

**John Morgan correspondence, 1763-1788**  
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## Summary Information

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<b>Abstract</b>	<p>Nine of these letters are addressed to Sir Alexander Dick of Edinburgh (1763-1768), and relate to Morgan's medical studies, his travels on the Continent, and the founding of the medical department of the College of Physicians. These are copies of originals in possession of Mrs. Dick Cunyngham, Prestonfield House, Edinburgh. In addition there are letters from Morgan to: Petrus Camper, William Smith, Samuel Vaughan, Jr.; and from Peter Collinson to Camper; Camper to Morgan; S. Vaughan Jr. to Camper; and an exchange between Christian F. Michaelis and Camper. These concern Morgan, with mentions of fossils (mastodon bones in America), natural history, comments on Franklin, Jefferson, and Angelica Kauffmann. These are from originals in the P. Camper Papers, on deposit (1976) at the University of Amsterdam Library. These letters are individually indexed in the card catalog in the library.</p>

## **Background note**

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John Morgan was a Philadelphia physician and teacher.

## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

American Philosophical Society

## Provenance

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### Acquisition Information

Presented in part from Antonio Pace, 1963, and Whitfield Bell, Jr., 1976, and accessioned, 1963 (1963 2511ph).

### Original Location

Originals in possession of Mrs. Dick Cunyngham, and in the P. Camper Papers, University of Amsterdam Library.

## Indexing Terms

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### Corporate Name(s)

- College of Physicians of Philadelphia.

### Genre(s)

- Educational Material
- Scientific Correspondence

### Geographic Name(s)

- Europe -- Description and travel -- Early works to 1800.

## Personal Name(s)

- Camper, Petrus, 1722-1789
- Collinson, Peter, 1694-1768
- Dick, Alexander, Sir, 1703-1785
- Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790
- Jefferson, Thomas, 1743-1826
- Kauffmann, Angelica, 1741-1807
- Michaelis, Christian Friedrich, 1727-1804
- Smith, William
- Vaughan, Samuel, 1762-1827

## Subject(s)

- Education
- Medicine
- Medicine -- Study and teaching.
- Natural History
- Natural history.
- Paleontology -- North America.
- Science and Technology

## Other Descriptive Information

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The John Morgan Collection consists of photocopies of Morgan's correspondence, 1763-1768. Many of the letters discuss medicine and medical education.

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## Collection Inventory

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### Papers

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**Morgan, John, 1735-1789.** **1763-1768**

**B M82.1 Series One: Letters to Sir  
Alexander Dick**

Photostats of 9 A.L.S.'s Contents: Pairs, Nov. 1, 1763. 3p. and add. Paris, Feb. 20, 1764 3p. and add. London, Nov. 10, 1764. 2p. and add. Rome, June 16, 1764. 4p. Morgan, J. to A. Dick London, Feb. 15, 1765. 2p. and add. London, Feb. 25, 1765. 4p., add. Phila., July 15, 1765. 3p. and add. Phila., Aug. 29, 1766. 3p. and add. Phila., March 28, 1768. 3p. and add.

From originals in Pierpont Morgan Library. Principally about medical affairs. Dr. Franklin is mentioned in letters of Feb. 20, 1764; June 16, 1764; Feb. 25, 1765; and March 28, 1768. The A.P.S. is mentioned in letter of March 28, 1768.

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**Morgan, John, 1735-1789** November 1, 1763

B M82.1 Letter to Sir Alexander Dick,  
Preston Field near Edinburgh

Paris, Photostat of A.L.S. 3p. and add., end. Friendly letter. Tells of his visit in France.

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**Morgan, John, 1735-1789.** February 20, 1764

B M82.1 Letter to Sir Alexander Dick

Photostat of A.L.S. 3p. and add. Concerning medicine in France. Mentions B. Franklin.

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**Morgan, John, 1735-1789** June 16, 1764

B M82.1 Letter to [Sir Alexander Dick]

Rome, Photostat of A.L.S. 4p. News of his honors in France. Italy. Mentions B. Franklin.

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**Morgan, John, 1735-1789** November 10, 1764

B M82.1 Letter to Sir Alexander Dick,  
Edinburgh

**Series Two: General Correspondence**

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London, Photostat of A.L.S. 2p. and add. Friendly letter of his European trip.

