S. 4p. XIII, 191.
to Benjamin Franklin

Pays Franklin extravagant compliments. Speaks of Franklin having introduced his grand-son to Voltaire, that he might say like Ovid did of Virgil; "Virgilium vidi."

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(In French.)

Boyenval, -----. Montreuil 1779 March 13 A.L.S. 3p. XIII, 192.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to enter the American army and to spend the rest of his days in that country; hopes Franklin can procure him a commission.

[A.E. by Franklin.] Particularly instructed by Congress not to give encouragement to any persons desirous of serving in America as officers; abundance of officers in the country who cannot find employment.

Lee, Arthur. Chaillot 1779 March 13 A.L. in 3d P. XIII, 193.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Acknowledging Franklin's two letters; being employed in moving to new lodgings, cannot answer them for some days.

Anquetil-Duperron, Abraham-Hyacinthe. 1779 March 14 A.L.S. 2p. XIII, 194.
Paris
to Benjamin Franklin

Sends Franklin his work, La Legislation Orientale. France worthy of the honor the United States has conferred on them.

(In French.)

Wright, Patience. London 1779 March 14. A.L.S. 2p. XIII, 195.
to Benjamin Franklin

Expects to return to America and will stop over at Paris to see her old friend. Her ability as a skillful modeller in wax; asks Franklin's opinion as to her chances of exercising this art in Paris; hopes to meet with the same success which she has achieved in London.

Dumas, C.G.F. 1779 March 15. A.L.S. 2p. XXXIX, 86.
to Benjamin Franklin

Arrival of M. Sturler and M. de Neufville; account of the time he spent with the latter. Has put in order the plan of the future treaty [between Holland and America].

(In French.)

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Bauchot, L. Nantes 1779 March 15. A.L.S. 1p. XIII, 196.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has experienced the same trials as M. Marchant, whom Franklin sent to Dunkirk to command a frigate; begs for a letter of recommendation to some French agent at Nantes.
(In French.)

Sutton de Clonard, Jean, comte 1779 March 15. L. in 3d P. 1p. XIII, 197.
to Benjamin Franklin

Asking that the passports and the needful papers may be sent. Begs that Thomas Wilkinson, formerly pilot of the "Drake," may be included in the first exchange of prisoners.

Montieu, Jean-Josef Carié de. Rochefort 1779 March 16. A.L.S. 3p. XIII, 198.
to Benjamin Franklin

Congratulating him on his appointment as Minister Plenipotentiary. Encloses two accounts which he begs him to settle.
(In French.)

Vergeel, Anthonius Albertus. Old Style. 1779 March 16. A.L.S. 3p. LIX, 60.
St. Petersburg
to Benjamin Franklin

Wishes to become a citizen of the United States. Gives personal sketch.

Caffiéri, Jean Jacques 1779 March 17. A.L.S. 1p. XIII, 199.
to Benjamin Franklin

The bust of Franklin is packed and ready; hardened it with wax, as desired; hopes it will arrive in good condition.
(In French.)

Shipley, Georgiana. London 1779 March 17. A.L.S. 4p. XIII, 200.
to Benjamin Franklin

Laments the necessary interruption of their correspondence. Trusts he has recovered from his attack of gout. Their removal from Jermyn street to Bolton street; expects to spend the summer at Twyford.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Her devotion to reading and drawing; has made no great progress in electricity since her instructor went away. Family news.

Landais, Capt. Pierre. Brest 1779 March 17 A.L.S. 2p. XIII, 201.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sends a list of the ship's company showing the smallness of his crew. Surprised and wounded at Franklin's remarks about incurring expenses, etc. Delay in arranging for the disposal of the mutineers; difficulty of procuring the necessary articles for rigging his ship; repairs at present in progress; after the mutineers are on shore, provided the crew be strong enough, will proceed wherever Mr. Schweighauser directs, be the consequence what it may.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1779 March 18 A.L.S. 3p. XXXVIII, 15.
to Benjamin Franklin

Dined Mr. Adams. Convinced that M. de Fontevieux arrived safely in America the previous summer. M. Montieu's desire to have him take the "Franklin" frigate and one or two other vessels to America.

Dagord, Vincent. Brest 1779 March 18 April 13 and Mem. in 3d P.LXII, 27, 28,
to Benjamin Franklin May 4 1p. 29.

Request to be released from prison to enter the service of America.
(In French.)
(In triplicate.)

Blunt, Dorothea (Dolly). Kensington 1779 March 18. A.L.S. 3p. XIII, 202.
to Benjamin Franklin

Offered a chance by their friend "Saint Hutton" to get a letter to Franklin. Finds fault with him for remaining long enough in England to gain the love of some, and then quarreling with others to such fatal effect. Details all the news concerning his family.

Marigny, Charles-René-Louis, chevalier 1779 March 19 A.L.S. 1p. XIII, 203.
de Bernard de . Brest
to Benjamin Franklin

Doubts not that it was in great part due to Franklin that he obtained the position of captain in the navy.

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(In French.)

Caffiéri, Jean Jacques to Benjamin Franklin	1779 March 19	A.L.S. 1p.	XIII, 204.
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The box is ready to be removed whenever Franklin pleases; sends directions for unpacking it, in case it is sent to America.

(In French.)

Lee, Arthur. Paris to Benjamin Franklin	1779 March 19.	A.L.S. 3p.	XIII, 205.
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Acknowledging Franklin's favor of the 13th relative to the few papers of their late joint Commission, remaining in his hands; is ready to give copies, sealed and authenticated, of all of them, but declines to relinquish the originals, which are necessary for the vindication of his character; that Mr. Adams gave up his papers, unasked, is not a case in point, he not being calumniated.

Tabouriech and Cie. Carcassonne to Benjamin Franklin	1779 March 20	A.L.S. 2p.	XIII, 206.
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Offers to supply Congress with the finest cloth for officers' uniforms.

(In French.)

A.E. by Franklin. Thanking them for offer, but, since the treaty between France and America, all such affairs are left to private merchants; wil communicate his letter to Mr. Jonathan Williams, of Nantes.

Brillon, Mme to Benjamin Franklin	[1779.] March 20	A.L. 1p.	XLIII, 22.
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Inviting Franklin to tea, to hear some music and play a game of chess.

(In French.)

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Marcel, Samuel. Berne to Benjamin Franklin	1779 March 20	A.L.S. 3p.	XIII, 207b.
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Offers his services to America as a soldier, merchant or farmer; reasons for preferring the first-named; his qualifications, experience, etc.; conditions under which he is willing to go.

(In French.)

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Leveux, Jacques. Calais 1779 March 20 A.L.S. 2p. XIII, 208.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing a list of the Americans detained at Calais as prisoners, with other details concerning them; if Franklin will send him an order for their release, will make a proper use of it; desires to know if he is to give them any money, as they are quite naked; has failed to find anyone by the name of Rousseaux, so cannot give the desired information.

Bernardi, Giovanni de .Turin 1779 March 20 A.L.S. 2p. XIII, 209.
to Benjamin Franklin

Offers his services to America in the quality of jurist, and desires Franklin's advice as to his chances of success.
(In Italian.)

Woestyn frères. Dunkirk 1779 March 20 L.S. 2p. XIII, 210.
to Benjamin Franklin

Their intention to build a frigate for the destruction of France and America's common enemy; desires Franklin's permission to name the ship after him; wishes Franklin or some of his friends would take a part interest in her. Also interested in another expedition which consists in loading a merchant vessel at Marseilles for America.
(In French.)

Appleton, Nathaniel. Boston 1779 March 20 A.L.S. 1p. LIV, 17.
to The American Commissioners.

Note of a mistake in giving two sets of bills of exchange the same numbers.

The Treasurer of Loans. Philadelphia 1779 March 20 A.L.S. LIV, 8a.
to The American Commissioners. Fra[nci]s
Hopkinson.
1p.

Notifying them of the issuance of the duplicate bills authorized by the Continental Congress February 14, 1779.

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The Treasurer of Loans. Philadelphia 1779 March 20 A.L.S. LIV, 18.
to The American Commissioners. Fran[nci]s
Hopkinson.
1p.

Notification of the issuance of bills of exchange to the State of New Jersey.
(In triplicate.)

Whitehurst, John. London 1779 March 20 A.L.S. 1p. XIII, 211.
to Benjamin Franklin

In consideration of Franklin's incomparable experiments in natural science, has the honor to present him with a small attempt he has made towards an inquiry into the Original State and Formation of the Earth.

Sayre, Stephen. Copenhagen 1779 March 21 A.L.S. 7p. XIII, 212.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning his experiments in making models of ships in order to ascertain which kind is the swiftest; believes he has discovered a kind of boat, a few of which will insure the utter ruin of the British navy; the necessity of adopting his plan immediately; offers to come to Paris to consult with Franklin, and only asks that his expenses be paid. Has been cruelly sacrificed to the enemies of America and has hitherto found little countenance from her friends. Trusts that the ruin of a certain family will perhaps afford him opportunities for obtaining justice. Begg for a letter to the Governor of Dominica where he owns an estate; desires to know if it is true that the French have abandoned Dominica, and if they would put it under the protection of Sweden.

Kéralio, Agathon Guynement, chevalier 1779 March 21 A.L.S. 2p. XIII, 214.
de
to Benjamin Franklin

Desired by Madame la Comtesse de Forbach to send him the enclosed copy of a letter she received from the Marquis de la Fayette; delivered to her Franklin's affectionate message which she desires to see in his own handwriting, like Madame Helvetius who pretends that one only loves people when one sees them. Believes that Spain's declaration is not far distant. Has heard no details as yet of M. de Vaudreuil's expedition. Reminds Franklin of his promised answer to Prince de Gallitzin.

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(In French.)

Gardner, William. Bayonne 1779 March 21 A.L.S. 2p. XIII, 215.
to Benjamin Franklin

Born upon the Island of Nantucket; sailed from there to Bordeaux, but was taken prisoner by an English vessel; his subsequent misfortunes up to his present incarceration in a French prison; he and two other Americans desire to be released and to go on board a Continental vessel or merchant ship bound for America.

Conway, Gen Thomas 1779 March 22 A.L.S. 1p. XIII, 216.
to Benjamin Franklin

The enclosed is from their mutual friend Mr. Richard Peters. The little tribulations he has met are of a private nature, and did not alter his principles or opinions concerning the important cause which he wished to preserve to the best of his ability.

Veuve Leleu & Cie 1779 March 22 L. in 3d P. 1p. XIII, 217.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing a letter for Franklin from London.
(In French.)

Napier, James Lenox. Bayonne 1779 March 22 A.L.S. 2p. XIII, 218.
to Benjamin Franklin

Writes on behalf of the Americans now in prison at Bayonne, whose names are subscribed to this paper, and begs Franklin to intercede with the French Government on their behalf.

Lanneau de Marcy, -----. Paris 1779 March 22 A.L.S. 3p. XIII, 218 1/2.
to Benjamin Franklin

Writes on behalf of his son, who desires to enter the American service; his military record, etc.
(In French.)

A.E. by Franklin. Obligated to the young man for his good will and intentions, but cannot give him any encouragement, the armies being full.

Dumas, C.G.F. 1779 March 23 A.L.S. 4p. XXXIX, 87.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Chevalier G[rand] a false friend to America. The present moment not favorable to M. de N[eufville]'s project of raising a loan. Accepting with thanks the addition made to his salary.

(In French.)

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1779 March 23 A.L.S. 3p. XXXVIII, 18.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sent an express to Paimboeuf [on March 20] to request the gentlemen to return; only two paid the request the slightest attention; begs Franklin to send down an order naming other gentlemen.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1779 March 23 A.L.S. 3p. XXXVIII, 19.
to Benjamin Franklin

Efforts of Mr. Wharton to get Franklin's letter to the Memorialists answered. Ignorance of M. Beaumarchais's affair; sure M. Peltier acted only under orders.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1779 March 24 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVIII, 20.
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing Mr. Samuel Bradford.

Dumas, C.G.F. 1779 March 24 A.L.S. 4p. XXXIX, 88.
to Benjamin Franklin

Discusses Mr. Lee's statement that peace in Germany would give to England 20,000 mercenaries to use against America. Debates in the Holland Assembly. Account of a visit paid him by the Chevalier G[ran]d.

(In French.)

Harmanson, John S. Northampton Co., 1779 March 24. A.L.S. 1p. XIII, 219.
Virginia
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing his neighbor, George Kendall, who goes to France, unprovided with letters to Paris. If any of Franklin's friends should have occasion for a correspondent situated as he is, will do all in his power to serve them.

[A line from George Kendall, on back of manuscript, regretting that the shortness of his stay will not allow him to visit Paris.]

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Chardon, Daniel-Marc-Antoine. Brest 1779 March 24 L.S. 1p. XIII, 220.
to Benjamin Franklin

Does not merit the flattering things Franklin is pleased to say, concerning his address to the Court; voices the opinion of the Nation when he expresses admiration for America and veneration for Franklin's genius.

(In French.)

Gellée, Nicolas-Maurice. Passy 1779 March 24. A.L.S. 1p. XIII, 221.
to Benjamin Franklin

Reminding Franklin of his promise to accept of his services as secretary; desires now a more particular agreement.

The Lodge of Neuf Soeurs. Paris 1779 March 24. N.S. LXXIII, 79.
to Benjamin Franklin (Printed.) 1p.

Notice of assessment of members.

Marat, Jean Paul (The Representative of author) 1779 March 25. A.L. in 3d P. XLIV, 30.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Is sorry to hear that Franklin is suffering from the gout. Hopes to receive him on Saturday at the residence of the Marquis de l'Aubespine. The Commissioners will be there at half past nine in the morning.

(In French.)

Werzerÿ, -----, Count. Florence 1779 March 25 A.L.S. 7p. XIII, 222.
to Benjamin Franklin

He and two of his friends, officers in the service of the King of Italy, desire to become citizens of America; encloses an account, in Italian, of the conditions under which they hope to be received in the Colonies; gives Franklin permission to change anything with the exception of the article concerning religion.

(In French.)

Raspe, Rudolph Erich. London 1770 March 26. A.L.S. 1p. XIII, 223.

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Introducing Messrs. Waiz d'Eshen, nephews of the minister of that name whom Franklin was acquainted with at Cassell, in Germany; their travels in Germany, Sweden, Norway and England, in order to acquire knowledge of whatever relates to mountains, mines and foundries.

D'Acosta frères. Paris 1779 March 26. Mem. S. 4p. LVII, 25.
to Benjamin Franklin

Memoir on the subject of the contract for supplies to the State of Virginia and complaining of Mr. Arthur Lee's conduct in the matter.
(In French.)

Johnson, Joshua. Nantes 1779 March 27. A.L.S. 2p. XIII, 224.
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging his kindness in getting his furniture exempted from duties. Enclosing a letter from the Governor of Maryland with other papers authorizing him to procure sundry articles of clothing or a sum of money to purchase the same; applies to Franklin for help in this business.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1779 March 27. A.L.S. 2p. XXXVIII, 21.
to Benjamin Franklin

Business with Messrs. Horneca, Fitzeau and Co. Returning the papers Franklin sent him, which show the great skill and ability of his calumniator.

Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves, marquis de, 1757-1834 [1779?] March 27. L. in 3d P. 1p. XLIII, 169.
to Benjamin Franklin

Accepting invitation to dinner on Sunday for himself, the Marchioness and M. de Gouvion.
(In French.)

Conway, Françoise-Antoinette-Jeanne Langlois du Bouchet, comtesse de. Paris 1779 March 27. A.L.S. 2p. XIII, 225.
to Benjamin Franklin

Very much upset at being the innocent cause of the annoyance Franklin has experienced in the person of Mr. Mullens; on giving him the small bill of exchange she particularly told him that it was not

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from Congress but out of Franklin's own pocket; Mr. Mullen's subsequent conduct; has been sadly scolded by her husband. Promises to breakfast with Franklin very soon.

(In French.)

Bondfield, John. Bordeaux	1779 March 27.	A.L.S. 2p.	XIII, 226.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Arrival of Captain Jones in quest of seamen and cannon; he expressed a great desire to have the cannon at present being cast by Franklin's order; news of a quantity of cannon for sale at Ferol.

Forstner, -----, chevalier de. Munich	1779 March 28.	A.L.S. 4p.	XIII, 227.
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to Benjamin Franklin

His military experience; obliged to withdraw from the army on account of his health; devoted himself to inventing machinery of various kinds; has lately invented a new kind of ramrod for loading cannon; is willing to sell this valuable secret for a thousand louis.

(In French.)

Neÿdecker, Capt. -----, Deuxponts	1779 March 28.	A.L.S. 2p.	XIII, 228.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to serve in the American army.

(In French)

A.E. by Franklin. Thanking him for offer of services; army full, etc.; cannot give him any encouragement.

Landais, Capt. Pierre. Brest	1779 March 28.	A.L.S. 1p.	XIII, 229.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Landed the thirty-eight mutineers; is getting ready to sail for Nantes as fast as possible; has only had the most necessary repairs attended to; will await Franklin's orders at Nantes.

Gellée, Joseph. Châlons	1779 March 28.	A.L.S. 2p.	XIII, 230.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Congratulating him on his appointment as Minister; the most important point in the choice of an Ambassador is his popularity among the people to whom he is sent; the esteem in which Franklin is

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held by the French people would alone insure his success. Hopes his son will prove himself worthy of Franklin's confidence.

(In French.)

Dumas, C.G.F. 1779 March 28. A.L.S. 1p. XXXIX, 89.
to Benjamin Franklin

The different votes in the Holland Assembly; believes they will come to no decision until forced to it by the effect of the regulations in France.

(In French.)

Dumas, C.G.F. 1779 March 29 A.L.S. 2p. XXXIX, 90.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sides taken by the different towns in the question before the Assembly; the final proposition of the Stadtholder defeated; resolution taken to grant convoys to everything, not expressly declared contraband by the treaties. Attitude of the towns towards the army tax.

(In French.)

Marat, Jean Paul (The Representative of [i.e. 1779 March 31] author) A.L.S. 1p. XLIV, 31.
to Benjamin Franklin

An invitation to a meeting of the Committee at the Hotel of the Marquis de l'Aubespine. The new experiments on the electrical fluid have been postponed until he is present.

David, -----, l'aîné. Paris 1779 March 29 A.L. in 3d P. XIII, 231.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Looks forward to paying his respects; is the bearer of a thousand compliments from M. Montaudouin, of Nantes.

Marat, Jean Paul (The Representative of author) 1779 March 29 A.L.S. 2p. XLIV, 32.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Had hoped that Franklin would attend the sittings of the Commissioners. The new experiments on electricity were planned to interest him. Trusts he will accept the invitation for to-morrow. Everything is in readiness for them.

(In French.)

Gérard, Marie-Nicole Grossart de Virly. 1779 March 30 A.L.S. 2p. XIII, 232.

Versailles

to Benjamin Franklin

Reminding Franklin of his promise to take the necessary steps to redeem a snuff-box which she sent to M. [Conrad Alexandre] Gérard [de Rayneval].

(In French.)

Hartley, David. London 1779 March 30 A.L.S. 2p. XIII, 233.

to Benjamin Franklin

Has been much displeased over the delay in the exchange of prisoners; remonstrances he has made; note just received from the Admiralty announcing the sailing of the "Milford" cartel ship for France.

Aware that Franklin and he are at one in their desire for peace.

Bibliography

Marat, Jean Paul (The Representative of author) 1779 March 30 A.L.S. 1p. XLIV, 130.

to Benjamin Franklin

The Commissioners will hold a meeting on Thursday, Friday or Saturday. Asks Franklin to say which day will be most convenient for him.

(In French.)

Lee, William. Paris 1779 March 30 A.L.S. 2p. LXI, 26.

to Benjamin Franklin

Repeats request for articles of war for the State of Virginia.

Bannerman, Benjamin. Roanne 1779 March 31 A.L.S. 1p. XIII, 234.

to Benjamin Franklin

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Had the happiness of knowing Franklin seven years before in America; obliged to take passage for London to settle a small estate of his brother; captured on the way over and carried before the Judge of the Admiralty at Havre-de-Grace, who detained all his possessions and destroyed or lost bonds amounting to a considerable sum; has laid his case before M. de Sartine; hopes to see Franklin at paris; begs that the enclosed letter may be forwarded to Mr. Patrick Henry, Governor of Virginia.

Adams, John. Brest 1779 March 31 A.L.S. 3p. XIII, 235.
to Benjamin Franklin

Efforts of M. [Bérube de] Costentin and Captain Landais to save expenses; difficulties on board the "Alliance"; everybody discontented except the captain; intercedes with Franklin to obtain a certain grant of clothing for the petty officers on board and a small sum of money for all the men; his reasons for making this request. Desires Franklin's orders that he may receive a passage on the ship and the necessary sea-stores. Lack of seamen on board the "Alliance"; chance of recruiting them when the American prisoners arrive in England; hopes all these men will not be given to Captain Jones.

Lee, William 1779 March 31 A.L.S. 1p. LXI, 27.
to Benjamin Franklin

List of articles wanted by the State of Virginia.

Grand, Ferdinand [1778 before July 1] A.L. 3p. XLII, 194.
to -----

Comparing England and America. Question of a loan for the United States.
(In French.)

Le Roy, Jean Baptiste 1779 February 17 A.L.S. 1p. XLIV, 152.
to Benjamin Franklin

Will be at Franklin's house with M. D'Arcy on Friday morning; sorry he did not keep his promise yesterday; Mme. de Maillebois complained of his absence. Experiments with the igneous fluid postponed until he is present.
(In French.)

Le Roy, Jean Baptiste [1779 March 26] A.L.S. 3p. XLIV, 155.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Was glad to learn that he was rid of the gout and had at last gone to Versailles, Thinks he will not object now to receive a deputation from the Academy. If weather continues fine can have the experiments to-morrow with the igneous fluid. M. de Maillebois will be there and wishes to see him.
(In French.)

Le Roy, Jean Baptiste to Benjamin Franklin	[1779? March 3]	A.L. 1p.	XLIV, 168.
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Hopes that his latest attack of gout is now relieved. If weather is fine to-morrow "the unknown or anonymous person" will make experiments on the fire principle ("feu principe") at the residence of the Marquis de l'Aubespine.
(In French.)

Windship, Amos. Brest to Benjamin Franklin	1779 April 1	L.S. 2p.	XIV, 1.
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Concerning his expenses to and from Paris, by direction of P[ierre] Landais.

Brault and Demezauré. Saint Malo to Benjamin Franklin	1779 April 1	A.L.S. 4p.	XIV, 2.
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Ambition to establish a house in America; anxious to obtain a passage on board the "Alliance" together with the goods necessary to their establishment; only waiting for Franklin's permission.
(In French.)

Mahuet, Catherine-Gabrielle de Rennel, baronne de. Paris to Benjamin Franklin	1779 April 1	A.L. in 3d P. 1p.	XIV, 3.
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Wishes to send a letter, by safe conveyance, to Salem, and would be delighted to hear some news of a relative of hers in America.
(In French.)

Williams, Jonathan Jr. to Benjamin Franklin	1779 April 1	A.L.S. 1p	XXXVIII, 22.
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Report that the cartel, with the American prisoners on board, has arrived in the river. News from Paris of the French successes in the West Indies and the American successes in Georgia.

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Antonio Francesco Salucci et fils . 1779 April 2 A.L.S. 2p. XIV, 4.
Leghorn
to Benjamin Franklin

Desire the earliest news of the expedition they sent to America. Enclose important letter to be sent to America in Franklin's next packet.

Hartley, David. London 1779 April 2 A.L.S. 2p. XIV, 5.
to Benjamin Franklin

His continued hopes for peace and his willingness to devote his time and attention to that end. Fears that Europe may be plunged into a general war; America might think the assistance of France dearly bought at such a price.

Lee, William. Paris 1779 April 2 A.L.S. 3p. XIV, 6.
to Benjamin Franklin

Complaint of D'Acosta and Co. that the arms, ordered for the State of Virginia by himself and his brother, were refused because they were not furnished at the time agreed upon; reasons for their action.

Dumas, C.G.F. 1779 April 3 A.L.S. 3p. XXXIX, 91.
to Benjamin Franklin

Understands that Sir J[oseph] Y[orke] has presented a memoir from the English Court, declaring that, in spite of the convoys, England will seize all vessels laden with timber. Thinks M. de N[eufvile] will succeed in his project if given the requisite time; the considerable loan raised by the Empress likely to retard the affair. His opinion of Mr.[William] Lee's presence in Teschen.
(In French.)

Vernon, William. Boston 1779 April 3 A.L.S. 3p. XLV, 204d.
to Benjamin Franklin

Duplicate of XLV, 204c. Incloses a letter from Governor Greene; visited his seat at Warwick where he had the pleasure of seeing Mrs. Mecom.

D'Acosta frères. Paris 1779 April 3 A.L.S. 1p. XIV, 7.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Concerning the arms furnished by them on Mr. Lee's order which he refused to receive.
(In French.)

Boyd, Lawrence. Brest Road 1779 April 3 L.S. 2p. XIV, 8.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning five English prisoners on board the "Patience" brig, who hearing of the cartel for the Americans being settled, have applied to him for a passage to England; begs Franklin to take their case into consideration and grant their discharge.

Tardy, Louis. Paris 1779 April 4 L. in 3d P. 1p. XIV, 9.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires the address in town of the purser of the ship "Alliance."

Longwell, James. Calais Prison 1779 April 4 A.L.S. 2p. XIV, 10.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begs Franklin to procure the release of himself and two other Americans in prison, at Calais; details his misfortunes since leaving America.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1779 April 4 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVIII, 23.
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing Mr. Wilkinson, the ingenious director and projector of a very fine foundry on the Loire; Dr. Priestley's wife is a sister of Mr. Wilkinson.

Richardson, Mary. Plymouth 1779 April 5 L.S. 2p. XIV, 12.
to Benjamin Franklin

Is the sixteen-year-old daughter of Anthony Richardson, merchant, who was drowned or murdered in New York. Came over to England with her blind mother who wishes to consult a famous oculist; their vessel shipwrecked and all their belongings lost. Anxious to return to America and begs Franklin's assistance.

Philantropos 1779 April 5 A.L.S. 3p. XLIV, 33.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Fears that France may be compelled to withdraw from her alliance with America because of the advantages England has gained over her, and then England's great armaments would be wholly directed against America and greatly distress her. Outlines a general plan of war which should be adopted by France, in case Spain joins her against Great Britain; what France should do if Spain does not join her.

Genet, [Edme Jacques] [1779] April 25 L. in 3d P. 1p.XL, 24.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sending Franklin the paper containing the letter to the King.

Cabanis, Pierre Jean Georges. Auteuil [1780?] April 6 A.L.S. 1p. XLI, 25.
to Benjamin Franklin

Returning Franklin the corrected proof. Constantly thinking of him at Auteuil; remembrances from the Lady of Auteuil [Madame Helvetius] and the Abbé de la Roche.
(In French.)

Wanklyn. I. Paris 1779 April 6 A.L.S. 2p. XIV, 13.
to Benjamin Franklin

Is a dissenting minister, a native of America; persecution he underwent in England for defending the American cause from the pulpit; his imprisonment on board an English frigate and his subsequent escape; his arrival in Paris in a destitute condition. Desires Franklin's assistance to enable him to go to America, where he wishes to serve his country either in the pulpit or army.

Wilkin, David. La Rochelle 1779 April 6 A.L.S. 1p. XIV, 14.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to be released from his imprisonment and enabled to return to Philadelphia where he has a wife and family; Thomas Campbell, also a Philadelphian, desires his freedom.

Landais, Capt. Pierre. Brest 1779 April 6 A.L.S. 3p. XIV, 15.
to Benjamin Franklin

Would rather have all Americans in his crew than a part French, as that mixture always causes trouble. Has landed all the mutineers. Concerning the arrival of the cartel vessel at Nantes with ninety-seven Americans; his orders to take with him, for exchange, ninety-three prisoners out of the guard-

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ship; danger of carrying so many, even in irons. Asks Franklin's advice in the case of a deserter from his ship, who has enlisted in Colonel Dillon's regiment and is at present on board a man-of-war, where they refuse to give him up.

Potter, Thomas. Haver-de-Grace 1779 April 7 A.L.S. 2p. XIV, 16.
to Benjamin Franklin

Applies as an American for his release from prison, that he may be enabled once more to serve his country.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1779 April 7 A.L.S. 4p. XXXVIII, 24.
to Benjamin Franklin

Arrival in the "Flag" of ninety-five American prisoners, twelve of whom are officers; proposals made them by the agent; given only 20 sols per day for board; begs for better treatment for the officers; if a subscription is opened for the subsistence of prisoners, will give 20 louis; enclosing a list of men who have engaged in the British service and a list of those who remain in prison; hopes Franklin will not be offended at his taking the part of the prisoners.

Longwell, James. Calais Prison 1779 April 7 A.L.S. 1p. XIV, 17.
to Benjamin Franklin.

Has received no answer to his former letters; repeats all he said in XIV, 10.

La Rochefoucauld, Louis Alexandre, duc de [1779.] April 7 A.L. in 3d P. XLIV, 220.
1p.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sends a rough draft of a letter to the Keeper of the Seals.
(In French.)

Barbeu-Dubourg, ----- [1779.] April 8 A.L.S. 1p. XLIV, 199.
to Benjamin Franklin

The meeting is for the following day. If Franklin can attend he will go also.
(In French.)

Amelot de Chaillou, Antoine-Jean. 1779 April 8 A.L.S. 1p. XIV, 18.
Versailles

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to Benjamin Franklin

Has just heard the Franklin expects to read a paper at the Academy of Sciences on the 14th inst. ; expects the other members, who have papers for that meeting, to dine with him on the 12th and read their memoirs in presence of the officers of the Academy; begs the honor of Franklin's company.
(In French.)

Auzéville, Gerard d'.

1779 April 9

A.L.S. 1p. XIV, 19.

to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to buy a few acres in America and devote himself to agriculture; applies to Franklin for the advance of a sufficient sum to do this.
(In French.)

Boule, ----- Passy

1779 April 9

A.L.S. 4p. XIV, 20.

to Benjamin Franklin

His present state of destitution; is almost driven insane; begs for assistance.
(In French.)

Vaughan, Benjamin. London

1779 April 9

A.L. 4p. XIV, 21.

to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the edition of Franklin's writings; the liberties he has allowed himself as editor; his reasons for making certain alterations. Heard from Mr. Galloway that "the rebels" had destroyed some of his and of Franklin's papers; awaits further details. Has taken up Franklin's paper on the Vis inertia to comment upon it.

Ingenhousz, Jan

1779 April 9

A.L.S. 1p. XIV, 22.

to Benjamin Franklin

Will bring or send Franklin the copper pot for roasting chickens in, which he bought at Sheffield. Dr. Priestley's new volume on air will contain a letter written by himself on the method of producing, at pleasure, any quantity of inflammable air. Good time to send a ship to discover the North Pole; thinks it probable, owing to the mildness of the weather during the preceding year, that the seas will be free from ice.

Barbeau-Dubourg, Jacques.

