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Summary Information

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Abstract	<p>The Welsh non-conformist minister Richard Price (1723-1791) was a moral philosopher and political and economic theorist whose ideas lent support to the American cause during the Revolution. Of broad and liberal mind, he was an integral member of the intellectual coterie surrounding William Petty, the Earl of Shelburne, and was a founding member of the Unitarian Church.</p> <p>Befitting a latitudinarian thinker, the range of Richard Price's correspondence is extremely broad, touching upon his rationalistic philosophy and dissenting theology, his political views on British politics, America and the American Revolution, the Constitutional settlement, the future of the United States, social reform, demography, prisons, and slavery. The ninety letters in the collection are arranged chronologically, with correspondents including Charles Chauncy (8 letters, 1772-1779), Benjamin Franklin (7 letters, 1775-1789), John Howard (11 letters and a biographical manuscript, 1770-1789), Thomas Jefferson (3 letters, 1785-1789), Benjamin Rush (8 letters, 1786-1790), and Edward</p>

Wigglesworth (3 letters, 1775-1786), as well as lesser known figures such as the reformer John Howard.

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Background note

The son of a harsh Calvinist Congregational minister in the Welsh heartland, Richard Price followed in his father's footsteps in profession only, becoming a leading advocate of a liberal Christianity and a supporter of republican and revolutionary values. Born in 1723 in Glamorgan, Price was educated at a succession of dissenting academies before establishing himself as chaplain to Mr. Streatfield at Stoke Newington and filling in at a variety of dissenting pulpits in the vicinity of London. The door from this seemingly obscure position to greater achievement, however, opened through Price's formidable literary and intellectual skills.

In his first and most widely known work, *Review of the Principal Questions in Morals* (London, 1758), written the same year that he married Sarah Blundell and settled at Newington Green, Price pitted himself against the moral philosophy of Frances Hutcheson, arguing that morality is intrinsic to human action and that good and evil could be ascertained through reason and individual conscience alone, without the need to posit the existence of a separate moral sense. In later works such as *Importance of Christianity* (London, 1766), Price built upon this rationalistic moral edifice, rejecting the concepts of original sin and eternal punishment, further distinguishing his thought from orthodoxy. Together with his friend Joseph Priestley, Price became one of the preeminent spokesmen for "rational dissent" in the 1760s and 1770s, and his works found a wide readership. Through his endeavors he became an intimate correspondent of several of the leading intellectual figures in England and America, including David Hume, Benjamin Franklin, Mary Wollstonecraft, and the Earl of Shelburne. In testimony to his stature, Price was admitted to the Royal Society in 1765 and received a doctorate of divinity from Aberdeen in 1767.

Price's reputation was founded not only upon his contributions to moral and religious philosophy, but for his pioneering interest in finance, economy, and insurance. He published an important work on life expectancy in the *Philosophical Transactions* of 1769, and his pamphlet, "Appeal to the Public on the Subject of the National Debt" (London, 1771) lambasted the growth of the public debt, inducing William Pitt to make serious efforts toward its eradication. Among his other works, *Observations on Reversionary Payments* (1771) fleshed out a practical system for life-insurance and pensions, and his *Essay on the Population of England* (1780) was an important effort in its genre.

Politically and religiously, Price was a throughgoing liberal. During the American Revolution, he was one of the most strident and consistent voices in England opposing war against the Americans. His *Observations on Civil Liberty and the Justice and Policy of the War with America* (London, 1776) sold remarkably well, earning accolades and broadsides intermittently, and for this and the unqualified support he tendered the American cause, Congress invited him to emigrate in 1778 and assume responsibilities for overseeing American finances. Price wisely declined. After the war, his popularity soared on both sides of the Atlantic, but his health soon failed. He lived to see the United States lay the foundation of its political organization with the ratification of the Constitution and to witness the early, optimistic phases of the Revolution in France, a "glorious" one in his eyes, without experiencing either the depths of French Revolutionary violence or the English backlash against political and religious unorthodoxy. A founding member of the Unitarian Society in 1791, Price died on the twenty-fifth anniversary of Lexington and Concord, April 19, 1791.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Provenance

Acquisition Information

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Related Materials

Related Material

The Printed Materials department includes numerous editions of most of Price's major works, including:

