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## Summary Information

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**Buffon, comte de** 1787 January 1 A.L.S. 2p. XXXV, 1.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging Franklin's letter with the detailed account of the régime he observed in order to rid himself of the stone; would follow his example, if he had not discovered that his sufferings were due to another cause. Good wishes for his future health and happiness.

(In French.)

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**Ingenhousz, Jan** 1787 January 1 A.L.S. 4p. XXXV, 2.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging the second volume of the American [Philosophical Society's] Transactions with the honorable and complimentary letter published therein. Sending three copies of his book on Vegetables. Business dealings with Mr. [Samuel] Wharton and Mr. [Francis] Coffyn; reasons for thinking them both, rogues and scoundrels; cannot understand their holding public office; thinks they can both be scared into making restitution. Question of two Loan Certificates which he wishes realized immediately, and the money sent to him; has written several times on this subject to Mr. John Williams, of Boston, with no result. His interest in seeing American newspapers.

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**Vaughan, Benjamin. London** 1787 January 3 A.L.S. 1p. XXXV, 3.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Has received from Mr. [John Hyacinth de] Magellan £210 on account of the [American] Philosophical Society at Philadelphia [the principal sum of the Society Magellanic Fund]; ready to have Franklin's bills to that amount.

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**Rumford, Jonathan. Wilmington** 1787 January 6 A.L.S. 1p. XXXV, 4.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Recalls himself to Franklin's remembrance; his father, the farmer, is dead; encloses a paper which he desires to have published if Franklin thinks it will be of use to the people.

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**Sharp, Granville. London** 1787 January 10 A.L.S. 4p. XXXV, 5.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Sending by Colonel Forest a copy of the second edition of his tract on Congregational Courts together with his tracts on Free Militia. Had hoped his writings would have convinced the Americans that the establishment of a free government is not so difficult as the late Convention seems to have apprehended; discusses the question in detail; his attempts to establish a free government by Frank pledge at Sierra Leone on the coast of Africa, frustrated by the wickedness and intemperance of the settlers; does not despair of finally succeeding. Question of forming a staple paper currency. Wisdom of preserving a sufficient proportion of common ground around every town and village.

**Randolph, Gov. Edmund. Richmond** 1787 January 11 A.L.S. 1p. XXXV, 6.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Sending enclosed the memorial of Col. Charles Simms; assured that Franklin will do everything which may, with propriety, tend to his relief.

**Rumford, Jonathan. Wilmington** 1787 January 11 A.L.S. 4p. XXXV, 7.  
to Benjamin Franklin

A tirade against sharpers and stock-jobbers and an earnest plea to the rulers of America to fulfill all public contracts and to render justice to her public creditors.

**Lavaysse, Puchelberg and Co. L'Orient** 1787 January 17 A.L.S. 1p. CVII, 21.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Has two boxes, one of books, the other of trees, received from Mr. [Ferdinand] Grand. The package sent them has been sent to Mr. Grand.  
(In French.)

**Childs, Francis** 1787 January 18 A.L.S. 1p. XXXV, 8.  
to Benjamin Franklin

His reasons for having sent Mr. [John] O'Connor to Franklin with a letter of recommendation; if anything to the gentleman's disadvantage has come to Franklin's knowledge, begs to be informed of it.

**Churchman, George. East Nottingham** 1787 January 18 A.L.S. 3p. XXXV, 9

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Concerning a plan to found an institution for the education of the poorest children, orphans and minors who will otherwise grow up in utter ignorance; beginnings of such a Charity School already started in Nottingham; question of bringing the matter before the Legislature.

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**Price, Richard. Newington Green** 1787 January 26 A.L.S. 3p. XXXV, 10.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging Franklin's letter by Mr. [Philip] Nicklin. Death of his wife in September. The second volume of Transactions of the [American] Philosophical Society not yet received. Sent him by [Rt. Rev.] Dr. [William] White a volume of his sermons. Desire of the Baron Maseres to know the nature of the method mentioned by Franklin for paying off the National debt.

**Bibliography**

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**Armstrong, John Jr. Philadelphia** 1787 January 30 A.L.S. 1p. XXXV, 11.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Desiring to know if Franklin wishes the Board Meeting to take place at his house or at the State House.

A.E. by Franklin. Electing to have it take place at his own house, because of the uncertainty of the matter.

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**Muller, François Louis de. Nessels** 1787 February 1 A.L.S. 5p. XLIX, 34.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Submits a plan of government, or a Constitution, composed of several Articles, for the Thirteen States of the American Federation.  
(In French.)

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**Hartley, David. London** 1787 February 2 A.L.S. 2p. XXXV, 12.  
to Benjamin Franklin

He and his brother both out of Parliament, so that his political information is second hand; the promised treaty between France and England; talk of other treaties with European powers; should rejoice to hear of one with America. Question of sending newspapers back and forth.

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**Jay, John** 1787 February 8 L. in 3d P. 1p. XXXV, 13.

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Had it not been for the Act which confines the appointment of Consuls to citizens, Sir Edward Newenham's request would doubtless have been granted.

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**Whatley, George. London** 1787 February 12 A.L.S. 3p. XXXV, 14.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Reflections on the Philadelphia Bank. Thanking him for the medallion. Benefits of free trade. Question of coining in America. His age as compared with Franklin's.  
(In duplicate.)

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**Hewson, Mary** 1787 February 14 A.L.S. 1p. LXIX, 72.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Investment of money. American weather as variable as English weather.

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**Churchman, John. Philadelphia** 1787 February 14 A.L.S. 1p. XXXV, 15.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning certain discoveries he has made; desires neither the conclusion nor the principles on which it is founded to be made known.

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**La Rouchefoucauld, Duc de** 1787 February 14 A.L.S. 3p. XXXV, 16.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging the Catalogue of the Trees and Shrubs of America. by Mr. [Humphry] Marshall. Grief they have experienced through the loss of his sister. His friendship with the Marquis de la Fayette and their constant talk of America.  
(In French.)

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**Herschel, William. Slough near Windsor** 1787 February 18 A.L.S. 2p. XXXV, 17.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging his election as a member of the American Philosophical Society. Sends a catalogue of new nebulae and clusters of stars.

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**Whitehurst, John. London** 1787 February 19 A.L.S. 1p. XXXV, 18.



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Acknowledging his election as a member of the learned [American] Philosophical Society; begs the Society to accept a copy of his Inquiry; as soon as it is out of press, will send a copy of his next work, viz.: An attempt to obtain invariable measures from the mensuration of time, etc. If copies of the Standard Troy Weight will be acceptable, they are at Franklin's service.

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**Garrigues, Edward. Philadelphia** 1787 February 20 A.L.S. 1p. XXXV, 19.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Desiring Franklin to appoint a time to settle his account with the estate of Eden Haydock, deceased.

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**Richardson, Jacob. Newport** 1787 February 20 A.L.S. 1p. XXXV, 20.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Forwarding Franklin two packets delivered to him by Capt. James Nixon, From Hamburg. His father-in-law, Capt. Elnathan Hammond, sends his compliments.

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**Varnum, James Mitchel. New York** 1787 February 23 A.L.S. 1p. XXXV, 21.  
to Benjamin Franklin

As the Efforts of genius are ever pleasing to great minds, takes the liberty of sending Franklin the enclosed pamphlet.

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**Lamont, Aeneas. Baltimore** 1787 February 24 A.L.S. 1p. XXXV, 22.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Informed by Mr. [Francis] Childs of Franklin's intention to establish a letter-foundry; desires to know what kinds of type Franklin has on hand and upon what terms he could furnish them; intends establishing a printing office in Winchester, Virginia.

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**Childs, Francis** 1787 February 27 A.L.S. 1p. XXXV, 23.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Business of the printing-office.

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**Newenham, Sir Edward. Belcamp** 1787 February 27 A.L.S. 2p. XXXV, 24.  
to Benjamin Franklin

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Introducing Mr. Henry Owen who served aboard Count d'Estaing's fleet, thereby forfeiting all hopes of promotion in his native land; recommends him to Franklin's kind offices and friendly advice.

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**Jordan, Thomas. London** 1787 February 27 A.L.S. 2p. XXXV, 25.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Recalling the pleasurable days they spent together and their frequent games of cribbage. Compares Franklin's position as the head of an Empire with his own as the head of a brewery. Sends him by their friend Watmaugh a cask of beer with his best wishes. News of their old friends, [Samuel] Stanley, [Dr. John] Hawkesworth and [Thomas] Fitzmaurice. [William] Herschel's new discoveries. Hopes to meet him in another world.

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**Newenham, Sir Edward. Dublin** 1787 March 1 A.L.S. 3p. XXXV, 26.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Anxious to hear from Franklin concerning his son Robert's request. His eldest son engaged to be married; could have gotten a richer bride for him but neither so handsome nor so well-educated. Voted in favor of the French Treaty of Commerce; finds fault with the duty on French wines. Account of a sanguinary bill on prevent tumultuous risings, lately brought in by their Attorney-General; modifications due to the storm of opposition it raised; Ireland in danger of returning to her former slavery. Surprised at M. Colonne's letter to Mr. [Thomas] Jefferson being printed in the public papers; sends a copy to Franklin.

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**Churchman, John. Philadelphia** 1787 March 1 A.L.S. 4p. XXXV, 27.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Stating his reasons for concluding that the position of the magnetic needle, its dip and variation can be ascertained; means by which one can thus discover longitude at sea.

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**Buchanan, George** 1789 March 5 A.L.S. 1p. XXXV, 28.  
to Benjamin Franklin

sending him a memoir just received from Mr. Quesney who wishes it translated into English in order that his institution may become more generally known; if it meets with Franklin's approbation, begs him to find some one who will translate it and pay himself out of the profits; such kindness will be much appreciated by the President of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences as well as by himself.

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**Nesbitt, John Maxwell. Philadelphia** 1787 March 17 A.N.S. 1p. XXXV, 29.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Invitation for dinner from the Society of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick.

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**Harmar, Colonel Josiah. Fort Pitt** 1787 March 19 A.L.S. 2p. XXXV, 30.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing a return of the Pennsylvania troops in the service of the United States, together with a statement of their present whereabouts. Sends an interpretation of several words of the Delaware and Shawanoe languages; has written to the Missionary of the Moravian Indians for a printed vocabulary of these two languages, which he promises to forward. Acknowledging Franklin's courtesy to him while in Europe.

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**Le Roy, Jean Baptiste** 1787 March 22 A.L.S. 4p. XXXV, 31.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Discoveries in chemistry; M. Fourcroy's work; 1 hopes to send him another book by this author. L'Assemblée des Notables absorbs the attention of all; balloons would be forgotten were it not for [François] Blanchard; fate of the artists at Javelle. M. [William] Herschel's brilliant discovery of two new satellites; change made in his telescope. Wishes Franklin to attain the age of Nestor.  
(In French.)

**Other Descriptive Information**

1 Leçons d'Histoire Naturelle et de Chimie.

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**Le Roy, Julien David. Paris** 1787 March 23 A.L.S. 4p. XXXV, 32.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging with gratitude Franklin's letter written to him at sea, its subsequent publication in the memoirs of the [American] Philosophical Society and his recent election as a member of that Society. Constantly talking of him with M. Keay, Mme. Cheminot and M. Gudin; Mme. Cheminot's admiration and affection for him. Franklin's letter translated by his brother; sends him the first printed copy; his answer to this, in which he treats of the navigation of rivers, likewise printed. Certain theories about the construction of vessels; promises to send him the models.  
(In French.)

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**La Rouchefoucauld, Duc de** 1787 March 23 A.L.S. 2p. XXXV, 33.

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Acknowledging the honor conferred upon him by the American Philosophical Society; offers his services in any capacity which may be of use to the Society. America a great example to the world. (In French.)

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**Bowdoin, James. Boston** 1787 March 25 A.L.S. 2p. XXXV, 34.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging Franklin's favors of the sixth and twelfth insts. together with the proceedings of the Council and Assembly of Pennsylvania respecting the rebels against Massachusetts and their proclamation for apprehending several of them. Acknowledging Franklin's congratulations on the success of the measures taken for the suppression of the insurrecion.

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**Malcom, J.P. Philadelphia** 1787 March 26 A.L.S. 1p. XXXV, 35.  
to Benjamin Franklin

The grandson of Mr. James Peller of Philadelphia; brought up as an engraver; describes a patriotic picture which he desires to engrave and, if permitted, dedicate to Franklin.

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**Franklin, William Temple. Park** 1787 March 27 A.L.S. 3p. XXXV, 36.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the farms he has rented and the arrangements he has made for the farm he intends to occupy. Begg Franklin to send him fifteen pounds which he will repay in a few days when he returns to the city.

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**Wilson, -----. Philadelphia** 1787 March 29 L. in 3d P. 1p. XXXV, 37.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Desiring the books mentioned to him by Franklin the other day.

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**Gaugnet, -----. Saint Mare** 1787 March 29 A.L.S. 3p. XXXV, 38.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Served nearly a year under the command of Com. [John] Paul Jones; sends the commission given to him at l'Orient on May 3, 1779, and begs Franklin to present it to Congress with a request to convert it into an officer's brevert; ready at any time to serve in the American navy; owing to his services not being needed at present, has engaged in commerce.

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(In French.)

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**Paine, Thomas. Philadelphia** 1787 March 31 A.L.S. 4p. XXXV, 39.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Announcing his intended departure for Europe in April; desires a letter to the Comte de Vergennes; expects to take his models of bridges with him; will be obliged for a letter to some of the Commissioners in that department. Wishes Franklin's opinion as regards certain points in the construction of his bridge. Letter to Council enclosed offering to show them the two models. [2 p.].

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**Churchman, John. Philadelphia** 1787 March 31 A.L.S. 3p. XXXV, 40.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Laying before Franklin, as President of the American Philosophical Society, his conclusions respecting the situation of the magnetic needle.

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**Churchman, John. Philadelphia** 1787 April 1 A.L.S. 1p. XXXV, 41.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Quotes several passages from the Old Testament which gave rise to certain speculations on lightning and the Aurora Borealis.

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**Carroll, John. Georgetown** 1787 April 2 A.L.S. 2p. XXXV, 42.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing Mr. Digges who is desirous of paying his respects to Franklin during his stay in Philadelphia.

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**Childs, Francis** 1787 April 3 A.L.S. 2p. XXXV, 43.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Regretting his inability to fully comply with his engagement; reasons for his delay; bright hopes for the future. Business of the printing office.

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**Bowdoin, James** 1787 April 4 A.L.S. 1p. XXXV, 44.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing his relative, Mr. Hughes, who desires an opportunity of presenting his respects to so distinguished a character.

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**McConnell, Matthew** 1787 April 6 A.L.S. 1p. XXXV, 45.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Sending a pamphlet for Franklin's perusal.

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**Short, William. Paris** 1787 April 8 A.L.S. 1p. XXXV, 46.  
to Benjamin Franklin

In the absence of Mr. [Thomas] Jefferson, forwards certain letters by Mr. [Isaac] Norris of Philadelphia.

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**Sevier, John** 1787 April 9 A.L.S. 2p. XXXV, 47.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the new State of Franklin; Act of Cession repealed by North Carolina; her attempt to reassume jurisdiction and sovereignty over the State of Franklin; desires to know if their Council of State can count upon Franklin's approbation.

**Bibliography**

to Benjamin Franklin, 1787 April 9

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**Doan, Aaron. Gaol** 1787 April 17 A.L.S. 2p. XXXV, 48.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Begging Franklin to recommend the enclosed petition favorably; his offense committed at a time when a vindictive spirit unhappily prevailed; his greatest enemies in Bucks County would now be glad to see him at liberty; his good conduct during his long confinement.