1779 April 9

A.L.S. 3P. XIV, 23.

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Recalls to Franklin's memory, the experiments in physics and chemistry performed by M. Brongniart; desires to procure for him the place of demonstrator of chemistry at the Jardin du Roy, vacant by the death of M. [Hilaire Marin] Rouelle; desires Franklin's influence with M. de Buffon, in whose power lies the choice.

(In French.)

Pollock, Oliver. New Orleans 1779 April 10 A.L.S. 3p. XIV, 24.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning various bills of exchange which he has drawn for the use of the United States to execute the orders he received from Congress, and which he hopes will be duly honored by Franklin.

(Copy.)

Lloyd, Richard Bennett. London 1779 April 10 A.L.S. 3p. XIV, 25.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires advice on the wisdom of embarking for New York with his wife and children, and then passing to his estate in Maryland.

Gover, Robert. Saint Valery-sur-Somme 1779 April 10 A.L.S. 2p. XIV, 26.
to Benjamin Franklin

Is a native of Baltimore, Md.; was shipwrecked on the coast of France, and made prisoner; desires to enter the service of Congress.

Taylor, Jesse. Belfast 1779 April 10 A.L.S. 2p. XIV, 27.
to Benjamin Franklin

A considerable number are resolved on the expedition, mentioned in his last of November 21st, including besides himself and family, various gentlemen of consideration; their influence, when settled in America, will induce hundreds of their countrymen to follow, who will be glad to leave a kingdom in which they labor under insult and oppression. Eager for Franklin to procure and forward the security so anxiously solicited; extreme secrecy to be observed prevents their sending the required descriptive list.

Wagener, Philip. Rotterdam 1779 April 10 A.L.S. 2p. LIX, 7.

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to Benjamin Franklin

Is impecunious and in a strange country. Asks money to go to America, there being an American ship in port. Promises to refund loan on arrival in America.

Other Descriptive Information

(See LIX, 3.)

Hutton, James	1779 April 11.	A.L.S. 1p.	XIV, 28.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Sends for that promised protection for the "Good Intent," Captain Francis Mugford, which goes to and from Labrador to the Moravian Mission Settlements for the conversion of the heathen.

Kéralio, Agathon Guynement, chevalier	1779 April 12		XIV, 29.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Madame la Comtesse de Forbach sends the enclosed letter to Franklin and begs him to read the memoir in favor of M. le Baron de Ried, and send a short reply that she may prove her commission accomplished.

(In French.)

Marat, Jean Paul (The Representative of author)	1779 April 12	A.L.S. 2p.	XLIV, 34.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Requesting Dr. Franklin's presence at the meeting of the Committee and that he give his opinion of certain discoveries which would influence public opinion, and his sanction would silence a hostile cabal.

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Sayre, Stephen. Copenhagen	1779 April 13	A.L.S. 4p.	XIV, 30.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Has been ill many days. Had an audience with the King of Sweden, à propos of the advisability of Sweden getting possession of Porto Rico or some island in the West Indies, for purposes of trade, etc.; is everywhere taken to be in the employ of Congress; has neither abused the character nor

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assumed it. Desires letters to the Governor of Dominica whither he expects to go to secure an estate he owns there. Begs Franklin to mention him once more to Congress.

John, Adams. Nantes 1779 April 13 A.L.S. 3p. XIV, 31.
to Benjamin Franklin

Glad that he approves of clothing the petty officers and will do his best to justify the confidence placed in him. The lack of obedience and discipline on board must cause delays of all kinds. Much pleased at Franklin's flattering reception at Court; hopes that Spain, as well as France, will soon declare in favor of the same generous cause. England's fondness for war, and obstinacy in carrying it on. Master Johnny acts as interpreter, companion, secretary and domestic to his papa.

Adams, John. Nantes 1779 April 13 A.L.S. 2p. XIV, 32.
to Benjamin Franklin

The reason for the discontent on board seems to be the depreciation of paper pay and the nationality of the captain (Landais). Has promised the officers and men as much money as, with their clothes, will make two months' pay: without this indulgence, in convinced the ship would never get to sea.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1779 April 13 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVIII, 25.
to Benjamin Franklin

His difficulties in procuring a trial. His opinion of falling in love and marriage; sees more reasons in favor of matrimony than he used to in the past.

Jay, Sir James. Paris 1779 April 14 A.L.S. 3p. LXI, 57 and
to The American Commissioners. 58.

Asks for reason for his exclusion from taking passage on the vessel with M. Gérard and Mr. Deane. A.E. by Franklin. "Being sure that there has been no intention nor inclination to offend Sir James Jay, and not being conscious of having done or said anything that ought to give offense, his note is perfectly unintelligible to the gentleman it is directed to."

Hutton, James 1779 April 14 A.L.S. 2p. XIV, 33.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Thanking him for the kind paper of protection for their vessel; has sent it to England to his brethren; hopes for the same kind of passport from M. de Sartine. Difficulties attending the release of Captain Mugford, the mate and two sailors, which must be accomplished before they can sail.

Duchemin, Daniel. London 1779 April 14 L. 2p. XIV, 34.
to Benjamin Franklin

Was first-lieutenant in Colonel Armand's troop in the service of America; was made prisoner in Philadelphia two days before the entry of the English; through friends, obtained a passage to England, which country he is unable to leave, owing to lack of funds; desires Franklin's assistance.
(In French.)

Hutton, James 1779 April 14 A.L.S. 2p. XIV, 34 1/2.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the exchange of four prisoners, in whom he is very much interested. Desires the passport as soon as it can be procured from the French.

Hutton, James 1779 April 15 A.L.S. 1p. XIV, 35.
to Benjamin Franklin

Obtained, from M. de Sartine, the desired passport. Proud of the praise given to Franklin's paper on the Aurora Borealis, read before the Academy of Sciences.

Bibliography

Dumas, C.G.F. 1779 April 16 A.L.S. 1p. XXXIX, 92.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sending him Sir J[oseph] Y[orke]'s memoir mentioned in his letter of the 13th.
(In French.)

Pierel, J. Roscoff 1779 April 16 A.L.S. 1p. XIV, 37.
to Benjamin Franklin

Announcing the arrival of an English prize in their port, taken by Captain Nathaniel West, of the "Black Prince," from Salem, N.H.; the sale will take place at once. Will continue to aid American captains to the best of his abilities.
(In French.)

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Connor, John. Dinan Castle 1779 April 16 A.L.S. 2p. XIV, 38.
to Benjamin Franklin

On his way to Bordeaux, in an American merchantman, was taken prisoner by an English sloop-of-war and carried to England; on his release, being destitute, was obliged to enlist on board an English privateer, which was later captured by the French; ever since that time has been confined in the above prison; begs Franklin to procure his release that he may return to his wife and children in Norfolk, Va.

Woestyn frères. Dunkirk 1779 April 16 L.S. 2p. XIV, 39.
to Benjamin Franklin

Extremely anxious that Franklin should permit them to name thier frigate after him; the influence such a name would have in promoting thier enterprise, in which they would consider themselves only too fortunate, should Franklin take an interest.
(In French.)

Barbeu-Dubourg, Jacques. Paris 1779 [?] April 17 A.L.S. 1p. XIV, 40.
to Benjamin Franklin

Recommends the enclosed letter to Franklin's care, written by a devoted mother, a friend of Mlle. Basseport, to her son in Philadelphia.
(In French.)

----, ---- 1779 April 17 L. 2p. XLIV, 35.
to Benjamin Franklin

Regarding the capture of indigo by Captain Davison, who held no commission from Congress, from a ship commanded by Captain Noble, from New York for London, and carried into a Swedish port.

Emery, Jno. Bilbao 1779 April 17 A.L.S. 2p. XIV, 41.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the cutter "Saucy Jack," Captain Sargent Ingersoll, which was taken too nigh the shore to be a legal prize; the cutter belongs to himself and Nat[haniel] Tracy, of Newburyport; begs Franklin to mention the affair to Count d'Aranda on the chance that she may be recovered.

MacCreery, William. Bordeaux 1779 April 17 A.L.S. 2p. XIV, 42.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

to Benjamin Franklin

Answers Franklin's inquiries concerning the duties on the exportation of salt from ports of France. Expects to sail in the Buckskin about the 10th of May, if Franklin has any letters or despatches he desires to send.

Amchaga, M. d'

1779 April 17

L in 3d P. 1p. XIV, 43.

to Benjamin Franklin

Making an appointment to see Franklin the next day; hopes to see him Monday at M. Amelot's dinner.

(In French.)

Lavalette, -----

1779 April 17

A.L.S. 2p. XIV, 44.

to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to serve in the American army; his parents' former opposition, for the present removed; will send Franklin the necessary certificates of his services in the French army.

(In French.)

A.E. by Franklin. Thanks! The American army is full.

Joseph Gardoqui and Sons. Bilbao

1779 April 17

A.L.S. 1p. XIV, 45.

to Benjamin Franklin

Forwards the enclosed letter and asks Franklin's kind assistance to help recover Mr. Emery's s interest.

Bondfield, John. Bordeaux

1779 April 17

A.L.S. 5p. XIV, 46.

to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing a list of the mercantile operations wherein he has embarked; the disagreeable situation he finds himself in, owing to the general discredit caused by the failure of many houses, particularly those connected with America. In order to provide against a possible storm, applies to Franklin for credit, if it can be done without prejudice to his Ministry; goes into details.

Dumas, C.G.F.

1779 April 19

A.L.S. 2p. XXXIX, 93.

to Benjamin Franklin

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The French Ambassador angry at not receiving his confidence in the affair between Messrs. St[urle]r, de N[eufville] and himself; has not shown him Franklin's last four letters; his accusations against Mr. Sturler; desires Franklin's advice in the matter.

(In French.)

Steward, John et al. St Malo to Benjamin Franklin	1779 April 19	L.S. 2p.	LX, 20.
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Four American seamen in prison appeal for their release and to be allowed to serve under Captain Jones or on the "Reliance" ["Alliance"].

Landais, Capt. Pierre. Nantes to Benjamin Franklin	1779 April 19	A.L.S. 1p.	XIV, 47.
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Giving an account of his proceedings since leaving Brest on the 11th; is waiting to deliver his ninety-three English prisoners to the English cartel ship, according to Mr. Schweighauser's orders.

Francalanza, Félicie Françoise. Lisbon to Benjamin Franklin	1779 April 20	A.L.S. 2p.	XIV, 48.
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Reasons for believing that she is a relative of Franklin; narrates her family history; obliged to practice the strictest economy, since the loss of her fortune; begs Franklin's assistance.

(In French.)

Becker and Saltzmann. Berlin to Benjamin Franklin	1779 April 20	A.L.S. 3p.	XIV, 49.
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Have about four thousand uniforms left, after supplying the German soldiers; offers these to Franklin for the Americans at a greatly reduced rate.

(In French.)

Willams, Jonathan Jr. Nantes to Benjamin Franklin	1779 April 20	A.L.S. 1p.	XXXVIII, 26.
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Question of shipping Mr. Watson's boxes.

Hooper, Stephen et al. Newburyport, Mass to Benjamin Franklin	1779 April 20	D.S. 2p.	LXI, 38.
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Deposition concerning the brigantine, "Fair Play."
(Copy.)

Andrew Giddings and Samuel McClintock, Jr. Newburyport. Mass to Benjamin Franklin	1779 April 20	D.S. 6p.	LXI, 36 and 37.
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Depositions of Captain and Second Lieutenant of the "Fair Play," concerning the loss of that vessel.

Wuybert, Antoine-Félix. Passy to Benjamin Franklin	1779 April 20 to 1783 July 6	Mem. S. 24p.	LXIV, 60-75, 77, 78.
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Receipts for money advanced by Benjamin Franklin to enable the subscribers to return to America.

Becker and Saltzmann. Berlin to Benjamin Franklin	1779 April 20	A.L.S. 4p.	XIV, 50.
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Repetition of the offer made in XIV, 49, together with copies of their letters of the 23d and 30th of July upon the same subject.
(In French and German.)

Hartley, David. London to Benjamin Franklin	1779 April 20	A.L.S. 1p.	XIV, 51.
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Hopes Franklin has heard of his prisoners ere this. Peace still the object which constantly possesses his thoughts; is waiting his opportunity to act.

Gillon, Alexander. Paris to Benjamin Franklin	1779 April 21	A.L.S. 2p.	XIV, 52.
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Requesting the pass for Captain [John] Joyner, himself, and his servants, that they may pursue their journey to Holland, by way of Flanders. Begg Franklin to second his application to M. de Sartine, on the subject of the three frigates to be bought or built for South Carolina.

Rozier, Abbé. Paris to Benjamin Franklin	1779 April 21	A.L.S. 1p.	XIV, 52 1/2.
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Requesting Franklin's paper on the Aurora Borealis, that he may print it in "Le Journal de Physique."
(In French.)

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Malesherbes, Chrétien-Guillaume de 1779 April 22 L.S. 2p. XIV, 53.
Lamoignon de. Paris
to Benjamin Franklin

Requesting Franklin and his grandson's company at dinner; Chevalier de la Luzerne to be one of the guests.
(In French.)

Johnson, Joshua. Nantes 1779 April 22 A.L.S. 2p. XIV, 54.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has had two interviews with M. D'Acosta on the subject of the goods prepared, under a contract with Mr. A. Lee, for the State of Virginia, and has found that he has shipped all but the muskets to America on his own account; does not think him competent to the undertaking. Must trouble Franklin again to obtain the loan for the State of Maryland; money more advantageous than goods.

Hartley, David. London 1779 April 22 A.L.S. 1p. XIV, 55.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sends Franklin a copy of an intended bill, by a friend of his some years ago; showed him a copy of it the year before at Passy.

Adams, John Quincy. On board "The Alliance." 1779 April 22 A.L.S. 1p. XIV, 56.
to W.T. Franklin

Just arrived from Nantes; once more aboard ship and hopes soon to sail for America; cannot write more as the boat is just going.

Kéralio, Agathon Guynement, chevalier de 1779 April 23 A.L.S. 3p. XIV, 57.
to Benjamin Franklin

Uncertain what date Franklin invited him to dine; significance he attaches to the arrival of M. Porvilliers at Paris; probably despatches received from Spain.
(In French.)

Bellescizes, -----. Paris 1779 April 23 A.L.S. 2p. XIV, 58.

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to The Chevalire de keralio.

Transcribes a short poem he has written in Franklin's praise; the enthusiasm with which Franklin inspired him, he finds compensation enough for the incidental loss of sleep.

(In French.)

Gourlade and Moylan. L'Orient 1779 April 23 A.L.S. 1p. XIV, 59.
to Benjamin Franklin

Arrival of the schooner, "Betsey," from Virginia; brings news that both armies are in winter quarters, that the British had made no material advances in Georgia, that Generals Moultrie and Lincoln were marching with a sufficient reinforcement to recover that province, and that the crew of the "Rattlesnake" were prisoners in Philadelphia.

Gratien, ----- (Lt. Gen. of Morlaix admiralty) 1779 April 23 A.L.S. 2p. XIV, 60.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the Swedish vessel, "La Victoria," detained at Morlaix, as well as the prize, " Du Papillon," taken by " La Marquise de la Fayette."

(In French.)

Sykes, H. Paris 1779 April 24 A.L.S. 1p. XIV, 61.
to Benjamin Franklin

Reasons why he did not send Franklin's spectacles sooner.

Brust, C.L. Bordeaux 1779 April 24 A.L.S. 4p. XIV, 62.
to Benjamin Franklin

Refusal on the part of the insurance people to pay for cargoes which have been lost, owing to the uncertain valuation of American and French money; encloses a table of comparative money rates, and begs Franklin to certify if it is correct.

(In French.)

Hasenclever, Peter. Berlin 1779 April 24 A.L.S. 3p. XIV, 63.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Begs Franklin to forward the enclosed letters to Messrs. Hasenclever, R. H. Lee and Alex, Gillon. Dined the day before with the American Colonel, Baron d'Arendt, at the house of the Minister of Finance, Baron de Goerne; the former's interest in opening a branch of commerce between America and Germany; judged his proposals impracticable; reasons why such undertakings are impossible until after the establishment of peace. Concerning an interview he had with Mr. Sayre two years before; that gentleman's ignorance of the affairs he proposed.

Bondfield, John. Bordeaux 1779 April 24 A.L.S. 1p. XIV, 64.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the contract for cannon made with Spain. Possibility of effecting an exchange of the prisoners, carried into Spanish ports by American privateers. Report of a French fleet from Martinique being attacked near the coast, by two English men-of-war; a shocking account is feared.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1779 April 25 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVIII, 27.
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing Mrs. Richards who, with her children, is en route to Nantes to join her husband; accompanying Mrs. Richards is his (Williams') natural son, for whom he has the tenderest affection; desires Franklin to give the lad his blessing; is truly repentant of his errors in the past.

Joseph Bailey and William Gardner. 1779 April 25 A.L.S. 2p. LX, 4.
Bayonne Castle
to Benjamin Franklin

Appeal by two American prisoners for relief.

Bellescizes, -----. Military School 1779 April 28 A.L.S. 1p. XIV, 65.
to the Chevalier de Keralio

Glad of the opportunity of being noticed by Franklin; hopes some day to go to America.

Woestyn frères. Dunkirk 1779 April 25 L.S. 2p. XIV, 66.
to Benjamin Franklin

If he cannot take an interest in their vessel as well as allow it to be named after him, they will forego the former honor in order to obtain the latter.
(In French.)

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Marché, -----. Paris 1779 April 27 A.L.S. 2p. XIV, 67.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has invented several machines for lessening labor in agriculture; describes them in detail; hopes they will be acceptable to Congress.

(In French.)

-----, -----. Paris 1779 April 27 L. 1p. LXXI, 106.
to Benjamin Franklin

Requesting him to forward letters to Boston.

(In French.)

Kéralio, Agathon Guynement, chevalier 1779 April 27 A.L.S. 2p. XIV, 68.
de
to Benjamin Franklin

Cannot express his appreciation of the honor Franklin has done him; their kind old friend [Comtesse de Forbach] sends Franklin many messages; she will dine with him the following Wednesday as well as the excellent MacMahon. Does not think Spain's declaration can be further delayed. Their young friend (Bellescizes) still occupied with Franklin and America; encloses his last letter; he has only studied English for fifteen months [see. XIV, 65]. Has Franklin read the Chevalier Yorke's Memorial to the States-General?

(In French.)

Stockton, Samuel W. The Hague 1779 April 28 A.L.S. 2p. XIV, 69.
to Benjamin Franklin

Reasons for believing that Spain will soon declare herself in favor of America; wishes to put in a claim to Franklin's attention, when any important despatches have to be forwarded to Congress.

Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves, 1779 April 28 L. in 3d P. 1p. XLIII, 167.
marquis de, 1757-1834
to Benjamin Franklin

Inviting Mr. Franklin to dine at his house, Rue de Bourbon.

(In French.)

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Carmichael, ----- Au Pellerin, near Nantes 1779 April 29 A.L.S. 1p. XIV, 70.
to John Ross

Heard from Mr. [Musco] Livingston that Franklin was building a vessel; has some good second-hand rigging, which he will dispose of cheap.

Johnson, Joshua. Nantes 1779 April 29 A.L.S. 1p. XIV, 71.
to Benjamin Franklin

Forwarding Franklin some American papers, received that day from Virginia.

Adams, John. Nantes 1779 April 29 A.L.S. 3p. XIV, 72.
to Benjamin Franklin

Disappointed at the delay in sailing; regards as compensation the honor of travelling with the new Ambassador [Chevalier de la Luzerne]; doubtful when they will land in America; news from that country; it is said that Mr. Deane has asked leave of absence; the affair of Elizabethtown, in which the English were repulsed and lost all their cattle and horses.

Dumas, C.G.F. 1779 April 29 A.L.S. 1p. XXXIX, 94.
to Benjamin Franklin

Rain of pamphlets caused by Sir J[oseph] Y[orke]'s last memoir Series of papers published secretly, attacking the Stadtholder.
(In French.)

Dumas, C.G.F. 1779 April 30 A.L.S. 2p. XXXIX, 95.
to Benjamin Franklin

Amsterdam's attitude as regards the Edict of France; M. Van Berkel applied to by the Pensionnaire of Rotterdam, to use his good offices with France on their behalf; his refusal. Deplores the constant circulation by her enemies of ill tidings from America.
(In French.)

Francken, Christian von. Hildesheim 1779 April 30 A.L.S. 7p. LIX, 39.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Served twenty-four years in Hannoverian army. Seeks position in American army. Encloses copies of high testimonials.

Vaughan, Benjamin. London 1779 April 30 A.L.S. 4p. XIV, 74.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning certain details connected with his position as editor of Franklin's works. Affairs in England; believes that Lord Sandwich will soon be out of the Admiralty; want of harmony in the fleet at Portsmouth; the general opinion seems to be that the present Ministry are a careless, divided and insufficient set of people; thinks General B[urgoyne] cut an imbecile figure the night before. Respect for Franklin grows daily; Lord North's remarks that he is the only man in Paris whose hands are pure from stock-jobbing.

Landais, Capt. Pierre. Nantes 1779 May 1 A.L.S. 1p. XIV, 75.
to Benjamin Franklin

will do his utmost to fulfil Franklin's orders; has already recruited forty-three men among the American prisoners; desires his further orders to be sent to Port l'Orient.

Gover, Robert. Saint Valery 1779 May 1 A.L.S. 1p. XIV, 76.
to Benjamin Franklin

Writes again to Franklin to beg for his discharge, that he may enter into the service of Congress.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1779 May 1 A.L.S. 3p. XXXVIII, 28.
to Benjamin Franklin

Explaining the meaning of the word "connection," as used in his letter to Mr. Deane; twisted by the newspapers to mean commercial connections.

Jones, Capt. John Paul. L'Orient 1779 May 1 L.S. 2p. XIV, 77.
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging Franklin's letter of the same date, whose contents "would make a coward brave"; enthusiasm with which he will welcome an opportunity of rendering some acceptable service to the common cause; returns thanks to Franklin for his delicate friendship, favor and affection; encloses the memoir of a young gentleman whom he should be glad to take with him; can find no one so proper to discipline the volunteer soldiers he has enlisted.

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Chaumont, Jacques-Donatien Le Ray de . 1779 May 2 A.L.S. 1p. XIV, 78.

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to Benjamin Franklin

Has the honor to remit Capt. Jone's answer; begs him to send the enclosed despatch to the Marquis de la Fayette, by some one, ignorant of its source.

(In French.)

Jones, Capt. John Paul. L'Orient 1779 May 2 A.L.S. 1p. XIV, 79.

to Benjamin Franklin

Is so indisposed as to be obliged to write in bed. Pleads for the unfortunate men who were made prisoners when the gallant Montgomery fell in his attack on Quebec; by an application to Court, thinks their release might be obtained; encloses their appeal.

Lee, Arthur. Paris 1779 May 2 A.L.S. 2p. XIV, 80.

to Benjamin Franklin

Is informed that the "Alliance" is manned and ready to sail, also that the French convoy will have to leave the American fleet before they reach the coast; danger of leaving the fleet unprotected, which, among other things, carries all the supplies necessary to Virginia's defense, articles, which, if lost, cannot be replaced; urges the advisability of ordering the "Alliance" to accompany the fleet all the way across.

Davis, Nicholas. Amsterdam 1779 May 3 A.L.S. 4p. XIV, 81.

to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the capture of the vessel, "La Seine," with all his goods on board, by an English man-of-war; had she got safe into Boston, he would have avoided many distresses and reaped some glory and reward; his movements since this unfortunate capture; desires to get to France and go out as Captain of Marines on board some French or American privateer; hopes thus to pay his debt to Congress; begs Franklin's aid.

Conner, James. Saumur 1779 May 3 A.L.S. 2p. XIV, 82.

to Benjamin Franklin

Born in Germantown, near Philadelphia; anxious to get back to his wife and children; given an account of his voyages and misfortunes since leaving America; wrote to Captain Jones six weeks ago,

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but has received no answer; begs Franklin to obtain his discharge and procure him an opportunity of returning to America.

Dumas, C.G.F. 1779 May 3 A.L.S. 1p. XXXIX, 96.
to Benjamin Franklin

Resolution of April 26th taken by the States-General of Holland in order to protect their commerce; absolute secrecy with which the affair was handled; all their friends delighted.
(In French.)

Grand Jean-Francis Paul ?. Paris 1779 May 4 A.L.S. 1p. XIV, 83.
to Benjamin Franklin

Colonel Hope only waiting for the despatches to set out for Holland; Franklin could not possibly trust them to safer hands.
(In French.)

Bondfield, John. Bordeaux 1779 May 4 A.L.S. 2p. XIV, 84.
to Benjamin Franklin

Arrival of one of the ships he expected from Virginia; her encounter with an English privateer. The seas covered with British cruisers; the Messrs. Andrew and James Caldwell have lost a new brig laden with tobacco. Various reports of the Spanish armament. News of incoming and outgoing vessels.

Gordon, William. Jamaica Plain 1779 May 5 A.L.S. 1p. XIV, 85.
to Benjamin Franklin

The death of Dr. [John] Winthrop. Capture by the Americans of a number of vessels going to Georgia with provisions; scarcity of provisions in Rhode Island. Letters from Philadelphia say that Mr. [torn out (Deane?)] is now down, and the Lees are more exalted than ever. Appeals to Franklin to forward the enclosed important papers.

Lee, Arthur. Paris 1779 May 6 A.L.S. 4p. XIV, 86.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Still full of concern for the fleet at Brest, if it is to be left unprotected during any part of the voyage; important despatches and supplies which they carry for the State of Virginia; urges again the advisability of ordering the "Alliance" to convoy the fleet to America.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1779 May 6 A.L.S. 3p. XXXVIII, 29.
to Benjamin Franklin

Reasons why his proposed voyage to America remains so uncertain; if his accounts are not passed by the Committee, thinks he ought to return to America and confound his enemies; if the decision is favorable, must look to increasing his business; money lost on American commissions; steps he might have taken to obtain public employ; high terms in which Mr. Adams once spoke of him for a consulship.

Hersaut, -----. Paris 1779 May 3 A.L.S. 2p. XIV, 87.
to William Temple Franklin

Desires to serve on board a corsair, frigate or vessel, and begs Franklin's protection and recommendation.

(In French.)

The Treasurer of Loans. Philadelphia 1779 May 7 A.L.S. LIV, 27.
to The American Commissioners. Fra[nci]s
Hopkinson.
1p.

Notification of the issuance of bills of exchange to the State of New York.

(In quadruplicate.)

Priestley, Joseph. London 1779 May 8 A.L.S. 2p. XIV, 88.
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing a Roman Catholic priest, an antagonist of his in metaphysics, but a man of very liberal disposition; he will deliver Franklin the writer's "Treatise on Education" and his "Correspondence with Dr. Price"; later will send by Mr. Magellan a copy of his new philosophical work. Desires to know if a pamphlet on the doctrine of necessity, printed about 1729, and dedicated to Truth is written by Franklin. Fears there is no prospect of peace and therefore none of seeing him in England.

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Landais, Capt. Pierre. On board the "Alliance." 1779 May 8 A.L.S. 1p. XIV, 89.
to Benjamin Franklin

Is about to sail for Port Louis; has thirteen passengers besides the Hon. John Adams, his son and servant. Has received a letter from M. Le Ray De Chaumont with orders to take six months victuals on board; where is he put them, if he has no room?

Bondfield, John. Bordeaux 1779 May 8 A.L.S. 2p. XIV, 90.
to Benjamin Franklin

Arrival of the "General Mercer," laden with tobacco, has relieved his financial embarrassment. Several skirmishes in America, in which the enemy suffered considerably. Concerning the fleet at Brest, and the escort under M. La Motte Picquet. Navigation greatly obstructed by the number of small armed vessels fitted out at New York. Low value of Continental money; capital required to send a vessel from America to Europe.

The Misses Waitz 1779 May 8 N. in 3d P. LXXI, 90.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Regret that they are unable to accept his invitation owing to an indisposition of one of them.

Barbeu-Dubourg, Jacques. 1779 May 8 A.L.S. 1p. XIV, 91.
to Benjamin Franklin

Count Falkenstein expected to be present the next day at the meeting of the Society of Emulation, for the Encouragement of the Arts; if Franklin desires, he can assist, unknown; arranges where to meet him.

Chaumont, Jacques-Donatien Le Ray de . L'Orient 1779 May 10 A.L.S. 1p. XIV, 92.
to Benjamin Franklin

Captain Jones expects to set sail the 15th or 20th; is at present waiting for the "Alliance" which has been delayed by contrary winds.
(In French.)

Hartley, David. London 1779 May 11 A.L.S. 2p. XIV, 93.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the exchange of prisoners; suggestion made by Mr. Bell, one of the Commissioners; concerning the prisoners' money in his possession.

Dumas, C.G.F. 1779 May 10 A.L.S. 3p. XXXIX, 97.
to Benjamin Franklin

Information concerning M. St[urler]; reasons why it would seem advisable to replace the Chevalier G[ran]d by M. de N[eufville]; recommends him to talk over it with M. Baudouin; reasons why he prefers not to show the Grand Facteur Franklin's last letters. His proposed visit to Franklin. Encloses abstract of the Resolution of April 26th, taken by the States General of Holland. [3 p.]
(In French.)

Dumas, C.G.F. 1779 May 11-14 A.L.S. 3p. XXXIX, 98.
to Benjamin Franklin

Address presented to the Admiralty by the merchants of Amsterdam, urging the granting of convoys in conformity with the Resolution of April 26th; disturbance caused by the unsatisfactory reply received. Extract of Amsterdam letter showing the injury done American credit by certain bills of exchange being protested. Promise to be on his guard with Nicholas Davis; has warned de N[eufville].
(In French.)

Franck frères. Strasbourg 1779 May 11 L.S. 2p. XIV, 94.
to Benjamin Franklin

Have forwarded to Franklin the packets received from Messrs. Becker and Saltzmann, of Berlin.
(In French.)

Sutton de Clonard, Jean, comte. Paris 1779 May 11 A.L.S. 1p. XIV, 95.
to Benjamin Franklin

Requesting him to grant to Mr. Stephen Marchant, of Boston in American commission to command the cutter of sixteen guns, of which he spoke; expects this vessel to do considerable execution. Begg Franklin to procure the exchange of Thomas Wilkinson, formerly pilot for the Irish Channel.

Johnson, Joshua. Nantes 1779 May 11 A.L.S. 2p. XIV, 96.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

to Benjamin Franklin

Sent Franklin some American newspapers, which he trusts came safely to hand. Nothing can be done about the duties on his furniture unless the Director-General will send an order for their acquittal.

de Labussière, -----. Paris	1779 May 11	N. in 3d P.	LXX, 128b.
to Benjamin Franklin		1p.	

Called to pay his respects to Dr. Franklin on his return from London, where he received many courtesies from Miss Shipley.

(In French.)

Woestyn frères. Dunkirk	1779 May 11	L.S. 2p.	XIV, 97.
to Benjamin Franklin			

Beg Franklin, by a single word of response, to gratify their strong desire to name their vessel after him.

(In French.)