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**Morgan, John, 1735-1789.** February 15, 1765  
B M82.1 Letter to Sir Alexander Dick,  
Edinburgh

London, Photostat of A.L.S. 2p. and add., end. Introduces two Philadelphians.

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**Morgan, John, 1735-1789** February 25, 1765  
B M82.1 Letter to Sir Alexander Dick,  
Prestonfield

London, Photostat of A.L.S. 4p., add. Concerning B.Franklin. Wishes to be a Fellow at Edinburgh.  
General news.

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**Morgan, John, 1735-1789.** July 15, 1765  
B M82.1 Letter to Sir Alexander Dick,  
Edinburgh

Philadelphia, Photostat of A.L.S. 3p. and add., end. Seeks to be a Fellow of Edinburgh. Teaches in college at Philadelphia.

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**Morgan, John, 1735-1789** August 29, 1766  
B M82.1 Letter to Sir Alexander Dick

Philadelphia, Photostat of A.L.S. 3p. and add. Mentions B.Franklin. Introduces Rush and Potts.  
Concerning his marriage.

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**Morgan, John, 1735-1789** March 28, 1768  
B M82.1 Letter to Sir Alexander Dick,  
Edinburgh

Philadelphia, Photostat of A.L.S. 3p. and add., end. Medical school. Mentions Rush. Gunpowder ingredients discovered. Sarah and Richard Bache's marriage. Concerning B.Franklin.

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**Series Two: General Correspondence** **1764-1788**

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**Morgan, John, 1735-1789.** November 16, 1764



## Series Two: General Correspondence

B M82.2 Letter to W[illia]m Smith,  
Philadelphia

London, Photo.of A.L.S. 3p.,end.and add. (from original in Church Hist.Soc.,Austin, Texas.)  
His trip in Europe and desire to come home to Pennsylvania, with plans to do so. Presented by  
Antonio Pace; Dec.1963.

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**Collinson, P[eter], 1694-1768.** February 23, 1749/1750 11-3/4x7

B M82.3 Letter to P[ieter] Camper,  
Leyden

London, Photo.of A.L.S. 4p.,add. (from original in Petrus Camper Papers, K. Nederlandsche  
Maatschappij tot Bevordering der Geneeskunst, on deposit in University of Amsterdam Library.)  
Copies letter of J.Payne, in re shell fish in marble. Refers to earthquakes, Catesby, and Gronovius.

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**Michaelis, [Christian] F[riedrich],** August 16, 1784 8-1/2x7  
**1754-1814.**

B M82.3 Letter to [Pieter Camper]

Photo.of A.L.S. 4p. (from original in Petrus Camper papers, K.Nederlandsche Maatschappij tot  
Bevordering der Geneeskunst, on deposit in Univ. of Amsterdam Library.) Mammoth bone from  
Ohio. Fossil bones and their identify. Refers to the Royal Society.

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**Michaelis, [Christian] F[riedrich],** October 8-9, 1784 8-1/2x7  
**1754-1814.**

B M82.3 Letter to [Pieter Camper]

Cassal, Photo.of A.L.S. 4p. (from original in Petrus Camper Papers, K.Nederlandsche  
Maatschappij tot Bevordering der Geneeskunst, on deposit in Univ. of Amsterdam Library.) How  
to acquire fossil bones in the U.S. from Morgan and the Ohio. Scientific letter. Refers to Tenon.

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**Michaelis, [Christian Friedrich],** November 25, 1784 8-1/2x7  
**1754-1814.**

B M82.3 Letter to Peter Camper

Cassel, Photo.of A.L.S. 3p.and add. (from original in Petrus Camper Papers, K.Nederlandsche  
Maatschappij tot Bevordering der Geneeskunst, on deposit in University of Amsterdam Library.)  
Purchase of Morgan's fossil bones. Identification of various fossil bones.