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**Le Roy, Julien David. Paris** 1787 April 27 A.L.S. 4p. XXXV, 50.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing a copy of his letter to the Marquis de Castries *à propos* of his plan to construct a fast ship to ply between London and Paris; took the liberty of placing Franklin's name at the head of his list of subscribers; hopes of a favorable issue. If he were Mme. Cheminot's lover would be jealous of her admiration of Franklin. Sends him the two models of a boat constructed along new lines.

(In French.)

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**Erkelens, Gosrunus. Chatham, Conn** 1787 May 1 A.L.S. 4p. XXXV, 51.

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Concerning a cobalt mine in his possession which he believes to be the only one discovered in the States; value of this one in trading with China; with proper encouragement, thinks the trade could become an important one; desires Franklin to bring the matter before the Pennsylvania Assembly.

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**Huntington, Samuel. Norwich Conn**                      1787 May 5                      A.L.S. 1p.      XXXV, 52.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging Franklin's letter of the 14th ult. which, together with the Act of the Pennsylvania Assembly, will be laid before the Legislature of Connecticut; persuaded of their desire to cultivate peace and good harmony.

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**Short, William. Paris**    1787 May 5                      A.L.S. 1p.      XXXV, 53.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Forwarding letters from M. [Jean Baptiste] Le Roy, by the French Consul at New York. The diplomas for the European members of the American Philosophical Society delivered wherever possible.

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**Houdetot, Comtesse d'**    1787 May 7                      A.L.S. 1p.      XXXV, 54.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Assuring him of her ineffaceable attachment and veneration. Changes in the administration; great hopes arising from the new Minister being a pupil and follower of M. [Anne Robert Jacques] Turgot. (In French.)

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**Biddle, Charles. Philadelphia**                                      1787 May 8                      A.L.S. 1p.      XXXV, 55.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Nothing can be done for the man in question before the next meeting of the Legislature.

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**L'Enfant, Major Peter Charles.**                                      1787 May 10                      A.N. in 3d P.    XXXV, 56.  
**Philadelphia**    1p.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Accepting Franklin's invitation to wait upon him the following Saturday.

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**Thomson, Mr. and Mrs.** 1787 May 11 N. in 3d P. XXXV, 57.  
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Regretting their inability to wait upon Franklin on Saturday.

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**Bowdoin, James. Boston** 1787 May 14 L.S. 2p. XXXV, 58.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing William Erving, Esq., a brother of Mrs. Bowdoin and a worthy, sensible gentleman.  
Returns with thanks the manuscript copy of Dr. [John] Jeffries's aerial Voyages.

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**Byles, Mather. Boston** 1787 May 14 L.S. 1p. XXXV, 59.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Doubts whether Franklin received his former letter; owing to age and palsy, must employ his daughter to repeat his thanks. Congratulates his country on having produced a Franklin.

**Bibliography**

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**Vaughan, Samuel Jr. London** 1787 May 16 A.L.S. 1p. XXXV, 60.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Sending him a treatise on Phlogiston, by Mr. [Richard] Kirwan, together with Mr. [Charles] Dilly's collection of Franklin's late papers. Strongly recommends having the first volume of the [American] Philosophical Transactions reprinted. While at sea, read his observations on Maritime Affairs; will send him shortly his thoughts on that subject.

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**Childs, Francis** 1787 May 17 A.L.S. 1p. XXXV, 61.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Business of the printing-office.

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**Coxe, Tench** 1787 May 18 A.L.S. 1p. XXXV, 62.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Advised by his friends to publish the enclosed essay read before the Society for Political Inquiries.

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**Flores, Joseph Miguel de** 1787 May 18 A.L.S. 2p. XXXV, 63.  
to Benjamin Franklin



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Deputed by the Royal Academy of History to acknowledge the second volume of the American Philosophical [Society's] Transactions; reflections occasioned by Mr. Otto's dissertation on the discovery of the Western Hemisphere. Sending Various publications of their Society.  
(In Spanish. With translation.)

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<b>Ingenhousz, Jan</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1787 May 20	A.L.S. 3p. XXXV, 64.
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Acknowledging his letter with a copy of the second volume of the American Philosophical [Society's] Transactions; his application of the honor conferred in addressing to him the first dissertation on chimneys. His business with Mr. [Samuel] Wharton; urges certain methods by which Mr. Wharton and Mr. [Francis] Coffyn may be forced to pay the money owing him; relies on Franklin's influence and friendship in this affair. Encloses an open letter to Mr. John Williams which he desires may be attended to at once. Civil war begun in his country. Inquiries after Franklin made by the Emperor [of Austria].

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<b>White, Dr. William</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1787 May 21	N. in 3d P. XLIII, 247. 1p.
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Accepting the President's invitation.

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<b>Brown, Mr</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1787 May 22	A.N. in 3d P. XXXV, 65. 1p.
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Acknowledging Franklin's polite invitation; will wait upon him on Thursday at three o'clock.

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<b>Ledlie, Hugh. Hartford</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1787 May 22	L.S. 3p. XXXV, 66.
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Reminding Franklin of their dining with Gen. Washington, in 1775, and of his having been for thirty years a lodger in the house of his sister, Mrs. [Jane] Mecom; his fruitless attempts to discover her whereabouts and state of health; begs Franklin to favor him with a line on this subject. Desires to know how matters go on at the [Constitutional] Convention. Plan of a new road from Hartford to Boston.

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<b>Pettit, Gen Charles. Philadelphia</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1787 May 24	N. in 3d P. XXXV, 67. 1p.
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Accepting Franklin's invitation to wait upon him.

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<b>Campomanès, count de</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1787 May 24	A.L.S. 3p.	XXXV, 68.
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Acknowledging Franklin's letter of December 4th and his election to the membership of the American Philosophical Society. Deputed by their Academy of History to send Franklin the first volume of a Spanish and Arabic Dictionary, printed under his direction.

(In Spanish. Translation. 2p.)

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<b>Short, Thomas. Edinburgh</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1787 May 28	A.L.S. 3p.	XXXV, 69.
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Offering to repair and improve the telescope made by him for Franklin in 1769; desires no pecuniary acknowledgement for this service; merely wishes to receive an accurate report of the situation and number of his brother's family in America; his intention to make suitable provision for them before he dies.

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<b>Johnson, Henry. Baltimore</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1787 May 28	A.L.S. 1p.	LXIX, 74.
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Relative to prizes carried into France during the late war.

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<b>Darwin, Erasmus. Derby</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1787 May 29	A.L.S. 3p.	XXXV, 70.
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Writes not only to the philosopher but to the greatest statesman living. Acknowledging Franklin's kindness to his son Robert in France. Description of experiments in electricity performed by a Mr. Bennet, a curate in his neighborhood. Concerning his late translation of the botanical works of Linnaeus.

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<b>Gardoqui, Diego</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1787 May 30	A.L.S. 4p.	XXXV, 71.
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Complaining of the conduct of the principal officers in the Custom house, in threatening an innocent man and showing protection to a lawless set of infamous smugglers; states the case in detail.

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**Bond, Phineas Jr. Philadelphia** 1787 June 4 A.L. in 3d P. XXXV, 72.  
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

So far, has not been able to find the desired pamphlets. Sends him the *Asylum for Fugitive Pieces* [London, 1787], in which are some good things and a great deal of trash; recommends discretion in reading certain parts to his fair friends.

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**Tyler, John. Philadelphia** 1787 June 6 A.L.S. 3p. XXXV, 73.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Account of being cheated and robbed by his one-time partner, James Pearson; begs Franklin to find him some kind of employment; offers to work in his house or in Mr. [Benjamin Franklin] Bache's letter foundry.

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**Croker, Rev Temple Henry** 1787 June 8 A.L. in 3d P. XXXV, 74.  
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Introducing himself as the reader in Temple Church in 1761, and author of a treatise on Magnetism; desires the honor of a short interview.

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**Coxe, Tench. Philadelphia** 1787 June 9 A.L.S. 1p. XXXV, 75.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Several foreigners elected honorary members of the Society for the Relief of Free Negroes; enclosing the brief letters informing them of their election, with a request for Franklin's signature.

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**Phile, Frederick. Philadelphia** 1787 June 11 A.L.S. 1p. XXXV, 76.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing a true statement of the transactions between Mr. John Leamy and himself concerning the passport of the schooner "Regla."

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**Le Veillard, Louis Guillaume** 1787 June 13 A.L.S. 4p. XXXV, 77.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Sends him a work by M. de Volney; introducing the bearer of it, M. Saugrain [ *de Vigny* ], a young savant, to Franklin's notice. Reasons why M. De la Valette gave up his intended trip to America. Again urges him to write his memories. American politics; the National Convention; question of imposts and custom-houses; attitude of certain states like Rhode Island in refusing to send Deputies.

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Regretting Franklin's failure to send his paper on the retention by the English of the posts on the American frontier. Question of paper money. Per cent, paid on investments in real estate in America. Affairs in France; Archbishop of Toulouse made Minister and President of the Council of Finances; M. de Villedeuil made Controller-General; M. de Vergenne's memory somewhat tarnished; work accomplished by the Assemblé des Notables; suppression of the *corvées*; new taxes levied. Expects to dine with Mr. [Thomas] Paine at M. [Le Ray] de Chaumont's. Return of Mr. [Thomas] Jefferson. Absence of the Due de la Rochefoucauld and all his family. Death of M. Brillon. News of other friends.

(In French.)

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**Guillotín, Joseph Iguace. Paris**                                  1787 June 18                                  A.L.S. 10p.    XXXV, 78.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Their work together in exposing charlatanism and imposture. Reminding him of the many questions concerning America with which he used to bombard him at Passy; his desire to emigrate there shared by many of his friends; disgusted with the despotism, superstition and wickedness of France; their wish to establish a settlement on the Ohio river, the home of equality, liberty and friendship; they number a dozen men, some with families, some without; some rich, some poor; among them they can boast of a knowledge of the sciences and useful arts; introducing two of their number, M. Picque and M. Saugrain [de Vigny] who are to be the pioneers of their party; begs for them Franklin's advice, protection and recommendation; flattering account of his brother-in-law, M. Saugrain [de Vigny].

(In French.)

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**Gardoqui, James (Diego)**                                  1787 June 19                                  A.L.S. 3p.    XXXV, 79.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging Franklin's favor of the 11th inst. with the report of the Officer of the Custom-houses regarding the schooner, "Regla"; his object was not to injure the officer but to protect the United States against smugglers. Need of a treaty between America and Spain.

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**D'Arect, -----. Paris**                                  1787 June 19                                  A.L.S. 3p.    XXXV, 80.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Recommending M. Saugrain; the recent death of his friend, Don [Bernard] Galvez, Viceroy of Mexico, frustrated his hopes of fame and fortune in that country; his work in the chemical laboratory in Paris; his object in going to America is to choose a site for permanent settlement.

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(In French.)

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**Choctaw Chief and Chickesaw Captain** 1787 June 19 L.S. 4p. XXXV, 81.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Desiring such directions as will enable them to proceed with their business.

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**Le Roy, Julien David. Paris** 1787 June 21 A.L. 4p. XXXV, 82.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Delighted at the report of Franklin's health received from Mr. [Thomas] Paine; amazed at the amount of work he is able to accomplish. Messages from [Comte] de Buffon, who is still a great sufferer. Mr. Paine's desire to see a balloon ascension; M. [François] Blanchard the only exponent of that art at present. M. [Jean Baptiste Marie] Meusnier's book not yet printed.

(In French.)

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**Paine, Thomas. Paris** 1787 June 22 A.L.S. 4p. XXXV, 83.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Account of his trip from Havre-de-Grace to Paris; his cordial reception by Franklin's friends; kindness of M. Le Roy. Exhibition of fire-works at [Comte] de Buffon's. His model of a bridge not yet arrived; introduced to M. Terenet, the bridge architect.

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**Carmichael, William. Madrid** 1787 June 22 A.L.S. 1p. XXXV, 84.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging his election as a member of the [American] Philosophical Society; enclosing letters of acknowledgment from the Count de Campomanès and Don [Joseph] Miguel [de] Flores; forwarded the books mentioned in those letters.

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**Le Roy, Mme** 1787 June 23 A.L. 3p. XXXV, 85.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Account of the cruel treatment accorded her by her husband, and of her unchanging devotion to him; left him six months before; miserably unhappy. Disavows any courage in making the ascent in a balloon; wishes it might have carried her to Franklin for whom she has the greatest love and admiration. Her friendship with Mme. Helvétius.

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(In French.)

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**January, Benjamin. Philadelphia** 1787 June 26 A.L.S. 2p. XXXV, 86.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Offering to rebind all the books which were misplaced through the carelessness of a journeyman.

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**The Gentlemen of the Constitutional** [1787.] June 27 L. 1p. XLIII, 160.  
**Convention at the Indian Queen**  
to Benjamin Franklin

Invitating the President of the State of Pennsylvania to dinner at their quarters.

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**Knox, General Henry. Philadelphia** 1787 June 28 A.L.S. 1p. XXXV, 87.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging Franklin's application on behalf of M. Varranault, for admission into the Society of the Cincinnati; necessary for the gentleman to address himself to the Society in France.

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**Churchman, John. East Nottingham, Pa** 1787 July 2 A.L. in 3d P. XXXV, 88.  
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Desiring to be informed, through his brother, Mordecai Churchman, in Philadelphia, if the Astronomer Royal at Greenwich writes anything respecting the affair sent to him three months ago.

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**Small, Alexander. London** 1787 July 3 A.L.S. 1p. XXXV, 89.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Hoped Franklin would have retained some of Mirabeau's patriotic principles; opposed to taxes on imports; thinks Philadelphia should be made a free port; objects to the loyalists being banished; sees nothing of the liberal disposition of Dr. Franklin.

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**The Connecticut Society Academy of Arts** 1787 July 3 A.L.S. XXXV, 90.  
**and Sciences. New Haven**  
to Benjamin Franklin Ezra Stiles,  
Correspond[in]  
Secretary.

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A literary society instituted the previous year, entitled the Connecticut Academy of Arts and Sciences, of which Lieutenant-Governor [Oliver] Wolcott is President; directed by the Society to apply to the [American] Philosophical Society and the Academies of science throughout Europe for their publications; in return will send their literary collections when these shall be published.

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**Lotbinière, Chartier de, marquis de** 1787 July 9 A.L.S. 2p. XXXV, 91.  
to Benjamin Franklin

On Mr. [John] Jay's advice, came to America in order to obtain possession of his estates on Lake Champlain; if affairs turn out as he now has reason to hope, will remain indefinitely in America; his impatience to see Franklin only held in check by the report of the heat in Philadelphia.  
(In French.)

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**Lettsom, John Coakley. London** 1787 July 14 A.L.S. 5p. XXXV, 92.  
to Benjamin Franklin

To the memoir of Dr. [John] Fothergill, he has annexed memoirs of some of his associates; his wish to have introduced some anecdotes of Franklin; the importance of such memorials. Discovery by a man, called Borth, of a method of imitating paintings in oil; facsimiles of famous paintings finished in a few hours; the method known only to Borth and a Mr. Johnson, a rich quaker; report that he has been offered £60,000 for his secret; conjectures concerning the method employed. Is cultivating a plant called in France, *racine de disette*; no more prolific vegetable known; promises to send a description with seeds. Begs Franklin's kind offices on behalf of a clergyman, Mr. George Hunt, who desires the honor of Doctor of Divinity from the College of Philadelphia.

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**The Medical Society of London. London** 1787 July 16 Portfolio.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Certificate of Membership.

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**Buffon, Comte de** 1787 July 18 A.L.S. 3p. XXXV, 93.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging the seeds and rare plants sent him for the King's garden. Desires to hear of the progress of the [American] Philosophical Society. Just finished his *Histoire Naturelle de Minéraux*; offers to send it to the Society. Is printing a treatise on the properties and use of the magnet. Desires to know what remedy Franklin found most efficacious for the stone.

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(In French.)