Robinson, Isaiah. Bordeaux	1779 May 11	A.L..S. 2p.	XIV, 98.
to Benjamin Franklin			

Was on his way to Paris with his friend, the Chevalier de Crenis, who is entrusted with letters for Franklin, but has been detained by an indisposition. Begg for information and advice concerning a certain sum of prize-money he believes is due him. The ship he arrived in, the "General Mercer," being about to return in a few weeks, offers to take charge of any despatches Franklin may care to send.

Brillon, Mme	1779 May 11	A.L. 2p.	XLIII, 2.
to Benjamin Franklin			

Appreciates his philosophy of life but cannot attain to it; analyzes her own character; deeply wounded at present by ingratitude; begs him to cure her or pity her; reminds him of his promise to drink tea with her the following day.

(In French.)

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Newenham, Sir Edward. Geneva	1779 May 11	A.L.S. 2p.	XIV, 100.
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Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging the permit , received through Franklin's recommendation, which allowed himself and his sons to remain at Marseilles; is now on his way back to Ireland; begs for a protection signed by His Majesty and Franklin, in case the packet should meet with an American or French man-of-war; is determined, if he lives, to settle part of his family in the Jerseys or Pennsylvania.

Vernon, William Jr. Bordeaux

1779 May 12

A.L.S. 2p. XIV, 101.

to Benjamin Franklin

Embarked for France in February, 1778, for the purpose of acquiring a knowledge of the language and commerce of that country; desires to enter a counting-house for a year or so; begs Franklin for letters of recommendation as well as one from M. Grand, in order that he may obtain the desired position.

The Delegates from Massachusetts Bay, in 1779 May 12

A.L.S. XIV, 102.

The Contential Congress. Philadelphia

S[amuel]

to Benjamin Franklin

Adams,

E[lbridge]

Gerry, James

Lovell,

S[amuel]

Holton. 2p.

Announcing the loss of the American brigantine "Fair Play," by the discharge of the cannon of a two gun battery near Port Louis in Guadeloupe; question of compensation for her owner.
(In triplicate.)

Samuel Adams, Elbridge Gerry, James 1779 May 12

L.S. 2p. LXI, 34.

Lovell, and Samuel Holton. Philadelphia

to Benjamin Franklin

Recommending that Tristram Dalton receive indemnification from France for the loss of his brigantine "Fair Play" at Guadeloupe.

Landais, Capt. Pierre. L'Orient

1779 May 12

A.L.S. 1p. XIV, 104.

to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

According to instructions received upon his arrival at L'Orient, has put himself under Capt. Jone's orders.

Dalton, Tristram. Philadelphia 1779 May 13 A.L.S. 3p. LXI, 35.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning indemnity for loss of the "Fair Play" and allowances for relief of families of seamen lost. (Accompanying 36 to 40.)

Browne, John. L'Orient 1779 May 13. A.L.S. 2p. XIV, 105.
to Benjamin Franklin

Recounts his adventures since he shipped as first lieutenant on the ship "Boston," Capt. McNeill; at Capt. Jone's request, accepted the position of lieutenant on board the "Poor Richard"; on Capt. Jone's return from Paris, he reported that Franklin had never heard of him; endeavors to establish his identity.

Dalton, Tristram. Philadelphia 1779 May 13 A.L.S. 2p. XIV, 106.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing sundry papers relative to the loss of the brigantine "Fair Play," which was fired upon by a small battery on the island of Guadeloupe; means of obtaining indemnification for the said vessel; its valuation; beseeches Franklin's attention on behalf of the families of the eighteen men who perished in the accident.
(In duplicate.)

Magellan (Magalhaens), Jean-Hyacinthe de. London 1779 May 13 A.L.S. 2p. XIV, 108.
to Benjamin Franklin

At the author's request, sends him the latest philosophical work of Dr. Priestley. Concerning Miller's Botanical Collection, a work which has been carried into execution by Dr. Fothergill, who desired that, through Franklin, it might be forwarded to the Philosophical Society at Philadelphia.

Chaumont, Jacques-Donatien Le Ray de . L'Orient 1779 May 14 A.L.S. 1p. XIV, 109.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Thinks Franklin ought to see the French and American fleet riding at anchor and give them his benediction before they sail; judges they need it from the disputes prevailing among the officers on board the "Alliance" and "Bon Homme Richard"; discusses the chance of finding parallels for such behavior in ancient history; thinks that veneration for Franklin is the chief reason of France's devotion to America; is tired enough of trying to reconcile these Americans and supply their numerous wants.

(In French.)

Jones, Capt. John Paul. L'Orient 1779 May 14 A.L.S. 3p. XIV, 110.
to Benjamin Franklin

Arrival of the "Alliance," "Sensible" and "Pallas"; impossible to say when the little armament will be ready to sail; suggestions as to the best time for the Marquis [de la Fayette] to leave Paris. Asks Franklin's advice concerning the bestowal of American commissions on the Captains of various vessels, and the best manner of wording them. Misunderstandings among the officers on board the "Alliance"; hears that the first lieutenant threatens to leave the ship; this will mean a breach of discipline, but little loss to the service; recommends that a sufficient number of officers be properly authorized to hold courts-martial, simply as a means to "keep little minds in proper awe."

Adams, John. L'Orient 1779 May 14 A.L.S. 3p. XIV, 112.
to Benjamin Franklin

Trusts that the Chevalier de la Luzerne is aware of the value of every moment in expediting their voyage to America; thinks the chances of getting safe into port are ten times greater at Boston than Philadelphia; concerning the transportation of the Chevalier's baggage; sends his regards to various ladies, for whose characters he has a great respect.

Le Roy, Jean Baptiste [1779?] May 14 A.L.S. 2p. LXXI, 40.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sends a note on the military services of M[ajor] Pierre F[rancois de] Boy, of Marseilles, who wishes to re-enter the service of the United States. Hopes soon to return to Passy and be Franklin's neighbor.
(In French.)

Landais, Capt. Pierre. L'Orient 1779 May 15 A.L.S. 1p. XIV, 111.
to Benjamin Franklin

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All his officers have conspired against him; would rather give up his command than endure longer such a condition of affairs; his first lieutenant desires to leave the ship; told him he could not without Franklin's order.

Diriks, Colonel J.G. Paris to Benjamin Franklin	[1779.] May 15	A.L.S. in 3d XLI, 5. P. 1p.
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Desiring to send some letters to Boston by the first opportunity.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. to Benjamin Franklin	1779 May 15	A.L.S. 3p. XXXVIII, 30.
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Sending Franklin a Congress commission and warrant which he may want for Capt. Jones. Report of a spanish fleet bound for Brest. General [Nathanael] Greene's goods ready to place on board the "Three Friends," under convoy of the "Alliance"; wishes to know if Capt. Jones and the "Alliance" go together.

Maximilen Henri, Marquis de Saint Simon. Utrecht to Benjamin Franklin	1779 May 15	A.L.S. 3p. XIV, 113.
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Le Comte de Sarsfield gave him reason to hope that Franklin would examine the notes which he left with him, and which are such an important factor in his proposed work. Prophesies the outcome of the war in America.
(In French.)

Wharton, Samuel. Paris to Benjamin Franklin	1779 May 15	A.L.S. 1p. XIV, 114.
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Has sent a parcel of papers about Vandalia, of which it may be proper Franklin should have a copy.

Arendt, Baron d' to Benjamin Franklin	1779 May 16	A.L.S. 3p. XIV, 115.
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The results of his observations at the German Court and his frequent conferences with the Minister; does not think the Court will declare the independence of America, or sign a treaty of commerce, or send vessels to America; their disposition, however, very favorable; their willingness to open their ports to American vessels; his ability to push the matter, if he had been furnished with proper

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authority; desires to know if he is to come to Paris or to await the return of Mr. Lee; if he cannot be use in Europe, will return to America.

(In French.)

Boyer, -----. Paris to Benjamin Franklin	1779 May 16	A.L.S. 2p.	XIV, 116.
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Desiring Franklin to seal the enclosed letter and forward it in his next packet.

(In French.)

DuMont, -----. Paris to Benjamin Franklin	1779 May 16	A.L.S. 1p.	XIV, 117.
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Enclosing tickets for the meeting of the Society of Emulation.

(In French.)

Duffield, Benjamin. Bordeaux to Benjamin Franklin	1779 May 16	A.L.S. 3p.	XIV, 118.
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Aware that he has disgraced Franklin's introduction. Expressing great penitence for his past follies and indiscretions; has purchased his experience dearly; has been shut out from his parents and all that he holds dear; desires to enter the army of his countrymen; kindness of Mr. Conyngham, who has promised to procure him a passage to America; would rather get employment on board a privateer; his funds very low; desires Franklin to mark out a line of conduct for him which he promises to follow.

Sayre, Stephen. Amsterdam to Benjamin Franklin	1779 May 17	A.L.S. 1p	XIV 119.
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Requesting letter of recommendation to the Governors of Martinique and Dominica, as he expects to set sail shortly for those islands.

Morel,-----. Versailles to Benjamin Franklin	1779 May 17	A.L.S. 2p.	XIV, 120.
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At the suggestion of the Marquis de la Fayette, sends Franklin his work, "Le tableau des forces actuelles de la France."

(In French.)

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Le Fort, Marc. Marseilles 1779 May 17 A.L.S. 2p. XIV, 121.
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging the part Franklin took in helping them to recover damages for the ship "L'Élégante" and her cargo; desire him to recommend thier agent, M. Antoine Gautier, to the Magistrates a Williamsburg, that they may help him recover certain funds detained by Capt. Collinson of Bordeaux.

(In French. In duplicate.)

Adams, John. L'Orient 1779 May 17 A.L.S. 2p. XIV, 122.
to Benjamin Franklin

Glad to hear that the Chevalier is making diligent preparations for his departure; will be happy to show him and his secretary the town to Boston, before they go to Philadelphia. Thinks he will not go to Congress very soon, unless ordered. Hopes the resolves of the States General will bring the English to reason; the late exchange of prisoners is the sole instance they have given of justice and humainty since the repeal of the Stamp Act; private letters from England say that the last proposals of Spain have been rejected with ill humor. The "Poor Richard" about ready to sail.

Dumas, C.G.F. 1779 May 18 A.L.S. 1p. XXXIX, 99.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing a copy of his letter (2 p.) to the Grand Pensionnaire, relative to the capture and condemnation by an American privateer of a Dutch ship taken by mistake for English property. Necessity of strengthening the Anti-English party.

(In French.)

de Sainte Marie, Veuve Presle. Paris 1779 May 19 A.L.S. 1p. XIV, 124.
to Benjamin Franklin

Thanking Franklin for his promise to forward the enclosed letters to her son in Guadeloupe.

(In French.)

**Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves,
marquis de, 1757-1834** 1779 May 19 A.L.S. 2p. XIV, 125.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Enclosing a letter from M. de Gimat with an account of a very dangerous division between the officers of the "Alliance." Sends Franklin his ideas for print; could make out an immense book on so rich a matter. Reflections on the English Ministry. Ireland's unsettled state; possibility of a corps of two thousand men with four thousand spare arms finding among the Irish many lovers of liberty and many enemies to the English government.

Dumas, C.G.F. 1779 May 19 A.L.S. 1p. XXXIX, 100.
to Benjamin Franklin

Protest against the Admiralty's evasive reply, by the merchants of Amsterdam and Rotterdam; their demand for unlimited convoys. England asked to revise certain verdicts in the case of Dutch vessels captured by the English. Lord Weymouth's refusal. Visit from Nicholas Davis.
(In French.)

Stockton, Samuel W. The Hague 1779 May 20 A.L.S. 3p. XIV, 126.
to Benjamin Franklin

Owing to lack of funds, is unfortunately deprived of the pleasure of paying his respects to Franklin before leaving for America; desires to carry any despatches for Congress Franklin may care to send; begs for a few lines in his favor to the Committee of Congress for Foreign Affairs, as well as some letters of recommendation from Dr. Pringle; transcribes copies of letters written in his favor by Samuel Wharton and Mr. Cushing. Franklin's cautionary letter respecting Nicholas Davis has prevented the latter's imposing on several persons. Affairs in the Netherlands; the Prince of Orange again endeavoring to delay the equipment of the convoys; an attack on their convoys by the English needed to rouse the provinces from their lethargy.

de la Torre, Isidoro. Cadiz 1779 May 21 A.L.S. 3p. XIV, 127.
to Benjamin Franklin

Account of a Spanish vessel having been attacked by an American corsair and forced to pay a ransom; desires indemnity for the loss; has the necessary documents to prove his statements.
(In Spanish.)

Dumas, C.G.F. 1779 May 21 A.L.S. 1p. XXXIX, 101.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the protested American bills of exchange.

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(In French.)

Wynbergen, L.F. Baron Van. Wesel 1779 May 21 A.L.S. 3p. XIV, 128.
to Benjamin Franklin

His military services in the Netherlands and Prussia; desirous of entering the American army.
(In French.)

Jeanrenand, P. Geneva 1779 May 21 A.L.S. 2p. XIV, 129.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begs for news of his son, to whom Franklin granted letters of recommendation to a friend in Philadelphia.
(In French.)

Morel, -----. Versailles 1779 May 22 A.L.S. 1p. XIV, 130.
to Benjamin Franklin

Asks for some slight monetary return for the maps he sent to Franklin.
(In French.)

Bocheron, -----. Rosny 1779 May 22 A.L.S. 2p. XIV, 131.
to Benjamin Franklin

Is convinced that even a bagatelle in favor of the American cause is not a matter of indifference to Franklin, therefore sends a poem inspired and created by the love of liberty.
(In French.)

Bondfield, John. Bordeaux 1779 May 22 A.L.S. 2p. XIV, 132.
to Benjamin Franklin

Arrival of a small ship from Maryland. Encloses a petition from Joseph Bail[e]y and Philip Chapman, prisoners, taken on board a whaleman by the "Marquis de la Fayette." Probable destination of M. La Motte Picquet. The "Gen. Mercer," to sail about the 10th of June direct for Philadelphia.

Beaufort, — comte de. Liège 1779 May 24 A.L.S. 4p. XIV, 134.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Enclosing a plan and a set of conditions, in accordance with which he proposes to raise a body of troops for the service of America.

(In French.)

The Crew of the Drake Sloop of War.	1779 May 24	A.L.S. James LIV, 37.
Fougères		Pinkerton et
to Benjamin Franklin		al. 2p.

Petition that the same aid which was rendered to that part of the crew which was exchanged, should be given themselves who are wounded and in the Brest Hosipital.

Jacques Rocquette, T.A. Elsevier, and Frères Rocquette. Rotterdam	1779 May 24	A.L.S. 2p. LIV, 135.
to Benjamin Franklin		

Begging to be informed of the safe arrival of a packet, which they have just forwarded to Franklin. Inquire where they can negotiate American bank notes and whether the interest is payable annually.
(In French.)

Baudouin, -----. Paris	1779 May 25	A.L.S. 2p. XIV, 136.
to Benjamin Franklin		

Ashamed to left Franklin know the full extent of his thoughtlessness; promises it will not occur again.
(In French.)

Gillon, Alexander. Paris	1779 May 25	A.L.S. 2p. XIV, 138.
to Benjamin Franklin		

Desires Franklin's advice concerning the matters he wishes to lay before M. de Sartine, with whom he dines that day; importance of those matters which concerns the State of South Carolina.

Ingenhousz, Jan	1779 May 25	A.L.S. 2p. XIV, 139.
to Benjamin Franklin		

Thinks that Franklin's paper on the "Aurora Borealis" having been read at the Royal Academy precludes its being heard at the Royal Society; hears, however, that Franklin is to favor them with a paper on a more useful subject; at the next meeting of the Council the matter of Franklin's copies will be taken up. Intends to retire to the country in order to finish his book on small-pox. Concerning his

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paper on a new method of suspending magnetic needles, as well as one on the nature and explosive force of gun powder; Dr. Priestley acknowledges in the latter case the inferiority of his theory.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1779 May 26 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVIII, 31.
to Benjamin Franklin

Thanking Franklin for his goodness to his son; thinks him the finest little lad he ever saw. Has at last obtained the consent of the gentlemen to examine his accounts.

**Sartine, Antoine-Raymond-Gualbert-
Gabriel de. Versailles** 1779 May 26 L.S. 1p. XIV, 140.
to Benjamin Franklin

In receipt of the letter relative to the brigantine belonging to Mr. Giddings, Which was accidentally sunk by a battery off Guadeloupe; His Majesty willing to grant an indemnity commensurate with the loss.

(In French. Copy.)

Jones, Capt. John Paul. L'Orient 1779 May 26 A.L.S. 2p. XIV, 141.
to Benjamin Franklin

His keen disappointment at the change of plans on the part of the French Government; instead of the Marquis [de la Fayette] joining him with troops, he is ordered elsewhere; considers no season would have been as fit for their purpose as the present.

Bibliography

Brault and Demezauré. St Malo 1779 May 27 A.L.S. 2p. XIV, 142.
to Benjamin Franklin

Unfortunately, will not be able to profit by Franklin's good will, as Capt. Landais's destination is changed, and he says it is impossible to carry them to America; begs for Franklin's protection should another opportunity offer.

(In French.)

Dumas, C.G.F. 1779 May 27 A.L.S. 3p. XXXIX, 102.
to Benjamin Franklin

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High opinion of de N[eufville]. Four Bostonians in town,—Messrs. Sears, Cordes, Coffin and Sayre; Sayre's apparent knowledge of financial affairs; his attitude toward de N[eufville]; desires Franklin's advice on this head. Desirability of Holland's being America's creditor. Criticism of the published letter concerning Capt. [James] Cook.

(In French.)

Torris, John. Dunkirk 1779 May 28 A.L.S. 2p. XIV, 143.
to Benjamin Franklin

As the sole agent for the "Black Prince," will be very exact in advising Franklin of all particulars concerning the vessel. Informing him of Capt. Marchant's intention to capture, if possible, the British packets between Dover and Calais; desires to know if they would be deemed lawful prizes.

Napier, James Lenox. Bayonne 1779 May 28 A.L.S. 2p. XIV, 144.
to Benjamin Franklin

Writes on behalf of sixteen American prisoners, of whom he is one, who desire to be released and to go on board some ship bound for America; homesick for their country, their wives and their children.

Holtzendorff, Louis-Casimir, baron de. 1779 May 28 A.L.S. 2p. XIV, 145.
Paris
to Benjamin Franklin

Begging Franklin to forward the enclosed letters to the Carolinas; flatters himself that Congress, through Franklin's interposition, will at length do him the justice he merits; would be entirely ruined should they fail to comply with his just claims in accordance with their own resolves; has applied to the Comte de Vergennes to obtain his Most Christian Majesty's protection in the affair.

Walsh, John late Master of the Drake. 1779 May 28 A.L.S. 3p. XIV, 146.
Fougères
to Benjamin Franklin

Gratefully acknowledges Franklin's former humane interference on behalf of the English prisoners on board the "Patience" brig at Brest; obliged to renew his complaints owing to his harsh treatment by M. Riou of Brest, who, from malicious motives, allowed the crew to be exchanged before the officers, against all established custom; begs to be sent to England with four of his remaining crew, and promises to do his utmost to get Americans exchanged in their places.

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Jones, Sir William. Paris 1779 May 28 L. in 3d P. 1p.XIV, 147.
to Benjamin Franklin

Presenting a translation of a pretended fragment of Polybius. He, as well as Mr. Paradise, will be glad to carry any messages or letters Franklin may care to send to England.

Other Descriptive Information

Printed in works (Sparks, VIII, 365).

Wharton, Samuel. Paris 1779 May 29 L.S. LXI, 79.
to Benjamin Franklin

Presenting facts relating to the seizure at Dieppe of the effects of Thomas and Robert Burdy.
(Copy.)

Wharton, Joseph Jr. Paris 1779 May 31 N. in 3d P. LXXI, 95a.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Returning American newspapers.

Dumas, C.G.F. 1779 May 31 A.L.S. 2p. XXXIX, 103.
to Benjamin Franklin

Arrival of certain vessels from America; news of the English being defeated near Savannah. Is lodging at Mr. N.'s; for obvious reasons will not Chevalier G[ran]d nor his associates. Desires Franklin's advice before becoming more intimate with Mr. Sayre.

Vaughan, Benjamin. London 1779 May 31 A.L.S. 4p. XIV, 148.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has just finished with the sheets [of his edition of his "Political, Miscellaneous and Philosophical Pieces," London, 1779], only that he has expectations of procuring his [Franklin's] preface to Mr. Gal[lo]way's speech, and in consequence the epitaph. Should have applied to Mr. Wharton for them before his leaving England. His great admiration of Franklin's paper on the "Aurora Borealis"; will send his comments on that subject later; concerning Franklin's paper on the "Vis Inertiae"; changes he expects to make in his own comments on that paper.

John de Neufville and Son. Amsterdam 1779 May 31 A.L.S. 2p. XIV, 149.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Concerning the loan for America recommended to their care; Mr. Sayre spoke with judgement on this point, though he confessed he had no commission either from Congress or Franklin; begs him to recommend their firm to Congress or to any private acquaintance in America.

d'Auzéville, Gerard [1779? March 24] L.S. 4p. XLII, 104.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begs Franklin to help him in carrying out his project of going to America and acquiring a small tract of land for cultivation.
(In French.)

John Paradise and Sir William Jones. 1779 June 1 L.S. in 3d P. XIV, 150.
Paris 1p.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desiring Franklin to insert in the enclosed passport the fact that Mr. Paradise is an American gentleman, though born in Greece.

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Barbeau-Dubourg, ----- 1779 June 1 A.L.S. 1p. LXX, 84a.
to Benjamin Franklin

The dinner proposed for the morrow at Auteuil has been postponed.
(In French.)

Petterelly, Lieut.-Col. Bregence 1779 June 1 A.L.S. 2p. LIX, 59.
to Benjamin Franklin

Recommends his son, who wishes to quit the Imperial service in order to fight for the American cause. His dismissal was regretfully granted.

Verité, Capt. Hippolyte (Hyppolite) de. 1779 June 2 A.L.S. 3p. XIV, 151.
Olmütz
to Benjamin Franklin

His military record in Hungary; desires to enter the American army; has a wife and two children, whom he desires to take with him, should his offer be accepted.
(In French.)

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Hardouin,-----. Paris 1779 June 2 L.S. 1p. XIV, 152.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desiring to know if Franklin wishes to subscribe to the works of M. Charles Bonnet.
(In French.)

Bordot, François. La Rochelle 1779 June 2 A.L.S. 1p. XIV, 153.
to Benjamin Franklin

The arrival of two English privateers, the "Defiance" and the "Ladies Resolution," taken by the frigate "l'Hermione"; slight resistance encountered; no loss of life; the crews, mostly boys, numbering 194, were sent to prison.

Conway, Thomas. Paris 1779 June 3 XIV, 154.
to Benjamin Franklin

Certifying to the excellent character and military zeal of M. de Sanctuary, who was made prisoner near Philadelphia, in November, 1777; the Congress desires to procure his exchange with an English officer of the rank of major.
(In French.)

Sartine, Antoin de [Circa 1779.] June 3 N. in 3d P. XLIII, 233.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Received his letter.
(In French.)

Marat, Jean Paul (The Representative of author) 1779 June 4 L.S. 1p. XIV, 155.
to Benjamin Franklin

Inviting Franklin to be present at dinner at the hotel of M. le Marquis de l'Ausbespine, together with Messieurs le Comte de Maillebois, de Montigni, LeRoy and Sage; desires also his grandson's company, who, if the weather keeps clear, will have an opportunity to see the experiments. If Franklin has perused the manuscript treatise on fire, begs him to give him his opinion thereupon.

John Paradise and Sir William Jones. Calais 1779 June 5 L. in 3d P. 1p. XIV, 156.

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to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging Franklin's courtesy and hospitality to them, in the most cordial terms.

Other Descriptive Information

Printed in works (Sparks, VIII, 366).

Dumas, C.G.F.

1779 June 5

A.L.S. 2p. XXXIX, 104.

to Benjamin Franklin

Decision of Committee appointed by the Holland Assembly to stand by the resolution in favor of unlimited convoys. Enclosing copy of a memoir [2 p.] presented by Sir J[oseph] Y[orke] to L[eurs] H[autes] P[uissances] complaining bitterly of the calumnies against England published in the Leyden Gazette and of one in especial put into the mouth of the Russian Minister, and demanding retraction and satisfaction. Arrival of M. [Conrad Alexandre] Gérard [de Rayneval]'s despatches from Philadelphia.

(In French.)

The Treasurer of Loans. Philadelphia

1779 June 5

A.L.S. LIV, 42.

to The American Commissioners.

Fra[nci]s
Hopkinson.
1p.

Notification of bills of exchange furnished to the State of Pennsylvania.

(In quadruplicate.)

Schweighauser, John D. Nantes

1779 June 5

A.L.S. 3p. LIV, 43.

to Benjamin Franklin

Account of expenditures for fitting out the frigate "Alliance" and the brig "Morris," and note of drafts drawn in discharge of those expenses.

Kéralio, Agathon Guynement, chevalier

1779 June 5

A.L.S. 1p. XIV, 157.

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to Benjamin Franklin

Is about to leave for a tour of inspection among the military schools of the kingdom; promises to keep him informed of any maritime news he may receive; sends messages from the Comtesse de Forbach to Franklin and his grandson.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

(In French.)

Chaulnes, Duc de [Circa 1779.] June 6 A.L.S. 1p. XLI, 37.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desiring to know the title of a book on the transportation of timber in the Pyrenees; promised to procure it for Mr. Vaughan.

(In French.)

Sayre, Stephen. Amsterdam 1779 June 7 A.L.S. 4p. XIV, 158.
to Benjamin Franklin

Once more requests letters of recommendation to the Governor of Martinique, Guadeloupe or Dominica. Surprised at Franklin's silence concerning the construction of a new kind of ship; is sure he can construct a ship far superior to any then in use; with a very few could render the whole British navy totally useless. Has received letters from London desiring to know how far and in what manner Franklin would give aid to Ireland; an American Commissioner needed in the matter; offers himself for the position. Lord North receives constant information of affairs in Paris, through one, Dr. Moore, an ex-clergyman and "a dirty fellow."

Ross, Jno. Paris 1779 June 7 N. in 3d P. LXXI, 32.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Sending some American papers just arrived by a vessel from Philadelphia.

Evén, ----- Bannalec 1779 June 7 A.L.S. 4p. XIV, 159.
to Benjamin Franklin

Offering his services to America; desires Franklin to procure him a passage to America; will trust to the justice of that country to establish himself.

(In French.)

**Jacques Rocquette, T.A. Elsevier, and
Frères Rocquette. Rotterdam** 1779 June 7 A.L.S. 1p. XIV, 160.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclose the two bills issued by the States of America, concerning which they desire information.

Peirce, Jeremiah. Tenterden 1779 June 8 A.L.S. 2p. XIV, 161.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

to Benjamin Franklin

A native of East Greenwich, Rhode Island; his capture by an English frigate, escape from Forton prison, enlisting on board a French cutter and his present wretched situation as a prisoner; begs Franklin to procure his exchange; enclosing certificates. [Endorsement by Mr. Thomas Viny, recommending Pierce as an honest fellow, to Franklin's kindness.]

Castrioto, Felix Antony. Lisbon

1779 June 8

A.L.S. 4p. XIV, 162.

to Benjamin Franklin

Has received no answer to his letters; such neglect is not merited by the first foreigner who undertook in public defence of America, and who made a deep impression on many people's minds by his pamphlets on the justice of the American cause; only desires the opportunity to render himself useful to America.

Bingham, William. St Pierre, Martinique

1779 June 8

A.L.S. 2p. XIV, 163.

to Benjamin Franklin

Recommending Richard Harrison, who has rendered essential service as agent for the States of Virginia and Maryland; his intention is to enter a commercial establishment at Cadiz; refers Franklin to him for a full and candid report of the situation of affairs in America.

Dumas, C.G.F.

1779 June 8

A.L. 3p. XXXIX, 105.

to Benjamin Franklin

Opinion of the Grand Facteur and M. Van Berkel as regards the enactment of the resolution granting unlimited convoys.
(In French.)

Dumas, C.G.F.

1779 June 8

A.L.S. 1p. XXXIX, 106.

to Benjamin Franklin

Sequel of Sir J[oseph] Y[orke]'s affair with the Leyden Gazette. Hopes concerning Spain.
(In French.)

Williams, Jonathan Jr.

1779 June 8

A.L.S. 1p. XXXVIII, 32.

to Benjamin Franklin

Promising to do all he can for M. Dubourg. Certain small matters of business.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Torris, John. Dunkirk 1779 June 8 A.L.S. 2p. XIV, 164.
to Benjamin Franklin

Persuaded Capt. Stephen Marchant, of the "Black Prince," to postpone his sailing until he received an answer from Franklin to his letter of the 28th ult.; the Captain, however, interprets Franklin's silence as permission to take the packets, and will sail as soon as weather permits, trusting to Franklin's assistance to have the prizes condemned to his profit.

Sayre, Stephen. Amsterdam 1779 June 9 A.L.S. 3p. XIV, 165.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the plan in his former letter relative to Ireland; assured by certain gentlemen in London that nothing is needed but a small fleet under a proper person, commissioned from America; trusts Franklin would not consider him an improper person for this business; discusses the plan in detail. Arrival of Mr. Van der Capellen in Amsterdam to sound the city with regard to America; a strong party in her favor. Desires to know if he is to receive no countenance or support from America; others are supported, after accusations, which, if true, ought to hang them.

Dumas, C.G.F. 1779 June 9 A.L.S. 1p. XXXIX, 107.
to Benjamin Franklin

Amsterdam's attitude and that of M. Van Berkel in the affair of the convoys. Rumored offers of friendship from Ireland to America. Belief that Spain's declaration is imminent. Arrival of the "Independence" from Virginia.
(In French.)

Huntington, Samuel 1779 June 9 L.S. John Jay, LIV, 45.
to Benjamin Franklin President. 2p.

In accordance with resolutions of Congress, bills of exchange have been drawn to the amount of 350,000 livres, to be expended in France for military stores. But should hopes of obtaining the supplies in the French West Indies be realized the bills will not be presented for payment. Accompanied by extracts from the minutes of Congress, attested by Cha[rle]s Thomson, Secretary, containing the resolutions (1 p.).

Noemer, Pieter (Petrus) van. ZiericzÉE 1779 May 24 L. 16p. XIV, 166.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Interest he takes in the promise that America will be a refuge for the oppressed of all the world; the determination of himself and his unfortunate companions to escape there as to a sanctuary. Recounts in detail his life and the misfortunes of his political career in Switzerland. Desires to be informed of the best city in which to settle.

(In Latin.)

Sears, David. Amsterdam to Benjamin Franklin	1779 June 10	A.L.S. 2p. XIV, 167.
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Announcing the arrival of the sloop "Independence" from Virginia, belonging to Mr. Isaac Sears and Co. of Boston; expects to return to America on this vessel and begs to be the bearer of despatches. Hears that Mr. Adams and the Marquis de la Fayette went out in the fleet of M. La Motte Picquet, but being damaged in a storm were obliged to return; hopes it is not true.