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## Series Two: General Correspondence

**Michaelis, [Christian Friedrich],  
1754-1814.**

September 20, 1785

8-1/2x7

B M82.3 Letter to [Pieter Camper]

Cassel, Photo.of A.L.S. 2p.,end. (from original in Petrus Camper Papers, K.Nederlandsche Maatschappij tot Bevordering der Geneeskunst, on deposit in University of Amsterdam Library.)  
Morgan will not sell fossil bones. War interferes with acquisition of fossils from Ohio.

**[Camper, Pieter, 1722-1789.]**

July 28, 1787

10-1/2x6-3/4

B M82.3 Letter to John Morgan,  
Philadelphia

The Hague, Photo.of A.L. 3p.,add.via Samuel, William and John Vaughan. Draft. (from original in Petrus Camper Papers, K.Nederlandsche Maatschappij tot Bevordering der Geneeskunst, on deposit in University of Amsterdam Library.) Offers to purchase fossil bone collection through Michaelis. Identifies some animals from fossils.

**Vaughan, Samuel, 1762-1827.**

August 21, 1787

9-1/2x7-1/2

B M82.3 Letter to Petrus Camper, The  
Hague

London, Photo.of A.L.S. 3p.and add. (from original in Petrus Camper Papers, K.Nederlandsche Maatschappij tot Bevordering der Geneeskunst, on deposit in Univ.of Amsterdam Library.)  
Forwards Morgan's letter. Flight of birds. Questions in natural history. Forwards Jefferson's Notes... Friendly letter.

**Morgan, John, 1735-1789.**

December 6, 1787

8-3/4x7

B M82.3 Letter to Petrus Camper,  
Leeuwarden

Philadelphia, Photo.of A.L.S. 5p.and add. (from original in P.Camper Papers,K.Nederlandsche Maatschappij tot Bevordering der Geneeskunst, on deposit in University of Amsterdam Library.)  
Will sell fossil bones, due to urging of S. Vaughan,Jr. Wishes publications on them for self and APS.Refers to B.Franklin.

**Camper, Petrus, 1722-1789**

February 6, 1788

10-1/2x6-1/2

B M82.3 Letter to [C.F. Michaelis?]

## Series Two: General Correspondence

The Hague, Photo.of A.L. 2p. Draft. (from original in Petrus Camper Papers, K.Nederlandsche Maatschappij tot Bevordering der Geneeskunst, on deposit in Univ. of Amsterdam Library).  
Concerning fossil bones from Morgan. Comments of Jefferson's work. Refers to APS.  
Experiments on air.

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**[Camper, Pieter, 1722-1789.]** February 8, 1788 10-1/2x6-1/2  
B M82.3 Letter to John Morgan

The Hague, Photo.of A.L. 2p. Draft. (from P.Camper Papers, K.Nederlandsche Maatschappij tot Bevordering der Geneeskunst, on deposit in University of Amsterdam Library.) Payment for fossil bones. Thanks Vaughan. Natural history comments.

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**Morgan, John, 1735-1789.** May 14, 1788 9x7  
B M82.3 Letter to [Pieter] Camper

Philadelphia, Photo.of A.L.S. 2p. (from original in Petrus Camper Papers, K.Nederlandsche Maatschappij tot Bevordering der Geneeskunst, on deposit in University of Amsterdam Library.)  
Received payment for fossils which will be shipped by Vaughan, as directed. Additional bones.  
Refers to Pennsylvania Hospital.

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**Morgan, John, 1735-1789.** June 30, 1788 10-3/4x6-3/4  
B M82.3 Letter to Peter Camper

Philadelphia, Photo.of A.L.S. 1p. (from original in P.Camper Papers, K.Nederlandsche Maatschappij tot Bevordering der Geneeskunst, on deposit in University of Amsterdam Library.)  
Forwards fossils and bones to S.Vaughan, Jr. Lists contents of boxes.

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**Vaughan, Samuel, 1762-1827.** Undated 8-3/4x7  
B M82.3 Letter to [Pieter] Camper

Monday evening. Photo.of A.L.S. 3p.and add. In French. (from original in P.Camper Papers, K. Nederlandsche Maatschappij tot Bevordering der Geneeskunst, on deposit in University of Amsterdam Library.) Concerning John Morgan and his fossils. Refers to the University of Pennsylvania, Angelica Kauffmann,etc.

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