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**Forman, Ezekiel. Auburn** 1787 July 19 A.L.S. 2p. XXXV, 94.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Sending Franklin a curious puzzle from Signor Falconi from New York; explains the position of the three sticks and the adjustment arranged by Falconi; promises further information, if desired.

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**West, Benjamin. London** 1787 July 26 A.L.S. 1p. XXXV, 95.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Arrival of Mr. [Samuel] Jennings with Franklin's letter of recommendation; the young gentleman's fame for painting had already preceded him; will give him every assistance in his power. News of his family. Mr. [Caleb] Whitefoord's desire to hear from Franklin.

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**La Roche, Abbé de** 1787 July 27 A.L.S. 4p. XXXV, 96.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Necessary to communicate with Franklin as the devout commune with celestial substances; their sacrifice in giving him up to America; their pleasure to imagine that he will be the one benefactor of men to escape their ingratitude. Account of a fête given in honor of the Lady of Auteuil [Madame Helvétius]; French politics; results of the *Assemblée des Notables*; disordered state of finance; misery of the people; difficult to foresee the outcome. Affairs in Holland. Visit from the Archbishop of Bordeaux; much talk of Franklin.

(In French.)

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**Stiles, Ezra. Yale College** 1787 July 31 A.L.S. 1p. XXXV, 97.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging Franklin's favor of the 14th inst. with the list of Philosophical Societies in Europe; discouraged by his advice to wait until they can send forth a volume themselves, before applying for publications from learned Societies; fears this will mean a long delay. Delighted to see an example of the new method of taking copies of papers from the originals. Acknowledging the second volume of the Transactions of the American Philosophical Society.

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**Steele, Joshua. Kendal's Plantation in Barbados** 1787 July 31 A.L.S. 1p. XXXV, 98.



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to Benjamin Franklin

Has been in Barbados over seven years looking after estates there.

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**Morellet, abbé**

1787 July 31

A.L.S. 8p. XXXV, 99.

to Benjamin Franklin

Pleasure derived from Franklin's letters by the whole "Academy of Auteuil." Religious toleration. Commercial regulations as to imposts and taxation; opposed to duties on foreign merchandise. Affairs in France; praises the Archbishop of Toulouse, the new Minister of Finance, Madame Helvétius; amusing account of their sufferings from her cats. Mr. [Thomas] Jefferson's work [Notes on Virginia] the Abbé [Morellet] translated, much liked. [Thomas] Paine's model of an iron bridge. Demand for an Assembly of the States-General. Messages from friends.

(In French.)

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**Du Plessis, Thomas-Antoine Mauduit.**

1787 August 1

A.L.S. 1p. XXXV, 100.

**Paris**

to Benjamin Franklin

Account of a serious illness which brought him to death's door and caused him great fear. Messages from the Count d'Estaing, who has done all in his power for Franklin's friend, Mr. [Thomas] Paine. Trouble in Holland; fear of war; influence of Mr. [William] Pitt in England against anything which will mar the present peace.

(In French. In duplicate.)

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**Nesmoz and Valliant. Philadelphia**

1787 August 2

A.L.S. 1p. XXXV, 101.

to Benjamin Franklin

Understands that Franklin sometimes has occasion to draw upon Paris; desires to know if he will oblige them with bills to the amount of three or four thousand livres, and upon what terms?

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**Guillotín, Joseph Ignace**

1787 August 5

A.L.S. 2p. XXXV, 102.

to Benjamin Franklin

Request for Franklin's advice and assistance on behalf of Messrs. Picque and Saugrain [de Vigny]; begs him to recommend their inexperience to a capable adviser wherever they go; Illinois likely to be

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chosen as their place of settlement; understands from Mr. [Thomas] Jefferson that grants of land may be had there.

(In French.)

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**Vaughan, Samuel Jr. New York** 1787 August 7 A.L.S. 2p. XXXV, 103.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Sending him the Judiciary Bill and the bill for the punishment of certain crimes; question of the power invested in Congress; the members cautious lest their measures should not meet with the approbation of their constituents. Enclosing a report of the Assembly in Jamaica on the slave trade and slavery in that Island.

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**North, Major William. New York** 1787 August 8 L. in 3d P. 1p.XL, 40.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing an important letter for Mr. Williams.

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**Rumford, Jonathan. Wilmington** 1787 August 9 A.L.S. 1p. XXXV, 104.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Reported in 1777 that Franklin sent Congress a package of all clean sheets of paper; sends him something similar with the hope that he and Washington will fill them. Expects the gentlemen of the Convention to carry out the terms of every treaty America has made.

A. E. by Franklin. "Jonathan Rumford--crack'd."

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**Le Roy, Jean Baptiste** 1787 August 15 A.L.S. 3p. XXXV, 105.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Praise for Mr. [Thomas] Paine; has been appointed, by the Academy, one of the Commissioners to examine his design; delay in preparing their report; thinks his model has certain advantages over the others presented. Sir Joseph Banks's election to membership in the Academy.

(In French.)

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**Croker, Temple Henry. Christopher** 1787 August 16 A.L.S. 1p. XXXV, 106.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Sending Franklin his old pamphlet on Magnctism; introducing Mr. Clifton. After the hurricane months, proposes trying Franklin's improvement on his horizontal wind-mill.

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<b>The Board of Treasury</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1787 August 16 and 1788 January 14	A.L.S. Samuel Osgood, Arthur Lee. [In the second letter the name of Walter Livingston substitutes that of Arthur Lee.] 4p.	LV, 106 and 107.
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Relative to the account of John Ross against the United States.

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<b>Whitehurst, John. London</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1787 August 17	A.L.S. 1p.	XXXV, 107.
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Sends his little attempt towards obtaining invariable measures; offer of Dr. [Nevil] Maskelyne to keep the machine under his inspection at the Observatory, in order to authenticate its going.

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<b>Burdett, P.P. Carlsruhe</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1787 August 19	A.L.S. 3p.	XXXV, 108.
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Reminds Franklin of his appreciation of the medal struck on account of the American peace. Introducing M. de Schilling, a gentleman of birth, education and honor, who served with distinction in the army of the King of Sardinia; his present wish to settle in America and engage in agriculture or commerce.

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<b>La Rochefoucauld, Louis Alexandre, duc de</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1787 August 20	A.L.S. 4p.	XXXV, 109.
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Regrets being absent from Paris during Mr. [Thomas] Paine's visit; the interest the Academy will take in his model for a bridge. Impatient to hear the result of the Convention called together to revise the Constitution; high hopes for an Assembly which numbers Franklin and Washington among its members. Agrees with him on the instability of popular favor; believes Franklin's case, will prove

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the exception. French affairs; result of the *Assemblée des Notables*; the formation of Provincial Assemblies; the Marquis [de la Fayette] and himself both elected members from different Provinces. (In French.)

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**Childs, Francis** 1787 August 21 A.L.S. 1p. XXXV, 110.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Humble apology for again postponing certain payments due Franklin; proposes to come to Philadelphia and draw up and a new agreement. Business of the printing office.

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**Smith, John. Philadelphia** 1787 August 24 A.L.S. 2p. XXXV, 111.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the estate of the late Robert Smith, carpenter, of which he is administrator; has settled all the accounts except the one with Franklin; suggests a method by which the money can be paid.

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**Newenham, Sir Edward. Roxborough** 1787 August 25 A.L.S. 7p. XXXV, 112.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Account of successful experiments in agriculture tried by Mr. Kirwan; slothfulness and apathy of the Irish peasantry; has endeavored in vain to convert them to these new methods of raising crops. Promising to send the car by the first opportunity. Completion of their city canal. Meeting of volunteer regiments; threats to disperse them; expects to visit the encampment *incognito* and drink the health of American patriots, with success to the Convention; rails against Rhode Island for not sending delegates. Affairs in Holland. Advice to America, should a European war break out in consequence of Dutch or Brabant politics; disapproves of England's attitude in taking the Stadtholder's part. Enormous addition of taxes and pensions. His trip to America delayed by a tiresome law-suit.

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**Lathrop, Dr. John** 1787 August 30 A.L. in 3d P. XXXV, 113.  
to Benjamin Franklin 1p

Requesting his acceptance of a discourse given before the Humane Society of Boston; encouraged by Mrs. [Jane] Mecom to make himself known to Dr. Franklin.

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**Biddle, Charles. Philadelphia** 1787 September 5 A.L.S. 1p. XXXV, 114.  
to Benjamin Franklin

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Sending Franklin the message for the General Assembly, in case he wishes to make any alterations.

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**Wharton, Samuel. Philadelphia** 1787 September 5 L.S. 1p. XXXV, 115.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Prevented by illness from waiting on Franklin. Asks for an introduction to his son, Richard Wharton, Attorney-at-law, to Colonel [John] Armstrong, President of Court of Quarter Sessions in Armstrong County; his intention to settle in Dauphin County and practice law.

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**Moreau de St. Méry, -----** 1787 September 8 A.L.S. 2p. XXXV, 116.  
to Benjamin Franklin

For thirteen years has been engaged on different works relative to the French Colonies; his ardent desire to become a member of the [American] Philosophical Society; offers to send the first five volumes of a work which he thinks will prove of interest to America; expects to return to France in May. Recalls his introduction to Franklin by Dr. [Matthew] Maty in London.  
(In French.)

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**Baldwin Mr. Philadelphia** 1787 September 10 A.N. 3d P. 1p.XXXV, 117.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Accepting Franklin's invitation for dinner on Wednesday.

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**Lenox, David. Philadelphia** 1787 September 11 A.L.S. 1p. XXXV, 118.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Begs leave to renew in person his request to Franklin for a certain appointment.

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**Sevier, John. Franklin** 1787 September 12 A.L.S. 2p. XXXV, 119.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Delighted with his friendly attitude towards their young republic. Predatory excursions of the Creek Indians; so far their frontier has been unmolested.

to Benjamin Franklin, 1787 September 12

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**Whatley, George. London** 1787 September 14 A.L.S. 3p. XXXV, 121.  
to Benjamin Franklin

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Enclosing memorial relative to Francis Dashwood [Baron Le Despencer]. Question of banks, paper money and coining. Criticism of a publication dedicated to Mr. [John] Adams, entitled Political Sketches. Interested in the result of the [Constitutional] Convention. Their relative ages. News of their friend. Dr. [William] Rowley.

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**Le Roy, Julien David. Havre** 1787 September 20 A.L.S. 3p. XXXV, 122.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Experiments in navigation; sure of the success of this new kind of vessel; the simplification and perfecting of his system of sails; offers to arrange this new style of rigging on any ship sent from America to Rouch Havre. Introducing M. Le Roux.  
(In French.)

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**Macnamara, James. Philadelphia** 1787 September 20 A.L.S. 2p. XXXV, 123.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Account of his being shipwrecked on his passage from Ireland to America; his wife and child drowned and everything else lost; is now a sufferer from epileptic fits, the result of his grief and terror; cared for by the managers and physicians of the Pennsylvania Hospital; begs Franklin for a change of clothes, as he is destitute of everything.

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**Thomas, -----. Florence** 1787 September 20 L.S. 4P. XXXV, 124  
to Benjamin Franklin and 134.

Account of merchandise sent in 1783 through Mr. [Jonathan] Williams [Jr.], to Bache and Shee at Philadelphia, to be sold on commission; has never received but a small part of the profits of that sale; gives the details of the affair; if Franklin refuses to intercede, must endeavor to obtain justice in a more public manner.  
(In French. In duplicate.)

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**Carey, Mathew. Philadelphia** 1787 September 24 A.L.S. 3p. XXXV, 125.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the purchase from him of type; takes exception to a remark of Franklin made during their interview on this subject.

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**Price, Richard. Hackney** 1787 September 26 A.L.S. 4p. XXXV, 126.  
to Benjamin Franklin

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Acknowledging his election as member of the Pennsylvania Society for abolishing negro slavery; similar institution just founded in London. Waiting for an account of the [Constitutional] Convention. Spirit of liberty beginning to prevail in Europe as a result of the American war. Departure of Mr. [John] Paradise and family for Virginia. Report of war between Turkey and Russia. Rumor of the King of Prussia having entered Holland and reinstated the Stadtholder in all his powers.

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<b>Ingenhousz, Jan</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1787 September 28	A.L.S. 4p.	XXXV, 127.
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Desires Mr. [John] Williams to finish up the business of his loan-receipts and send him over the money. Finds fault with the American postal service. Question of the money due him by Mr. [Samuel] Wharton; convinced that Franklin's powerful influence can obtain justice for him. Dismal outlook for Europe; distracted state of his own country; the English at the bottom of it; Turkish war probably blown up from the same quarter.

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<b>Jennings, Samuel. London</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1787 October 9	A.L.S. 2p.	XXXV, 128.
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Delighted with his reception by Mr. [Benjamin] West, who is at Windsor, finishing the paintings designed for the Castle; much impressed so far by the elegant performances in the Fine Arts; especially struck with the statuary in Westminster Abbey.

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<b>Ehlers, M. Kiel</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1787 October 10	A.L.S. 1p.	XXXV, 129.
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Hopes he received the first volume of a work, of which he now sends the second.

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<b>Williams, Jonathan Sr</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1787 October 10	A.L.S. 1p.	XXXV, 129 1/2.
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Thanking Franklin for the plan of government sent him; thinks it the best that could be formed under the present circumstances; influence exerted against it. News of Mrs. [Jane] Mccom.

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<b>Du Pont de Nemours, Pierre Samuel,</b> <b>1739-1817</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1787 October 13	A.L.S. 2p.	XXXV, 130.
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Recommending to Franklin's attention, his eldest son [Victor Mario Du Pont] who goes to America to complete his education by studying the conditions of a free country.

(In French.)

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**Arthaud, Charles. Au Cap François**                      1787 October 13                      A.L.S. 1p.      XXXV, 131.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Sending a work on questions of rural economy just published by *Le Gerclé des Philadesphes*; desires one copy presented to the [American] Philosophical Society.

(In French.)

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**Birkbeck and Blakes. London**                      1787 October 17                      A.L.S. 1p.      XXXV, 132.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Sending receipt for a small box shipped in the "Convention," Capt. Jones.

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**Picque, -----. Pittsburgh**                      1787 October 18                      A.L.S. 3p.      XXXV, 133.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Announcing their safe arrival after a journey of eighteen days; expense of living as dear as in Philadelphia. Amused by the sight of savings. Thinks the country will suit them better than this sad little town.

(In French.)

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**Biddle, Charles. Philadelphia**                      1787 October 18                                           XLI, 84.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Resignation of Mr. [John] Armstrong [Jr.] as Secretary to Council; desires to obtain the appointment; asks Franklin's friendship in the matter.

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**Pinckney, Thomas. Charleston, S.C**                      1787 October 22                      A.L.S. 1p.      XXXV, 135.  
to Benjamin Franklin

No vessel at present ready to sail for New York; begs him to forward the enclosed commissions by the first safe opportunity; necessity of keeping their representation in Congress complete.

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**Childs, Francis**                      1787 October 24                      A.L.S. 1p.      XXXV, 136.  
to Benjamin Franklin



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Mr. Swain will make Franklin a small payment, enough to show his (Childs's) good intentions; disadvantages under which he has worked; hopes Franklin's silence is not due to displeasure.

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**La Luzerne, Chevalier de** 1787 October 26 A.L.S. 1p. XXXV, 137.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Appreciated Franklin's recommending Capt. John Earle to him; will serve him in every way in his power.  
(In French.)

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**Brillon, Mme** 1787 October 29 A.L. 4p. XLIII, 11.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Deaths of M. Brillon and her granddaughter, aged three; crushed by these two sorrows; news of her two daughters, their husbands and their combined household; begs him to write.  
(In French.)

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**Gorham, Nathaniel. Boston** 1787 October 30 A.L.S. 2p. XXXV, 138.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Franklin's speech, made just before the close of the [Constitutional] Convention, calculated to prevent war and blood-shed; with his permission, desires a copy for publication; the great weight and influence it would have in New England.