Lee, William. Frankfort to Benjamin Franklin	1779 June 10	A.L.S. 1p. LXI, 28.
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Repeats request that he endeavor to obtain from the French Ministry military stores for the State of Virginia.

Austin, Jonathan Loring. Boston to Benjamin Franklin	1779 June 10	A.L.S. 4p. XIV, 168.
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His long and fatiguing trip back to Virginia; the vessel by which he forwarded Franklin's letters to Congress was unfortunately lost or taken. Anxious to return to France, if Franklin can offer him any employment.

Austin, Jonathan Loring. Boston to Benjamin Franklin	1779 June 10	A.L.S. 6p. XIV, 168a.
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Copy of preceding with an added postscript, giving an account of the repulse of the British, on May 14th, by Gen. Moultrie at Charleston; the ravaging and burning of defenseless towns by the enemy exasperates instead of intimidating the people; its probable result.

Bek, -----. Vienna to Benjamin Franklin	1779 June 10	A.L.S. 2p. XIV, 169.
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Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Desires to find employment in America and end his days there; his studies in philosophy and jurisprudence; refers to M. de Vergennes for his character.

(In French.)

Morel, -----. Versailles to Benjamin Franklin	1779 June 10	A.L.S. 2p.	XIV, 170.
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Asks for further remuneration for his maps, having only received one louis.

(In French.)

Dubuisson, Paul-Ulrich. Paris to Benjamin Franklin	1779 June 10	A.L.S. 2p.	XIV, 171.
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Has waited to receive some acknowledgement from Franklin of a copy of his work entitled "Abrégé de la Révolution de l'Amérique Anglaise"; although his work has had a fairly flattering reception, Franklin's silence on the subject has made him regret more than once having undertaken the work; without Franklin's approval and encouragement, is determined not to enter upon another work concerning the events in America during the past year.

(In French.)

Demezauré, -----. St Malo to Benjamin Franklin	1779 June 10	A.L.S. 3p.	XIV, 172.
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Announcing the arrival of a ship from Carolina with news of the taking of Savannah by the English, who were making ready to march upon Charleston; incredible dearness of all clothing and provisions in America.

(In French.)

John de Neufville and Son. Amsterdam to Benjamin Franklin	1779 June 10	A.L.S. 2p.	XIV, 173.
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Concerning their attempt to get subscribers on the papers Franklin intrusted them with; expects the arrival shortly of M. Van der Capellen; will consult with him as to what might be done for the American cause.

Lloyd, Richard Bennett. London to Benjamin Franklin	1779 June 11	A.L.S. 1p.	XIV, 174.
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Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Has just received two letters from Maryland; encloses copies of both, and earnestly desires Franklin's advice as to the possibility of taking up the money in France.

Lovell, Langford. Antigua 1779 June 11 A.L.S. 1p. XIV, 175.
to --

Desiring a recommendation to the Governor of Dominica; since the conquest of the island, has acted in every respect as a neutral.

Dumas, C.G.F. 1779 June 11 A.L.S. 2p. XXXIX, 108.
to Benjamin Franklin

Manner in which the affair of Sir J[oseph] Y[orke] and the Leyden Gazette terminated. Arrival of letters from London consenting to Holland's commercial relations with France, provided she does not send them timber.

(In French.)

Gedike, L.F.G.E. Berlin 1779 June 11 A.L.S. 4p. LIX, 61.
to Benjamin Franklin

Wants to aid in the American cause.

Byrne, Edward. Cherbourg 1779 June 12 A.L.S. 1p. XIV, 176.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to be released from imprisonment and sent back to Philadelphia; his uncle keeps "The Sign of the Ship" in Walnut Street.

Anderson, George. Lisbon 1779 June 13 A.L.S. 3p. XIV, 177.
to Benjamin Franklin

Introduces Arnold Henry Dohrman, whose character and proceedings towards the American cause he has before described. Enclosed is a letter to the same purport addressed to Mons. Guillaume [Jno. G.] Frazer, Bordeaux.

Kendrick, John. Lisbon 1779 June 13 A.L.S. 1p. XIV, 178.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Commanded the brig "Comte d'Estaing" when it was captured by the English; put ashore on one of the islands near Spain; his subsequent arrival at Lisbon; the kindness he and his companions received from Arnold Henry Dohrman, who furnished them with clothes and money.

Lovell, James. Philadelphia 1779 June 13 A.L.S. 1p. XIV, 179.
to Benjamin Franklin

The situation of things in Congress makes him daily expectant of interesting decisions to communicate to Franklin; matters agitated but not as yet concluded respecting Franklin's commission. Enclosing a copy of a Resolution of Congress, desiring an account of the Commissioners' proceedings in M. Beaumarchais's accounts.
(In triplicate.)

Mante, Thomas. Paris 1779 June 14 A.L.S. 1p. XIV, 180.
to Benjamin Franklin

Owing to Franklin's two guineas paid to the concierge of the prison, is allowed to keep the chamber in which he is lodged; cannot describe the horrid situation from which Franklin's generosity has extricated him.

Dumas, C.G.F. 1779 June 14 A.L.S. 2p. XXXIX, 109.
to Benjamin Franklin

Fight in the Assembly over the Resolution to grant unlimited convoys; splendid part played by Amsterdam; her rival Rotterdam forced to acknowledge it also; the G[rand] P[ensionnaire] likely to regret the role he has played.
(In French.)

Honoré, André. Paris 1779 Aug. 15 A.L.S. 1p. XIV, 181.
to Benjamin Franklin

United to Franklin by the secret and powerful bonds of the brotherhood; is in great distress; his efforts to gain a livelihood; begs Franklin to assist him.
(In French)

The Board of Treasury 1779 June 15 D. 2p. LIV, 46.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Schedule of 50 sets of bills of exchange dated June 15, 1779, and payable three years later.

Berail, Peter. Cette 1779 June 15 A.L.S. 3p. XIV, 182.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desiring to represent the thirteen United States in the above harbor, either as Consul or Commissary; his present position as quay-master; desires that his son, who has learned English, may have the reversion of the said Consulship.

Bondfield, John. Bordeaux 1779 June 15 A.L.S. 1p. XIV, 183.
to Benjamin Franklin

Report received of the "Queen of France," the "Warren" and the "Ranger" having taken a small fleet of transports laden with arms and stores; the officers on board sent to Boston. Hopes the operations of Spain will cause a fall in insurances and admit of the resuming of trade with the United States.

Caffiéri, Jean Jacques 1779 June 16 A.L.S. 1p. XIV, 184.
to William Temple Franklin

Sends the two busts of Dr. Franklin; the bearer will receive the amount due on them.
(In French.)

Coffyn, Francis. Paris 1779 June 16 A.L.S. 2p. XIV, 185.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the commission, instructions and other papers for the cutter "Black Prince," commanded by Stephen Marchant and owned by Mr. John Torris; the said privateer sailed for Dunkirk on the 11th inst.

Stockton, Samuel W. Amsterdam 1779 June 17 A.L.S. 2p. XIV, 186.
to Benjamin Franklin

Expects to sail on the 26th in a small vessel bound for Philadelphia or Baltimore; promises to take the best care of any letters or despatches Franklin may entrust him with.

Pine, Joseph. Josselin 1779 June 17 A.L.S. 2p. XIV, 187.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Was a passenger on board a merchantman bound for Newfoundland, where he was captured by an American privateer; was given his freedom, only to be once more taken prisoner by a French frigate; begs Franklin to obtain his release.

Dumas, C.G.F. 1779 June 17 A.L.S. 2p. XXXIX, 110.
to Benjamin Franklin

Account of a little scene between Mr. Sayre and de N[eufville], ending in the former's leaving with a displeased air; possible harm Mr. Sayre may do.
(In French.)

Baudouin, ----- Longchamps 1779 June 17 A.L.S. 2p. XIV, 188.
to Benjamin Franklin

M. de Sartine has just heard that an American privateer ["The Black Prince"], is about to intercept the packets from Dover to Calais, and that the Captain, having communicated this project to Franklin interpreted his silence to mean consent; M. de Sartine begs Franklin to write at once to this Captain to abstain from attacking any packet from Dover to Calais.
(In French.)

Peter Vesey and others. Bouling 1779 June 17 A.L.S. 2p. XIV, 189.
Boulogne?
to Benjamin Franklin

On their way to Boston were taken prisoners by the English, and later, having obtained a passage to Halifax, they were captured by a French cutter; beg to be released from their imprisonment and suffered to go board any American ship.

Vaughan, Benjamin. London 1779 June 17 A.L. 4p. XIV, 190.
to Benjamin Franklin

In a few weeks expects to send to Franklin everything complete relative to an edition of his papers; plans to use a certain engraving of Franklin and the motto, "His country's friend, but more of human kind." Has got the preface of G[alloway]'s speech; his examination in the House; his testimony concerning the beginning of the rebellion, and also of facts relative to recruiting in England and America. Little effect produced by the Spanish manifesto; reason for this. Attitude of the English

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Ministry towards America and Ireland. Letter from Gov. F. stated to contain accounts of the difficulty America experienced in getting and supporting an army.

Alexander, Alexander John. St. Germain 1779 June 17 A.L.S. 1p. XIV, 191.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to communicate some letters which have passed between a friend of Franklin's and himself.

John de Neufville and Son. Amsterdam 1779 June 17 A.L.S. 5p. XIV, 192.
to Benjamin Franklin

Conversations held on the American cause by Messrs. Van der Capellen, Dumas and several American gentlemen. Discusses in detail the question of the loan for Congress. Hopes the conclusion of that treaty is not far off which will unite forever the twenty States in two republics.

Dumas, C.G.F. 1779 June 18 A.L.S. 1p. XXXIX, 111.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning M. de N[eufville]'s letter asking permission to apply to Congress for the title of United States Treasurer in Holland. Hopes to celebrate with Franklin the joyful anniversary of July 4th. (In French.)

De Fraÿ, Madame. Paris 1779 June 18 A.L.S. 3p. XIV, 193.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begging that the enclosed letter may be forwarded to her husband, a captain in the service of America; none of her letters have apparently reached him since his departure. (In French.)

The Treasurer of Loans. Philadelphia 1779 June 19 A.L.S. LIV, 47.
to The American Commissioners. Fra[nci]s
Hopkinson.
1p.

Notification of bills of exchange furnished to the State of New Jersey. (In quadruplicate.)

Huntington, Samuel 1779 June 19 L.S. John Jay, LIV, 48.
to Benjamin Franklin President. 1p.

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Order to pay Caron de Beaumarchais 20,000 livres, pursuant to resolutions of Congress of June 5, 1779.

Alexander, William. Dijon 1779 June 19 A.L.S. 2p. XIV, 194.
to Benjamin Franklin

Announcing the favorable termination of certain proceedings in law. The old secret of making the famous Greek fire which can destroy a fleet at a great distance; the Comte de Rostaing has made the experiment successfully.

Deux-Ponts, Marianne Camasse 1779 June 20 A.L.S. 1p. XIV, 195.
(Gamache), comtesse de Forbach and
duchesse douairière de
to Benjamin Franklin

Sending Franklin the scissors she promised him; always delighted at an opportunity to recall herself to Franklin's thoughts.
(In French.)

Wharton, Samuel. Paris 1779 June 21 A.L.S. 2p. XIV, 196.
to Benjamin Franklin

News received of Gen. Clinton's having detached 3000 men upon an expedition; Gen. Washington has apprized the Governor of Virginia of the fact, supposing the attack to be planned against that State. Concerning the capture by the Americans of a frigate with 26,000 pounds sterling worth of Indian goods on board, a seasonable and important supply for the use of the States. Size of the English fleet which is assembled at St. Helena and ready to put to sea.

Allemand, -----. Paris 1779 June 22 A.L.S. 1p. XIV, 197.
to Benjamin Franklin

Forwards Franklin the note he asked for; reproaches himself for the trouble Franklin is so willing to take in aiding him to perfect his work on canals.

(In French.)

[Appended is a note in Franklin's hand concerning canals in America.]

Magellan (Magalhaens), Jean-Hyacinthe 1779 June 22 A.L.S. 1p. XIV, 198.
de. London

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to Benjamin Franklin

Asking Franklin to obtain the release of Richard Nairne, Captain of a merchant vessel, taken by the French frigate "Flora"; Mr. Nairne's brother in London will do all in his power to aid him.

(In French.)

Dumas, C.G.F. 1779 June 22 A.L.S. 2p. XXXIX, 112.
to Benjamin Franklin

Warns him against two persons whose seal for America may do more harm than good. [M. de Neufville and the Baron de C.] Presented Messrs. [Sir John] Pringle and [Samuel W.] Stockton to the French Ambassador.

(In French.)

Wharton, Samuel. Paris [1779.] June 22 N. in 3d P. LXXI, 93.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Sends the newspaper containing the Spanish declaration of war.

Bondfield, John. Bordeaux 1779 June 22 A.L.S. 2p. XIV, 199.
to Benjamin Franklin

The union of the two fleets at Corunna leaves no longer in doubt the resolution of Spain. Arrival of an American vessel at Bilbao with many prisoners, as well as four prizes. Expects great feats from Capt. Jones. Names and dates of sailing of many vessels.

Merchant, Stephen. On board the "Black Prince." 1779 June 23 A.L.S. 5p. XIV, 200.
to Benjamin Franklin

Account of his cruise in the "Black Prince" and the prizes he captured; sends a list of the prisoners he took, and also of the men taken from him by the English; an equal number; hopes Franklin can arrange an exchange.

Holtzendorff, Louis-Casimir, baron de. Paris 1779 June 24 A.L.S. 1p. XIV, 201.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

The severe illness of young Mr. Cochran; as his father is very much esteemed by Franklin, thinks he would be grateful if a good surgeon or doctor were sent to him.

Duvivier, -----. Paris 1779 June 24 A.L.S. 2p. XIV, 202.
to Benjamin Franklin

Is called away suddenly to Havre; the bearer has not heard from his father for twenty years and desires to send him a letter; begs Franklin to give him the necessary instructions for forwarding.
(In French.)

Jenings, Edmund. Paris 1779 June 24 A.L.S. 1p. XIV, 203.
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledges Franklin's kind invitation for dinner to celebrate the anniversary of the declaration of American independency; unable to accept owing to his departure on his intended tour; will keep the day, however, in his remembrance.

De la Verdière, -----. Paris 1779 June 24 A.L.S. 1p. XIV, 204.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sends Franklin a copy of his memoir.
(In French.)

Dumas, C.G.F. 1779 June 24 A.L.S. 4p. XXXIX, 113.
to Benjamin Franklin

Effect on England and Holland of Spain's declaration. de N[eufville] too ambitious. Baron de C. busy publishing letters he received from prominent Americans; has too little power and too much rashness to be of service; loan proposed by his friend, Lieut.-Col. [J.G.] Diriks. Offered his services to the Spanish Envoy, M. Herreria. Vigorous Resolution passed in the Holland Assembly in accordance with Amsterdam's advice; sad figure cut by Sir J[oseph] Y[orke].
(In French.)

**Jacques Rocquette, T.A. Elsevier, and
Frères Rocquette.** Amsterdam 1779 June 24 A.L.S. 1p. XIV, 205.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Acknowledging Franklin's favor of the 13th inst., containing his sentiments on the two American bank notes.

Thompson, Farley and Co. Nantes 1779 June 24 A.L.S. 1p. XIII, 59.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desiring to know if Dr. Busch is still in Paris, as he has charge of some letters and papers directed to them.

Steele, Joshua. London 1779 June 25 A.L.S. 1p. XIV, 206.
to Benjamin Franklin

The political differences between their Nations cannot make him forget his affection and esteem for Franklin. Sends him forty copies of an abstract of the claim of five candidates for the premium offered by the Society [of Arts] for an invariable standard of weights and measures; makes suggestions for the distribution of these copies. Hopes that a ray of good sense will still be left to bring back peace and put a stop to miseries which degrade and disgrace them.

C-----, -----. London 1779 June 25 A.L. 2p. XLIV, 36.
to Benjamin Franklin.

Thanks Franklin for the kind reception given to his son. Wishes the detestable war was over. Assures him of the love and esteem of his friends in London.

Lloyd, Richard Bennett. London 1779 June 25 A.L.S. 1p. XIV, 207.
to Benjamin Franklin.

Places the enclosed letter in Franklin's care; Mr. Stephenson, a friend of America, is the gentleman who waited upon Franklin at Passy, eighteen months before.

Green, Jno. Bordeaux 1779 June 25 A.L.S. 2p. XIV, 208.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sailed from Philadelphia, the 2d of May, in the brigantine "Nesbitt"; captured by an English cruiser; his crew delivered up to the press-gang; made his escape and arrived in Bordeaux the preceding night; committed all his packets and letters to the sea. Before he left Philadelphia, Capt. [John Burroughs] Hopkins, of the ship "Warren." captured a rich prize bound for Georgia; believed that the British will soon evacuate that State. News received of a famine in Bermuda.

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Newenham, Sir Edward. Dunkirk 1779 June 25 A.L.S. 2p. XIV, 209.
to Benjamin Franklin.

Steps he has taken in one or two cases to have American prisoners released; wishes to prove to his countrymen in Ireland that his support of the liberties of America has been noticed by Franklin. Cannot recommend the persons who wrote to Franklin from Belfast, until he has discovered something more definite concerning their character, names and designs.

Montleger, -----. Port Louis 1779 June 25 A.L.S. 1p. XIV, 2091/2.
to Benjamin Franklin

Important affairs must have prevented Franklin from acting in the case of the Duchesse Rosnarko, who desires to obtain the amount due her son, killed on board the frigate "Reprisal" in the service of the United States.
(In French.)

Frazer, Jno G. Bordeaux 1779 June 26 A.L.S. 1p. XIV, 210.
to Benjamin Franklin

Writes on behalf of an unfortunate countryman now a prisoner at Aix in Provence; his desire to return to Virginia and render some service to his country; his account of how he was forced into the service of the English is true in every particular.

Montgomery, Robert. 1779 June 26 A.L.S. 1p. XIV, 211.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has always subscribed himself a subject of the United States, yet the day before, on a proclamation of war being made against England, he was arrested, his property seized, and his house filled with soldiers; in vain he produced his certificate and passport given him by Dr. Franklin and Mr. Lee, they obtained him no relief; writes to Franklin for further credentials, that he may be released from this distressing situation.
(In duplicate.)

Le Couteulx and Cie. Paris 1779 June 26 A.L.S. 2p. XIV, 212.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing a letter from Messrs. de la Torre; begs Franklin to recommend this firm to Congress, and give his advice as to the quickest means of obtaining justice in this affair.

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(In French.)

Arthur, Lee. Paris 1779 June 26 A.L. in 3d P. XIV, 213.
to Benjamin Franklin

Informing Franklin that he will wait upon him on the 5th of July, and asking for an authenticated copy of the letter from the Commissioners to the Comte de Vergennes, concerning the agreement with Hortalez and Co., as well as a copy of his Excellency's answer.

Bondfield, John. Bordeaux 1779 June 26 A.L.S. 1p. XIV, 214.
to Benjamin Franklin

Arrival of Capt. John Green on the 23d inst., having been captured by a privateer; disappointment and loss incident to these miscarriages. A courier from Madrid has just passed through Bordeaux on his way to Versailles.

Coffin, Alexander. Amsterdam 1779 June 28 A.L.S. 3p. XIV, 215.
to Benjamin Franklin

Indorsing in the highest terms the model of a ship contrived by Mr. Sayre, which he thinks an improvement on any ship hitherto known; advantage such ships would be to America.

Wharton, Samuel. Paris 1779 June 28 A.L.S. 1p. XIV, 216.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters from London say that the Ministry and the people are under great apprehension of an invasion, and the possible destruction of their commerce; measures the English are taking to guard against such an event.

John de Neufville and Son. Amsterdam 1779 June 28 A.L.S. 2p. XIV, 217.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the plan for a loan which they hope will meet with Franklin's approval. Arrival of the brig known as the "Amsterdam" from Boston, in reality, the fast-sailing "Gen. Arnold," commanded by Capt. [James] Ma(c)Gee.

Barbeau-Dubourg, Jacques. 1779 June 28 A.L.S. 1p. XIV, 218.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Sending Franklin's manuscript on "The Morals of Chess," of which he has retained a copy; expects to have it printed shortly in *le Journal de Paris*; hopes to follow it with a few reflections of his own on the subject.

(In French.)

Vausenville, Alexandre-Henry-Guillaume 1779 June 29 A.L.S. 1p. XIV, 219.
le Roberger de. Paris
 to Benjamin Franklin

Sending a copy of his work entitled "Essai Physico-Géometrique sur la Quadrature du Cercle."
 (In French.)

Taylor, Cradock. Aix 1779 June 29 A.L.S. 1p. XIV, 220.
 to Benjamin Franklin

Was pressed into the British navy against his will; desires Franklin to obtain his release from prison, that he may return to America, his native country.

Gillon, Alexander. Nantes 1779 June 29 A.L.S. 4p. XIV, 221.
 to Benjamin Franklin

Urging Franklin to allow the fleet, fitted out at l'Orient, to proceed to the relief of South Carolina. Lays before Franklin his scheme to raise 1,800,000 livres by subscription throughout France for the purchase of certain frigates and supplies for South Carolina.

Newenham, Sir Edward. Calais 1779 June 29 A.L.S. 1p. XIV, 222.
 to Benjamin Franklin

Entreating Franklin to obtain another pass from His Majesty, as a protection against any of his privateers, on his passage from England to Ireland; the former pass is out of date and useless.

Hartley, David. London 1779 June 29 A.L.S. 4p. XIV, 223.
 to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the negotiation for peace lately set on foot; his own position as mediator; some recent events which may delay the proposed treaty for some time; reasons why he considers Spain's manifesto can make no difference in the grounds of this negotiation; his view of what America's

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policy should be towards France and Spain, in case of an opportunity arising for her to enter into a ten years' neutrality with Great Britain.

(Copy.)

Bondfield, John. Bordeaux to Benjamin Franklin	1779 June 29	A.L.S. 1p.	XIV, 224.
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Advising Franklin that he has drawn upon him for several sums which he begs him to honor. The Spanish fleet prevented from leaving port by contrary winds.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. to Benjamin Franklin	1779 June 29	A.L.S. 1p.	XXXVIII, 33.
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Has at length obtained a number of auditors to examine his accounts.

Montfort de Prat, "Comte" Julius de. Passy to Benjamin Franklin	1779 June 30	A.L.S. 1p.	XIV, 225.
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Accepting with pleasure Franklin's kind invitation to celebrate with him the anniversary of "our glorious independence."

(In French.)

Guinot, ----- ?. Paris to Benjamin Franklin	1779 June 30	A.L.S. 1p.	XIV, 226.
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Is the bearer of a bill drawn on Franklin for a small amount.

(In French.)

Torris, John. Dunkirk to Benjamin Franklin	1779 June 30	L.S. 3p.	XIV, 227.
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Sending Franklin an account of the cruise of the "Black Prince," Capt. Stephen Marchant; desires to know what is to be done with the twenty-one prisoners Capt. M. put on shore, as well as his orders concerning the ransomed brig. Sent Capt. Marchant Franklin's directions about the packet boats. Has sent one of his clerks express to Morlaix to attend to the cutters and their prizes.

Dumas, C.G.F. to Benjamin Franklin	1779 June 30	A.L.S. 1p.	XXXIX, 114.
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de N[eufville] presisting in his ambitious schemes ; disapproves of conferring on him the eminent powers he demands. Conversation held with the Baron de C.

Huntington, Samuel to Benjamin Franklin	1779 June	A.L.S. John XIV, 228. Jay, President. 1p.
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Enclosing Acts of Congress of the 5th and 18th inst. respecting bills of exchange in favor of M. Beaumarchais ; Congress earnestly disposed to make him this payment ; would gladly have done it in produce had not the state of the finances and the hazardous navigation rendered it impracticable. Flatter themselves that Franklin will be able to discharge the drafts with punctuality.

Dehez, Bernard to Benjamin Franklin	1779 July 23 1779 July 1	L. 2p. LIV, 51.
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Quotes terms of decree by the King of Spain whereby all vessels having merchandise on board belonging to the King's enemies may be seized, brought into a Spanish port and merchandise confiscated. Asserts that according to this decree Capt. Conyngham's seizure of the French brigantine "Le Gracieux" from Cadiz, with cargo on board consigned to London, was lawful. Protest made by Spain against the seizure. Calls Franklin's attention to several points of the case.
(In French.)

Hay, John Jr. Passy to Benjamin Franklin	1779 July 1	A.L.S. 3p. XV, 1.
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The persons in the expedition, to which Franklin has granted his protection, are anxious to know what port in America would be the safest for them to land; their intention is to settle in Pennsylvania, but, to avoid the danger of British cruisers, they would make for any other port north or south of the Delaware.

Jones, Capt. John Paul. "Bon Homme Richard" to Benjamin Franklin	1779 July 1	A.L.S. 3p. XV, 2.
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Movements of the American squadron under his command. Disappointed in the sailing powers of the "Bon Homme Richard"; even the "Pallas" sails faster; believes if the Court would give the ship which

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they at first offered, it would be possible to make a useful and honorable cruise with the force now under his command.

Grand, Ferdinand
to Benjamin Franklin

[1779?] July 1

L. in 3d P. 1p. XLIII, 183.

Regrets to be unable to accept Dr. Franklin's invitation to celebrate Independence Day with him.
(In French.)

Williams, Jonathan Jr.
to Benjamin Franklin

1779 July 1

A.L.S. 2p. XXXVIII, 34.

His trial fixed for the following day at nine o'clock; begs for a certain paper, the absence of which may cause a delay.

Williams, Jonathan Jr.
to Benjamin Franklin

1779 July 2

A.L.S. 3p. XXXVIII, 35.

Concerning his trial, which goes on very well; expects to come out of it without a stain, and, he trusts, with honor and applause; Commodore Gillon chosen to fill Mr. Schweighauser's place; the gentlemen have agreed to inform Mr. Lee that they are sitting in order that he may have every opportunity to support his charges.

Antonio Francesco Salucci et fils .
Leghorn

1779 July 2

L.S. 1p. XV, 3.

to Benjamin Franklin

Very unfortunate in their expedition to North America; "La Prosperità" and cargo taken near Chesapeake Bay on April 20 by two sloops of war of New York; begs Franklin to send their unhappy Captain Bettoja the enclosed letters and to recommend him to some person in Virginia who may help him.

Frazer, Jno G. Bordeaux
to Benjamin Franklin

1779 July 2

A.L.S. 1p. XV, 4.

Enclosing a letter from George Anderson, of Virginia, who was captured in a vessel of his own and carried to Lisbon; there he was treated with the greatest kindness by the bearer, Mr. Arnold Henry

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Dohrman, a friend to all unfortunate Americans; any civility Franklin may show him is well merited and will be deeply appreciated by himself.

James Hopkins and James Corrick. Vitry 1779 July 2 A.L.S. 1p. XV, 5.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desire to be released from their parole and allowed to go on board one of the vessels bound for America; able to act in any capacity on board ship.

Lloyd, Richard Bennett. London 1779 July 2 A.L.S. 4p. XV, 6.
to Benjamin Franklin

Franklin the only person who can put him in the way of getting his remittances in the manner decided upon by his friends in America. Desires some information concerning le Chevalier Milford, who did not succeed in getting a commission in the American army.

Gourlade and Moylan. L'Orient 1779 July 2 A.L.S. 2p. XV, 7.
to Benjamin Franklin

Transcribes a letter received from Capt. John Green with an account of his having been captured by cutter and carried into Falmouth; his subsequent arrival at Bordeaux; news from America; prizes taken by the "Warren," "Queen of France" and "Ranger"; British will soon be forced to leave Georgia.

Torris, John. Dunkirk 1779 July 2 A.L.S. 2p. XV, 8.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has just received from Stephen Marchant a list of his prisoners delivered at Morlaix, with an equal number of his own men who he believes have fallen into the hands of the English; encloses Mr. Marchant's letter and warmly seconds his request for an exchange; recommends that everything be done to enable the "Black Prince" to continue her cruise.

Jones, Capt. John Paul. L'Orient 1779 July 2 A.L.S. 3p. XV, 9.
to Benjamin Franklin

Arrival of the "Alliance" and the "Pallas." Question whether Capt. Landais's prize is valid or not. Repairs needed for the ships.

Bondfield, John. Bordeaux 1779 July 2 A.L.S. 2p. XV, 10.

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Introducing Mr. Dohrman of Lisbon, whose distinguished conduct in favor of the Americans is well known.

Becker and Saltzmann. Berlin

1779 July 3

A.L.S. 1p. XV, 11.

to Benjamin Franklin

Has sent Franklin a packet containing certain articles of clothing for soldier; hope they may receive an order for these articles at a modest price.

(In French.)

Diterich, Johann Matthias. Berlin

1779 July 3

A.L.S. 3p. LIX, 36.

to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning a lottery. Requests Dr. Franklin either personally or through M. de Necker to take five or six thousand lots. Accompanied by printed plan of lottery of Prince z# Anhalt Zerbst.

Gridley, Joseph. Nantes

1779 July 3

A.L.S. 1p. XV, 12.

to Benjamin Franklin

A small vessel bound for Philadelphia and waiting at Nantes only for her despatches and papers from the Minister of the Marine; will answer for the fidelity of the Captain, if Franklin cares to send any despatches to America.

Vignerou, -----, Beauvoir-sur-mer

1779 July 4

A.L.S. 3p. XV, 13.

to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to emigrate to America with his family; wishes to cultivate a tract of land there; stipulates that it should bear his name.

(In French.)

Moffett, David. Vitry

1779 July 4

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

to Benjamin Franklin

Is an American in a French prison; begs Franklin to procure his discharge and passage to his home in Boston.

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Chaulnes, Duc de 1779 July 4 N. in 3d P. LXXI, 124.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Forwards a letter which he has received for him from Benjamin Vaughan.

Jones, Capt. John Paul. "Bon Homme Richard" 1779 July 4 A.L.S. 3p. XV, 15.
to Benjamin Franklin

Complains that their ships are unable to overtake privateers; anxious to put to the trial a plan of his, which, however, could not succeed without troops; would have carried out this scheme, had the Marquis [de la Fayette] embarked with him. Alterations he would like to make in the "Bon Homme Richard" and the "Pallas." Cannot forego all hopes of commanding the ship in Holland originally offered him by the Court; leaves it to Franklin's discretion whether or not to mention these hopes to the Minister: Has saluted the sun both morning and evening; hopes this will be done, to the latest posterity, wherever the flag of freedom is displayed.

Davison, Samuel. Masterland, Sweden 1779 July 5 A.L.S. 1p. XV, 16.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sailed from Norfolk the 1st of May with the sloop "Phoenix"; was obliged to leave without a commission, the Governor of Virginia not having any blanks from Congress by him at the time; begs Franklin to send him a commission.

Kentisbear, William. Aix 1779 July 5 A.L.S. 2p. XV, 17.
to Benjamin Franklin

Writes on his own and a fellow-prisoner's behalf to beg Franklin to procure their discharge and enable them to secure a passage on board some American frigate, as they are both natives of America.

Walsh, John. Vitry 1779 July 5 XV, 18.
to Benjamin Franklin

Wrote in June to request that he and four of his men might obtain permission to return to England, and promised to use his endeavors to have as many Americans exchanged in their places; hopes

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Franklin's silence is not due to anything Mr. Riou may have said against him. Encloses a letter of John Paul Jones to show what good terms he has been on with that gentleman.

Sargét, Petre. La Rochelle 1779 July 6 A.L.S. 3p. XV, 19.
to Benjamin Franklin

Left New Orleans 20th of April and arrived at La Rochelle 19th of June. Account of the capture of Vincennes [Indiana] first by one side and then by the other. Number of skins purchased from the Indians by Col. George [Rogers] Clark; letter of exchange in which the writer was concerned. (In French.)

Eckstrom, Pierre. Marstrand 1779 July 6 A.L.S. 2p. XV, 20.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing a letter from Capt. Samuel Davison; if Franklin will send him the papers the Captain desires, he will deliver them safely. (In French.)

Hay, John Jr. Dunkirk 1779 July 6 A.L.S. 5p. XV, 21.
to Benjamin Franklin

The expedition which is to leave Ireland for America; advisability of mentioning it in his public despatches to Congress. His views on the political situation of England, Ireland and America; will inform Franklin of the date of sailing of the expedition, whenever that is decided upon.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1779 July 6 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVIII, 36.
to Benjamin Franklin

Transmitting a letter from his arbitrators, to be delivered into Mr. Lee's hand, and a certificate of its delivery to be returned.

Bessel, Frederic Guillaume, baron de. 1779 July 6 A.L.S. 2p. XV, 22.
Hannover
to Benjamin Franklin

His military services to the King of Prussia; the two works he has published relative to his profession. Begs Franklin to recommend him to Congress and to Gen. Washington, in order that he may obtain a suitable position in the American army.

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(In French.)

Montgomery, Robert. 1779 July 6 A.L.S. 1p. XV, 23.
to Benjamin Franklin

On the 26th ult., wrote Franklin of his ill treatment and arrest, notwithstanding he showed his certificate and passport given him by the Plenipotentiaries of the United States; however, on his representing the facts to the Minister of War at Madrid, his grievances were redressed with all honor and expedition.

Vaughan, Benjamin. London 1779 July 6 L. 2p. XV, 24.
to Benjamin Franklin

Franklin's paper on the "Aurora" has been a good deal controverted, which has lead him to make great exertions. Death of Henly. Comparison between air at the height of forty feet and that at the pole; the former 10,000 times rarer.

Laneville, Gen. Chevalier de 1779 July 7 A.L.S. 1p. XV, 25.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has only just received Franklin's invitation to celebrate with him the American independence; greatly sensible of the honor done him and as keenly disappointed at having been unable to drink to the thirteen United States of America.

(In French.)

Collins, Charles. Pembroke Prison 1779 July 8 A.L.S. 2p. XV, 26.
to Benjamin Franklin

Writes on behalf of himself and the other American prisoners in Pembroke, who desire to be released from their present confinement, but if this be impossible, they ask for some clothing, as they are reduced to absolute nakedness.

Lee, Arthur. Paris 1779 July 8 A.L.S. 2p. XV, 27.
to Benjamin Franklin

Informed by his brother in Germany that Franklin declared he knew three different merchants who were ready to supply the wants of Virginia at the time of Capt. Le Maire's visit; desires the names

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and addresses of these merchants as well as the terms on which they proposed to supply Virginia's demands.

The Continental Congress, Committee of Foreign Affairs. Philadelphia to Benjamin Franklin	1779 July 9	A.L.S. James XV, 28. Lovell 1p. 1st and 3d copies.
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Sends Franklin some Journals and Gazettes and letters and a complete set of the Journal [of Congress] as far as printed.

Wharton, Samuel. Paris to Benjamin Franklin	1779 July 9	A.L.S. 1p. XV, 29.
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Enclosing the London Packet, containing a part of Mr. Galloway's extraordinary evidence. News received of Sir Charles Hardy having sailed out of the Channel with 31 sail of the line.

Jones, Capt. John Paul. "Bon Homme Richard" to Benjamin Franklin	1779 July 9	A.L.S. 4p. XV, 30.
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Complains of the lack of discretion shown by M. de ----- and the trouble which will arise from such a communicative disposition. Thinks the necessary repairs will not interfere with the execution of Franklin's orders. Desires to know how far he may use his own judgement in dealing with the enemy. The illness of the officer chiefly concerned is the reason for delaying the Court of Inquiry. Is opposed to M. de Chaumont's suggestion to send the "Pallas" and "Vengeance" cruising after privateers until the "Bon Homme Richard" and "Alliance" are ready for service; his reasons.

Antes, John. Grand Cairo to Benjamin Franklin	1779 July 10	L.S. 4p. XV, 31.
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Sends Franklin a copy of six quartettes which he lately composed for the use of the Harmonical Society of Bengal; his success in the watch-making trade. Belongs to the Society of United Brethren who have a missionary post in Egypt; their religious scruples against bearing arms; hardships they have suffered on this account since the independency of the Colonies; asks Franklin's influence on their behalf.

Hare, J. Venice to Benjamin Franklin	1779 July 10	A.L.S. 1p. XV, 32.
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If he could get to America at a moderate cost, would summon up sufficient resolution to transport himself and his whole family thither; possibility of Franklin's furnishing him with a consulship in Spain, Italy or Sicily.

Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves, marquis de, 1757-1834 1779 July 12 A.L.S. 4p. XV, 38.

to Benjamin Franklin

The delight he experiences in seeing himself in the midst of warlike preparations against England; prophesies great results from their expedition; strength of the army at their disposal; believes the Ministry to be in earnest. Chances of success should Gibraltar be besieged or Jamaica attacked. Laments the situation of Virginia, a prey to the low, pillaging war carried on by the enemy; desires news of that beloved country and of his dearest friend, General Washington. Wishes Spain would declare for independency and send a frigate to Boston. Though pleased with the present expedition, will gladly return to America, whenever he can be of more use by going there than remaining where he is.

Jones, Capt. John Paul. L'Orient 1779 July 12 A.L.S. 2p. XV, 39.

to Benjamin Franklin

Repairs needed on the "Bon Homme Richard"; in obedience to a request of M. de Sartine, the "Pallas," "Cerf," and "Vengeance" have gone on a short cruise until the "Bon Homme Richard" and "Alliance" are once more ready for service; the "Bon Homme Richard" too old to admit of the necessary alterations; wishes to render himself worthy of a better and faster sailing ship; suggestions for strengthening his little force.

La Croix, ----- de 1779 July 13 A.L.S. 1p. XV, 40.

to Benjamin Franklin

Desiring to know when Franklin will be able to grant him a short interview.
(In French.)

Sabardin, —, baron de. Near Verdun 1779 July 13 A.L.S. 2p. XV, 40 1/2.

to Benjamin Franklin

Desiring to enter the American army; with a rank not lower than Lieutenant-Colonel.

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(In French.)

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1779 July 13 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVIII, 37.
to Benjamin Franklin

Franklin's letter of the 9th inst. concerning insults offered to the Spanish flag by three American vessels of war, the "Resolution," "Plymouth" and "Little Resolution," said to have sailed from Nantes; never heard of the existence of any American war vessels with those names; believes the English cruizers under the flag of the United States, have boarded Spanish vessels, in order to blacken the character of American ships; will look into the matter carefully.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1779 July 13 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVIII, 38.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sending an answer to the letter of Mr. A. I. A., forwarded him by Franklin.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1779 July 13 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVIII, 39.
to Benjamin Franklin

Arrival on the 10th inst. of the "General Mifflin"; account of three prizes taken by her; number of prisoners.

Dumas, C.G.F. 1779 July 13 A.L.S. 2p. XXXIX, 115.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letter from M. Van Berkel, returning the plan of the proposed treaty between America and Holland, assuring him of Amsterdam's approval and suggesting slight changes.

(In French.)

Brig, John. Aix 1779 July 15 A.L.S. 1p. XV, 41.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begging Franklin to obtain him his liberty and a pass to go to Bordeaux and embark on one of the frigates there, which are being fitted out in the American service; has been master of a ship out of Philadelphia for fifteen years; well known to Mr. Conyngham.

Wernier, Hartsinck and Wernier. 1779 July 15 A.L.S. 4p. XV, 42.
Amsterdam
to Benjamin Franklin

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Desire to enter into commercial relations with America.

Bondfield, John. Bordeaux to Benjamin Franklin	1779 July 15	A.L.S. 2p. XV, 43.
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Arrival of various vessels; prizes taken by the frigates with M. d'Orvilliers; a few more favorable circumstances, and trade will be reviving.

The Continental Congress, Committee on Foreign Affairs. Philadelphia to Benjamin Franklin	1779 July 16	A.L.S. James XV, 44. Lovell. 3p.
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The Minister from France reports that Dr. Franklin's appointment has given high satisfaction to his Court and the Committee is encouraged to expect proofs of its most confidential reliance upon your character. They have not had a line from Dr. Franklin of this year's date. Unfortunate that they did not get the information of Mr. Lee earlier respecting the enemy's design against Connecticut. Will no one under a commission from these United States retaliate on this coasts of England for the burning of beautiful Fairfield? A single privateer might show there a striking sample of the species of war now carried on by Britain against America.

Nicholas Randle and others prisoners to Benjamin Franklin	1779 July 16	D.S. 3p. XV, 45 and 50.
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Subjects of George III, taken prisoners by the "Black Prince," and granted their discharge on condition that they answer to their names in the expected exchange of prisoners.

Cadet de Vaux, Antoine-Alexis. Paris to Benjamin Franklin	1779 July 17	A.L.S. 1p. XV, 47.
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Concerning an account, published by him in Le Journal de Paris, connected with the Mazarin College; obtained M. Dubourg's consent to introduce some things relative to Franklin.
(In French.)

George Lawder and others to Benjamin Franklin	1779 July 17	D.S. 2p. XV, 48.
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Parole. Subjects of George III, taken prisoners by the "Black Prince," and granted their discharge on condition that they answer to their names in the expected exchange of prisoners.

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St Suice, ----- Passy 1779 July 18 A.L.S. 1p. XV, 49.
to Benjamin Franklin

Hopes Franklin will accept the enclosed couplet in his honor.
(In French.)

Pellegrini, Joseph. Vienna 1779 July 19 A.L.S. 2p. XV, 52.
to Benjamin Franklin

Graduated in medicine at the University of Vienna; had planned to go to America with his fellow-student, Kaufmann, a native of Philadelphia, whose untimely death put on end to these hopes; wishes to know if Franklin can procure him a passage to Philadelphia.
(In French.)

Williams, Jonathan Jr. Nantes 1779 July 20 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVIII, 40.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing Franklin a copy of Arthur Lee's answer to the arbitrators.(XXXVIII, 40a.)

Hill, Samuel. Carhaix 1779 July 20 A.L.S. 2p. XV, 53.
to Benjamin Franklin

Surgeon on the "Drake" when she was taken by the "Ranger"; begs permission to return to his native country.

Bingham, William. St Pierre, Martinique 1779 July 20 A.L.S. 4p. XV, 54.
to Benjamin Franklin

Account of Count d'Estaing's conquest of the island of Grenada and his successful encounter with Lord Byron's fleet; regrets that circumstances prevent the French from attacking St. Kitts; the importance of such an acquisition; what the loss of the West Indies must mean to England; the attitude of Great Britain, the disposition of her troops, etc.; believes, should the war continue, that the West Indies will become a busy theatre of action.

Amcaga, M. d' [L. in 3d P. 1p.XLIII, 125.
to Benjamin Franklin

Inquiring if he will dine at home on the following Sunday and if he can see him.

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(In French.)

de Fontfrede, -----. Clermont-Ferrand 1779 July 21 A.L.S. 2p. XV, 55.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires news of his son, who embarked for America under the command of de Coudray; begs Franklin to find out if he still lives.

(In French.)

Gursch, Theodore. Paris 1779 July 21 A.L.S. 3p. XV, 56.
to Benjamin Franklin

His service in the armies of the King of Prussia; anxious to offer his services to the United States.

(In French.)

Thompson, James. Brest 1779 July 22 A.L.S. 1p. XV, 57.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has sent, by Captian Carey, all the letters he brought from Boston; expects to sail for home on the 5th of August, in case Franklin should have any commissions to entrust him with.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1779 July 22 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVIII, 42.
to Benjamin Franklin

Furnishing proof that the privateers complained of by the Spanish Court were not Americans.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1779 July 22 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVIII, 43.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the exchange of American prisoners for those captured by the "General Mifflin."

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1779 July 22 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVIII, 44.
to Benjamin Franklin

Slow progress of his trial; effort of Mr. Lee, by throwing doubt on the Court's authority, to put a stop to the examination; will carry the decision to Franklin in person.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1779 July 22 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVIII, 45.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Introducing Capt. Foligny, who has just returned from the West Indies, and will be able to give him an account of the naval operations in that part of the world.

Cavallier, -----. **Palermo** 1779 July 22 A.L.S. 4p. XV, 58.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to give up his prosperous career as a merchant to become a citizen of America and cultivate a little corner of the earth. His friend, T.T.S. Nicoud, also desires to become an American citizen and writes a line to that effect.

(In French.)

Brillon, Mme [1779.] July 22 A.L. 1p. XLIII, 27.
to Benjamin Franklin

Postponing a visit to Franklin. Invites him to luncheon on Saturday and promises to dine with him the following day.

(In French.)

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Becker and Saltzmann. **Berlin** 1779 July 23 A.L.S. 2p. XV, 59.
to Benjamin Franklin

Offering uniforms and other articles needed in times of war.

(In French.)

Martin, Pierre. **Livourne** 1779 July 23 A.L.S. 3p. XV, 60.
to Benjamin Franklin

Believes that Franklin is not ignorant of his family and of their possessions on the other side of the Atlantic; is convinced that the Americans will be ready to restore to the innocent heirs the lands so unjustly seized by the English; if he could count on Franklin's protection and his intercession with Congress, he would embark at once for America.

(In French.)

Dehez, Bernard. **Saint Sebastien** 1779 July 23 A.L.S. 4p. XV, 61.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Concerning the capture by Capt. Conyngham of a French vessel from London, laden with English merchandise; the legal process which ensued; authority invested in him by Capt. Conyngham to defend his side of the case; desires the necessary funds to enable him to see the affair through.
(In French.)

Duchemin, Daniel. Amiens 1779 July 23 A.L.S. 1p. XV, 62.
to Benjamin Franklin

At present with his family; unable to accept Franklin's invitation to stay with him, as he is suffering with rheumatism, the result of a wound; has decided not to return to America; begs Franklin to procure for him the sums due him.
(In French.)

de la Coupe, Pillat. Paris 1779 July 23 A.L.S. 1p. XV, 63.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begs him to send the seven bills of exchange forwarded by M. Grand for his acceptance.
(In French.)

Lalande, Joseph-Jérôme Le François de, and Barbeau-Dubourg. Paris 1779 July 23 A.L.S. 1p. XV, 64.
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing M. des Raggi, who desires to go to America, and establish a business there. Sorry that the "Lodge of the Nine Sisters" will not be able this year to have their celebration at Passy.
[Note from M. Dubourg at the close of the above letter, endorsing the recommendation and asking Franklin to procure him if possible a free passage.]
(In French.)

Wagner, Philippe. Dunkirk 1779 July 23 L.S. 3p. XV, 65.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desiring an advance of twenty louis to enable him to pay his expenses to America.
(In French.)

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1779 July 24 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVIII, 46.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Writes on behalf of the unfortunate American prisoners, recently exchanged; Capt. Babcock willing to give them all ship room, provided they are supplied with clothes, provisions and necessaries.

Bondfield, John. Bordeaux 1779 July 24 A.L.S. 5p. XV, 66.
to Benjamin Franklin

Outlining the details of a business venture concerning the vessel "La Marquise de Lafayette," which, though bought by the French Government was equipped out of their capital; thinks M. Ray de Chaumont might be able to help him recover the sum, if Franklin should ask his influence in the matter; enclosing an account of the affair in French, addressed to M. de Sartine.

Marchant, Capt. Stephen. On board the "Black Prince," Morlaix Road 1779 July 25 A.L.S. 2p. XV, 67.
to Benjamin Franklin

His cruise, since setting sail on the 15th inst.; number of sloops and brigs sunk, ransomed and sent to France; number of prisoners brought in; apologizes for their fewness, owing to his lack of men.

Wharton, Samuel. Paris 1779? July 25 A.L.S. 1p. XV, 68.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing parts of the Ledger, which may perhaps contain some news; also a letter from a gentleman of good connection and information in London.

Jones, Capt. John Paul. L'Orient 1779 July 25 A.L.S. 1p. XV, 69.
to Benjamin Franklin

Glad to have his authority increased, as it widens his chances of successful enterprises. Promises to send Franklin a cipher for private correspondence; desires that further orders may be sent to the port of his destination by the middle of September.

Blittenberg, —. Paris 1779 July 26 A.L.S. 2p. XV, 70.
to Benjamin Franklin

Writes on behalf of his friend, Lewis Dupré who was captured by the English and confined in the prison at Gosport; his subsequent release and safe arrival at Paris.

Jacques Rocquette, T.A. Elsevier, and Frères Rocquette. Paris 1779 July 26 A.L.S. 1p. XV, 71.

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Enclosing a parcel just received from St. Eustatia, also a letter for Mr. Arthur Lee.

Rayneval, Joseph Gérard de 1779 July 26 A.L.S. 1p. XV, 72.

to Benjamin Franklin

Begging Franklin to return him a certain letter relative to the vessel "The Three Friends"; has reason to believe it was despatched without the signature of the Comte de Vergennes.

(In French.)

Jones, Capt. John Paul. L'Orient 1779 July 26 A.L.S. 2p. XV, 73.

to Benjamin Franklin

Has received information that the Jamaica fleet will sail homewards, escorted by a fifty gun ship and two strong frigates; should they fall in with this force will certainly engage them; fears, however, that they are not strong enough to prevent the escape of the convoy; asks that the frigate "Monsieur" may be added to his force.

Austin, Jonathan Loring. Boston 1779 July 27 A.L.S. 2p. XV, 74.

to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing Mr. William Knox, of Boston, brother of General Knox, who desires to pay his respects to Franklin on his way to Holland.

Charles, Gervais. La Rochelle 1779 July 27 A.L.S. 3p. XV, 75.

to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to enter into commercial relations with the United States; begs Franklin's recommendation.

(In French.)

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1779 July 27 A.L.S. 3p. XXXVIII, 47.

to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the examination of his accounts; attitude of the arbitrators.

Raspe, Rudolph Erich. London 1779 July 27 A.L.S. 2p. XV, 76.

to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Is neither easy nor happy in a country where low ambition and the pride of kings have driven out virtue and learning; wishes to procure some work abroad.

de St Hubert, -----. Caen 1779 July 28 A.L.S. 3p. XV, 77.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begging Franklin to subscribe to his "Dictionnaire Topographique, Historique, etc., de la France"; describes the number of volumes, the plan of the work and the proposed date of its completion. (In French.)

Gellée, Nicolas-Maurice. Paris 1779 July 28 A.L.S. 2p. XV, 78.
to Benjamin Franklin

The bearer will deliver the key of the apartment he occupied in Franklin's house; has decided to quit a post which circumstances have rendered untenable, and as it would humiliate him to touch the salary, M. Didelot will return the money; apologizes for the scandal caused in Franklin's house by a rascally tailor; reasons why he refused to pay him; intends to leave that night for Berlin; omitted a personal leave-taking for fear of increasing Franklin's displeasure. (In French.)

Chaumont, Jacques-Donatien Le Ray de 1779 July 28 A.L.S. 1p. XV, 79.
to Benjamin Franklin

Thinks it will be necessary to delay the departure of the "Bon Homme Richard," in order to furnish Capt. Jones with a better crew; in this case desires Franklin to order Captain Landais to leave L'Orient at once, in the "Alliance," and cruise to the north of Scotland until the end of September. (In French.)

O'Heguerty, Peter Charles Daniel, count. 1779 Jan. 28 A.L.S. 3p. XV, 80.
Nancy
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to enter the American army. (In French.)

Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves, 1779 July 28 A.L.S. 2p. XV, 81.
marquis de, 1757-1834
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Hears that a frigate has just arrived at Brest, which may have brought news from America; begs to be informed of anything which may concern his fellow-citizens. Contradictory reports concerning Charleston; knows not what to believe; evident that Fort la Fayette is taken.

Jones, Capt. John Paul. "Bon Homme Richard" 1779 July 28 A.L.S. 2p. XV, 82.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the court-martial at present in progress; the matter of the "Bon Homme Richard" and the "Alliance" having run foul of each other not yet settled; two quartermasters before the Court, charged with conspiracy at sea; evidence strongly against them; should any person be condemned to death, will suspend the execution of the sentence until the arrival of Franklin's orders. Has sent one of his officers to Nantes in hopes of enlisting a number of Americans who arrived there in the cartel.

Diot, John. Morlaix 1779 July 28 A.L.S. 3p. XV, 147.
to Benjamin Franklin

Forwarding a journal of all the proceedings of the "Black Prince" during her cruise; account of her prizes and prisoners; begs Franklin to hasten the condemnation of the said prizes. Certificate enclosed [dated August 26, 1779] of certain English prisoners having arrived safely at the prison of Bague.

McCraken, John. Morlaix 1779 July 29 A.L.S. 3p. XV, 83.
to Benjamin Franklin

Was a passenger on board the "Dublin" when she was taken by the "Black Prince"; is now at liberty to return to Bristol; anxious to rejoin his family there and then embark with them for Pennsylvania; begs Franklin's advice and assistance; is a native of Ireland; mentions various of his relatives in America.

Williams, Jonathan Sr 1779 July 29 A.L.S. 1p. XV, 83 1/2.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning Franklin's scheme for aiding Mrs. Mecom; is willing to assist in every possible way. Introducing Col. Watson.

Miller, Joseph. Tours 1779 July 29 A.L.S. 1p. XV, 84.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Commanded the brig "Sampson" when she was taken in August, 1778, by the "Gen. Mifflin"; has been a prisoner ever since; begs that he may be allowed to return to England; never took up arms against America; was always in the merchant service.

Willams, Jonathan Sr. Boston 1779 July 29 A.L.S. 1p. XV, 84 1/2.
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing Mr. Knox, the General's brother.

Barbeu-Dubourg, Jacques. Paris 1779 July 29 A.L.S. 3p. XV, 85.
to Benjamin Franklin

At M. la Lande's request, urges Franklin to grant to M. des Raggi his protection that he may embark for America to fight for the country on sea and to serve her on land. Reminds Franklin again of M. Gregoire, a merchant of Havre, who desires a small consulship of agency in the American service. Awaits with eagerness the remainder of Franklin's works, including the "Morals of Chess"; will endeavor to use them to Franklin's satisfaction. Desires to know if he has sure intelligence of the defeat of Gen. Prevost by Gen. Lincoln.

(In French.)

Keay, -----. Paris [1779.] July 29 L. in 3d P. 1p. XL, 193.
to Benjamin Franklin

Returning the History of Welsh Poetry, with thanks. Illness of Mme. de Cheminot prevented their waiting on Franklin together.

Temple, E. Boston 1779 July 30 A.L.S. 1p. XV, 86.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desiring Franklin to add the necessary address to the enclosed letter and forward it to Mr. [John] Temple.

Lavaysse and Co. L'Orient 1779 July 30 A.L.S. 2p. XV, 87.
to Benjamin Franklin

Asking that the commander of the "Alliance" be made to return the ship "The Three Friends," of Dublin, to her owners, together with her cargo in good condition, and also indemnify them for the loss caused by this delay.

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(In French.)

de Grasslang, Godt. Paris 1779 July 30 A.L.S. 2p. XV, 88.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sending a proposition from one of the Swiss cantons to establish a settlement in America; desires to wait upon Franklin and explain the details.

(In French.)

Vaughan, Benjamin. London 1779 July 30 A.L. 3p. XV, 89.
to Benjamin Franklin

Editing of Franklin's works; believes Franklin will not be displeased with what follows his "Aurora Borealis." Desires to know if the Due de Chaulnes ever showed him a letter out of the "Public Advertiser," signed A. B. upon the subject of Wilson's Experiments; the paper contained novelties as well as errors. Sorry to say that Mr. Henly cut his throat; he died in good circumstances. Wishes to know if Franklin wrote a piece on Liberty and Necessity in 1729 or 1739, with a dedication to Truth. People in England refuse to be frightened by the bugbear of an invasion.

The Navy Board, Eastern Department. 1779 July 30 A.L.S. LIV, 54.
Boston W[illia]m
to Benjamin Franklin Vernon,
Pres[iden]t.
1p.

Notice that Samuel [Simon?] Samson, Captain of the "Mercury" packet boat, has been commissioned to carry dispatches to France.

Coffyn, Francis. Dunkirk 1779 Aug. 30 A.L.S. 4p. XV, 90.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the prizes taken by Capt. Marchant of the "Black Prince" and their disposition; trouble caused by the delay in their condemnation; the owners so pleased with the execution wrought by this vessel, that they intend to fit out a companion cutter called the "Black Princess," for which they desire a commission.

Jones, Capt. John Paul. L'Orient 1779 July 30 A.L.S. 1p. XV, 91.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

The Irish brigantine the "Three Friends," taken by the "Alliance," has sunk at her anchors; if the accident arose from carelessness, a courtmartial shall determine what punishment to inflict; in case it is death, he will execute the sentence at sea. The "Bon Homme Richard " only lacks one hundred men to be completely ready for sea.

Landais, Capt. Pierre. L'Orient 1779 July 30 A.L.S. 1p. XV, 92.
to Benjamin Franklin

The prize, "The Three Friends," has lately sunk in the harbor; they have obtained permission from the Admiralty to unload her cargo; cause of the accident not yet discovered.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1779 July 31 A.L.S. 3p. XXXVIII, 50.
to Benjamin Franklin

Arrival of Capt. Thompson from Boston with the following news: Battle in Carolina on May 17th; the English put to flight; number of dead and wounded; return to New York of the English who had been ravaging Virginia; the American frigates, "Ranger," "Providence," and "Queen of France" sailed the beginning of June to cruise off the entrance to the Chesapeake.

Le Breton de la Loutière, abbé —. Paris 1779 July 31 A.L.S. 2p. XV, 94.
to Benjamin Franklin

Asking permission to present Franklin with his little work on the present war.
(In French.)

Lucas, Henry. Cherbourg 1779 July --- A.L.S. 2p. XV, 93.
to Benjamin Franklin

Is a Virginian by birth and was serving as officer on board the brig "Betsey" from Baltimore, when she was taken by the English; his subsequent escape and arrival in France, where, through the kindness of a M. Drouet, he embarked on board a French privateer; M. Drouet offers to join him in the purchase of a privateer, to be called the "Happy Alliance"; waits only for a commission from Franklin to take command of it under the American flag and proceed against the enemy. Enclosing an account of the proposed transaction, written in French by M. Drouet.

Le Roy, Jean Baptiste [1779 after July 28] A.N. 1p. LXXI, 80a.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Inquiring if it is true that Franklin has parted with M. Gellée, his secretary, and if he requires one to replace him.

John de Neufville and Son [1779] July? A.L.S. 3p. XL, 149.
to Benjamin Franklin

Their worthy friend, M. Dumas, the bearer of this letter; saw the plan of which he was the bearer; glad to defer to his intercession as regards the proposed loan.

Petrie, S. Paris 1779 August 1 L. in 3d P. 1p.XV, 95.
to Benjamin Franklin

Is about to set forth with two friends on a tour through Flanders; begs Franklin to favor them with a pass.

Memorandum inserted that Mr. Wharton told Dr. Franklin on August 5th that Mr. Petrie had gone to meet William Lee.

St. Firmin, — de. Paris 1779 August 2 A.L.S. 2p. XV, 96.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has received a commission as first lieutenant of volunteers on board the "Brave Normand" with the understanding that he was to join his troop at Caen; an illness of fifteen days has absorbed all his little money and he desires a loan to enable him to reach Caen before the ship sails.
(In French.)

Chaumont, Jacques-Donatien Le Ray de . 1779 August 2 A.L.S. 1p. XV, 97.
L'Orient
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the expulsion of the English from the "Bon Homme Richard" and the substitution of Americans and Portuguese; if Franklin has any orders for Capt. Jones, desires him to send them at once.
(In French.)

Palmer, I. Germantown 1779 August 3 A.L.S. 2p. XV, 98.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Has just heard of Mr. Adams's arrival in Boston, and also that the fleet and army sent to Penobscot to dislodge the enemy had captured seven or eight hundred land forces, six or eight men-of-war and had driven the enemy up the river. This letter will be handed Franklin by the writer's nephew, Joseph Palmer, who, having finished his studies at Harvard College, is returning to his father, near Plymouth, in England; begs Franklin to advise the young man in all things necessary for his passage to Plymouth.

-----, -----, **Brussels**
to Benjamin Franklin

1779 August 3

A.L. 4p.

XLIV, 38.

Thinking of settling in Pennsylvania. Could bring many good colonists, artisans and farmers from the country about Liege. Wishes to know what advantages would be offered to them and how they would be provided for on the journey and on their arrival.

(In French.)

Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves,
marquis de, 1757-1834
to Benjamin Franklin

1779 August 3

A.L.S. 2p.

XV, 99.

Hears that Gen. Knox's brother is expected shortly in France; hopes Franklin will direct him to his (la Fayette's) address. Rumor of Gen. Washington's army being very strong, and of Gen. Sullivan's having gone into Canada; would be glad to have this report confirmed. They are now ready to embark, but M. d'Orvillier's fleet has not yet been heard of.

Taylor, Cradock. Aix
to Benjamin Franklin

1779 August 4

A.L.S. 1p.

XV, 100.

Hard that he should be kept a prisoner in France when he is a native of Virginia and a subject of the United States; would never have gone on board a British sloop of war, had he not been betrayed into it by the showing of the American colors; begs for an early answer.

Brice?, John. Aix
to Benjamin Franklin

1779 August 4

A.L.S. 2p.

XV, 101.

Writes again to beg Franklin to procure him his liberty, that he may use it in defense of his country.

Auer, M Deacon. Ebingen near
Bahlingen, Württemberg

1779 August 4

A.L.S. 2p.

LIX, 35.

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to Benjamin Franklin

States that son of widow Anne Catharine Höcklerin went to Pennsylvania and worked for her brother-in-law, Christian Schneider, a tanner in Germantown, and saved some money. Her son died three year ago. Schneider desires to send her the money he left, but fears for its safety in these troubled times.

Auer, M Deacon. Ebingen near 1779 August 4 A.L.S. 1p. XXXIX, 116.
Bahlingen, Württemberg

to Benjamin Franklin

States that son of widow Anne Catharine Höcklerin went to Pennsylvania and worked for her brother-in-law, Christian Schneider, a tanner in Germantown, and saved some money. Her son died three year ago. Schneider desires to send her the money he left, but fears for its safety in these troubled times.
(In French.)