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**Picque, -----. Pittsburgh** 1787 October 31 A.L.S. 2p. XXXV, 139.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Anxious concerning their letters and remittances from France; begs Franklin to forward them as soon as they arrive.  
(In French.)

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**Sevier, John. State of Franklin** 1787 November 2 A.L.S. 2p. XXXV, 140.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Creek Indians still carrying on their depredations. Great results expected from the [Constitutional] Convention. Desiring Franklin's patronage and interest for their State; feeling among the Western Americans that their interests are neglected. Introducing Major Droomgoole, who goes to Congress

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with letters from the Cherokee Indians; his wish to act as Superintendent over some of the southern tribes; his influence among the Cherokee chiefs; recommends him warmly for the position.

to Benjamin Franklin, 1787 November 2

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<b>Guillotin, Joseph Ignace</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1787 November 2	A.L.S. 2p.	XXXV, 141.
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Thanking him for his gracious reception of Messrs. Saugrain [de Vigny] and Picque; sends the enclosed letters for them; impatient for the time to come to pay his respects to Franklin.

(In French.)

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<b>Viguera Neveu, ----</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1787 November 5	L.S. 2p.	XXXV, 142.
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Forwarding a box of books arrived for Franklin from Madrid.

(In French.)

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<b>Greene, Catharine. Boston</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1787 November 8	A.L.S. 2p.	XXXV, 143.
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Visiting Franklin's sister [Mecom]; expects to return home that day. News of friends. Account of her family, the marriages and occupations of her children. Mortified at the depravity of their State [Rhode Island].

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<b>Barbé de Marbois, François</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1787 November 8	A.L.S. 4p.	XXXV, 144.
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Reminding Franklin of certain astronomical observations by M. le [Comte] Granchain [de Sémerville] which were given a favorable reception some years before by the [American] Philosophical Society; M de Granchain presented to the Society as a candidate for membership, but by some error the Comte de Guichen was elected in his place; begs that this mistake may be corrected; also recommends for membership M. Moreau de St. Méry, who desires to present to the Society his work on the Laws and Constitution of Saint Domingo.

(In French.)

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<b>Brienne, Chevalier de</b>	1787 November 13	L.S. 1p.	XXXV, 145.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Forwarding a letter from M. Thomas, who begs that Franklin will act as a mediator in a business matter between him and Franklin's son-in-law [Richard Bache] and nephew [Jonathan Williams, Jr.]; asks him to consider this request favorably.

(In French.)

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**Thomas, Isaiah. Worcester** 1787 November 14 A.L.S. 2p. XXXV, 146.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Has reprinted an edition of Perry's Pronouncing English Dictionary, at his own risk and expense; desires to dedicate the first American edition to Franklin.

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**Dulany, Walter. Bladensburg** 1787 November 23 A.L.S. 2p. XXXV, 147.  
to Benjamin Franklin

His wife suffering greatly from stone in the kidney; heard that Franklin obtained great relief from blackberry jelly; has tried it without result; if it was really successful in Franklin's case, begs for more particular information; requests an early answer as his wife is extremely ill.

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**Smith, Sarah H. Baltimore** 1787 November 23 A.L.S. 4p. XXXV, 148.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Only daughter of Thomas Franklin; lately left a widow with five helpless children; miserly and unfeeling conduct of her brother James; her other brothers not in a position to help her; desires Franklin to do something for her children; their present destitute condition.

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**Croker, Henry Temple. St. Kitts** 1787 November 25 A.L.S. 1p. XXXV, 149.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning Franklin's improved plan of a horizontal windmill; on trial, found it insufficient to overcome the resistance of canes, through it may grind corn or raise water; begs Franklin to lay the matter before the [American] Philosophical Society.

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**The Minister and Vestry of the German Lutheran Congregation. Philadelphia** 1787 November 28 L. in 3d P. 1p.XLIV, 80.  
to Benjamin Franklin

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Requesting his presence at the speaking exercises to be performed in the German language at Zion Church.

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**Newenham, Sir Edward** 1787 November 19 A.L.S. 6p. LVIII, 84.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Sent the car and harness to Philadelphia. Rejoiced at the new Constitution of the United States; criticizes part of it; rails against ascendancy of the Clergy. Trouble in the Netherlands; war averted. Death and funeral of the Duke of Rutland, Viceroy of Ireland. Eulogy of Lord Chatham. Desires the appointment of Consul for his son at Marseilles; recommends their having one in Dublin. Opposite his desk is Franklin's bust, on his left are the pictures of the American worthies and across from them is [Benedict] Arnold suspended by the heels.

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**Carroll, Daniel. Annapolis** 1787 December 2 A.L.S. 3p. XXXV, 150.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Meeting of the House of Delegates; the presence of their deputies required to give information of the proceedings in [the Constitutional] Convention, attended with Messrs. [Daniel of St. Thomas] Jenifer, [James] McHenry, and [Luther] Martin; attack made on the Convention, on Washington and Franklin by anti-federalists; felt compelled to read them Franklin's speech on Representation given before the Convention, and also the one of September 17th; fears Franklin's displeasure on this head; has allowed no copies of the speeches to be taken; awaits his commands in the matter.

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**Partridge, Elizabeth. Boston** 1787 December 3 A.L.S. 2p. XXXV, 151.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Sympathizes with his painful disorder; hopes he will be long spared to his country. Some of his letters to her destroyed by mice; begs him to rewrite the paragraph to which he referred.

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**La Blancherie, Claude-Mammès de Pahin** 1787 December 7 A.L.S. 1p. XXXV, 152.  
**Champlain de**  
to Benjamin Franklin

Recommending to Franklin's kindness the Marquis de Chappe de Laisne.  
(In French.)

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**Hellstede, Charles** 1787 December 8 A.L.S. 1p. ; XXXV, 153.  
to Benjamin Franklin L.S. [Justice]

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James  
Loughead. 1p.

Complaining of the rough, rude and violent behavior in his house of two Constables who would have dragged his servant, John Bergman, away, had he not interfered; they said they belonged to Justice James Loughead's office and that they came for taxes; Bergman not taxable; begs Franklin to use his authority to prevent such extravagancies.

Apology to the Consul annexed.

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<b>Greene, Caty. Westerly [R. I.]</b>	1787 December 10	A.L.S. 2p.	XXXV, 154.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Sending him a small bag of sweet corn. Longs to see him. News of her family; Mrs. General [Nathanael] Greene in good health and living at Hartford.

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<b>Picque, -----. Pittsburgh</b>	1787 December 12	A.L.S. 2p.	XXXV, 155.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Anxious about their letters from France; have bought a small boat and expect to leave Fort Pitt shortly.

(In French.)

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<b>Quinn, Patrick</b>	1787 December 12	L. in 3d P. 2p.	XXXV, 156.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Petitioning Franklin to obtain him employment in some of the public offices.

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<b>Rittenhouse, David. Philadelphia</b>	1787 December 12	L.S. 1p.	XXXV, 157.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Certifying that he has been on board Mr. [John] Fitch's steam-boat when it was worked against both wind and tide; thinks it will meet with the encouragement it so justly deserves.

(Copy.)

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<b>Randolph, Gov. Edmund. Richmond</b>	1787 December 15	A.L.S. 2p.	XXXV, 158.
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to Benjamin Franklin

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Mr. Joseph Elam arrested in Philadelphia as a proper subject for the hospital [for the insane] there and of his subsequent escape; has done business with him for two years and found him intelligent and orderly; Mr. Elam afraid to return to Philadelphia on business without Franklin's protection.

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**Le Veillard, Louis Guillaume** 1787 December 15 A.L. 1p. XXXV, 159.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Begging for news of the [Constitutional] Convention. Messrs. le Due d'Orléans, l'Abbé Sabattier and Frelot, Counsellors of Parliament, still exiled; efforts made to obtain their return. Promises of M. [Ferdinand] Grand to send the portrait by a sure hand.  
(In French.)

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**Gorham, Nathaniel. Charlestown** 1787 December 15 A.L.S. 2p. XXXV, 160.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Happy effect attending the publication of Franklin's speech [in the Constitutional Convention]; read and applauded by almost every one; opinion of Franklin's old friends in Boston. Prospect very encouraging in South Carolina.

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**Hopkinson, Vires Acquirit Cedendo** 1787 December 24 A.L.S. 2p. XXXV, 161.  
**Francis. Philadelphia**  
to Benjamin Franklin

Meeting of the [American] Philosophical Society and the disposition of Mr. [John Hyacinth de] Magellan's annual premium; many dissatisfied with the manner in which the affair was conducted and entered on the minutes; desires Franklin to summon another meeting before the end of the month to reconsider the proceedings and revise the minutes.

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**Weiss, L** 1787 December 24 A.L.S. 2p. XXXV, 162.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Application made to him as a magistrate by Mr. Henry Clawes to recover a debt from John Dean, Esq., member of the Supreme Executive Council; is uncertain whether such an act on his part would be counted a breach of privilege; has written the enclosed [1 p.] to Mr. Dean without result; desires Franklin's advice.

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**Armstrong, Col John. Carlisle** 1787 December 25 A.L.S. 2p. XXXV, 163.  
to Benjamin Franklin

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[Richard] Wharton shall not lack recommendations for admittance to the Court of Carlisle. Dr. Nesbit and himself in favor of adopting the Constitution, keeping in view such Amendments as experience and a fitter time may point out; expects good results from the publication of Franklin's last speech in the Convention; pernicious effect of the minority's dissent.

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**Randolph, Gov. Edmund. Richmond**      1787 December 27      A.L.S. 1p.      XXXV, 164.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Pursuant to a Resolution of their General Assembly, encloses two copies of their Act concerning the Convention [to ratify the Constitution] to be held in June next; one copy intended for the Pennsylvania Legislature.

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**Barbé de Marbois, François**      1787 December 28      A.L.S. 2p.      XXXV, 165.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Writes on behalf of Jean Vicard, whose petition he encloses [2 p.]; account of his being forced to marry a woman of the town, who pretended that he was the father of her child; at present he is in prison for failing to support them; begs Franklin to obtain his release.  
(In French.)

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**Magaw, Rev Samuel**      1787 December 31      A.L.S. 2p.      XXXV, 166.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Business of the [American] Philosophical Society; permitted their determination, respecting inventions that came nearest to the annual premium, to be inserted in one of the public papers; apologizes for seeming to act contrary to Franklin's opinion; explains his reasons.

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**The Controller of Finances of  
Pennsylvania**      Mem 2p.      LXIV, 86.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Statement for 1787.

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**Crèvecoeur, St. Jean de**      1787      L.S. 1p.      XXXV, 167.  
to Benjamin Franklin

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Lately crossed the ocean with Com. [John] Paul Jones; takes advantage of his departure for Philadelphia to transmit to Dr. Franklin a letter from the Comtesse d'Houdetot and the 2d edition of the Farmers Letters.

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**Newenham, Sir Edward** [1787 ?] A.L. 4p. XL, 143.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Recommending to America, the formation of a navy and the building of harbor defenses. Description of their Parliament; their late imperious Viceroy censured instead of impeached. Affairs in France; the National Assembly nearly completed their laws; attitude of King and Queen; La Fayette the Washington of Europe. War between the Brabanters and the Emperor Joseph. Mr. [Silas] Deane's vote in Ireland. [Conclusion missing.]

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**Rittenhouse, David. Philadelphia** [ A.L.S. 1p. XL, 51.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Account of experiments with cedar wood in coloring glass.

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**Tobine, James K. Philadelphia** 1787 A.L.S 2p. XLII, 67.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Asks for help in obtaining employment.

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**Vaughan, Samuel Jr.** [ A.L. in 3d P. XLIII, 239.  
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Requests Dr. Franklin to send the estimates of building, as bill for scantling amounts to more than the estimate. The bill for land will be published by [Eleazer] Oswald to-morrow, when it and the Alien's Bill will be called for.

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**Childs, Francis** 1788 January 2 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVI, 1.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Question of imperfections in the type.

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**Small, Alexander. London** 1788 January 2 A.L.S. 3p. XXXVI, 2.  
to Benjamin Franklin



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General opinion in England that America had better adopt a limited form of government. English commercial prosperity. Mr. [Josiah] Wedgwood's beautiful earthenware. Advises a recall of American Tories. Future of France. America likely to take Mexico from Spain.

**Bibliography**


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<b>Wright, John. London</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1788 January 2	A.L.S. 2p. XXXVI, 3.
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Refers to his letter of April, 1786, accompanied by Dobson's Treatise on Fixed Air; relief obtained from the stone by drinking water impregnated with this air; sends a new apparatus which obviates the frequent burstings; would be glad to hear if it procures him ease. Iniquitous traffic of slaves; believes an end will be put to it soon. Hopes America will not create any orders of nobility or hereditary honors.

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<b>Vaughan, William. London</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1788 January 5	A.L.S. 1p. XXXVI, 4.
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Had promised himself the pleasure of communicating certain remarks on Franklin's observations on the gulf-stream [see "Maritime Observations," London, 1787]; prevented by his mother's serious illness; has sent her to Hackney for change of air; by Capt. Spruce they have sent Franklin a cheese.

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<b>Thomas, Isaiah. Worcester Mass</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1788 January 8	A.L.S. 2p. XXXVI, 5.
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Thanks him for the desired permission which, however, came too late for publication; delayed printing the dedication [of William Perry's Royal Standard English Dictionary] as long as possible, and finally inscribed it to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences; will make use of the liberty granted him in the next edition.

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<b>Livingston, William. Elizebeth Town</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1788 January 9	A.L.S. 1p. XXXVI, 6.
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Announcing that the State Convention of New Jersey has unanimously ratified the Federal Constitution.

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<b>Pagin, Père. Paris</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1788 January 10	A.L.S. 1p. XXXVI, 7.
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Introducing M. Dupuy du Gurard a young man, who has determined to seek employment in America.  
(In French.)

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**Sharp, Granville. Leadenhall St., London** 1788 January 10 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVI, 8.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging his election as member of the Pennsylvania Society for promoting the Abolition of Slavery; thinks a state which sanctions slave-dealing and slave-holding invites divine retribution; takes exception of two clauses in the new Federal Constitution (9th Section of 1st Article and 2d Section of 3d Article).

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**Picque, -----. Pittsburgh** 1788 January 12 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVI, 9.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Everything frozen including the river; obliged to postpone their departure until the spring. At present they are settled about three miles from Pittsburgh; their dissipation consists in felling trees and trapping game.  
(In French.)

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**Davis, William. Boston** 1788 January 21 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVI, 10.  
to Benjamin Franklin

His repeated losses, amounting to six thousand pounds; two promising sons killed in the war; can no longer provide for his family; when he was able, gave his services gratis to the public; begs Franklin to obtain some relief for his family without mentioning his name; would be grateful for some position which a man of his advanced years could fill; desires this letter burnt.

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**Thomson, Charles** 1788 January 23 A.L.S. 1p. LV, 108.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Notice of the assembly of Congress and of the election of Cyrus Griffin as its President.

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**Limozin, Andrew. Havre-de-Grace** 1788 January 26 A.L.S. 4p. XXXVI, 11.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Forwarding to Congress an Act passed in the King's Council for sundry favors granted to the American trade. Reminds him of the number of American prisoners who came from England to the above port in a destitute state, and of the assistance rendered them there; mentions his own

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part in relieving this distress; reminds Franklin of his promise to recommend him to Congress, if not for reimbursement—then for a reward; since then has performed the duties of Agent for the United States; desires to be legally appointed their Agent with power for his son to act as such in his absence.

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**Lotbinière, Chartier de, marquis de**                      1788 January 27                      A.L.S. 1p.      XXXVI, 12.  
to Benjamin Franklin

The vigorous reply of the King of France to the deceitful and impudent message of the English Minsiter, has checked for a time England's fury against France for having aided the Americans. (In French.)