La Faye, Julien-Pierre de. Paris 1779 August 4 A.L.S. 1p. XV, 102.

to Benjamin Franklin

Begs Franklin to listen to the proposition which Madame du Lin is entrusted to make to him.
(In French.)

Poullin, -----. Nantes 1779 August 4 A.L.S. 2p. XV, 103.

to Benjamin Franklin

Reminding him of a promise of letters of recommendation whenever he should be ready to embark for America; expects to sail about the 14th.
(In French.)

Besson, Leopold George. Montbéliard 1779 August 6 A.L.S. 6p. XV, 104.

to Benjamin Franklin

Is paralyzed and without means; begs Franklin to contribute towards his support.
(In French.)

Lovell, James. Philadelphia 1779 August 6 A.L.S. 2p. XV, 105.

to Benjamin Franklin

Franklin's favor of July 22, 1778, never came to hand until the 31st of July, 1779. Concerning the fight between Messrs. Deane and Lee; thinks the former wrecked himself upon the quicksands of

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indiscretion, and that his publication of December 5th totally ruined his claims to any public trust; admits that Congress was misled in the case of Mr. Lee, but does not think it follows that they should destroy an able and faithful servant.

Bache, Richard. Philadelphia	1779 August 6	A.L.S. 2p. ; XV, 106.
to Benjamin Franklin		A.L.S. 2p.

Expressing the greatest astonishment at not hearing from Franklin for more than twelve months. Begs leave to trouble him with a few more circular letters of Bache and Shee, and asks for the names of the houses to whom their letters are sent. Congratulates him on Count d'Estaing's successes in the West Indies.

(Two Copies.)

P. S. August 9. Concerning a sum he sent to Mr. Williams to be laid out in various articles for Sally's and the family's use; considerable inconvenience caused by their non-arrival.

The Continental Congress	1779 August 6	D.S. Cha[rle]sLXXV, 81,
to Benjamin Franklin		Thomson, 83.
		Sec[retar]y.
		2p.

In relation to the salary, expenses and accounts of the Commissioners; Commercial Agents and others in Europe.

A. E. by James Lovell, requesting Dr. Franklin to furnish copies to those whom it concerns who are not furnished by this opportunity, through haste.

Bibliography

Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves, marquis de, 1757-1834	[1779?] August 7	L. in 3d P. 1p.XLII, 148.
to Benjamin Franklin		

Sending him the memoir of which he spoke.

(In French.)

Pigault de Beÿmont, —. Calais	1779 August 7	A.L.S. 2p. XV, 107.
to Benjamin Franklin		

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His intention to go to America and enter the army; hopes Franklin will send him over with a letter of recommendation to Congress.

Courcy, — de. Paris 1779 August 7 A.L.S. 1p. XV, 108.
to Benjamin Franklin

Her husband embarked for Boston eighteen months before to join the insurgents; desires Franklin to procure a certificate of his death and furnish her with the means of subsisting.
(In French.)

Aycard, -----. Marseilles 1779 August 7 A.L.S. 3p. XV, 109.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desiring to know if the statue of his King, sculptured by himself, arrived safely in America; it was shipped in April, 1778, on the frigate "Adelaide"; trusts it proved an acceptable gift.
(In French.)

Didelot, Jean-François. Paris 1779 August 7 A.L.S. 1p. XV, 110.
to Bon or W.T. Franklin

Sending for a trunk belonging to M. Gellée.
(In French.)

Wharton, Samuel. Paris 1779 August 8 A.L.S. 1p. XV, 111.
to Benjamin Franklin

The Messrs. Neave intend to wait upon him to take the oath of allegiance.

Williams, Jonathan Sr 1779 August 8 A.L.S. 2p. XV, 1111/2.
to Benjamin Franklin

Promises to do everything Franklin wishes for his worthy sister [Mrs. Mecom]. Arrival of the French Ambassador, M. de la Luzerne; friendly intercourse he has had with him. Arrival of the "Three Friends."

Torris, John. Dunkirk 1779 August 9 A.L.S. 3p. XV, 112.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Concerning the promised exchange of the twenty-one men belonging to the crew of the "Black Prince," who were captured by the English; has reason to fear harsh treatment for them, and so begs Franklin to put them out of the reach of English malice and fury.

(Two copies.)

De Foligné, ----- to Benjamin Franklin	1779 August 9	A.L.S. 3p. LXII, 45.
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His commission of Captain of a frigate from Congress seized by the enemy; requests Franklin to give him a written permission to wear the uniform of the American navy.

(In French.)

Wharton, Samuel. Paris to Benjamin Franklin	1779 August 9	A.L.S. 1p. XV, 113.
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News received from America that Gen. Prevost was totally defeated near Charleston. Another vessel reports great illuminations and firing of guns in Elizabethtown and Newark and it was generally believed that Gen. Prevost was vanquished. St. Vincent was captured about the middle of June by Count d'Estaing. Byron and his fleet have gone to St. Christopher. The English West India Fleet of 240 sail has arrived without losing a single ship of the convoy.

Harrison, Richard. Amsterdam to Benjamin Franklin	1779 August 10	A.L.S. 1p. XV, 114.
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Apologizing for not having sent the enclosed to Franklin earlier.

Berger, J. C. de. Münster to Benjamin Franklin	1779 August 10	A.L.S. 4p. XV, 115.
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Desires to enter the American army with a higher grade than Captain; has a cousin who also wishes to enter the army; begs Franklin to procure a lieutenantcy for him.

(In French.)

Barbeu-Dubourg, Jacques. Paris to Benjamin Franklin	1779 August 10	A.L.S. 4p. XV, 116.
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Concerning Franklin's project of procuring a loan; believes he knows some one who would undertake it under certain conditions; desires his answers to the nine questions propounded by his principal in this affair; adds one more question on his own account.

(In French.)

des Neuf-Sœurs, La Loge. St Germain to Benjamin Franklin	1779 August 11 and 18	Printed N.S. LXXIII, 69 2p. and 71.
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Announcement of a Fête Académique for the benefit of the lodge of Noeuf Sœurs [the Masonic Order of Saint John of Jerusalem, Commanders of the Temple].

des Neuf-Sœurs, La Loge. St Germain to Benjamin Franklin	1779 August 11 and 18	Printed N. 1p. LXXIII, 70.
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Postponement of the above mentioned fête from August 11 to August 18.

William Moody and John Crawford to Benjamin Franklin	1779 August 11	A.L.S. 1p. XV, 117.
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Hoping Franklin will have compassion on them as American prisoners and procure their release as well as berths on board any Continental ship; begging for some clothes with which to cover their nakedness.

Hardy, Amable. Nantes to Benjamin Franklin	1779 August 12	A.L.S. 3p. XV, 118.
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Forwarding the preceding; the assistance he has been enabled to render these prisoners; their longing to return to America. Offers his services in his rôle of merchant.

(In French.)

Garde de Matigny, —. Guines to Benjamin Franklin	1779 August 12	A.L.S. 4p. XV, 119.
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Begs Franklin to forward the enclosed to his only son, who sailed for America more than two years before and served as aide-de-camp to M. de Coudray; apparently not one of his letters has ever reached him.

(In French.)

Montgomery, Robert. Madrid	1779 August 12	A.L.S. 2p. XV, 120.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Informed Franklin in his last letter that he had been granted every liberty and protection by the Count de Florida-Blanca; since then incurred the Governor-Assessor's ill will and has been ordered to retire twenty leagues from the coast till he can prove the authenticity of the passport and certificate signed by Franklin, Lee and Adams; relies on Franklin to obtain him redress.

Coffyn, Francis. Dunkirk

1779 August 12

A.L.S. 3p. XV, 121.

to Benjamin Franklin

Services he hopes to render the French sailors, who belonged to Capt. Conyngham and who were exchanged by the last cartel as Americans. Concerning a report that in England they regard the "Black Prince" as a sort of pirate-ship navigated by a parcel of Irishmen and that those men who were taken will be tried as pirates; effect of this rumor upon the Irish sailors who have flocked to Dunkirk to ship on board other privateers; desires Franklin's opinion of the best steps to take to save the poor men from an ignominious punishment.

Mercy and Lacaze and Fils. Cadiz

1779 August 13

A.L.S. 2p. XV, 122.

to Benjamin Franklin

Safe return of their ship from Philadelphia; left Messrs. Lacaze and Mallet to form a commercial establishment there; their ship to sail for Philadelphia again towards the end of September. Wish to know if a bank is to be established by the united efforts of Congress and France. Desire letters of recommendation for a commercial establishment which they intend to form in Baltimore.
(In French.)

Jones, Capt. John Paul. "Bon Homme Richard"

1779 August 13

A.L.S. 2p. XV, 123.

to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing the proceedings of the court-martial relative to the "Bon Homme Richard" and the "Alliance" being run foul of each other. Asks Franklin's advice respecting the proper division of prize-money belonging to the little squadron. M. de Chaumont's journey kind but useless; all the necessary measures for engaging the men were taken before his appearance. Expects to sail the following day. Good understanding prevails among the little squadron.

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Landais, Capt. Pierre. On board the "Alliance." 1779 August 13 L.S. 1p. XV, 124.

to Benjamin Franklin

Unable to comply with Franklin's orders to proceed on a cruise, owing to the sinking of the prize brig on the 27th inst.; will leave the said prize in the hands of Messrs. Gourlade and Moylan. Concerning the charges made by the Captain of the Swedish ship "Victoria" for the maintenance of himself and crew; his reasons for considering them exceedingly unfair.

Gresslang (Grigglang, Gigglang, Gigglang), — Godt de. Paris 1779 August 14 A.L.S. 1p. XV, 125.

to Benjamin Franklin

Thinks Franklin has forgotten to answer his letter of the 30th ult.
(In French.)

Barbeau-Dubourg, Jacques. Paris 1779 August 14 A.L.S. 1p. XV, 126.

to Benjamin Franklin

Will direct the person to M. Grand and hopes they can come to some agreement. Recommends M. Grégoire to Franklin's favor; his desire to be intrusted in some way with the welfare of the Americans.

Bauer, Conrad. Dunkerque 1779 August 16 A.L.S. 2p. LIX, 3.

to Benjamin Franklin

A certain Wagner, of Seerbrücken, has lodged at his house and left without paying his bill. Asks whether Wagner will soon return.

Tabor, Samuel. Rotterdam 1779 August 16 A.L.S. 1p. XV, 127.

to Benjamin Franklin

Begs pardon for troubling Franklin with the enclosed letter, which he desires forwarded to his friend Mr. Gordon.

Welsh, John. Cadiz 1779 August 16 A.L.S. 1p. XV, 128.

to Benjamin Franklin

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His late partnership with James Duff; in future will carry on the business under his own signature. Forwards the enclosed letter from their friends, Messrs. Ingles and Co., of Philadelphia.

Tellejus, Tirsius. Lutetia Paris 1779 August 17 A.L.S. 2p. XV, 129.
to Benjamin Franklin

Hard lot of authors; acknowledges the receipt of assistance twice from Franklin, again asks his aid. (In Latin.)

Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves, marquis de, 1757-1834 1779 August 17 A.L.S. 2p. XV, 130.
to Benjamin Franklin

Nothing as yet in motion; impatiently awaiting orders. Desires Franklin's opinion of the ultimate attitude of Great Britain, and of affairs in America. Delighted that his country is doing so much for the noble cause in which he is so deeply engaged. Desires to know when a favorable opportunity occurs of writing to Gen. Washington and his acquaintances in that part of the world.

Bondfield, John. Bordeaux 1779 August 17 A.L.S. 2p. XV, 131.
to Benjamin Franklin

In daily expectation of hearing of the safe arrival of the ships under the convoy of M. La Motte Picquet. Desires to know if there is hope of his receiving any indemnification for the loss of his property in "La Marquise de la Fayette."

Cary, J. Paris 1779 August 18 A.L.S. 2p. XV, 132.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begging Franklin to forward the enclosed. (In French.)

The Navy Board, Eastern Department. Boston 1779 August 18 A.L.S. by J[ames] Warren et al. LIV, 56.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

In regard to differences which had arisen among the officers of the "Alliance." Matter referred to the Marine Committee of Congress.

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Lee, Arthur. Paris 1779 August 18 A.L.S. 1p. XV, 133.
to Benjamin Franklin

Thanking Franklin for having communicated to Count de Vergennes his letter of the 14th.

Nairne, Richard. Aix 1779 August 19 A.L.S. 1p. XV, 134.
to Benjamin Franklin

With Franklin's assistance he might get his parole to England, Mahen or Gibraltar, where he is certain of procuring an exchange of himself and son with persons of equal rank.

Lafayette, Marie-Adrienne-Françoise de Noailles de (marquis' wife). 1779 August 19 A.L. in 3d P. XV, 135.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Sends the enclosed letter to Franklin, who if he desires, may send his answer that night to Havre by a safe opportunity.
(In French.)

Sykes, H. Paris 1779 August 20 L.S. 1p. XV, 136.
to Benjamin Franklin

Acquainting Franklin that his large electrical machine is completed.

Taylor, Cradock. Aix 1779 August 20 A.L.S. 2p. XV, 137.
to Benjamin Franklin

Hopes to furnish proof of his being a native of Virginia and of being impressed on board his Britannic Majesty's ship.

Guines, Thomas. Delfthaven 1779 August 20 A.L.S. 1p. XV, 138.
to Benjamin Franklin

Is a gunsmith and desires to settle in America; too poor at present to pay his passage money; has a brother, a sail-maker, who wishes to go with him.

Chaumont, Jacques-Donatien Le Ray de 1779 August 21 N. 1p. LXX, 54.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Has had a small case of quinia brought from Bordeaux for Franklin. Requests him to send for it at M. de Chalut's house.

(In French.)

Vicq d' Azyr, Félix to Benjamin Franklin	1779 August 21	A.L.S. 2p. XV, 140.
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Sending Franklin a volume published by the Royal Society of Medicine, containing an extract of a paper by Mr. [John] Perkins, a doctor of Boston.

(In French.)

Marchant, Capt. Stephen. Brest to Benjamin Franklin	1779 August 23	A.L.S. 3p. XV, 141.
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His late cruise and the prizes he captured; for fear his last letter went astray, repeats the details of that cruise also, and the disposition made of the prisoners. Has got a new bowsprit and is almost ready for sea again; all hands behave well.

Strange, Mrs. Paris to Benjamin Frankin	1779 August 23	N. in 3d P. LXXI, 68. 1p.
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Sending a letter to be forwarded to her friend, Mr. Livingston, formerly of St. John's but whose present address is unknown to her.

Wharton, Samuel. Paris to Benjamin Franklin	1779 August 23	A.L.S. 1p. XV, 142.
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Enclosing three newspapers received by way of Amsterdam; all papers are intercepted which come by way of Ostend; desires advice as to the best route in future.

Montgomery, Robert. to Benjamin Franklin	1779 August 24	A.L.S. 3p. XV, 143.
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Had an interview with the Minister of State, who told him to return to his house and promised to send the necessary order to the Governor, which he has not done; consequently he has been ordered by the Count de Ricla, Secretary of War, to retire inland and not to carry on his business during the war; again begs Franklin to intercede in his favor; any order for supplies Franklin might charge him with at this time would be of great advantage to him.

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Liger, -----. Paris 1779 August 24 A.D.S. 1p. XV, 144.
to Benjamin Franklin

A receipted bill for 4800 livres, payment for a sword ornamented with gold relief work [presented, by order of the Continental Congress to the Marquis de la Fayette].
(In French.)

O'Connell, Robert. Malaga 1779 August 24 A.L.S. 2p. XV, 145.
to Benjamin Franklin

Offering himself as Consul to the United States at any of the ports in Spain.

Blankenberg, Charles. Paris 1779 August 26 A.L.S. 4p. XV, 146.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has been reduced by misfortunes to the most pitiful destitution; hopes Franklin's generous compassion will bestow some benefit on him.

Besson, George Leopold. Montbéliard 1779 August 27 A.L.S. 4p. XV, 148.
to Benjamin Franklin

Applies to Franklin again to alleviate his miserable condition.
(In French.)

Gresslang (Grigglang, Gigglang, Gigglang), — Godt de. Versailles 1779 August 27 A.L.S. 2p. XV, 149.
to Benjamin Franklin

Astonished at receiving no answer to his former letters.
(In French.)

Bingham, William. St Pierre, Martinique 1779 August 28 A.L.S. 5p. XV, 151.
to Benjamin Franklin

The troops intended for Georgia have been retained for the defence of St. Christopher and Antigua. Concerning the probable movements of Count d'Estaing's fleet; reasons for thinking that he is engaged on an expedition to Georgia; should he once get possession of Port Royal he could bid defiance to the whole British navy. The enemy repulsed in their attack on Charleston. Hopes America will be encouraged by the attitude of certain of the European powers; the internal divisions in the

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Colonies give the enemy more courage than all their military achievements. The depreciation of the currency another circumstance of a most alarming nature. Has no doubt of the favorable issue of the war, but regrets that America will have to struggle against various difficulties that might have been obviated. Rumors of the English fleet having been seen near Antigua.

Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves, 1779 August 29 A.L.S. 2p. XV, 153.
marquis de, 1757-1834
 to Benjamin Franklin

Thanking Franklin, as a private individual, for the flattering tributes which he added to the noble present just received from Congress; immense effect such a gift has had upon the army. Concerning [William] Temple Franklin's ardent desire to join their expedition to England; points out a way of procuring him for his aide-de-camp. His earnest wish to see more service in America.

Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves, 1779 August 29 A.L.S. 2p. XV, 154.
marquis de, 1757-1834
 to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging the presentation of the sword, a gift from Congress.

Bibliography

Bondfield, John. Bordeaux 1779 August 29 A.L.S. 2p. XV, 155.
 to Benjamin Franklin

Advised of the capture of one of the ships under the escort of La Motte Picquet; the fate of the other two not yet known; bewails the chain of misfortunes which has attended him. Prevost's defeat confirmed.

The Marcquis d'Amezaga. Paris [N. in 3d P. LXX, 19.
 to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Inviting Dr. Franklin to dine at M. Amelot's.
 (In French.)

Rattier, -----. Tours 1779 August 30 A.L.S. 1p. XV, 156.
 to Benjamin Franklin

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Writes on behalf of four English prisoners at Tours who desire to enter the service of the United States; wishes to know the necessary steps to be taken.

E. by Dr. Franklin. Cannot accept the offer; it is prudent to distrust such offers by Englishmen.
(In French.)

Petrie, S. Paris 1779 August 30 A.L.S. 3p. XV, 157.
to W.T. Franklin

Concerning the insolent behavior of a fellow called Boush, who was in the employ of Mr. Arthur Lee; wrote to Mr. Lee on the subject, and in return received a most arrogant, insulting and impertinent letter which he treated with silent contempt; lately Mr. Boush has called again and vows he will support his statements with his life and honor; under these circumstances, has thought best to write to the Count de Vergennes, a copy of his letter he encloses.

Vignerou, ----- [1779 August] A.L.S. 3p. XL, 19.
to Benjamin Franklin

No reply to his letter of July 4th; his passionate desire to emigrate to America.
(In French.)

Capitaine, -----. Havre-de-Grace 1779 September 1 A.L.S. 2p. XV, 158.
to W.T. Franklin

Introducing M. Perrier who engraves his map of the theatre of war in America; desires to send some copies to America, if possible.
(In French.)

La Luzerne, Anne-César, chevalier de. 1779 September 1 A.L.S. 2p. XV, 159.
Boston
to Benjamin Franklin

Has been the recipient of endless politeness from Franklin's friends. Gen. Clinton's movements; 1200 men have been made prisoners by the Americans in the different engagements since his arrival; the slight setback on the Penobscot more than balanced by the ten vessels of the Jamaica fleet taken by the Americans.
(In French.)

Le Roux, C.J. Paris 1779 September 1 A.L.S. 2p. XV, 160.

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to Benjamin Franklin

During the previous winter sent Franklin a memoir on the establishment of a Bureau of Information and begged him to recommend it to M. Necker.

(In French.)

Lee, William. Frankfort 1779 September 1 A.L.S. 1p. XV, 161.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has received no letter from Franklin since June, when he appeared unwilling to make any further applications to the French Ministers for the arms, artillery and ammunition for the State of Virginia; desires that Franklin will decline taking any further steps in that business.

Smith, Samuel. Nantes 1779 September 2 A.L.S. 2p. XV, 162.
to Benjamin Franklin

On his way from Philadelphia to France was captured, and therefore destroyed certain bills in his possession drawn on the Commissioners of the United States; has reason to believe that the other bills of the set were likewise destroyed; warns Franklin against accepting any of these bills without consulting him.

Amchaga, M. d' [N. in 3d P. LXX, 20.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Inquiring if Dr. Franklin will dine at home.
(In French.)

Nolin, Abbé -----. [1779.] September 2 A.L.S. 3p. XL, 45.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begging his assistance in finding two boxes of plants sent him from Philadelphia.
(In French.)

Taylor, Cradock. Aix 1779 September 3 A.L.S. 1p. XV, 163.
to Benjamin Franklin

M. Grégorie will convince Franklin that he (Taylor) is no impostor; Mr. Frazer will also have informed Franklin who he is; hopes under these circumstances he may procure his liberty.

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de Sauseuil, Chevalier. Paris 1779 September 3 A.L.S. 1p. XV, 164.
to Benjamin Franklin

Believes Franklin knows enough of him to pity his unemployed state.

Luscombe, Roger. Angers 1779 September 3 A.L.S. 1p. XV, 165.
to Benjamin Franklin

Held a prisoner in France; desires Franklin to procure his release and enable him to obtain a passage to America; long ago his friend and cousin, Gen. Horatio Gates, promised him a surgeon's berth in the army, and therefore is anxious to join him.

Bordot, François. La Rochelle 1779 September 4 A.L.S. 1p. XV, 166.
to Benjamin Franklin

Arrival of the frigate "Diligente," belonging to Count d'Estaing's fleet, with express despatches.

Bertrand, V. I. Ostend 1779 September 4 A.L.S. 2p. XV, 167.
to Benjamin Franklin

The enclosed will show the satisfactory settlement of Mr. Peters's affair. Every care and attention paid to Capt. Conyngham as soon as his presence in England was known; will send him whatever he may be in want of. Arrest of Capt. [Thomas] Hutchins, accused of treasonable correspondence with Dr. Franklin, Mr. S. Wharton and other Americans; despairs of being acquitted and has given himself up for lost; likely to be tried by court-martial; other people arrested and their papers seized and examined, particularly a Miss Stafford and a clerk of Mr. Neave. Advice concerning the safety of their correspondence in future. The situation of the two grand fleets presages a great naval combat; a critical hour for Englishmen.

Raspe, Rudolph Erich. London 1779 September 4 A.L.S. 2p. XV, 168.
to Benjamin Franklin

Public and private affairs grow worse and worse. His own ruin almost accomplished by a foreign nobleman; narrates the affair in detail; beseeches Franklin's influence and protection to procure him a field for his literary abilities.

Escudier fils, ----- Toulon 1779 September 5 A.L.S. 2p. XV, 169.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Applies for permission to serve with the army in America.
(In French.)

Hopkinson, Francis. Philadelphia 1779 September 5 A.L.S. 3p. XV, 170.
to Benjamin Franklin

Thanking Franklin for the little piece of Oxford wit; in return, sends a few of his political squibs; ammunition of his kind scarce in America; their writers too deeply engaged in party disputes. Greatly obliged for the loan of Franklin's electrical apparatus; use he is making of it; anxious to hear of any new scientific discoveries. Offices he holds barely enable him to support his family. M. de la Luzerne not yet arrived; this letter goes by M. Gérard who has made himself beloved by everybody except the Tories. Looks forward to seeing Franklin's bust; a good likeness of Washington goes over with M. Gérard, from which capital engravings will doubtless be made at Paris.

Bridgen, Edward 1779 September 6 L. 1p. XV, 171.
to Benjamin Franklin

Recommending Mr. Sterry and asking Franklin to assist him in his views.

Gourlade and Moylan. L'Orient 1779 September 6 A.L.S. 3p. XV, 172.
to Benjamin Franklin

Arrival of the schooner, "Grand Tiger" from Fredericksburg, Va., with news of the defeat of the enemy by Gen. Lincoln and of Sir Henry Clinton's refusal to leave his den. Arrival in port of a prize taken by the "Poor Richard." Extract of a letter from Fredericksburg with an account of a plan lately adopted for strengthening the currency; believes that want of reinforcements must soon compel the enemy to relinquish the subjugation of America.

Frazer, John G. Bordeaux 1779 September 7 A.L.S. 2p. XV, 173.
to Benjamin Franklin

Cradock Taylor, now a prisoner at Aix, is a native and a subject of the United States; has known his family and friends for years; has supplied Mr. Taylor with a little money.

Didelot, Jean-François 1779 September 7 A.L.S. 1p. XV, 174.
to Benjamin Franklin

No reply to his letter of the 2d inst. concerning M. Gellée.

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(In French.)

Cadet de Vaux, Antoine-Alexis. Paris 1779 September 7 A.L.S. 2p. XV, 175.
to Benjamin Franklin

Thinks his sister-in-law must now regret not having had her children inoculated, as there is small-pox in her house at Montmartre; desires to introduce her some day to Franklin. Concerning an experiment for the preservation of wheat and flour in which Franklin will be interested.

(In French.)

Auer, Deacon M. Ebingen, Würtemberg 1779 September 7 A.L.S. 2p. LIX, 37.
to Benjamin Franklin

Thanks Dr. Franklin for favor shown to a widow in distress (see August 4, 1779, LIX, 35) and encloses fourfold attest with request to forward same to Germantown.

Chaumont, Jacques-Donatien Le Ray de 1779 September 8 LXX, 53.
to Benjamin Franklin

In reference to dinner at Mme, Helvétius's house. 2 Notes.

(In French.)

Le Duc, ----- 1779 September 8 A.L.S. 2p. XV, 178.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has written a eulogium on Franklin's genius. Begg Franklin's influence with his Majesty to annul a certain order; is the victim of calumnious enemies and an envious family.

(In French.)

Gourlade and Moylan. L'Orient 1779 September 8 A.L.S. 2p. XV, 179.
to Benjamin Franklin

Requesting his compliance with the annexed letter from Capt. Blackwell of the schooner, "Grand Tiger"; pledge themselves for the faithful performance of any instructions contained in the desired letter of marque.

Alexander, William. St Germain 1779 September 8 A.L.S. 1p. XV, 180.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Their intention to dine with Franklin the Sunday of the ceremony [Mr. Jonathan Williams's Jr., marriage with his daughter]; expects Franklin and his grandson to dinner on Monday when they may judge of the post-nuptial happiness of the young couple.

The Treasurer of Loans. Philadelphia to The American Commissioners.	1779 September 8	A.L.S. Fra[nci]s Hopkinson. 4p.	LIV, 57.
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Notification of bills of exchange furnished to the States of New Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and South Carolina.
(In duplicate.)

Baumé, -----. Paris to [Ferdinand Grand?]	1779 September 9	A.L.S. 2p.	XV, 182.
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His efforts to eradicate the spots from the shirt, have failed.
(In French.)

Dessoud ?, -----. Loches to Benjamin Franklin	1779 September 9	A.L.S. 1p.	XV, 183.
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Enclosing a letter which he begs Franklin to forward to Philadelphia.
(In French.)

Delamoignon, Marie Elizabeth. Paris to Benjamin Franklin	1779 September 10	A.L.S. 1p.	XV, 185.
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Desires news of her nephew, le Chevalier de la Luzerne.
(In French.)

Touzel, W. Tours to Benjamin Franklin	1779 September 10	A.L.S. 2p.	XV, 186.
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Begs Franklin to procure passage for America, for himself and their friends who desire to join the service.
(In French.)

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Holtendorff, Louis-Casimir, baron de. 1779 September 11 N. in 3d P. LXX, 117.
Paris 1p.
 to Benjamin Franklin

Requesting Dr. Franklin to appoint a time when he can confer with him on an important matter.
 (In French.)

Potherye d'Andilly, — vicomte de la. Fort 1779 September 12 A.L.S. 2p. XV, 189
L'Evêque
 to Benjamin Franklin

In extreme distress on account of debt; throws himself on Franklin's generosity.
 (In French.)

Torris, John. Dunkirk 1779 September 12 A.L.S. 3p. XV, 190.
 to Benjamin Franklin

Cheering effect of Franklin's remarks concerning the prisoners and crew of the "Black Prince"; her approaching departure; Mr. Coffyn voices the general desire that her Captain should have a commission. Long delay in the condemnation of the prizes; appeals to Franklin's sense of justice in his misfortunes.

Lee, Arthur. Paris 1779 September 12 N. in 3d P. LXX, 130b.
 to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Returning journals to Dr. Franklin.

Jupin, Mlle. Chaillot [1779.] September 12 L. 1p. LXX, 63 b.
 to Benjamin Franklin

Has just arrived from the country and wishes to see Dr. Franklin. Asks if she can dine with him to-day.
 (In French.)

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1779 September 13 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVIII, 52.
 to Benjamin Franklin

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Desire of Mr. Alexander to ascertain from Lord McCartney the particular situation of his estates and affairs on the island [of Grenada].

Raredon, Bartholomew. Fougères 1779 September 13 A.L.S. 2p. XV, 191.
to Benjamin Franklin

An American sailor; his various misfortunes since leaving home; his present imprisonment; hopes Franklin will obtain his release.

Emery, Jacob. Montpelier 1779 September 13 A.L.S. 2p. XV, 192.
to Benjamin Franklin

His peculiar fitness for the consulship.
(In French with an English translation.)

Dumas, C.G.F. 1779 September 14 A.L.S. 2p. XXXIX, 117.
to Benjamin Franklin

Holland still vacillating in the affair of the convoys. Congratulates him on the good news from the west.
(In French.)

Barbeau-Dubourg, Jacques. Paris 1779 September 15 A.L.S. 1p. XV, 194.
to Benjamin Franklin

Commissioned by Mr. Cochin to invite Franklin to dine with him at Chatillon and see his garden, which is renowned for its curious and rare plants.

Fournier, Simon-Pierre, la jeune 1779 September 16 A.L.S. 1p. XV, 195.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begs Franklin to instruct Lucien Senurier upon certain points connected with the work in hand [the stamping of coin?].
(In French.)

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1779 September 16 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVIII, 53.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Believes his industry equal to that of any newly-married man; promises Franklin the paper the next day; sends copies of his accounts.

Bridgen, Edward 1779 September 17 A.L.S. 2p. XV, 196.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has sent M. Genet samples of metal intended for the current coin; terms on which like coin would be delivered; if a die is needed, that may also be procured.

Girardot, Haller and Co. Paris 1779 September 17 L. in 3d P. 1p.XV, 197.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing a letter and offering to take charge of any answer.

Bett, William. Brest 1779 September 18 A.L.S. 1p. XV, 198.
to Benjamin Franklin

Writes on behalf of himself and two other Americans on board the "Gentle Frigate" who are eager to return home; certain that they can be of assistance on board some American vessel.