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**Crèvecoeur, St. Jean de**                                      1788 January 30                      L.S. 1p.      XXXVI, 13.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Asking Franklin's opinion concerning Mr. [John] Fitch's steamboat; desires to know how far he thinks it could be rendered useful for inland navigation.

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**Childs, Francis. Poughkeepsie**                              1788 January 31                      A.L.S. 1p.      XXXVI, 14.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Regrets that Franklin's grandson [Benjamin Franklin Bache] has been disappointed. Appreciates his offer of further time; would pledge himself to complete the payment by January 1789.

A. Mem., on fly leaf, by Dr. Franklin. "The opposition given more or less in every State to the propos'd Constitution, and from a Jealousy of Power, strengthens an Opinion of mine that America is too much enlightened to be enslaved; and thus the Happiness of its People is less in danger from an Excess of Power in the Governors, than from the Defect of due Obedience even to their own Laws, in the Governed."

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**Guillotín, Joseph Ignace**                                      1788 February 2                      A.L.S. 4p.      XXXVI, 15.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Forwarding letters for Messrs. Saugrain [de Vigny] and Picque, for whom he begs a continuance of his kindness; their silence of fourteen months very alarming; begs for a line from Franklin. Desires information and advice concerning their choice of a place of their settlement; his desire to become an American citizen increased by the splendid work of the late [Constitutional] Convention; gives to Franklin the chief credit for the result; foretells a fairy future for America.

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(In French.)

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**Coxe, Tench** [1788.] February 4 Monday A.L.S. 3p. XL, 210.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the case of Miss Lydia Frazier, of Boston, who was placed as a day scholar in a convent at Auch in Gascony; induced by the nuns to commit herself to the religious life; as she is an American and under age, appeals to Franklin to help in the effort to return her to her relatives.

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**La Rouchefoucauld, Duc de** 1788 February 6 A.L.S. 3p. XXXVI, 16.  
to Benjamin Franklin

His pleasure in knowing Mr. [Thomas] Paine; his bridge approved by the Academy [of Sciences]; is aiding M. Beaumarchais in the construction of a similar bridge at Paris. Affairs in France; much occupied with the meetings of Parliament; Edict in favor of non-Catholics a step towards tolerance; Assembly for the States-General announced for 1791. Desires the first volume of the [American] Philosophical [Society's] Transactions. Report of the ancient fortifications and other proofs of a previous civilization being found near Fort Harmar at the confluence of the Muskingum and Ohio rivers; desires to know if this is true. Messages from his host, the Abbé Rochon.

(In French.)

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**Potts, Samuel** 1788 February 6 A.L.S. 1p. LV, 109.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Receipt for the balance of his account.

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**Wethered, John. New Castle** 1788 February 10 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVI, 17.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Asking for assistance to repair the Episcopal Church at New Castle.

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**Picque, -----. Pittsburg** 1788 February 10 A.L.S. 3p. XXXVI, 18.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Account of an attack of sciatica, which was much alleviated by the use of a root common to the country; offers to send a specimen to Franklin as a remedy for the stone; hears it has been extremely efficacious in such cases; not sure of the name; the savages call it "*déje jon kon#*."

(In French.)

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**Newenham, Sir Edward** 1788 February 11 A.L.S. 3p. XXXVI, 19.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Irish politics; unbounded confidence placed by the whole nation in the Marquis of Buckingham; the last Viceroy one of the most abandoned, corrupt and profligate of men; no new pensions nor taxes; prevalence of gambling. Foreign politics; opposed to the Empress Catharine's ambitions; believes the Turks would suffer much before yielding the whole of the river Danube to the Sovereign of Hungary. Affairs in Holland. The English East India Co. afraid government will refuse a renewal of their charter.

**Moustier, comte de** 1788 February 14 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVI, 20.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Received his appointment 1 on September 3d and left for Paris on the 10th of October; wished by this alacrity to prove his affection for the Americans and his eagerness to strengthen the bond between their two nations.

(In French.)

**Other Descriptive Information**

1 Succeeded Comte de la Luzerne as Minister to America.

**Ettwein, John. Bethlehem** 1788 February 16 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVI, 21.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Presenting Franklin with a copy of the rules of their Society [for Propagating the Gospel]; their petition to the Pennsylvania Legislature for incorporation; recommends the Society and the Brethren's Church to Franklin's favor and protection.

**Taillefert, -----, Nantes** 1788 February 18 A.L.S. 4p. XXXVI, 22.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Account of a commercial transaction between himself and Pierre Charles Peyroux, and of the latter's failure to carry out his part; in 1785, M. Peyroux was at St. Louis, in the United States; desires that he may be made accountable for the debt he owes to him.

(In French.)

**Williams, Jonathan Jr.** 1788 February 19 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVIII,  
to Benjamin Franklin 174.

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Concerning his affair with Mr. Thomas.

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**Anderson, John. Glasgow College**                      1788 February 20                      A.L.S. 4p.      XXXVI, 23.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Forwarding Franklin his "Institutes of Physics," which may be of use to some young lecturer in Philadelphia; sends with it Sir John Dalrymple's "Memoirs," [of Great Britain and Ireland], volume two; reviews this work.

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**Pagin, Pére. Paris**    1788 February 24                      A.L.S. 2p.      XXXVI, 24.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Recalls the pleasant hours spent together at Madame Brillon's, M. and Mme. Le Veillard's and other friends. Reminds him of his promise on behalf of his nephew, M. Milliet, to whom M. Dorhman owes a considerable sum of money; encloses a memoir with an account of the affair, also an open letter from his nephew to M. Dorhman.  
(In French.)

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**Bondfield, John. Bordeaux**                              1788 February 24                      A.L.S. 3p.      XXXVI, 25.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Transmits the account. French politics; strenuous struggle by the Parliaments to fix the prerogatives of the Crown; refusal of the Bordeaux Parliament to hold their meetings in the small inland town to which they have been ordered; possibility of a great change in the Constitutions of France. Commercial relations between France and America.

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**Anderson, John. Glasgow College**                      1788 February 25                      A.L.S. 1p.      XXXVI, 26.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Sending him two books with a long explanatory letter in each one.

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**Hartley, David. Golden Square, London**              1788 February 26                      A.L.S. 1p.      XXXVI, 27.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Sending this letter by the American Ministers, Mr. [John] Adams and Col. Smith; they are not the bearers of any Treaty of Amity and Commerce; hopes for better feeling in the future; wishes America peace and prosperity under her new Constitution. Compares England to old wine in old bottles.

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**Vaughan, Charles. Boston**                                      1788 February 27                      A.L.S. 3p.

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XXXVI, 27  
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The papers of Dr. Ingen Housz in Mr. [John] Williams's possession. Interest on certain moneys. Account of the Conventions [to ratify the Constitution] in New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

**Wedgwood, Josiah. London**

1788 February 29

A.L.S. 2p. XXXVI, 28.

to Benjamin Franklin

Sending a few cameos for the use of Franklin and his friends; the subject of them the abolition of slavery; delighted to be embarked with Franklin in the same great and good cause. Owing to a continuous headache, is obliged to make use of his nephew's hand.

**Phillips, James. London**

1788 March 1

L. in 3d P. 1p. XXXVI, 29.

to Benjamin Franklin

Books he is sending to Franklin.

**Picque, -----. Pittsburg**

1788 March 2

A.L.S. 3p. XXXVI, 30.

to Benjamin Franklin

As they are about to leave Fort Pitt, begs Franklin to hold their letters until their destination is assured.  
(In French.)

**Maskelyne, Nevil. Greenwich**

1788 March 3

A.L.S. 3p. XXXVI, 31.

to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning Churchman's theory of the variation of the magnetic needle; opinion of the Board of Longitude unfavorable; their reasons. Hopes the [American] Philosophical Society received his Greenwich Observations.

**Bibliography****Whatley, George. London**

1788 March 12

A.L.S. 4p. XXXVI, 32.

to Benjamin Franklin

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His attitude concerning the abolition of the slave-trade; does not agree with the Society in all its tenets. News of Dr. [William] Rowley; works to serve the public not to gain money. Refuses to believe in the report of Franklin's death.

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**Crèvecoeur, St. Jean de** 1788 March 12 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVI, 33.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Obliged for his opinion concerning the steam-boat; trusts the encouragement Mr. [John] Fitch hopes from Congress, will enable him to cheapen, simplify and render his machine still more useful; should he succeed in perfecting it, he will deserve the applause of America and Europe.

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**Guillotín, Joseph Ignace** 1788 March 19 A.L.S. 3p. XXXVI, 34.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Begs for a reply to his questions concerning America; entreats the continuance of his kindness and protection towards Messrs. Picque and Saugrain.  
(In French.)

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**Thomas, Isaiah. Worcester Mass** 1788 March 24 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVI, 35.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Presenting Franklin with a copy of his edition of Perry's Dictionaries.

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**Jay, John** 1788 March 28 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVI, 36.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Good reports of Franklin's health; sees his handwriting has undergone no alteration.

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**Whatley, George. London** 1788 March 31 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVI, 37.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Wrote on the 1st inst. principally to ascertain the chances of his friend Dashwood receiving the money due him from Mr. George Henry of Philadelphia. Has finally heard from Mr. Jonathan Williams [Jr.]; the sin of procrastination. At Dr. [William] Rowley's request, sends one of his late publications on a malady, the treatment of which he considers improper.

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**Vaughan, William. London** 1788 March 31 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVI, 37  
to Benjamin Franklin 1/2.



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Concerning two small boxes sent to Franklin, one containing the Philosophical Transactions from the Royal Society, the other De Luc's Hygrometer, a present from Mr. [Edward] Nairnc. Urges Franklin to collect in book form many of his useful little papers that apply to common conduct in life for the lower and middle classes.

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**Le Veillard, Louis Guillaume** 1788 April 1 A.L.S. 5p. XXXVI, 38.  
to Benjamin Franklin

The result of the great [Constitutional] Convention in America; objects to certain points; thinks the power of the President too great. News of friends at Passy. His election as Syndic of his town; if his position is not so brilliant as Franklin's, is surrounded by more charming women. Entreats him to hasten the writing of his memories; false and stupid anecdotes written about him by Baron de Trink and others. Concerning imposts and duties. Critical and alarming condition of affairs in France; financial situation deplorable. With the exception of his wife, cares more for Franklin than anyone else in the world; why he cannot gratify his desire to go to Philadelphia. M. [Jacques] Necker's work on the importance of religious convictions. Death of [George Louis Le Clerc, Comte] du Buffon; his successor, [Comte Charles Claude La]billarderie [D'Angiviller].  
(In French.)

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**Caslon, William. London** 1788 April 2 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVI, 39.  
to Benjamin Franklin

News in his family. Messages to his friend, W[illiam] T[emple] Franklin.

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**Pownall, Thomas. Bristol** 1788 April 8 A.L.S. 4p. XXXVI, 40.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Report of Franklin's death. Is the only Commissioner left of those representing and acting for the several Provinces in America, who met at the Congress in Albany in 1754. Political condition of the Swiss Cantons. Constitution of the United States; fears the result of a four years' term for the President.

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**Coxe, Tench** 1788 April 11 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVI, 41.  
to Benjamin Franklin

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Glad to see that the people abroad look with desire at America, in spite of the disordered situation of commerce and Government. Will take a few days to turn over in his mind the letter enclosed to him by Franklin; will then ask his attention to one or two points.

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**Vaughan, Samuel Jr. Flamstead, Jamaica** 1788 April 11 A.L.S. 4p. XXXVI, 42.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the Island of Jamaica; the cause of mortality among the soldiers; condition of the slaves far better than that of the poor in several parts of Europe; if there is to be a reform, it must be of slow growth; this applies also to conditions in the Southern States; believes however that white men can labor equally well in the cultivation of sugar, etc. Facts determined by the thermometer and hygrometer. Meteorological observations he has made which point out other laws than those in Franklin's ingenious theory.

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**Millon, J.C. Au Cap François** 1788 April 22 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVI, 43.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing M. de Moret, who goes to America for his health.  
(In French.)

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**Turner, G. Philadelphia** 1788 April 26 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVI, 44.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Directed by Gen. [Henry] Knox at the last General Meeting of the Cincinnati, to translate and return to Franklin the enclosed letter.

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**Gilpin, Joseph** 1788 April 30 A.L. in 3d P. XXXVI, 45.  
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Sending him samples of such kinds of paper as have been made at the Brandywine manufactory; his uncle, Mr. Fisher, desires the loan of those books on the subject of paper-making which Franklin was good enough to offer him yesterday.

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**Vaughan, William. London** 1788 May 1 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVI, 46.  
to Benjamin Franklin

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Boxes sent to Franklin; one containing De Lue's Hygrometer. His mother's health much better. Dr. [Joseph] Priestley well and busy. Dr. [Richard] Price engaged in calculations respecting poor laws and rates for the House of Commons. Mr. [Thomas] Gilbert's bill thrown out.

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**Pemberton, James. Philadelphia** 1788 May 2 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVI, 47.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Meeting of the Society [for the Abolition of the Slave-trade] called; [the Wedgwood] cameos mostly distributed; suggests sending a few of the pamphlets also. The ship which fitted out the previous summer for the nefarious business to Africa is reported to be refitting at some port in Delaware; their intention to notify the Governor as well as the Abolition Society in Wilmington that, if practicable, the attempt may be frustrated.

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**Davis, William. Boston** 1788 May 2 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVI, 48.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Hopes that among the large circle of his Excellency's friends, some relief may be afforded him.

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**Bowdoin, James. Boston** 1788 May 6 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVI, 49.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing the Rev. Mr. [Timothy] Hilliard and Mr. Thomas Lee, both of Cambridge, Mass.

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**Bowdoin, James. Boston** 1788 May 6 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVI, 50.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing Christopher Gore, Esq., a lawyer of note, and a warm advocate of federalism and of the proposed Federal Constitution; favorable prospect of its adoption in New Hampshire; already adopted by Maryland; trusts the complete adoption of it is not far distant.

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**Lathrop, Dr. John** 1788 May 6 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVI, 51.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing the Rev. Mr. [Timothy] Hilliard, who succeeds the venerable Dr. [Nathaniel] Appleton to the ministry at Cambridge; his travelling companion is Thomas Lee, Esq., a wealthy retired merchant. Feels himself acquainted with Franklin on account of his friendship with Mrs. [Jane] Mecom. Sends him the last publication of their Humane Society; thinks the world improves.

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**Wallace and Muir. Annapolis** 1788 May 13 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVI, 52.

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to Benjamin Franklin

Sending the enclosed letter by Mr. E. Lawrence.

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**Smallwood, W. Annapolis** 1788 May 23 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVI, 53.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Desiring Franklin to authorize the delivery to Samuel Swan, of one William Clelone, committed to jail in Philadelphia, charged with stealing a horse and saddle; necessary that he should be tried in Maryland for this and other offenses against the state. Instructions to Samuel Swan. [2 p.]

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**Gore, Christopher. Philadelphia** 1788 May 23 L. in 3d P. 1p. XXXVI, 53  
to Benjamin Franklin 1/2.

An unexpected call from the city prevents his dining with him.

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**Thevenard, Comte Antoine Jean Marie. L'Orient** 1788 May 25 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVI, 54.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging the present of his "Maritime Observations"; solaces himself for Franklin's absence by regarding his portrait.  
(In French.)

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**Coxe, Tench** 1788 May 29 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVI, 55.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Transmitting the enclosed papers for Franklin's approbation and signature.

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**Soderstrom, Richard. New York** 1788 June 3 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVI, 56.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing Messrs. John and [Sir] Alexander [Forrester] Cochrane.

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**Hillegas, Michael. New York** 1788 June 3 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVI, 57.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing Captain and Mr. Cochrane, both brothers of Lord Dundonald; believes all three carry on the famous coal and tar works in divers parts of England and Scotland; the great effects produced and experienced from the use of their tar, etc.