Morris, Robert. Philadelphia 1779 September 18 A.L.S. 2p. XV, 199.
to Benjamin Franklin

The Chevalier de la Luzerne not yet arrived; hopes he may compensate them for the loss of M. [Conrad Alexandre] Gérard [de Rayneval] who enjoyed the esteem of all men, unbiassed by party views. His own opposition to the Constitution of Pennsylvania as well as to parties in Congress, has procured him much unmerited abuse; armed with conscious innocence and unshaken integrity, has never failed to route his enemies.

(In triplicate.)

Coffyn, Francis. Dunkirk 1779 September 18 A.L.S. 4p. XV, 200.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing copy of a French regulation concerning the formalities to be observed in the condemnation of prizes; advisability of avoiding these difficulties in future by taking French commissions for the "Black Prince" and "Princess"; reasons against such a step; unparalleled success of the "Black Prince" in capturing upwards of thirty vessels in the course of three months; suggests that these two privateers should cruise together in order that the large number of prisoners they will take may

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be exchanged for Americans in English prisons. The approaching arrival at Dunkirk of the "Black Prince"; desires instructions as to the maintenance of any English prisoners who may be on board.

Greene, Catharine. Warwick 1779 September 19 A.L.S. 2p. XV, 201.
to Benjamin Franklin

Family news; poor health of Mrs. Mecom; loves to hear of Franklin's health and of his releasing them from the British yoke.

Heimenthal, —, baron de. Valence du 1779 September 20 A.L.S. 7p. XV, 202.
Minho
to Benjamin Franklin

Wishes to serve in the American army; desires to form artillery corps, to choose his own officers and to have no one placed over him. Encloses anonymous letter of reference which recommends him to Franklin's notice in the highest terms and mentions various other foreign officers whose services would be invaluable to America, especially those in Portugal.
(In French.)

Jacques Rocquette, T.A. Elsevier, and 1779 September 20 A.L.S. 1p. XV, 203.
Frères Rocquette. Rotterdam
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing a parcel for Franklin, and one for A. Lee to be forwarded to his present address.

Vaughan, Benjamin. London 1779 September 20 A.L. 4p. XV, 204.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the time of publication of Franklin's works. Sluggish attitude of John Bull. Promises to send further conjectures on the subject of the "Aurora." Crawford's book on "Heat" most admirable. Account of Mr. Henly's having deliberately cut his throat with a pen-knife. Begs for the immediate return of his three manuscripts as he has made no copies.

Vaughan, Benjamin. London 1779 September 21 A.L.S. 2p. XV, 205.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Begs Franklin to write a letter of recommendation for Langford Lovell and address it to the Governor of Dominica, and at the same time send a duplicate there to Lovell. Desires Franklin to procure him a table or map of Dupont's System of the Economists.

Dumas, C.G.F. 1779 September 21 A.L.S. 1p. XXXIX, 118.
to Benjamin Franklin

Expects to set out the next day to meet the person and deliver Franklin's letter and instructions.

de Samson, ----- Paris 1779 September 22 A.L.S. 2p. XV, 206.
to Benjamin Franklin

Implores Franklin's assistance for himself and family.
(In French.)

Bertinot, ----- Paris 1779 September 22 A.L.S. 2p. XV, 207.
to Franklin's Secretary

Begging Franklin to intercept and return to him a letter addressed by him to M. Gellée, which circumstances have caused him to regret having written.
(In French.)

Conyngham, Ann. Philadelphia 1779 September 22 A.L.S. 2p. XV, 208.
to Benjamin Franklin

Entreats his intercession on behalf of her husband, Capt. Conyngham, of the cutter "Revenge," taken prisoner in April and under sentence of death in England. Begs him to forward the enclosed letter as directed, since it may be the means of affording some relief to her poor husband.
(In duplicate.)

Peter Vesey and others. Dunkirk 1779 September 22 A.L.S. 2p. XV, 206 1/2.
to Benjamin Franklin

A number of sailors, whose time on a French cutter is almost expired, desire Franklin to procure them a passage back to America.

Nesbitt, Jonathan, & Co. 1779 September 22 A.L.S. 3p. XV, 209.
to Benjamin Franklin.

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Has received information from Philadelphia of the misfortunes of Capt. Conyngham of the "Revenge"; he has been sent to England in irons with the intention of having him tried for piracy; charged with having taken the Harwich packet without having any commission; urges Franklin to prove this accusation false and to do all in his power for the unfortunate man who can expect no mercy at the hands of the English on account of the great harm he has done them.

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Smith, Samuel. Nantes to Benjamin Franklin.	1779 September 23	A.L.S. 2p. XV, 210.
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Sorry that he was not sufficiently explicit in his former letter, but had destroyed necessary data. Acknowledging receipt of bills of exchange.

Phelps, Charles. Philadelphia to Benjamin Franklin	1779 September 23	A.L.S. 2p. XV, 211.
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Writes on behalf of the poor sufferers of Charlestown near Boston; their impoverished and wretched condition; their town pillaged and laid waste by British barbarians; begs Franklin to appeal to the King of France, the nobility and the gentry for aid; cites instances in ancient history of countries helping each other; effect of such broad charities.

Bailly, Jean Sylvain. Chaillot to Benjamin Franklin.	[1779.] September 23	A.L. in 3d P. XLIV, 277 a. 1p.
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Inquires if he will be at home to-morrow afternoon. The Comtesse de Beauharnois wishes to pay him a visit. The Chevalier de Cubières, a man of letters, authors of several works in prose and verse, has also desires to pay him a visit.
(In French.)

de Villiequier, Due. Courteille (?) to Benjamin Franklin.	1779 September 23	A.L.S. 4p. XV, 212.
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Desires instructions for the placing of lightning rods on his town and country house; thinks little of the danger himself but wishes to take all possible precautions on behalf of his family; desires also to be an example to the neighboring proprietors.
(In French.)

Capitaine, -----. Havre	1779 September 23	A.L.S. 1p. XV, 213.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Requesting Franklin to forward the enclosed letters. Hopes to see him soon at Havre.
(In French.)

Torris, John. Dunkirk 1779 September 23 A.L.S. 4p. XV, 214.
to Benjamin Franklin

Thinks the judgment and his request to the Admiralty will determine them to sell the prizes. His reasons for soliciting American commissions for his vessels; Irishmen will not fight under French colors. Dissatisfaction expressed by the sailors of the "Black Prince" with the master, Stephen Marchant, and their intention of begging Franklin to replace him by the brave Luke Ryan. Urges Franklin to procure the exchange of the twenty-one prisoners taken from the prizes of the "Black Prince" and to send them to Dunkirk to man the "Black Princess".

Bondfield, John. Bordeaux 1779 September 23 A.L.S. 2p. XV, 215.
to Benjamin Franklin

Encloses packets brought by Capt. Bonin from Boston; Captain reports that on account of British reinforcements at Penobscot, the Americans were obliged to destroy their shipping and abandon their attempt. Arrival in Virginia of the "Governor Livingston" and "Mary Fearon"; the "Chasseur" taken and sent to New York.

Bond, Dr Thomas. Philadelphia 1779 September 24 A.L.S. 2p. XV, 216.
to Benjamin Franklin

The departure of M. Gérard affords an opportunity of sending messages to Franklin from his friends, Luke Morris, Hugh Roberts and S. Rhoads; speaks of Israel's death being a great loss to the Quakers. The poor-house and hospitals almost untenanted; can scarcely find material for his clinical lectures. Election of Gérard to the American Philosophical Society; presented him with a certificate and a volume of the Transactions emblematically bound. Wrote an essay in defence of inoculation; begs Franklin to give it a friendly reading. News of the Bond family. Hopes now for a more frequent literary correspondence between America and Europe.

Coffyn, Francis. Dunkirk 1779 September 24 A.L.S. 2p. XV, 217.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Announcing the arrival of the "Black Prince"; officers report but indifferent success, only two prizes; wishes for Franklin's instructions as to the eighteen prisoners on board.

Flachenfeld, — de. Erlangen 1779 September 25 A.L.S. 2p. XV, 218.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begs Franklin to procure him a place in the American army.
(In French.)

Martinelli, Vincenzo. Florence 1779 September 25 A.L.S. 2p. XV, 219.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sends a copy of his History of England, dedicated to Thomas Walpole, at whose home he met Franklin several times; recommends M. Jean Baptiste la Bordet to Franklin's kind protection.
(In French.)

Raby du Moreau, —. Bordeaux 1779 September 25 A.L.S. 2p. XV, 220.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begs for an immediate answer to several questions concerning fighting at Charlestown and the defeat of Prevost.
(In French.)

De Freÿ, Capt. Cremona 1779 September 26 A.L.S. 1p. XV, 221.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires that the enclosed letter be forwarded to his brother in America who is Captain in the Count du Pulaski's regiment.
(In French.)

Mansallé, -----. Paris 1779 September 26 A.L.S. 1p. XV, 222.
to Benjamin Franklin

Asking for an interview in the interest of a merchant of Dunkirk.
(In French.)

Lee, Arthur. Paris 1779 September 26 A.L.S. 1p. XV, 223.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Congress, while continuing him as their Commissioner to the Court of Spain, has failed to supply him with the necessary funds; if Franklin cannot furnish him with money for his expenses, will return forthwith to America, and deliver up a commission for whose execution the means are not provided.

Priestley, Joseph. Calne 1779 September 27 A.L.S. 3p. XV, 224.
to Benjamin Franklin

His successful experiments since the publication of his last volume; vegetation of plants in water; Dr. Fothergill and friends to assist him in defraying the expenses of his next publication.

Other Descriptive Information

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Moreau, -----. Paris 1779 September 28 A.L.S. 1p. XV, 225.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sends the razors, in order that Franklin may try them before recommending them.
(In French.)

Lucy, -----. Meaux 1779 September 28 A.L.S. 2p. XV, 226.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begs Franklin's intercession on behalf of several American sailors, now prisoners in France.
(In French.)

Marchant, Capt. Stephen. Dunkirk 1779 September 29 A.L.S. 1p. XV, 227.
to Benjamin Franklin

Safe arrival in the "Black Prince"; has ten prisoners in Dunkirk jail. Is just setting out for Ostend to take command of the frigate, the "Countess of Berigèn"; will wait on Franklin in a few days with the journal of his entire cruise.

Delagrance, -----. Brancourt 1779 September 29 A.L.S. 3p. XV, 228.
to Benjamin Franklin

His wife and children suffering for want of food; implores Franklin's assistance.
(In French.)

The Board of Treasury. Philadelphia 1779 September 29 A.L.S. LIV, 59.
to Benjamin Franklin Rob[ert]

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Troup,
Secretary. 2p.

Refers to Resolutions of Congress [of July 26, 1779] that medals to commemorate the storming of Stony Point be struck, and asks that Franklin have them made as soon as possible. Colonel Henry, a gallant actor on the occasion, who bears this letter may be able to assist the medallist.

Brilhac?, ----- 1779 September 29 L.S. 4p. XLIV, 37.
to Benjamin Franklin

Project to make Concarneau, in Brittany, a free port for the Americans; advantages of the port.
(In French.)

Wharton, Samuel. Paris 1779 September 29 A.L. in 3d P. XV, 229.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Returns the Journals of Congress and the newspapers with thanks; details concerning the price of copper in 1770.

Barbeau-Dubourg, Jacques. Paris 1779 Sept. 27 A.L.S. 3p. XV, 230.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desiring a letter of introduction for a young Frenchman, M. de Valmer, who expects to travel in America; Madame de Cheminot, one of Franklin's most ardent admirers, seconds this request.
(In French.)

de Jouy, Jaoues Brillon [1779. A.N. 1p. LXX, 34.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has just arrived from Havre. Called to greet Dr. Franklin and his grandson and to present the compliments of Marquis de la Fayette whom he saw at Havre.
(In French.)

Griffin, Cyrus. Philadelphia 1779 September -- A.L.S. 4p. XV, 231.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing a packet of letters to be delivered to their address. Praises M. [Conrad Alexandre] Gérard [de Rayneval] in the highest terms; the enormous expense of entertaining prevented their paying him all the attention he merited. Reason why Congress thought of recalling all the Commissioners.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

(Copy.)

Scot, William. L'Orient 1779 October 1 A.L.S. 2p. XVI, 1.
to Benjamin Franklin

An American subject; served on a French privateer; when he applied for his freedom to go on board an American vessel, he was turned over to a French man-of-war; on refusing to serve he was committed to prison; other American sailors in the same plight; begs Franklin to obtain their release.

Helker, Jean. Montigny 1779 October 2 A.L.S. 2p. XVI, 2.
to Benjamin Franklin

Solicits his interest on behalf of a Mrs. Butler, who was taken by the "Black Prince" and lost some bonds and effects.

James Turing and Son. Middelburg 1779 October 2 A.L.S. 12p. XVI, 2 1/2.
to Benjamin Franklin

Their vessel, "De Brunetta," with a cargo of fruit and wine, was seized as a prize by the American privateer "General Mifflin"; desires indemnity as well as immediate restitution of their property.

Dumas, C.G.F. 1779 October 2 A.L.S. 2p. XXXIX, 119.
to Benjamin Franklin

Waiting in this obscure corner for Franklin's friend. Information of the tremendous profits made by Messrs. Fiz[eaux] and G[ran]d on the arms sold to the Americans. Gave one of Mr. Bache's circular letters to Messrs. de Neufville and Sons.

Dumas, C.G.F. 1779 October 3 A.L.S. 2p. XXXIX, 120.
to Benjamin Franklin

The damage inflicted by Paul Jones's squadron; capture of the "Serapis" and "Countess of Scarborough."

Landais, Capt. Pierre. On board the 1779 October 4 A.L.S. 7p. XVI, 4.
"Alliance," at Texel
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Transmitting the material parts of his journal of their late cruise, from August 14th to October 3d; their fleet consisted of the "Bon Homme Richard," "Alliance," "Monsieur," "Pallas" and the armed brigs "Vengeance" and "Grandville."

Coffyn, Francis. Dunkirk 1779 October 5 A.L.S. 5p XVI, 3.
to Benjamin Franklin

Wishes directions in regard to liberating, on security, certain prisoners taken by the "Black Prince." Lists and details concerning prisoners. Intelligence received of the successes of the American Squadron in the German ocean and of the capture of the "Serapis" and "Countess of Scarborough." Hopes Commodore Paul Jones will be able to reach the coast of Norway and repair damages, before the English squadron attacks him.

Greene, William. Warwick, R. I 1779 October 5 A.L.S. 3p. XVI, 6.
to Benjamin Franklin

Thanking him for his kindness towards his son-in-law and Ray. Prevented from seeing the Chevalier de la Luzerne. Thanks him on behalf of the General Assembly of Rhode Island for the gift of Bennger's History of Geneva, in 6 volumes. Glad to hear of Franklin's grandson being so useful. Franklin's sister has sent him two letters and a dozen cakes of soap and expects to write him again shortly.

Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves, marquis de, 1757-1834 1779 October 6 A.L.S. 4p. XVI, 7.
to Benjamin Franklin

Delighted with the news of the capture of the Baltic fleet by Capt. Jones; this good news counteracts the impression of sorrow left by Sir George Collier's expedition. Trusts to Count d'Estaing to revenge their injuries, though not with the cruelty practised by their enemies. His reasons for regretting that he did not rejoin Washington's army; thought he could be of more service on the other side of the Atlantic. Hopes America will soon receive the much-needed supplies of clothes, arms and ammunition. Asks his opinion in regard to aiding the Irish.

Dumas, C.G.F. 1779 October 6 A.L.S. 2p. XXXIX, 121.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

All the vessels safe in the Road; mentions their names; delivered Franklin's letter to the Commodore [Jones].

Villiers, Louis-Pierre Dufourny de 1779 October 6 A.L.S. 2p. XVI, 8.
to Benjamin Franklin

Comte de Chillau, Commander of the frigate "Diligente," desires permission to wait on and relate to him various matters of interest.
(In French.)

John de Neufville and Son. Amsterdam 1779 October 7 A.L.S. 2p. XVI, 9.
to Benjamin Franklin

Arrival of John Paul Jones, whose orders they have carried out to the best of their ability.

Schtler, A.C. Brunswick 1779 October 8 A.L.S. 1p. XVI, 10.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begs him to forward the enclosed letters to his brother, in the Duke of Brunswick's regiment, who was among those surrendered with General Burgoyne.
(In French.)

Barry, Amelia. Leghorn 1779 December 31 A.L.S. 7p. XVI, 11.
to Benjamin Franklin

Her Long and painful residence at Barbary brought to an end. Franklin having been deaf to her repeated supplications in favor of Mr. Barry, has little hope of this letter being honored with any notice. Desires his advice concerning the Proprietary grant for a piece of ground in the Province of Pennsylvania. Annexes a copy of a poem written to James Traile and his lady.

Capitaine, -----. Havre 1779 October 5 A.L.S. 1p. XVI, 5.
to Benjamin Franklin

Grateful for the kind things said à propos of the map; begs that severel copies should be sent to America.
(In French.)

Ryan, Luke. Dunkirk 1779 October 8 A.L.S. 1p. XVI, 12.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Expects to have a large cutter completed in four months, with which he hopes to do great damage to the enemy. If his abilities deserve Franklin's protection, begs for a rank in the United States navy; regards American cause as his own.

Oliver, Thomas. London 1779 October 8 A.L.S. 1p. XVI, 13.
to Benjamin Franklin

Complains of the terms which the Comte de Durat has laid upon the inhabitants and absentee proprietors of the captured island of Grenada; if the Court of Versailles will not relax the proclamation, their estates must suffer considerably; begs Franklin's interest in the matter.

Vaughan, Benjamin. London 1779 October 8 A.L.S. 3p. XVI, 14.
to Benjamin Franklin

Asking for letters for Mr. [Thomas] Oliver to the French Governors of Grenada and St. Vincent; may desire letters for his own family in the future; Mr. [William] Manning will request letters only in case of an accident of St. Kitts.

Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves, marquis de, 1757-1834 1779 October 8 A.L.S. 3p. XVI, 15.
to Benjamin Franklin

Encloses letter to Congress assuring them of his love and gratitude, a packet for General Washington, letters for officers in the American army, and one to the President of Congress with letters to various of the members. Desires news of the lately arrived frigate belonging to Count d'Estaing's fleet; thanks him for the painting of Gen. Washington.

Torris, John. Dunkirk 1779 October 8 A.L.S. 4p. XVI, 16.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begs Franklin to send on the commission for the "Black Princess." Knows nothing of the "Black Prince of Salem." Capt. Ryan and officers did not fire at the "Good Will" with English colors, albeit they have always been decoyed in this manner by the English. Hopes that a title in the U.S. Navy can be obtained for the brave Mr. Rayan; the new cutter being built for him at Boulogne; great things to be expected from such a ship and captain. The new commander of the "Black Prince," Mr. Patrick Dowlin; his strong recommendations for the prisoners; question of his commission. Exchange of prisoners. The retaking of the "Hopewell," Capt. Bell, by the brilliant privateer of Jersey.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Jones, Capt. John Paul. Amsterdam 1779 October 8 A.L.S. 2p. XVI, 17.
to Benjamin Franklin

His reception at Amsterdam. Anything consonant with the good of the common cause will always meet with his full attention, but he can accept of no honor that could call in question his ardent attachment to the American cause. Difficulties in the way of a court-martial for Capt. Landais; will await Franklin's orders before taking any measures in regard to the trial; discusses who is to take the place of Landais as Captain of the "Alliance." Needs more officers. The refitting of the "Serapis," "Countess of Scarborough" and "Vengeance." Far from desiring a quarrel with M. [Paul] de Chamillard, wishes to know him long as a friend but not as a master.

Lee, Arthur. Paris 1779 October 8 A.L.S. 1p. XVI, 18.
to Benjamin Franklin

Informed by Franklin on the 17th ult, that the Court de Vergennes has charged himself with inquiries regarding the attitude of the Court of Spain in respect to the conclusion of the treaty; begs to be informed what answer, if any, has been received.

Meyer, J. Dunkirk 1779 October 9 A.L.S. 3p. XVI, 19.
to Benjamin Franklin

Claims a share of the prizes taken by the "Ranger," Capt. Jones, when he served as a volunteer; cannot proceed in the matter without Franklin's authorization.
(In French.)

Coffyn, Francis. Dunkirk 1779 October 9 A.L.S. 2p. XVI, 20.
to Benjamin Franklin

Resignation of Stephen Marchant as Captain of the "Black Prince"; question of making out his commission in favor of Patrick Dowlin. Movements of the "Edgar," "Dromedary" and "Diamond." The "Black Prince" and "Princess" almost ready for sea.

Coffyn, Francis. Dunkirk 1779 October 9 A.L.S. 1p. XVI, 21.
to Benjamin Franklin

Introduces Capt. Marchant who is about to leave for Paris with the intention of returning to America; begs Franklin to advise him in what manner to proceed.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Landais, Capt. Pierre. On board the "Alliance," at Texel 1779 October 9 A.L.S. 2p. XVI, 22.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing plan of engagement with the "Serapis" and "Countess of Scarborough" in the night of September 23d. Articles, stores and men needed to get the "Alliance" into proper condition; desires to have French deserters enlisted at Amsterdam as fifty more men are needed to man the ship properly; repairs needed. Sees, by the regulations concerning the navigation of neutral ships, that the Swede he took in February will be condemned. Good behaviour of his crew during the last cruise; speaks highly of two gentlemen of family, volunteers: a Mr. Spencer of South Carolina, and a Mr. Ingraham of Boston; hopes to see their merit rewarded. Has just beard of the accusations against him of Capt. Jones; extremely indignant; begs for an instant trial.

Sayre, Stephen. Valenciennes 1779 October 10 A.L.S. 1p. XVI, 23.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has heard of the probable dismissal of the Captain of the "Alliance"; offers to take command of her.

Valazé, Charles Eléonor Dufriche de 1779 October 10 A.L.S. 8p. XVI, 24.
to Benjamin Franklin

Wishes property arranged on socialistic basis.
(In French.)

Vaughan, Benjamin. London 1779 October 10 A.L.S. 2p. XVI, 25.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosure from Mr. Thomas Oliver. Has deffered preparing a copy of his analysis of Mr. Crawford's book. Thinks by this time Franklin has received his own papers, also a corrected plate of Cotopaxi, taken from Bouguer, who differs greatly from an English translation of Ulloa, which is full of mistakes.

Hartley, David. London 1779 October 11 A.L.S. 2p. XVI, 26.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Sends copy of a letter he wrote Franklin on the 29th of June, which he fears; miscarried. Still eager for an opportunity of forwarding the blessed work of peace, and, in the name of philanthropy, desires a speedy end of war.

Dalton, Tristram. Newburyport 1779 October 11 A.L.S. 1p. XVI, 27.
to Benjamin Franklin

If nothing respecting the within-mentioned loss has been done, renews his request on behalf of the owner. A.E. by Franklin, "Papers relating to the 'Fair Play,' Capt. Giddings."

Blunt, Charles William 1779 October 11 L.S. 2p. XVI, 28.
to Benjamin Franklin

Recommending Mr. Suard, whose affairs are deeply involved by the capture of Grenada.

Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves, 1779 October 11 A.L. 4p. XVI, 30.
marquis de, 1757-1834
to Benjamin Franklin

From private intelligence, has reason to believe that a negotiaion is pending, a place having been pointed out for a meeting of the various Ministers and Envoys; the interests of the United States will be chiefly in the hands of the French; reasons for doubting the ability of the French diplomatists in such an affair; much as he is wedded to military renown, offers his services to America upon this occasion; his heart set on American independence; the only man of his rank who is acquainted with American affairs; desires Franklin to place this proposition before Count de Vergennes; entreats the strictest secrecy and begs that this letter may be burnt.

Grand, Sir George. Amsterdam 1779 October 11 A.L.S. 1p. XVI, 31.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing letters and packets. Sent him a box of the best "kinkina" [quinine] which he trusts he will have no need for. Great sensation created at Amsterdam by Capt. Jones, who has not as yet honored him with a visit; M. de Neufville has taken possession of him and exhibits him as a curiosity.
(In French.)

Hartley, David. London 1779 October 11 A.L.S. 2p. XVI, 32.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Concerning the exchange of prisoners; desires a passport for the cartel ship to Morlaix, and a list of prisoners ready for exchange there; concerning the other proposition of exchanging by written agreement. Description of Mr. John Stephenson, in whose favor he applied to Franklin in a previous letter; urges his release.

Jones, Capt. John Paul. Amsterdam 1779 October 11 A.L.S. 2p. XVI, 33.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has determined to retain the Captain of the "Scrapis" as a hostage for Conyngham's release as a prisoner of war; is willing to set all his other prisoners at liberty if the English Ambassador will give security in his public character that an equal number of Americans shall be sent at once to France. Unseemly conduct of Landais; his extraordinary demand for supplies of every kind; has ventured to reduce these requests to one tenth the amount; anxious to form a court-martial. Thinks his prisoners will number four hundred; will forward list of killed and wounded, a loss far exceeded by the enemy's.

John de Neufville and Son. Amsterdam 1779 October 11 A.L.S. 2p. XVI, 34.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sir Joseph Yorke's private applications to have the wounded prisoners landed and taken care of; if this is done, believes they would be claimed forthwith as English subjects; importance of forwarding an exchange of prisoners.

Stevens, M. E. London 1779 October 12 A.L.S. 2p. XVI, 35.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begs Franklin's interest on behalf of Mr. Currie, Captain of an English privateer, now a prisoner at Tours, who desires to be exchanged, or, if that is impossible, to have leave of absence to return to England.

Collas, Peter. Boston 1779 October 12 A.L.S. 2p. XVI, 36.
to Benjamin Franklin

This goes with the Captain of the "Sensible," together with a case of twenty-four cakes of Crown Soap, which Franklin's sister [Mecom] made at Governor Green's. Question of undertaking the business of soap-making; the expense at present too great. Their market scarcely sufficient to supply three quarters of the inhabitants. Messages from Mrs. Mecom. Gov. Greene and Mrs. Collas.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Grelaud, H. I. Nantes 1779 October 12 A.L.S. 2p. XVI, 37.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sending him six bills of exchange received from St. Domingo for acceptance.
(In French.)

Samuel Vaughan and Son. London 1779 October 12 A.L.S. 1p. XVI, 38.
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing Mr. Suard, who goes to France to solicit more moderate terms for the interest of his concerns in Grenada.

Dumas, C.G.F. 1779 October 12 A.L.S. 3p. XXXIX, 122.
to Benjamin Franklin

Extracts of his letters to Commodore Jones relative to his next cruise. The squadron to leave as soon as they are refitted. Fears the Captain of the "Alliance" [Landais] is a mischievous fellow. Warm welcome given Jones by the people of Amsterdam. Sir J[oseph] Y[orke]'s memorial claiming that the "Serapis" and "Scarborough" are not legal prizes, being taken by rebel subjects of England.

**Sartine, Antoine-Raymond-Gualbert-
Gabriel de. Versailles** 1779 October 14 A.L.S. 1p. XVI, 40.
to Benjamin Franklin

The case of François Vermeille, who embarked on an American corsair, "The Revenge," in 1777, but, having been transferred to one of her prizes with several other sailors, they were captured by two English frigates; he now claims his share of the fourteen prizes taken by the "Revenge," which, so far, Mr. Coffyn has refused to give him; desires Franklin's opinion in the matter.
(In French.)

Williams, Jonathan Sr 1779 October 14 A.L.S. 1p. XVI, 40 1/2.
to Benjamin Franklin

Recommending Mr. Jeremiah Allen to Franklin's civilities.

Rousseaux, Jean. Wakefield 1779 October 14 A.L.S. 2p. XVI, 41
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Desires his exchange; has been in the service of Congress and was Captain on board the American vessel.

(In French.)

Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves, marquis de, 1757-1834 1779 October 14 A.L.S. 3p. XVI, 42.
to Benjamin Franklin

Doctor Roemer, of Zurich, desires to settle in America; he has recommended the gentleman to Congress, but as it is a question of learning, prefers that his own praises should be backed by an endorsement from Franklin; waits with the greatest impatience for news of Count d'Estaing; hopes which he entertains. His use of the word "our" in referring to the Americans.

Price, Richard. Newington Green 1779 October 14 A.L.S. 2p. XVI, 43.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing a letter for Arthur Lee which, if not delivered, he desires burnt. News of Dr. Priestley and Dr. Ingen Housz. The Society of Honest Whigs. Concerned at the death of Dr. Winthrop.

Bibliography

Trullon, -----. Rouen 1779 October 15 A.L.S. 1p. XVI, 44.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has forwarded to Franklin the box of quinine.
(In French.)

Deane, Silas. Headquarters 1779 October 15 A.L.S. 1p. XVI, 45.
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing M. [Pierre] Colomb, who came out to America with the Marquis de la Fayette and served with honor in the army. He can give information of the state of the army and its operations. Hopes to embrace Franklin in Paris in the course of the winter.

Coder, Henry 1779 October 17 A.L.S. 3p. XVI, 46.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Gratitude for the interest taken in his brother in connection with M. de Sartine; begs him to read the enclosed memoir asking for assistance for M. Dubourg's nephew, left penniless by the death of this uncle.

Kéralio, Agathon Guynement, chevalier 1779 October 17 A.L.S. 3p. XVI, 47.

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to Benjamin Franklin

Expressing his devotion and gratitude towards Franklin; begs for news of him.

(In French.)

Stuart, Danniell. Dinan 1779 October 18 A.L.S. 2p. XVI, 48.

to Benjamin Franklin

Desires his release from prison and a passage on board an Americanship.

Dumas, C.G.F. 1779 October 18 A.L.S. 1p. XXXIX, 123.

to Benjamin Franklin

Sir Joseph's memorial and the Admiralty's decision thereon. Reasons why it will be well for the squadron not to delay their departure.

(In French.)

Cuming, James. L'Orient 1779 October 18 A.L.S. 2p. XVI, 50.

to Benjamin Franklin

Will deliver letter, directed to Mr. [James] Lovell, to the Captain of the sloop with instructions to destroy it in case of necessity.

Richard Booth and John Brevitt. Ostend 1779 October 18 L.S. 3p. XVI, 51.

to Benjamin Franklin

Articled to an attorney of eminence in London; their growing sympathy with American affairs; their ardent desire to serve as officers in the Provincial Army; are about to start for Paris in the hope of obtaining an interview.

Gourlade and Moylan. L'Orient 1779 October 18 A.L.S. 1p. XVI, 52.

to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Have received orders from Captain Jones to forward any letters to him through Franklin.

Frazer, John G. Bordeaux to Benjamin Franklin	1779 October 19	A.L.S. 2p.	XVI, 49.
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Expects to sail for America; offers to take charge of any packets, Renews his intercessions on behalf of Mr. Cradock Taylor, a prisoner at Aix.

Montfort de Prat, "Comte" Julius de. Paris to Benjamin Franklin	1779 October 19	A.L.S. 2p.	XVI, 53.
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Desiring the return of his "Plan on the General Education of the Distinguished American Youth" with Franklin's observations thereon.