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**Kemp, Fr. Adr. Van der** 1788 June 3 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVI, 58.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Is the bearer of a letter from the Marquis de la Fayette. Intends making a tour through the country with a view to finding a convenient settlement for himself and family.

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**Carey, Mathew. Philadelphia** 1788 June 10 A.L.S. 3p. XXXVI, 59.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Hopes the unhappy misunderstanding over the types purchased from Franklin will not prevent Franklin from doing him a favor; his plan to increase the subscribers to the *American Museum* published by himself; suggests a highly laudatory description of the *American Museum* which he wishes Franklin to write for him and sign.

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**Powel, Mrs** 1788 June 16 L. in 3d P. 1p. XXXVI, 60.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Begging the loan of Franklin's sedan-chair for a Virginia gentleman, who is laboring under such severe and weakening complaints, as to render him incapable of being moved in a wheel-carriage.

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-----, ----- 1788 June 25 L. 1p. XLIV, 81.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Inclosed the report of Council authorizing him to purchase the land adjoining the northern boundary of the State.

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**Armbruster, Anthony. Germantown** 1788 June 26 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVI, 61.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Begging for assistance.

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**Mestre, Etienne. Bordeaux** 1788 June 27 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVI, 62.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning certain casks of wine shipped to Franklin by order of M. [Louis Guillaume] Le Veillard. (In French.)

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**Meyen, Johann Jacob Ph.D. Alt-Stettrin on** 1788 June 28 A.L.S. 3p. LIX, 29.  
**the Oder, Pommerania**

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to Benjamin Franklin

An eulogy on Dr. Franklin as Philosopher, Statesman and Patriot.

(In German.)

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**Bowdoin, James. Boston**

1788 June 28

A.L.S. 3p. XXXVI, 64.

to Benjamin Franklin

Non-arrival of the second volume of the [American] Philosophical [Society's] Transactions sent to their Society; enclosed Mr. [Caleb] Gannett's letter on the subject [XXXVI, 63]; trusts the French work which Franklin has left them in his will, may be long out of their possession. Franklin's expectation of retiring from public cares. Pleasure derived from reading his ingenious queries concerning magnetism and the theory of the Earth; pleasant speculations to which they give rise. Introducing Mr. John Stewart, a grandson of the late Capt. Erving.

**Carles, L. St. Nicolas**

1788 June 30

A.L.S. 2p. XXXVI, 65.

to Benjamin Franklin

His misfortunes increased; begs for a letter of recommendation to M. [Barbé] de Marbois, who may procure him a position which will enable his family to live. Sent him two engravings of the Loge des Commandeurs de Carcassonne in December, 1787.

(In French.)

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**Guillotín, Joseph Ignace**

1788 July 1

A.L.S. 4p. XXXVI, 66.

to Benjamin Franklin

Overwhelmed with horror at the news of the massacre by Indians of the party from Pittsburg; doubts not that the French botanist and mineralogist mentioned are his two young friends; report that one of them, though severely wounded, escaped; begs for further news; such a tragedy would cause the complete abandonment of the proposed settlement; if both men are alive, begs that they may be given every care and assistance; will send the necessary funds.

(In duplicate. In French.)

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**Wallace and Muir. Annapolis**

1788 July 7

A.L.S. 1p. XXXVI, 67.

to Benjamin Franklin

Sending the enclosed by a safe hand.

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**Condorcet, marquis de** 1788 July 8 A.L. 2P. XXXVI, 68.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging his election to the [American] Philosophical Society. The new Federal Constitution of the United States; if nothing better could be obtained, looks upon it as a necessary evil. Affairs in France; clamors against despotism; dread of civil war or bankruptcy.

(In French.)

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**Thomas, -----. Paris** 1788 July 8 A.L.S. 3p. XXXVI, 69.  
to Benjamin Franklin

His affair with Messrs. Bache and Shee; acknowledging Franklin's reply with the bill of sale, asked for so often in vain; cannot regard the business as ended, since the balance due him has never been paid; relies on Franklin's good offices to receive prompt payment.

(In French.)

**La Rochefoucauld, Louis-Alexandre duc** 1788 July 12 A.L.S. 7p. XXXVI, 70.  
**de La Roche-Guyon et de. Varennes**  
to Benjamin Franklin

Memoirs of Franklin's life. The new Federal Constitution; extent of the power granted the President; confidence implied in Washington and his successors. Political condition of France; States-General demanded by the public; faults in the form of this body; preference for a National Assembly; fears for these first steps in the career of liberty; America's position far more favorable for the establishment of a good Constitution. Sending him a dissertation on Nyctalopia, a disease endemic in the neighborhood of La Rocheguyon.

(In French.)

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**Clos, Beruin. New York** 1788 July 12 A.L.S. 4p. XXXVI, 71.  
to Benjamin Franklin

If he had a fraction of the talents of the celebrated Abbé Raynal, would erect to Franklin a monument as lasting as his name. Condemns the base mutilation of William Pitt's statue at New York, Revolution of the last ten years; America has broken her chains and Holland has embraced hers.

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(In French.)

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<b>Rush, Benjamin. Philadelphia</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1788 July 15	A.L.S. 1p.	XXXVI, 72.
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Enclosing an extract from Dr. [David] Ramsay's intended history of the Revolution; with the author's request for any corrections in the facts which Franklin deems necessary.

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<b>St. Trys, -----. Boston</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1788 July 25	A.L.S. 1p.	XXXVI, 73.
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At the request of Mr. [Thomas] Paine, sends Franklin the report of the French Academy of Sciences on his iron bridge.

(In French.)

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<b>Despeintreaux, Lucas</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1788 July 28	A.L.S. 4p.	XXXVI, 74.
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His purchase of a small plantation six miles from Pittsburg where he is at present living in great content; expects a sum of money to arrive from France for him; begs Franklin to take charge of it and have it forwarded by a safe conveyance; M. Saugrain [de Vigny] has promised to see that it is sent to Franklin's care.

(In French.)

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<b>Eyes, George White. Princeton</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1788 August 1	A.L.S. 1p.	XXXVI, 75.
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Has only one more year to finish his college course; begs Franklin, as a great friend of his mother, to send him a small sum of money and the articles of clothing mentioned; promises to repay the loan in money or land.

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<b>Oswald, Elizabeth. Philadelphia</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1788 August 3	A.L.S. 2p.	XXXVI, 76.
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Begs him to consider her husband's case and give her his opinion; sure he will agree with her that Mr. [Eleazer] Oswald has been unjustly confined.



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A.E. by Franklin. As he may be called on to judge her husband's case officially, cannot give her his present sentiments thereon; wishes that her prudent counsels might cause him to change the conduct of his paper.

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**Stewart, Mary. London** 1788 August 3 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVI, 77.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Sent him twelve copies of her brother's work; account of various misfortunes experienced since she last saw Franklin.

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**Bowdoin, James. Boston** 1788 August 4 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVI, 78.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing M. [Brissot] de Warville and his fellow-traveller, Col. de La Terrière.

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**Fisher, Miers. Philadelphia** 1788 August 5 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVI, 79.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Returning with thanks, the two volumes of the Transactions of the French Academy; remarks concerning the memoirs on paper manufactures. Sends a ream of paper lately manufactured at Brandywine Mills; thinks it an improvement on the last.

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**Martin, William. Philadelphia** 1788 August 5 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVI, 80.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Observations on paper-money.

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**Jennings, Samuel. London** 1788 August 6 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVI, 81.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Mr. [Benjamin] West's kindness to him; has forwarded four pictures for him; is at present on the fifth-St. Paul shaking the viper from his hand, intended for the chapel at Greenwich. Exciting election in Westminster.

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**Ingenhousz, Jan** 1788 August 9 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVI, 82.  
to Benjamin Franklin

His arrival in Paris; saw Mr. [Thomas] Jefferson, who drew up the power of attorney which will enable Mr. [Samuel] Vaughan [Jr.] to act for him in his affair with Mr. [Samuel] Wharton. Accepts

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the advice to hold his Certificates of Congress until the new Government is established; question of buying land with the money. Franklin's pointed remarks on the Turkish war. Dined with Mr. [John] Paradise.

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**Rumsey, James. London** 1788 August 10 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVI, 83.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Money to be made if he had the privilege of erecting boats to go by steam; possibility of forming a connection with Messrs. Bolton and Watt; his boiler much improved; favorable opinion expressed by all who have seen it.

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**Sauris, St. Marc de** 1788 August 22 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVI, 84.  
to Benjamin Franklin

His desire to obtain the Order of Cincinnatus; states his services under the Comte de Grasse.  
(In French.)

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**Houdetot, Comtesse d'** 1788 August 26 L.S. 3p. XXXVI, 85.  
to Benjamin Franklin

The new Constitution given to America; part played by Franklin and Washington in this great work; sends him her felicitations; hopes his life will be as famous for its length as for its talents and virtues; quotes the verses she recited in his honor at the small entertainment at Sannois.  
(In French.)

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**Kemp, Fr Adr Van der. New York** 1788 August 28 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVI, 86.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging Franklin's polite reception of him in Philadelphia. Has purchased a valuable farm two miles from Esopus in New York State.

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**Nancarrow, John. Pittsburgh** 1788 August 28 A.L.S. 4p. XXXVI, 87.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Assisted a great many Americans confined in Mill prison during the war. Account of his business ventures and final emigration to America with his family; heavy money losses; his intention of moving to Lexington, Kentucky; probability of a post-office being established there; begs Franklin's influence to obtain him the position of post-master.

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**Hillegas, Michael. New York** 1788 September 5 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVI, 88.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Money borrowed from Mr. James Hamilton; security he gave him; transfer of the sum to Messrs. Howell and Emlen, to whom the security was also assigned; these gentlemen anxious to receive the interest and principle; understands Franklin puts out money at interest; begs him to furnish the amount due these gentlemen and promises the best security and prompt payment of interest.

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**Nicholson, Jno. Philadelphia** 1788 September 7 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVI, 89.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Laying before Franklin a plan for removing the present embarrassments occasioned by the depreciation of paper money; if Franklin would subscribe his name to it, its success would be assured.

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**Vaughan, Sarah. London** 1788 September 10 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVI, 90.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing Mr. and Mrs. Bird.

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**Filangieri, Charlotte. Naples** 1788 September 27 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVI, 91.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Announcing the death of her husband, Chevalier Gaetano Filangieri; his great work remains unfinished; promises to send a selection of his writings.

(In French.)

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**Skinner, Richard Cortlandt. Philadelphia** 1788 September 29 A.L.S. 3p. XXXVI, 92.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Lost his hereditary patrimony; since then studied dentition with the celebrated Dr. [Barth.] Ruspini of London; desires to practice his profession in Philadelphia; begs for the loan of the trifling sum of twenty dollars.

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**Vaughan, William. London** 1788 October 5 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVI, 93.  
to Benjamin Franklin

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Greatly concerned at his illness. Often read with pleasure the papers Franklin sent him on the common conduct in life. Types and letters forwarded by Mr. John Wright.

(In duplicate.)

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**Le Veillard, Louis Guillaume** 1788 October 10 A.L.S. 5p. XXXVI, 94.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Hopes he has recovered from the bad attack of gout. Affairs in France; depleted state of the treasury; resignations and appointments; the States-General announced for January 1789; second meeting of the *Assemblée des Notables* to discuss the best way of convoking it. Urging Franklin to work on his memoirs. The country inundated with political pamphlets and memoirs; no work to compare with [Comte] de Mirabeau's on the Prussian Monarchy; fear of a famine in France.

(In French.)

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**Vaughan, Samuel. St. James's, Jamaica** 1788 October 10 A.L.S. 3p. XXXVI, 95.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Hopes Franklin will live to see the establishment of liberty and the security of property. Writes on behalf of his son Samuel who desires a government office under the new Constitution; thinks a place in the Foreign Department would be most suitable to his talents and inclinations. Obligated to remain in Jamaica another year to look after his property there.

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**Broom, Jacob. Wilmington** 1788 October 11 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVI, 96.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Promises to urge Mr. C.J. Killen to pay the money due Franklin.

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**Clarkson, Matthew et al. Philadelphia** 1788 October 13 L.S. 1p. XXXVI, 97.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging the many favors conferred upon them by Franklin; wishing his invaluable life may be long preserved.

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**Pawling, Henry** 1788 October 15 L.S. 1p. XXXVI, 98.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Begs Franklin to honor his son and grandson with letters of recommendation to certain gentlemen; their purpose to set out for Kentucky and thence to New Orleans on a trading voyage.

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**Hill, Henry. Philadelphia** 1788 October 19 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVI, 99.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Setting forth certain conditions on which he wishes to borrow the sum of £1,000 sterling.

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**Redick, David** 1788 October 23 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVI, 100.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Received Franklin's letter by George; promises to carry out his wishes.

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**Muhlenberg, Gen John Peter Gabriel** 1788 October 25 A.L.S. 3p. XXXVI, 101.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Writes on behalf of Mr. Brencisen, a descendant of a noble Prussian family who gave up his position in the Prussian army to try his fortune in that of the United States; arrived only to find the war ended; so far has supported his family with difficulty by keeping a small school in the country; being now deprived of this position, desires to return to his own country. Busily engaged in the Board of Property.

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**Sargent, Winthrop, 1753-1820** 1788 October 31 A.L.S. 5p. XLIX, 18.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Transmits his observations on the weather for the months of September and October. Has been informed that the Academy of Manheim has been attentive in composing correspondent instruments for almost all meteorological observations, some of which they are desirous of depositing in the various climes of this and other countries for comparative observations; shall be pleased to take charge of a set if that is the case.

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**Wells, Richard. Philadelphia** 1788 November 3 L. in 3d P. 2p. XXXVI, 102.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Theophilus Gardner, for want of funds, is unable to claim an estate in Jamaica belonging, to his family; begs Franklin to read the enclosed papers and see Mr. Gardner for a few minutes.

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**Elam, Joseph. Philadelphia** 1788 November 8 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVI, 103.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing a copy of his letter to Gov. [Edmund] Randolph, protesting against being thought insane, and asking protection against being returned to the Pennsylvania Hospital as an escaped patient [4

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p.]. Desires to meet his accusers face to face in Franklin's presence; if they will not agree to this, wishes his case laid before the Pennsylvania Assembly, in order that he may quietly enjoy the liberty of a freeholder and citizen.

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**Partridge, Elizabeth. Boston** 1788 November 12 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVI, 104.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Reminds him of his promise to settle in Boston; news of the Mecoms and Miss Betsy Steel; death of Mr. Benjamin Kent. Desires a copy of the letter he wrote when he continued the post-office to her mother. Enclosing a letter [2 p.] from Anne Hey to her father, Dr. Philip Van Horn, acknowledging the justice of his opposition to her marriage, detailing her husband's cruelty and desertion, her inability to support her two babies, and her wish to be forgiven and taken home again; begs Franklin to use his influence with Dr. Van Horn [in Philadelphia].

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**Small, Alexander. Worcester England** 1788 November 29 A.L.S. 3p. XXXVI, 105.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Account of a remedy (caustic volatiltc alkali) which he and others have found very efficacious in cases of stone. Gave Franklin's remarks on Ventilation to the Royal Society of Edinburgh; could not find it in the American Philosophical [Society's] Transactions.

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**Childs, Francis** 1788 December 7 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVI, 106.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Expects to leave for Albany to attend the present session of the Legislature; on his return will proceed immediately to Philadelphia in order to make a final settlement of their account. Has ordered for Franklin a copy of his Sketch of the Debates of their Convention.

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**Vaughan, Samuel Jr. Port-au-Prince, St. Domingo** 1788 December 13 A.L.S. 4p. XXXVI, 107.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Superiority of the mountain rice cultivated in St. Domingo. Numerous East Indian plants which flourish in the West Indies; too cold for the tea plant; hopes that will thrive better in the States. Hurricanes on the islands; those convered with woods are immune; whereas the prevalence of them in Jamaica followed rapidly on the clearing away of the mountain woods.