Crossley, Adam. Dinan Castle to Benjamin Franklin	1779 October 19	A.L.S. 3p.	XVI, 54.
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Is in a French prison for refusing to serve under French colors; is an American sailor; begs Franklin to procure him his liberty and give him a pass to his own country.

Bourgeois, -----. Paris to Benjamin Franklin	1779 October 19	A.L.S. 1p.	XVI, 55.
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Desires information relative to a bill of exchange payable to Philip Allen.
(In French.)

Stadel, -----. Paris to Benjamin Franklin	1779 October 20	A.L.S. 4p.	XVI, 56.
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A project for raising a force, which will be serviceable to America in times of war and peace, by a Colonel in the service of the King of Prussia who wishes to remain incognito.
(In French.)

John de Neufville and Son. Amsterdam to Benjamin Franklin	1779 October 21	A.L.S. 3p.	XVI, 58.
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Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Capt. Moses Grinnell, having fallen into the hands of an English ship, was robbed of all letters and bills of exchange; thinks they will have time to the necessary precautions to prevent the bills being presented. Capt. Robinson's imprisonment and the cause of it.

Brocklesby, Richard. London 1779 October 22 A.L.S. 1p. XVI, 59.
to Benjamin Franklin

Lieutenant Richaard Croft, a prisoner at Charlottesville, Virginia; begs for his release from captivity on the established terms of exchange.

Lafreté, Jean-Jacques de. Paris 1779 October 22 A.L. 1p. XVI, 60.
to Benjamin Franklin

Thanking Franklin for the coins (?) he was kind enough to send him; Mr. Holker desires others like them.

(In French.)

Dumas, C.G.F. 1779 October 22 A.L.S. 1p. XXXIX, 124.
to Benjamin Franklin

Extracts from letters of M. Cottineau [de Kloguene], the Due de la Vauguyon, Dumas and Commodore Jones, relative to the pursuit and capture of several deserters from the squadron [4p.]; prospect of the squadron's being repaired and ready for sea in about a week.

(In French.)

Grantien, Lieut-Gen. Morlaix 1779 October 22 A.L.S. 3p. XVI, 61.
to Benjamin Franklin

Difficulties in the way of acceding to the demand of a Mme. Butler, who claims a thousand pounds indemnity for loss of property on board the "Dublin."

(In French.)

Girardot, Haller and Co. Paris 1779 October 23 L.S. 1p. XVI, 62.
to Benjamin Franklin

Mr. William Bingley, of Rotterdam, is about to proceed to America; instructions or introductions from Franklin will be greatly appreciated.

Grillet, J. Winchester 1779 October 24 A.L.S. 1p. XVI, 64.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

to Benjamin Franklin

Surgeon on board an American corsair; captured by the English; has been two years in prison in England; begs assistance to regain his liberty.

(In French.)

Landais, Capt. Pierre. On board "The Helder." 1779 October 24 A.L.S. 2p. XVI, 65.

to Benjamin Franklin

Why he has been prevented from complying with Franklin's order of the 15th inst; does not wish to go without a certificate from Mr. Cottineau [de Kloguene]. Captain of the "Pallas," who is ill, but fears that if he stays longer, Franklin or the French Minister will suspect him of delaying matters.

Genet, [Edme Jacques] [Circa 1779.] October 24 A.L. in 3d P. XL, 204.
to Benjamin Franklin 3p.

Transmitting several interesting papers from the Royal American Gazette; calls attention to the aspersions and lies they contain; desires Franklins observations thereon for publication; they will appear as if by some anonymous writer in London.

Traxler, ----- Stanz 1779 October 25 A.L.S. 2p. XVI, 66.
to Benjamin Franklin

His project of bringing Swiss and German troops to America.
(In French.)

Dumas, C.G.F. 1779 October 25 A.L.S. 2p. XXXIX, 125.
to Benjamin Franklin

Believes that the reply of the States-General to Sir J[oseph] Y[orke]'s memorial will be very satisfactory to Congress. Begs for the return of the proposed treaty. General discomfiture in England. Mr. Sayre anxious to have the letters of marque promised by Franklin.
(In French.)

Taylor, Cradock. Aix 1779 October 25 A.L.S. 1p. XVI, 67.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Encloses proofs of his being an American; rather than go into the English service again, will enter the French, provided there is no hope of his returning to his native country.

Le Brun,-----. Paris 1779 October 25 A.L.S. 2p. XVI, 68.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desired by Messrs. de la Goaner, of Corunna, to find out if Arthur Lee is still the Deputy of Congress at the Court of Spain, as it has been some time since they have been honored with his correspondence. They are also anxious to hear some news of Capt. Conyngham, concerning whose fate they are uneasy.

John de Neufville and Son. Amsterdam 1779 October 25 A.L.S. 2p. XVI, 69.
to Benjamin Franklin

Promising to fill all orders for the supplies of the American squadron. Holland's friendly attitude towards America.

Du Bois, Henry. Amsterdam 1779 October 26 A.L.S. 2p. XVI, 70.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has rendered essential service to American Captains and prisoners escaped from England; would like a share of his orders and commissions.
(In French.)

Hartley, David. London 1779 October 26 A.L.S. 4p. XVI, 71.
to Benjamin Franklin

Fearing that his letters relative to an exchange of prisoners have failed to reach Franklin, copies three of them; the first, dated Sept. 1st, promises to recommend to Government Franklin's propositions respecting the best method of releasing prisoners of war, desires Franklin's mediation in the case of Capt. Tattwell, an English prisoner; the second letter, dated Sept. 18th, discusses the question of a third exchange and begs Franklin's intercession on behalf of another English prisoner, Mr. John Stevenson; for the third letter, see page 154, XVI, 32.

Hartley, David. London 1779 October 26 A.L.S. 3p. XVI, 71 1/2.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Concerning the exchange of prisoners; desires Franklin's intervention in the case of Capt. Stephenson, and another English prisoner. A detailed account of Captain Conyngham's treatment since his capture by the English; his present imprisonment at Plymouth, where he is tolerably well off; thinks this should be made known in America, in order that the three officers confined in the jail at Philadelphia "to abide his fate" may also receive better treatment; evils arising from retaliation in the treatment of prisoners.

Gourlade and Moylan. L'Orient 1779 October 27 A.L.S. 1p. XVI, 72.
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing Mr. Louis Le Grand, a well-known merchant of Havre, who has shown a particular attachment to the American cause.

Samson, Simon. Nantes 1779 October 28 A.L.S. 2p. XVI, 73.
to Benjamin Franklin

According to instructions received from the Navy Board at Boston, awaits Franklin's orders before sailing for America; reasons why he desires to hasten his departure. Several destitute American officers and sailors at Nantes, to whom he would willingly give a passage, provided the Continent would furnish them with provisions and stores.

Johnson, Joshua. Nantes 1779 October 28 A.L.S. 2p. XVI, 74.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to know whether an American settling in France is esteemed a subject of his Catholic Majesty and therefore liable to certain taxes; upon the answer depends his continued residence in France.

Dumas, C.G.F. 1779 October 28 A.L.S. 3p. XXXIX, 126.
to Benjamin Franklin

Holland's decision to admit the American squadron on the same footing as the vessels of other foreign powers. Begg for the return of the proposed treaty with his remarks thereupon. Recommending Capt. Robinson, captain of an American merchant ship who, with his son, escaped from the English.

Locke, John. Nantes 1779 October 28 A.L.S. 2p. XVI, 75.
to Benjamin Franklin

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An American sailor, captured by the English; after his release, went on board a whaler and was taken by the French; begs Franklin to obtain his liberty.

Steuben, Wilhelm Augustine von 1779 October 29 A.L.S. 2p. XVI, 76.
(Friedrich's father). Cüstrin
to Benjamin Franklin

His son, Frederick Wilhelm von Steuben, entered the American army in Sept. 1777, with the rank of General; since then, they have received no news of him; begs to know if, he is still alive; hopes Franklin will not refuse this favor to two old people.

(In German with a copy in French.)

James Turing and Son. Middelburg 1779 October 29 A.L.S. 4p. XVI, 77.
to Benjamin Franklin

Thanking Franklin for the interest he has taken in their efforts to reclaim the brig "Brunetts," seized by Capt. Babcock; in accordance with Franklin's recommendation, they have invested Mr. Jonathan Williams, of Boston, with full powers to demand redress from the Government of Massachusetts Bay.

Dumas, C.G.F. 1779 October 29 A.L.S. 1p. XXXIX, 127.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing the opinion of the College of Admiralty at Amsterdam in answer to Sir J[oseph] Y[orke]'s memorial letter received from Newfoundland from Wm. Franklin.

(2p. in French.)

Varage, Capt Joseph. L'Orient 1779 October 29 A.L.S. 2p. XVI, 78.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sends Franklin a signal code which he arranged with Capt. Jones.

(In French.)

Holker, Jean. Rouen 1779 October 29 A.L.S. 2p. XVI, 79.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning Mrs. Butler's claim for property lost at sea; his wife presents her compliments, and is glad Franklin liked the apple jelly.

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Méchain, Pierre Francois André. Paris 1779 October 30 A.L.S. 2p. XVI, 80.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begging Franklin's protection on behalf of M.de Roemer, who desires to settle in America, and about whom the Marquis de la Fayette has already written.

(In French.)

Gautray, ----- Dourdan 1779 October 30 A.L.S. 2p. XVI, 82.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begs Franklin to procure him some occupation.

(In French.)

O'Gorman, Thomas, chevalier 1779 October 30 A.L.S. 3p. XVI, 82 1/2.
to Benjamin Franklin

The quantity of that year's vintage small, but the quality excellent; mentions prices at which he hopes to furnish Franklin with several casks. Good wishes for the success of Count d'Estaing; reminds Franklin of his desire to become one day a subject of the United States. Hopes to receive a visit from Franklin when America is free and there will be plenty of time to enjoy the fruits of his vintage.

Dumas, C.G.F. 1779 October 31 A.L.S. 3p. XXXIX, 128.
to Benjamin Franklin

Copies of letters from M. de la Vanguyon and Dumas to Jones, à propos of his departure with the squadron for Dunkirk; second furious memorial printed by Sir J[oseph] Y[orke]; advisability of the squadron leaving before Holland weakens. The affair of the unlimited conveys no nearer completion. Mr. Izard at Amsterdam. Vessel being built from there after Mr. Sayre's pattern. Affair of the deserters from the "Serapis."

Lenoir, Jean-Charles-Pierre. Paris 1779 November 1 L.S. 1p. XVI, 83.
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging Franklin's letter and promising to have Mr. Smith carefully watched; will give orders to the police officers to wait on Franklin for certain necessary details.

(In French.)

John de Neufville and Son. Amsterdam 1779 November 1 A.L.S. 1p. XVI, 84.

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to Benjamin Franklin

M. Dumas gone to the Hague. The American squadron to be placed on the same footing as the French men-of-war, so that the English spies at the Helder may do as little harm as possible. Desires to see the Danish pay forfeit in American Possessions for their disrespect towards the Colonies of the United States at Bergen and for their adoption of English party.

Marassá, -----. Mareuil

1779 November 1

A.L.S. 2p. XVI, 85.

to Benjamin Franklin

Desiring news of Bâchet de Rochefontaine who embarked for America in 1778 and entered the army with the rank of Major.

(In French.)

Haag, Jean. Boulogne-sur-mer

1779 November 1

A.L.S. 3p. XVI, 86.

to Benjamin Franklin

Born in Charleston; served on board an American corsair until captured by the English; his arrival in France destitute of everything; begs Franklin to pay his debts and to procure him passage to America.

(In French.)

Brillon, Mme

1779? November 1

A.L.S. 2p. XLIII, 35.

to Benjamin Franklin

Only the Expectation of a happier life beyond the grave enables us to bear this one, where we have continually to part with friends. In heaven we shall all meet again, never to be separated. Gives her idea of what heaven will be like.

(In French.)

Bibliography

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

1779 November 2

A.L.S. 4p. XVI, 87.

to Benjamin Franklin

Glad that Irish patriots are beginning to stir. Desires Franklin's opinion in regard to the situation in Great Britain. Hears that Capt. Conyngham is to be exchanged; attributes this clemency to fear of retaliation. Describes the conduct of the Danes toward America as dirty; despises them too much to

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feel great anger, but thinks Jones might take some little revenge on them. Begs for any news from "home."

Berger, J. C. de. Münster 1779 November 2 A.L.S. 3p. XVI, 90.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires positions for himself and cousin in the American army.
(In French.)

Dumas, C.G.F. 1779 November 2 A.L.S. 1p. XXXIX, 129.
to Benjamin Franklin

Quotes from M. de Neufville to show the efforts of the English to cause trouble in the American squadron.
(In French.)

Dumas, C.G.F. 1779 November 3 A.L.S. 2p. XXXIX, 130.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing copies of the permission to land the wounded British prisoners, and of the agreement between the American and English Commodores. [4p.] Necessity of his having a secretary to help him with the work; understands the Messrs. Lee had such aids with far less reason.
(In French.)

Adams, James. "Mill Prison," Plymouth 1779 November 3 A.L.S. 1p. XVI, 88.
to Benjamin Franklin

In want of the absolute necessaries of life; asks for a small supply of money.

Montgomery, Robert. 1779 November 3 A.L.S. 2p. XVI, 89.
to Benjamin Franklin

The enclosed Spanish letter is due to Franklin's intervention and shows that he will be left perfectly tranquil for the future.

Brillon, Mme [1779 November 4?] A.L. 2p. XLIII, 36.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Is happy amongst her kindred and friends, surrounded by the beauties of Nature, but is not wholly contented, as she thinks of her absent friends. Prefers the quiet pleasures of country life to the excitement and pleasures of the city.

(In French.)

Dumas, C.G.F. to Benjamin Franklin	1779 November 5	A.L.S. 1p.	XXXIX, 131.
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Enclosing copy of the Resolution of the States-General on the subject of the Chevalier Yorke's memorial, and also a copy of the Chevalier's new memorial. (6 p. in French.) Attempt made on the life of Paul Jones by the English prisoners. Further proofs of untrustworthiness on the part of Chevalier G[ran]d.

Boyd, William R. Nantes Castile to Benjamin Franklin	1779 November 5	A.L.S. 2p.	XVI, 91.
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Desires to be released from prison; is an American sailor, and wishes to return to his native land.

Pine, Joseph. Angers to Benjamin Franklin	1779 November 6	A.L.S. 1p.	XVI, 92.
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After being released by Capt. Allen and given a passport to England, he fell into the hands of the French and is now in prison; begs for his liberty.

Mitchell, George. Brittany to Benjamin Franklin	1779 November 6	A.L.S. 2p.	XVI, 93.
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Wishes to go to America; begs to be released from prison; his father famous for the number of persons he brought to America from London-derry, Ireland.

Gaudinay, —, chevalier de. "Grandville" to Benjamin Franklin	1779 November 6	A.L.S. 3p.	XVI, 94.
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Desires to serve in the American army or navy; is in the French service, so desires secrecy.
(In French.)

Steuben, Wilhelm Augustine von (Friedrich's father). Cüstrin to Benjamin Franklin	1779 November 6	A.L.S. 2p.	XVI, 94 1/2.
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Having seen in the French Gazette that his son was actually in the American service as Inspector-General, he again takes the liberty of enclosing a letter to be forwarded to him.

(In German, with French translation.)

Capellen tot den Pol, Joan Derk van der. 1779 November 8 A.L.S. 2p. XVI, 95.

Zwolle

to Benjamin Franklin

Begs Franklin not to sign his name on the outside of the envelope, as it excites too much curiosity, leading to the last one being opened. Good news from Capt. [J.G.] Diriks.

(In French.)

Wahrendorff and Son. Wismar 1779 November 8 L.S. 4p. XVI, 96.

to Benjamin Franklin

Writes in praise of the peas produced around Wismar. The English purchase great quantities for their marine service and hopes that Franklin will give them commissions for America.

(In French.)

Nesbitt, Jonathan, & Co. 1779 November 8 A.L.S. 1p. XVI, 97.

to Benjamin Franklin

Encloses bond for the purpose of obtaining a commission and letters of marque for Arthur Kirk, of the schooner "Independence," arrived at Nantes from Baltimore.

Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves, 1779 November 9 A.L.S. 4p. XVI, 98.

marquis de, 1757-1834

to Benjamin Franklin

Wishes Franklin's opinion on the sudden change of orders; was just prepared to go into winter quarters with his troops, when to his great surprise, a special courier arrived with orders to be ready to march at a moment's warning; meaning of all this entirely unknown to anyone at Havre; various conjectures as to the project on hand; no orders arrived for the navy. Delicate treatment of Irish affairs necessary.

Brillon, Mme [1779 November] 9 A.L. 2p. XLIII, 38.

to Benjamin Franklin

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Is displeased at not having heard from Franklin. Hopes he will see his error and repent. Her brother invites Franklin's son to spend a few days with them in the country and to go hunting.

(In French.)

Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves, marquis de, 1757-1834 1779 November 10 A.L.S. 2p. XVI, 99.
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing Mr. Smith and Mr. Watts of Virginia, who desire letters to the American agent at Bordeaux. Is still mystified as to the change of orders and awaits with impatience any messenger from Versailles.

Dalton, John et al. Coutances 1779 November 11 L.S. 2p. LX, 32.
to Benjamin Franklin

Six American seamen tell of their escape from Mill Prison in England. Crossed the Channel to France in an open boat. On arrival were arrested and imprisoned, suspected of being Englishmen. Appeal to Franklin to secure their release.

Grademüller, Hferonymus. Erfurt 1779 November 11 A.L.S. 3p. LIX, 88.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to establish a printing-house in Philadelphia for the benefit of the Germans there; however, can print in any language; wishes his expenses paid; mentions his qualifications for other employment.

(In German.)

Grademüller, Hferonymus. Erfurt 1779 November 11 2p. XVI, 100.
to Benjamin Franklin

Abstract of the same.

(In French.)

John de Neufville and Son. Amsterdam 1779 November 11 A.L.S. 2p. XVI, 101.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has tried to prevent the captors of a certain vessel receiving money in England on letters of exchange which fell into their hands. Commodore Jones to sail soon.

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Austin, Jonathan Loring. Boston 1779 November 12 A.L.S. 2p. XVI, 102.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has not time before the vessel's departure to inform Franklin of occurrences here; refers him to the Hon. Mr. Adams, who sails by this vessel.

Palmer, Joseph. Germantown 1779 November 12 A.L.S. 1p. XVI, 103.
to Benjamin Franklin

Wrote in August, 1779, by his nephew, Joseph Palmer, passenger on the "Mercury" packet; since then has heard nothing of him or the vessel. His friend, Mr. Adams, sails the next day and will be able to give Franklin all particulars of recent events. Evacuation of Rhode Island by the enemy two weeks before, leaving the town of Newport in a tolerably good condition.

Cooper, Samuel. Boston 1779 November 12 A.L.S. 1p. XVI, 104.
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing his little grandson, who is to sail for France under Mr. Adams's care, where he will perfect himself in the French language.

Jones, Capt. John Paul. "Serapis," Texel 1779 November 13 A.L.S. 4p. XVI, 106.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has been afraid to send evidence against Capt. Landais by post; takes advantage of M. Dumas's kindness to send it now. Is exceedingly sorry for the unavoidable delay in sailing; difficulty of obtaining supplies; embarrassed with more than 500 prisoners; expects to be ready to start in a few days, though he must run the risk of meeting the enemy who are far superior to his whole force. Hopes Franklin will approve his arrangements on board the "Alliance." Men and officers on board the "Bon Homme Richard" in want of everything; afraid to mention this to M. de Chaumont after his unmerited reproaches; has written to Dr. Bancroft on the subject of his misunderstanding with de Chaumont; hopes Franklin approves his attitude.

Brillon, Mme 1779 November 13 A.L. 1p. XLIII, 32.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has been away for sixteen days and has not heard from him. Sends compliments of her family. (In French.)

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Boyd, William R. Nantes Castile 1779 November 14 A.L.S. 2p. XVI, 107.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begs Franklin to procure his release from prison; has been in the American navy. Falsely accused of breaking jail and taking money from the Agent. Received three wounds in the American service.

Coder, Henry 1779 November 15 L.S. 2p. XVI, 108.
to Benjamin Franklin

Grateful for Franklin's intervention on his brother's behalf; begs him to say a few good words in his favor to M.de. Sartine, that justice may be rendered him.

(In French.)

d'Ivernois, M.F. Geneva 1779 November 15 A.L.S. 1p. XVI, 109 1/2.
to Benjamin Franklin

Franklin's connection with M.de Vergennes fits him above all men to make the truth known. His fellow-citizens have a difficult course to follow, but they have a new model to imitate.

(In French.)

de Brady, Baron. Tabor 1779 November 16 A.L.S. 2p. XVI, 110.
to Benjamin Franklin

His brother is a Captain in the American army; wishes to obtain a military position for himself.

Brillon, Mme [1779?] Tuesday A.L. 2p. XLIII, 34.
to Benjamin Franklin [November ?] 16

Has received Franklin's story of the "Whistle" translated into French by himself. It amused them all very much. Will try in future not to pay too dearly for "the whistle." Has often been deceived by others but has never deceived anyone herself.

(In French.)

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Hartley, David. London 1779 November 16 A.L.S. 1p. XVI, 111.
to Benjamin Franklin

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The enclosed letter from the Committee of Sick and Hurt (XVI, 109) requires no comment.
Arranging details concerning the exchange of prisoners.

Sanlecque, Marie Del de. Paris 1779 November 16 L.S. 2p. XVI, 111 1/2.
to Benjamin Franklin

Heard that Franklin desired to procure some type; takes the liberty of offering him all that is left of her husband's stock.
(In French.)

Martel, -----. Paris 1779 November 17 A.L.S. 2p. XVI, 112.
to Benjamin Franklin

Wishes information in regard to the commercial affairs of the United States.
(In French.)

Le Veillard, Geneviève-Elisabeth Belamy 1779 November 18 A.L.S. 3p. XVI, 113.
(Louis-Guillaume's wife). Dreux
to Benjamin Franklin

Appreciates Franklin's desire to have her write to him, though she infinitely prefers talking to him or indeed embracing him, although he has accused her of doing it with a bad grace; in spite of his great knowledge of men and things, accuses him of not understanding a French girl. Reasons why she has not written before; gaieties incident to her cousin's wedding. Expresses the greatest affection for him. Sends messages from her father and mother.
(In French.)

Green, John. Nantes 1779 November 18 L.S. 1p. XVI, 114.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has heard that the "Alliance" is without a Commander; offers his services.

Ingenhousz, Jan 1779 November 18 A.L.S. 2p. XVI, 115
to Benjamin Franklin

During his stay in England, was engaged in writing on small-pox and inoculation, also upon electricity and medicine. Believes he could be more useful to the world and to his Royal Mistress, were he allowed to stay where he pleased; England agrees with him and Vienna does not. Visits

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he paid to Sir John Pringle, Lord Shelburne and Dr. Priestley. Has sent Franklin his book, also two papers on electricity; wishes he could spend the winter in Paris to superintend the translation of his works; expects to pay Franklin a visit very shortly.

Conyngham, Gustavus. Amsterdam 1779 November 18 A.L.S. 2p. XVI, 116.
to Benjamin Franklin

His escape from Mill Prison; harsh treatment he has experienced; desires to retaliate; always ready to serve his country.

Bibliography

Dumas, C.G.F. 1779 November 18 A.L.S. 1p. XXXIX, 132.
to Benjamin Franklin

Everything adjusted on board the squadron. Capt. Conyngham's escape from an English prison and his arrival at Amsterdam.

John de Neufville and Son. Amsterdam 1779 November 18 A.L.S. 1p. XVI, 117.
to Benjamin Franklin

Encloses letters; has forwarded others to the Texel for M. Dumas. Squadron delayed further.

The Treasurer of Loans. Philadelphia 1779 November 19 to 1780 L.S. Fra[nci]s LXIV, 22-29.
to The American Commissioners October 23 Hopkinson.
9p.

Statement of sets of exchange issued to the States of New Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia.

Has reason to believe that the Continental loan office bills have been counterfeited in New York, but as yet has not seen any of these counterfeits.

Bridgen, Edward "Friend". London 1779 November 19 A.L.S. 2p. XVI, 118.
to Benjamin Franklin

Directions as to his future address. Motto for medals. Question of the coins; the design, mottoes, emblems, cost, etc.

Montgomery, Robert. 1779 November 20 A.L.S. 4p. XVI, 119.

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to Benjamin Franklin

Thanking Franklin for his intercession with the Count d'Aranda on his behalf; encloses a copy of a Spanish letter written by the Governor to the Minister, which acknowledges his justification; offers further proof, in order to eradicate any doubt in Franklin's mind.

Chaumont, Jacques-Donatien Le Ray de 1779 November 20 L. 3d P. 1p. XVI, 120.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sends a letter and memoir, which may prove of use of M. Landais, whose reputation suffers from the accounts in the gazettes.
(In French.)

Sayre, Stephen. Amsterdam 1779 November 11 A.L.S. 1p. XVI, 121.
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing Captains Hodgson and Grenel, both of whom merit Franklin's assistance. Begg that the promised letter of marque may be sent by the first post.

La Blancherie, Claude-Mammès de Pahin 1779 November 22 L.S. 2p. XVI, 123.
Champlain de. Paris
to Benjamin Franklin

Asks Franklin's interest on behalf of the institution which so engrosses him; begs Franklin's presence at the next meeting.
(In French.)

Hodgson, William. London 1779 November 23 A.L.S. 3p. LXI, 43.
to Benjamin Franklin

Relating to exchange of prisoners detained at Forton.

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to Benjamin Franklin

Relative to the exchange of prisoners at Morlaix.

John de Neufville and Son. Amsterdam 1779 November 23 A.L.S. 1p. XVI, 124.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Introducing Capt. Moses Grinnell, who had the misfortune lately to fall into the enemy's hands, and begging Franklin to indicate to him the best and speediest passage to America.

Taylor, Cradock. Aix to Benjamin Franklin	1779 November 24	A.L.S. 1p.	XVI, 125.
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Is informed that a cartel arrived at Marseilles some time ago, which is expected to sail on the 4th or 5th of December; desires Franklin to procure him his liberty before then.

Thevart, -----. Beauvais to Benjamin Franklin	1779 November 24	A.L.S. 4p.	XVI, 125 1/2.
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Offering to furnish America with cloth of his own manufacture.
(In French.)

Besson, George Leopold. Montbéliard to Benjamin Franklin	1779 November 25	A.L.S. 3p.	XVI, 126.
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Implores Franklin's assistance once again in his miserable situation.
(In French.)

John de Neufville and Son. Amsterdam to Benjamin Franklin	1779 November 25	A.L.S. 2p.	XVI, 127.
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The resolution taken by the States concerning Capt. Jones and his prizes; it was carried by the nobility and ten voting cities of little importance, but opposed by Amsterdam and five other large cities. Wishes that Jones could have departed before this resolution was carried.

Evans, John. Angers to Benjamin Franklin	1779 November 27	A.L.S. 1p.	XVI, 128.
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Through Franklin's interest hopes to procure a pass to return to England; Sir Edward Newenham and Mr. Green will be his security to obtain an exchange.

Darang,-----, chevalier. Nancy to Benjamin Franklin	1779 November 27	A.L.S. 2p.	XVI, 129.
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Concerning several bills of exchange drawn on Franklin.
(In French.)

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Beerenbrock, Dr. Paris [Circa 1779.] November 27 A.L.S. 1p. XLI, 102.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desiring to know whether Dr. Ingen Housz has arrived in Paris.

Valmont de Bomare, Jacques-Christophe 1779 November 27 A.L.S. 1p. XVI, 131.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has not forgotten his kindness in inviting him to Passy but his duties as Director of the Museum of M. le Prince de Condé, keep him at Chantilly.

(In French.)

Dumas, C.G.F. 1779 November 28 A.L.S. 1p. XXXIX, 133.
to Benjamin Franklin

Resolution of November 17th, still refusing to deliver up the prizes to Sir J[oseph] Y[orke]'s second memorial, but ordering the squadron to sail with the first fair wind; protests against this last order by various Dutch towns.

Conti, Louis-François-Joseph de 1779 November 28 L.S. 1p. XVI, 132.
Bourbon, comte de la Marche and prince de Paris
to Benjamin Franklin

Asking for passes for two of his grooms whom he is sending into England to purchase dogs.

(In French.)

Jones, Capt. John Paul. "Alliance," Texel 1779 November 29 A.L.S. 2p. XVI, 133.
to Benjamin Franklin

Forwarded Franklin the required certificates respecting Capt. Landais. Hopes his second interview with the French Ambassador will meet with Franklin's approval. Has one hundred prisoners on board; expects to embrace the first fair wind for L'Orient. His reason for not coming on board the "Alliance" earlier was a feeling of delicacy, Capt. Landais having accused him of using his interest with Franklin to supersede him in the command. His strong desire that the "Serapis" should become the property of America. Only his attachment to his duty prevents his embracing Franklin before leaving Europe. Capt. Conyngham is with him.

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Le Roy, Jean Baptiste [1779.] November 29 A.L.S. 2p. XLII, 181.
to Benjamin Franklin

His lecture on lightning-rods. Forwarded Franklin a box containing the engravings of birds and the memoirs of his brother. Acknowledging Franklin's courtesy to his relative, M. Stanley; recommending M. Desdonaires to his kind attention.
(In French.)

Dumas, C.G.F. 1779 November 30 A.L.S. 2p. XXXIX, 134.
to Benjamin Franklin

Still waiting for a fair wind in order that the "Alliance" may set sail. At the request of Commodore Jones, encloses copies of letters relative to his two prizes, taken to Norway. [1 p.]

de Sanlecque, Veuve. Paris 1779 November 30 A.L.S. 1p. XVI, 134.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning printing and type about which Franklin wrote him.
(In French.)

Holker, John. Rouen 1779 November 30 A.L.S. 2p. XVI, 135.
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging Franklin's favor of the 22d ult., and promising to look after the eight boxes, sent from Amsterdam, until further notice; his eagerness to oblige Franklin in every possible way; his wife's great admiration and affection for Franklin; begs him to visit them. Anxious for news of Comte d'Estaing's expedition.
(In French.)

La Rochefoucauld, Louis Alexandre, duc [1779. November] A.L. in 3d P. XLIV, 224.
de 2p.
to Benjamin Franklin

Would not have enough time to translate the "Amiens letter." If he wishes, he could send it to the editor of the Journal, who understands such matters. Encloses a note by M. Turgot. Asks if it is true that New York has been taken.
(In French.)

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La Vauguyon, Paul-François de Quélen 1779 November [25?] A.L.S. 3p. XVI, 136.
de Stuer de Caussade, duc de. The Hague
to Benjamin Franklin

Has informed Mr. Johnes [Jones] of the King's intentions, as transmitted by M. de Sartine; Mr. Jones's conduct in this affair has been most admirable; all he asks is that his crew shall not lose their share of the prize money and that his prisoners may be exchanged for Americans.

(In French.)