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**Haygarth, Dr. John. Chester, England**      1788 December 15      A.L. in 3d P. XXXVI, 108.  
to Benjamin Franklin      1p.

Sending the enclosed papers; if they meet with Franklin's approval, begs he will communicate them to his countrymen in whatever manner he deems best. A few years before sent him, by Dr. [Thomas] Percival, as *Inquiry how to prevent the Small-pox*.

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**Webster, Pelatiah. Philadelphia**      1788 December 18      A.L.S. 1p.      XXXVI, 109.  
to Benjamin Franklin

The Society for Political Inquiries having advertised a premium for the best system of taxation, offers the enclosed essay.

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**Price, Richard, 1723-1791**      1789 January      A.L.S. 3p.      XXXVI, 110.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Death of [Jonathan Shipley,] Bishop of St. Asaph. Messages to Dr. [Benjamin] Rush. Rejoiced at the adoption of the new Federal Constitution. Affairs in England; the King's insanity. Death of Lord Grantley.

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**Coxe, Tench**      [1778?] Monday      A.L.S. 1p.      XL, 213.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the determination of the Abolition Society to forward several letters for the Governors of the other States.

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**Thomas, -----**      [      L.S. 3p.      LXIX, 103.  
to Benjamin Franklin

With reference to his claim against Bache and Shee, of Philadelphia, and Mr. [Jonathan] Williams [Jr.], of Nantes, for a bale of dry goods shipped through the latter and for which he has not received a settlement.

(In French. Press copy.)

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**Tobine, K James. Philadelphia**      [1788]      A.L.S. 2p.      XL, 16.  
to Benjamin Franklin

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Excellent progress made by Franklin's school; unable to board and clothe himself on his present salary; his plan to live in the school-house; obliged to ask Franklin to advance him a quarter's salary.

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<b>Tobine, James K</b> to Benjamin Franklin	[1778]	A.L.S. 2p. ; XLII, 68. A.L.S. 3p.
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Request Dr. Franklin to head a subscription to enable him to publish his poem.  
Also a request for an increase in his salary as teacher in the Charity School.

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<b>Warville, Jean Pierre Brissot de</b> to Benjamin Franklin	[1788.] Saturday morning.	L. in 3d P. 1p. XLIII, 246.
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Sending a volume entitled " Mémoires de l'Académie" which he has just received.  
(In French.)

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<b>Long, Elizabeth. Philadelphia</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1789 January 5	A.L.S. 1p. XXXVI, 111.
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Applies to him as the father of Pennsylvania for aid on behalf of herself and four small children.

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<b>Maschal, ----- Sr. Chambery</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1789 January 21	A.L.S. 2p. XXXVI, 112.
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Desires information concerning the practicability of establishing in America a manufactory for all sorts of hats.  
(In French.)

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<b>Marchand, Madame. Paris</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1789 January 27	A.L.S. 2p. XXXVI, 113.
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Money due her by M. de Charme, who went to Philadelphia to avoid his engagements in Paris; by Franklin's advice put her affairs in Mr. [Thomas] Barclay's hands; has heard nothing; begs him to speak to Mr. Barclay.  
(In French.)

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<b>Arthaud, Charles. Au Cap François</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1789 January 29	A.L.S. 2p. XXXVI, 114.
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Have elected Mr. Samuel Vaughan a member of their Society, *Le Circle des Philadelphes*; sends by him two tokens from the Society, one for Franklin and the other for the [American] Philosophical Society.

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**Barry, Amelia. Leghorn** 1789 February 9 A.L.S. 4p. XXXVI, 115.  
to Benjamin Franklin

The little means left by Mr. Barry is in leases; in four years she will have no resources; desires to bury herself in the Apennines; her eldest daughter turned Roman Catholic. Begs Franklin to secure to her children the city lot left by him in the hands of Mr. Israel Pemberton. Acknowledging his kindness in the affair of the maps; fancies Gov. [Thomas] Pownall never succeeded in getting the balance of the account from Mr. [John] Almon.

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**Holmes, Abiel. Midway, Georgia** 1789 February 16 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVI, 116.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Desiring Franklin to furnish him with a list of books suited for a general (private) library; purposes to make a collection of about four hundred volumes; although divinity is his chief study, will aim to pay attention to literature in general.

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**Bon de Corcelles, Pierre. Neufchâtel** 1789 February 20 A.L.S. 3p. XXXVI, 117.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Unable to emigrate to America; sends him the printed announcements of his memoir on American liberty.  
(In French.)

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**Le Veillard. Louis Guillaume. Passy** 1789 Febraury 21 A.L.S. 4p. XXXVI, 118.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to be useful to Mr. Gouverneur Morris; expects to dine with Mr. Morris at the Duchesse d'Enville's; hopes to see a great deal of him. News of Franklin from M. Saugrain [de Vigny]. Presses him about his memoirs. Affairs in France; States-General convoked for April 27th. Franklin's work on the "difficulty of establishing a good Constritution founded entirely on the Sacred Writings" delighted him much; translated and printed in Paris. Bitterly cold winter; great misery among the people; commends the use of potatoes among the poor. Will take the music to Mme. Brillon, the first interpreter in France of American productions of this sort.

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(In French.)

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<b>La Rochefoucauld, Duc de</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1789 February 22	A.L. 2p.	XXXVI, 119.
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Franklin's retirement to the country after his public office is terminated; hopes he will find time then to finish his memoirs. Need in France of a head like Franklin's. Pleasure he derived from his brief acquaintance with Mr. [Gouverneur] Morris.

(In French.)

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<b>Newenham, Sir Edward. Dublin</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1789 February 24	A.L.S 2p.	XXXVI, 119 1/2.
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Sending a paper with the important debates on the Viceroy's insolent answer to both houses of Parliament; censure passed by them on the Viceroy; all Ireland on their side; hopes for certain reforms.

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<b>Vaughan, William. London</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1789 February 27	A.L.S. 2p.	XXXVI, 120 and 121.
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Happy to hear that he is able to continue the history of his own life. Sends him Chambers's Dictionary of Arts and Sciences; knows of no better English Encyclopaedia. Glad to see that the prejudices and habits arising from the war, have given place to industry and sobriety. Revolutions in Europe all tending to a general improvement in manners and wiser systems.

(In duplicate.)

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<b>Grand, Ferdinand</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1789 February 28	A.L.S. 2p.	XXXVI, 122.
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Convalescent from a serious illness. Sends him *Le Voyage de Grèce* by L'Abbé [Jean Jacques] Barthélemy.

(In French.)

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<b>Williams, Jonathan Sr</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1789 March 2	A.L.S. 2p.	XXXVI, 122 1/2.
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Fate of the books which Franklin sent him to sell.

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<b>Brillon, Mme</b>	1789 March 6	A.L. 4p.	XLIII, 12.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Hopeful outlook for America. Crisis in the life of France; begs Franklin to pray for her country. His plan to retire to the country; her own joy in a primitive life. Messages to his grandson. News of her own family.

(In French.)

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<b>Moustier, comte de</b>	1789 March 12	A.L.S. 2p.	XXXVI, 123.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Removal of the packet boats between France and America renders correspondence much more difficult. Delay in the meeting of the new Congress likely to have a bad effect on public opinion; hopes the wisdom of their future measures will efface this first impression; high hopes of a close union of France and America under the new Administration.

(In French.)

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<b>Barton, William. Philadelphia</b>	1789 March 16	A.L.S. 2p.	XXXVI, 124.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Understands that four Trustees of the College [of Philadelphia] are to be elected that day; desires, with Franklin's approval, to have his name proposed for one of them.

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<b>St. Olympe, -----, chevalier de. Port-au-Prince</b>	1789 March 29	A.L.S. 2p.	XXXVI, 125.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing M. [François Louis] Suleau.

(In French.)

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<b>Vaughan, Samuel Jr. New York</b>	1789 March 31	A.L.S. 1p.	XXXVI, 126.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Sending [Jacques] Necker's speech to the Notables; if America does not make haste, other nations will become examples for her. Looks forward to seeing Franklin soon; three members lacking to complete both Houses. [of Congress].

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<b>Gramaguac, -----</b>	1789 April 17	A.L.S. 2p.	XXXVI, 127.
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to Benjamin Franklin

On the part of the *Society of Friends of the Blacks*, sends him copies of various discourses and letters, with a list of the Society's members; M. Brissot de Warville, the soul of the Society; he will probably be appointed to present to the States-General a memoir, requesting them to name a Committee to examine the question of abolition; promises to keep him informed of the Society's work.

(In French.)

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**Small, Alexander. Worcester England**      1789 April 23      A.L.S. 3p.      XXXVI, 128.

to Benjamin Franklin

Hopes America will guard against one great evil, a provision for the poor; poor rates in England said to exceed three millions. Received the apologue; sorry to see that England's treatment of America still rankles; England's large debt and worse extravagance; her commercial advantages. France abundantly punished for her treachery to England. Compares Franklin to Timoleon; deserves a Plutarch to hand him down to posterity. Base manner in which [Francis] Bacon has been painted; few historians able to blend the philosopher and politician. Has withdrawn Franklin's paper on Ventilation from the Society of Edinburgh; their criticism of it was that it contained nothing new. Messages to Mrs. [Mary] Hewson and family. Desires to know how Mr. [John] Penn stands as to property; base abuse of Philadelphia's noble [High] street by placing a market in it.

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**Le Veillard, Louis Guillaume**      1789 April 25      A.L. 7p.      XXXVI, 129.

to Benjamin Franklin

State of affairs in France; on the eve of assembling the States-General; freedom of the press; demands for a Constitution; the nobility's insistence upon voting by orders; fears this will cause a schism; the Duke of Orleans a prominent figure. Great disorders among the laboring classes. Grand Mass performed at which the entire Court was present. Opening of the States-General; speeches made. Daily journal of the Convention suppressed after two numbers had appeared. Claims of the nobility the first difficulty. Names of some of the deputies chosen.

(In French.)

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**Bard, John. New York**      1789 April 29      A.L.S. 1p.      XXXVI, 130.

to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing his granddaughter; illness of his wife.

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**Barton, William. Philadelphia** 1789 May 2 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVI, 131.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Arrival of Mr. Aspinwall from Connecticut, with the laudable purpose of promoting the culture of silk; fears his project will fall through with out the patronage of two or three gentlemen of distinction; Franklin's name would be of great service to him; reasons why he should be encouraged.

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**The Bank of North America. Philadelphia** 1789 May 4 A.L.S. XXXVI, 132.  
to Benjamin Franklin Tho[ma]s  
Willing. 1p.

Concerning the renewal of a small note.

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**Harris, Robert. New York** 1789 May 13 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVI, 133.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Was First Lieutenant on board the "Reprisal" which had the honor to carry Franklin to France; begs a line of recommendation to President Washington or Vice-President Adams; wishes a position which would enable him to provide for his family; having only one arm, is unable to earn his bread by hard labor at sea.

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**Webster, Noah Jr. Hartford** 1789 May 20 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVI, 134.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing a letter from Abiel Holmes, whom he begs leave to introduce to Franklin. Has finished his Dissertations on the Language; will send Franklin a copy.

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**Kinsey, Philip** 1789 May 25 A.L. in 3d P. XLV, 221a.  
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Informs him that his brother James, about 30 years ago, lent him a mahogany box containing sundry geometrical solid bodies, being the first six books of Euclid's elements, which were never returned. If the box can be obtained in good order, he can dispose of it for as much as it cost him; or if he would like to keep them, he can have the other box containing the remaining six books.

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**Vaughan, John** 1789 May 26 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVI, 135.  
to Benjamin Franklin

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Mr. Russell about to sail for England; expects to see Dr. [Joseph] Priestley and will take charge of anything for him or any other of Franklin's friends.

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<b>Small, Alexander. London</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1789 May 30	A.L.S. 1p. XXXVI, 136.
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Sending Franklin the papers on Ventilation; hopes he will amend and correct whatever is amiss.

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<b>Small, Alexander. London</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1789 June 2	A.L.S. 1p. XXXVI, 137.
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Has used Franklin's suggestion to erect his ear into a kind of trumpet when he wishes to hear anything; finds it a help. His experiments with bees, and with the insects which destroy hops; explanation of the origin of insects as he conceived it occurred.

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<b>Ruston, Dr. Thomas. Philadelphia</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1789 June 9	A.L. in 3d P. XXXVI, 138. 1p.
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Acknowledging his very obliging certificate.

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<b>Fleming, Joseph. Philadelphia</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1789 June 12	A.L.S. 3p. XXXVI, 139.
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Acknowledging Franklin's former kindness to his aged father in England; applies for further assistance for the old man; his heart full of filial feeling but he is unable to assist him financially.

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<b>König, August. Philadelphia</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1789 June 14	A.L.S. 4p. XXXVI, 140.
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Account of his emigration from Hanover, of a shipwreck, the loss of all his belongings and his arrival with his family at Charleston, naked, sick and poor; aid given them by charitable persons; their arrival in Philadelphia; desires to pay his respects to Franklin and to become an American citizen.

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<b>Broom, Jacob. Wilmington</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1789 June 15	A.L.S. 1p. XXXVI, 141.
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Concerning payment by Chief-Justice Killen of a debt due Franklin, by his son Jacob A. Killen; cause of delay due to Mr. Killen's not having received any of his salary for three years; prospect of its being paid after harvest.

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**Steinsky, François. Prague** 1789 June 17 A.L.S. 4p. XXXVI, 142.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Three years before, sent him a translation of his (Franklin's) works in German together with the Proceedings of a Society under the auspices of the Prince de Fürstenberg. Sends him now his own small periodical work as well as a work on physics by Abbé Gruber. Question of publishing a sketch of Franklin's life with a list of his writings.  
(In French.)

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**Bond, Phineas Jr. Philadelphia** 1789 June 17 L. in 3d P. 1p. XXXVI, 143.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Sending Franklin some English papers.

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**Bondfield, John. Bordeaux** 1789 June 18 A.L.S. 3p. XXXVI, 144.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Satisfaction in France over the state of affairs in America. Present motions in the House of Representatives for raising a revenue likely to decrease imports; work on this subject by M. Le Trone ( *De l'Administration Provinciale et de la Reform de l'Impot* ). Forwards the Proceedings of the States-General; eloquent and crude debates on political questions.

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**Desnos, Odolant. Alençon** 1789 June 21 A.L.S. 3p. XXXVI, 145.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Begs Franklin to insert a notice in the principal American newspapers, asking for any information of his son, Gaspard Jacques Desnos Odolant, who sailed for America in June, 1777, and has never been heard from since.  
(In French.)

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**Lovely, Jno** 1789 June 22 A.L.S. 3p. XXXVI, 146.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Begging Franklin's influence with the [Supreme] Executive Council [of Pennsylvania] to obtain his release.

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**Morris, Robert. New York** 1789 June 29 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVI, 147.  
to Benjamin Franklin

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Sure that Franklin's bills were honored by M. [Ferdinand] Grand, but has no advices respecting the time of acceptance or payment. Last advices received from Mr. G[ouverneur] Morris at Paris; hears he is much in fashion there.

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**Begouan, Demeaux and Co. Havre** 1789 June 30 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVI, 148.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Sending Franklin a packet confided to them by M. [Ferdinand] Grand of Paris.  
(In French.)

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**Howland, Samuel. Newport, R.I** 1789 June A.L.S. 2p. XXXVI, 149.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to peruse two volumes, entitled *The Preceptor, Treating of the Polite Branches of Literature*; understands that Franklin gave them to Sylvester Folger, whose widow now owns them, but is unwilling to loan them.

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**Vaughan, John** 1789 July 1 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVI, 150.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Settlement of a small money matter. News of his family in England. Costly illuminations in London in honor of the King's recovery; unpopularity of the Prince [of Wales.]

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**Franklin, Thomas. Philadelphia** 1789 July 1 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVI, 151.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the interest due on a certain bond; hopes to pay it on the sixth.

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**La Terriere, -----. Bordentown** 1789 July 1 L. in 3d P. 1p. XXXVI, 152.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Desiring the return of a volume of M. [Jacques] Necker's writings lent to Franklin five or six months ago.  
(In French.)

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**Hare, Robert. Philadelphia** 1789 July 14 A.L.S. 5p. XXXVI, 153.  
to Benjamin Franklin



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Trusts Franklin's papers will promote a reformation in the past system of education; discusses his plan to separate the English school from the jurisdiction of the Provost and Faculty of the College [of Philadelphia]; thinks this too radical at present.

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**Bondfield, John. Bordeaux** 1789 July 15 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVI, 154.  
to Benjamin Franklin

French politics; the first two orders forced to unite with the Third Estate; the West Indies represented in the National Assembly, a good precedent for other European States holding Colonies.

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**Vaughan, Samuel Jr. Philadelphia** 1789 July 18 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVI, 155.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Sum charged for the musical bells he brought Franklin from Europe. List of books lent to Franklin.

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**Walter, John. London** 1789 July 18 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVI, 156.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Sending him a number of books for which he subscribed; his failure to procure the King's name at the head of his list of subscribers. due, he thinks, to Franklin's name being there. Difficulties in the way of his completing his system of logographic printing; begs Franklin to recommend him both as printer and bookseller.

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**Mather, Samuel. London** 1789 July 19 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVI, 157.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Sending him an essay on the Powers and Mechanism of Nature, by his friend Robert Young, Esq., also the first report of the London Philanthropic Society, of which Mr. Young was the institutor; recommends Mr. Young for membership in the [American] Philosophical Society.

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**Nelson, William Jr. Williamsburg** 1789 July 20 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVI, 158.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Reminding Franklin that Mr. John Paradise never became a British subject but took the oath of fidelity to the United States when Franklin was Ambassador to France; desires a certificate of his having taken the oath, in order to settle a law-suit.

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**König, August. Philadelphia** 1789 July 21 A.L.S. 3p. XXXVI, 159.  
to Benjamin Franklin

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Reminding Franklin of his impoverished state; received promise of aid from Governor [Thomas] Mifflin provided he could procure a recommendation from Franklin; hopes he will not refuse him this grace.

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**Le Veillard, Louis Guillaume** 1789 July 22 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVI, 160.  
to Benjamin Franklin

News of his ill health received from Mr. [Thomas] Jefferson; affairs in France; energy and prudence shown by a Nation accused of volatility; incredible revolution which has taken place; the yoke of priests, nobles and King shaken off; the Nation mistress of her fate; all this accomplished without bloodshed; America's example a great help and inspiration; Marquis de la Fayette chosen to command the bourgeois militia of Paris [National Guard]; storming of the bastille; M. [Jean Sylvain] Bailly Mayor of Paris; lawless acts by bands of ruffians driven out of Paris; himself, commands the militia of Passy.

(In French.)

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**Young, Moses. Bordeaux** 1789 July 23 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVI, 161.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing Col. [John Skey] Eustace of New York, who desires to transmit to Franklin some important papers relative to the Revolution in France.

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**Newenham, Sir Edward** 1789 July 26 A.L.S. 4p. XXXVI, 162.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging receipt of American newspapers; reports of Franklin's illness; question of reducing the two reluctant States to join the other eleven; considers the Mississippi a noble boundary; desires Franklin's opinion on equal taxation and other transactions of Congress. Account of an illness from which he is just convalescing. Weather conditions and crops. His views on affairs in France; honorable action of the Duke of Orleans and the Archbishop of Bordeaux; can boast no such virtuous ecclesiastics in Ireland. Damage done by the heavy rains. Denounces the present Viceroy, ([George Nugent-Temple-Grenville, Duke of] Buckingham); certain unpromising conditions in Ireland. News of a bloody revolution in France; sums up the main events; French refugees in Dublin.

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**Kluseman, Fr. William. Philadelphia** 1789 July 26 A.L.S. 3p. XXXVI, 163.  
to Benjamin Franklin

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His reasons for leaving Prussia and coming to America; account of his business ventures and losses; present plan to keep a little shop in Philadelphia; all his hopes crushed by being sued for an old debt of five pounds; begs Franklin to assist him to pay this sum and so put him on his feet.

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**Arthaud, Charles. Au Cap François**                      1789 July 27                      A.L.S. 1p.      XXXVI, 164.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Sending him a work on mineral waters published by their club [Le Cercle des Philadelphes].  
(In French.)

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**Wright, John. London**                                      1789 July 31                      A.L.S. 2p.      XXXVI, 165.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Franklin's essay [Address to the Inhabitants of the United States on the Disaffection that has prevailed towards the New System of Government introduced in that Country] published in the Gentleman's Magazine for February. Hopes to see the new Constitution established through *all* the States; Dr. [Richard] Price's opinion that the world is not yet good enough for a democratic government; believes that the world grows better and better; instances the efforts made to abolish slavery. France bordering on famine and civil war; Marquis de la Fayette at the head of the populace; report that the Comte d'Artois, who escaped from the fury of the mob at Paris, has erected his standard in Flanders. Delighted to hear that Franklin is writing his memoirs.

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**Blardierres, Delaunay des**                                  1789 August 1                      A.L.S. 2p.      XXXVI, 166.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Sends a copy of a letter from M. Saugrain de Vigny to M. de Lassize; no further doubt conceivable of M. Picque's death; authentic proof needed however in order to settle M. Picque's estate and carry out his will; applies to Franklin for the necessary data; begs him to have the possessions of the deceased forwarded to France.  
(In French.)

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**Ellicott, Andrew. New York**                              1789 August 6                      A.L.S. 1p.      XXXVI, 168.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning a bill before Congress for the appointment of a Geographer for the United States, and a Surveyor-General for the Western Territory; has made application for the office; begs Franklin to write a letter in his favor to the President of the United States.

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**Bondfield, John. Bordeaux** 1789 August 8 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVI, 169.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Affairs in France; M. [Jean Sylvain] Bailly is Chief Magistrate of Paris; Marquis de la Fayette, Commander-in-Chief of the Militia; all the Provinces aping the example of the Capital; the King's surrender to the will of the National Assembly, who, having calmed all commotions, are busy framing a Constitution; America quoted as an example.

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**Bondfield, John. Bordeaux** 1789 August 18 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVI, 170.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Affairs in France; spirited and liberal measures passed by the National Assembly; universal tolerance, etc.; all disturbances appear to be quieting down.

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**Vaughan, William. London** 1789 August 29 A.L.S. 3p. XXXVI, 171.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Question of Mr. [John] Tyler's legacy; extract on the subject from Mr. William Russell's letter. Books forwarded to Franklin; unable to get the Gentleman's Magazine further back than 1783. Refers Franklin for French news to the numerous published accounts.

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**Hartley, David. London** 1789 August A.L.S. 1p. XXXVI, 172.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Condoles with him on the painful state of his health. Delighted that he will see the fruits of liberty diffused through the nations of mankind; the rights of mankind to liberty and free government acknowledged as of divine origin. Origin of the revolution in France. His hope of a future close union of England and America.

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**Williams, Jonathan Jr.** 1789 September 6 A.L.S. 6p. XXXVIII,  
to Benjamin Franklin 176.

Mrs. [Jane] Mecom in better health and spirits. News of Mrs. [Elizabeth] Partridge, Gov. [James] Bowdoin and Col. Ingersoll. Describing the kind of mystical philosophy to which his father was converted in 1772; bad effect on his business; his mother determined to take in boarders; his brother Jack's business in Philadelphia. Disposition made of the books which Franklin desired sold.

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**Newenham, Sir Edward** 1789 September 13 A.L.S. 3p. XXXVI, 173.

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to Benjamin Franklin

Amazing revolution in France; sums up the various startling events there; admires the Duc de la Rochefoucauld's speech in favor of a free press; depicts the humiliating situation of the King of France. Ireland's admiration for the Marquis de la Fayette. Thinks England will soon be involved in a war.

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**Bondfield, John. Bordeaux** 1789 September 15 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVI, 174.  
to Benjamin Franklin

French affairs; list of articles under debate in the National Assembly. Explains the advantage to America could she export wheat to Europe this year on her own account; the crops in France will fall far short of the demand.

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**Patterson, Robert. Philadelphia** 1789 September 17 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVI, 175.  
to Benjamin Franklin

The meeting of the [American] Philosophical Society will take place at Franklin's house, if that will permit his being present; if he cannot attend, the meeting will be held at their Hall on Fifth street, which is in some degree prepared for their reception.

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**Washington, George. New York** 1789 September 23 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVI, 176.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Expressions of friendship for him and of sympathy for his sufferings; assuring him of the admiration and veneration of the entire Nation.

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**Vaughan, William. London** 1789 September 23 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVI, 177.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Sending a copy of a letter from Mr. Garbutt together with his answer; hopes Mr. John Tyler will immediately take the necessary steps to pay his debts and release his legacy.

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**Newenham, Sir Edward** 1789 September 26 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVI, 178.  
to Benjamin Franklin

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Radical Resolutions of the National Assembly, limiting the power of the King; Ireland in the great suspense; dissolution of present Parliament expected; rumors as to the Viceroy's return; the promise he has violated.

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**Hay, Hannah. Philadelphia** 1789 September 26 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVI, 179.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Begging his assistance to recover certain property, for which she has tried these two years past to obtain a settlement; wishes to return to her children and friends in England.

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**West, Benjamin. London** 1789 October 8 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVI, 180.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing their ingenious countryman, Mr. John Trumbull, one of the foremost of living artists, who is about to do some work in his native country.

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**Williams, Jonathan Jr.** 1789 October 10 A.L.S. 3p. XXXVIII,  
to Benjamin Franklin 177.

About to sail for Richmond; hopes to fix the true course of the western edge of the gulf stream. Money received from the sale of his books.

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**Small, Alexander. Newent, England** 1789 November 1 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVI, 181.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Sending him a work on bees by Mr. Buter; peculiarities in orthography which has deterred many from reading it; suggests that he reprint and publish it.

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**Hays, Getlah. New York** 1789 November 1 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVI, 182.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Decease of her husband, Solomon Hays, whom Franklin will probably recollect; has great difficulty in getting along, owing to various money losses; complains of being both old and poor.

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**Chaumont, Le Ray de, fils** 1789 November 2 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVI, 183.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Will abide by Franklin's counsel and remain in America; has written his father to that effect. (In French.)

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**Broom, Jacob. Wilmington** 1789 November 6 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVI, 184.  
to Benjamin Franklin

The debt due Franklin by Jacob A. Killen; no difficulty in having the bond renewed.

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**Williams, Jonathan Sr** 1789 November 7 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVI, 185  
to Benjamin Franklin 1/2.

Account of his money losses. Blessings he has enjoyed through life. Affectionate relations between himself and his Aunt [Jane] Mecom.

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**Trumbull, Jno. New York** 1789 November 25 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVI, 186.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing Franklin a letter from his friend Benjamin West; looks upon Franklin as his patron; has begun a series of pictures treating of the great events of the Revolution, hence his presence in America; hopes he can count on Franklin's approbation and protection.

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**Killen, William. Dover, Delaware** 1789 November 25 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVI, 187.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Unavoidable delay in paying Franklin a debt contracted by his son [Jacob A. Killen]; sends sixty pounds; begs to be informed if that amount does not fully cover the principal and interest.

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**Bedford, Gunning Jr. Wilmington** 1789 November 27 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVI, 188.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Papers of Mr. Parker in much confusion; fortunately found the one Franklin wanted.

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**Ramsay, David. Charleston** 1789 December 9 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVI, 189.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Returning the History of Lord North's Administration, which was placed by mistake among his books. Expressing gratitude for favors received.

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**Merwin, Miles. Philadelphia** 1789 December 15 A.L.S. 4p. XXXVI, 190.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires permission to dedicate to Franklin his History of the United States, for which he was kind enough to subscribe; encloses the dedication for any corrections Franklin may see fit to make.

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E. by Franklin. Sensible of the honor done him but cannot consent to the publication of such excessive encomiums of his conduct; hopes Mr. Merwin will pardon his refusal.

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**Parkinson, George. Philadelphia** 1789 December 22 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVI, 191.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to explain an invention of his own for spinning hemp, flax and wool into yarn; thinks it may prove of general utility to the United States.

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**Jones, Capt. John Paul. Amsterdam** 1789 December 27 L.S. 1p. XXXVI, 192.  
to Benjamin Franklin

The enclosed documents from the Count de Ségur will partly explain his reasons for leaving Russia; dark intrigues and mean subterfuges to which he was exposed by Asiatic jealousy and malice; wishes such use to be made of the enclosed papers as to justify him in the eyes of his friends in America; expects to remain some time longer in Europe; thinks the Baltic will witness warmer work than it has yet done. Has sent the Empress his journal to show her how she has been deceived by his enemies.

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**Shaw, John** [1789.] A.L.S. 1p. XLII, 111.  
to Benjamin Franklin

A request for aid.

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**Story, Enoch Jr** [1789?] A.L.S. 2p. XLI, 201.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Sending him a volume of poems by William Smith, Attorney at Law, of Pennsylvania. About to publish the travels of Mr. [William] Bartram, botanist; encloses proposals and hopes it will meet with his approbation.

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**Perkins, James Jr. Boston** 1790 January 7 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVI, 192  
to Benjamin Franklin 1/2.

Concerning the 11th Article in the treaty between France and America, namely, that the subjects of the United States shall not be reputed aliens in France and are exempted from the *droits d'aubaine*; this has been made to apply solely to the Continental dominions of France; the French Colonies denied its benefits; their estates confiscated on their decease; desires to know the true significance of the said Article; his interest in Saint Domingo his excuse for this request.

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**Barton, William. Philadelphia** 1790 January 15 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVI, 193.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Reminds Franklin that he possesses several papers which he intended to communicate to the American Philosophical Society; a meeting to be held that evening, if Franklin is not too much indisposed he may desire to make the communication then.

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**Pemberton, James. Philadelphia** 1790 February 5 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVI, 194.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing two copies of a memorial by the Pennsylvania Society for promoting the Abolition of Slavery; requests Franklin, as President of the Society, to forward one to the President of the Senate and the other to the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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**Redick, David. Philadelphia** 1790 February 12 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVI, 195.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Returning the letters, etc., with which he favored him; pleased to find a French nobleman so democratic; surprised that France should take America rather than England as an example; puts that down to Franklin's influence; his appreciation of Franklin's esteem and his conviction of his own unworthiness.

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**Chaumont, Le Ray de, fils** 1790 March 8 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVI, 196.  
to Benjamin Franklin

His father's accounts with the United States not yet finally settled; wishes to hasten matters in order to return to France; begs Franklin to add a line to the enclosed letter to Mr. [Edmund] Randolph, if he thinks it will help; his father still at Chaumont, refusing to settle his business or sell any of his property before the writer's return.

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**Preaud, L. Mâcon France** 1790 March 8 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVI, 197.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Death of his brother-in-law, Honoré Girond, in North Carolina; desires Franklin's influence to obtain from the French Consul, the settlement of his brother's estate.  
(In French.)

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**Peters, Richard. Philadelphia** 1790 March 29 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVI, 198.

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to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning a bill before the House on an application of John Churchman; a letter from Mr. [Nevil] Maskelyne to Franklin said to contain some material information; begs Franklin to send the letter or an extract from it.

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**Williams, Jonathan Sr** 1790 April 1 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVI, 200.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Announcing the death of his wife; her many admirable qualities; his Aunt [Jane] Mecom much shaken by this loss.

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**Peters, Richard. Philadelphia** 1790 April 2 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVI, 199.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Returning Mr. [Nevil] Maskelyne's letter.

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