- 1 *Additional Observations on the Nature and Value of Civil Liberty, and the War with America* (London: Printed for T. Cadell, 1777)
- 2 *An Appeal to the Public, on the Subject of the National Debt* (London: T. Cadell, 1772)
- 3 *A Discourse on the Love of our Country: Delivered on Nov. 4, 1789* (London: T. Cadell, 1790)
- 4 *An Essay on the Population of England* (London: T. Cadell, 1780)
- 5 *Observations on the Importance of the American Revolution, and the Means of Making it a Benefit to the World* (London, 1784)
- 6 *Observations on the Nature of Civil Liberty* (London: T. Cadell, 1776)

Separated Material

Befitting a latitudinarian thinker, the range of Richard Price's correspondence is extremely broad, touching upon his rationalistic philosophy and dissenting theology, his political views on America and the American Revolution, the Constitutional settlement, and his interest in social reform. The ninety letters in the collection are arranged chronologically, with correspondents including Charles Chauncy (8 letters, 1772-1779), Benjamin Franklin (7 letters, 1775-1789), John Howard (11 letters and a biographical manuscript, 1770-1789), Thomas Jefferson (3 letters, 1785-1789), Benjamin Rush (8 letters, 1786-1790), and Edward Wigglesworth (3 letters, 1775-1786).

At the heart of the Price collection is 31 letters written to and from America during the Revolutionary crisis. Typical of these are the eight long and candid letters written by the firebrand Boston clergyman, Charles Chauncy, between 1772 and 1779. Presciently, Chauncy wrote in 1772 that politics had

degenerated to such an extent that "The alternative now seems to be, a submission to slavery, or an exertion of our selves to be delivered from it," and predicting "that half a Century will so increase our numbers and strength, as to put it in the power of New England only to tell any Tyrants in Great Britain in plain english, that they will be a free people, in opposition to all they can do to prevent it." In these early letters (1774-1775), the revolutionary rhetoric, set within a solidly religious--if not millenarian--framework is distinctive, and the letters of Chauncy, John Winthrop, Ezra Stiles, and other New Englanders, provide a detailed view of the flashpoint of the Revolution at the moment of its ignition. Winthrop's extraordinary letter of June 6, 1775, provides a thorough recounting of Lexington and Concord and their aftermath.

For his part, drafts of several of Price's letters to America demonstrate the depth of his sympathy with the revolutionary struggle and his intellectual integrity in the face of a critical situation. Price derided the official response to the martial crisis in Massachusetts and remained committed to the revolutionary cause to the end, imaging himself in June, 1777, as standing "in the Situation of a Silent Spectator waiting with inexpressible anxiety the issue of one of the most important Struggles that ever took place among mankind."

The slightly more numerous post-Revolutionary letters concern adjustments to the new political process in America, life expectancy (see Edward Wigglesworth), Italy and prisons (John Howard), the ratification of the Constitution (Franklin, Rush, and Jefferson), the French Revolution (Jefferson), and the impact of Price's seminal *Observations on the Importance of the American Revolution*, in which, among other things, he condemned slavery. Jefferson's response to the pamphlet displays him at his ambiguous best, grasping at the twin horns of slavery and liberty. While opposition to the work would be strong in the south, Jefferson wrote, "Northward of the Chesapeake you may find here and there an opponent to your doctrine as you may find here and there a robber and a murderer, but in no great number, in that part of America, there being but few slaves, they can easily disencumber themselves of them, and emancipation is put into such a train that in a few years there will be no slaves Northward of Maryland." As for Virginia, he placed his hopes in the rising generation who "have sucked in the principles of liberty as it were with their mother's milk."

Indexing Terms

Genre(s)

- General Correspondence
- Political Correspondence

Personal Name(s)

- Bingham, William
- Bowdoin, James, 1726-1790

- Chauncy, Charles, 1705-1787
- Clarke, John
- Eliot, Samuel, 1739-1820
- Foster, William
- Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790
- Gordon, William, 1728-1807
- Graves, Thomas Graves, 1st Baron, 1725-1802
- Hazlitt, William, 1737-1820
- Howard, John, 1726-1790
- Ingenhousz, Jan, 1730-1799
- Jackson, John
- Jefferson, Thomas, 1743-1826
- Lansdowne, William Petty, Marquis of, 1737-1805
- Lathrop, John, 1740-1816
- Lee, Arthur, 1740-1792
- Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813
- Stiles, Ezra, 1727-1795
- Sullivan, James, 1744-1808
- Van der Capellen, Joan Derk , 1741-1784
- Vaughan, Samuel, Sr., 1720-1802
- Wheelock, John, 1754-1817
- White, William, 1748-1836
- Wigglesworth, Edward, 1732-1794
- Willard, Joseph, 1738-1804
- Winthrop, John, 1714-1779

Subject(s)

- Abolition, emancipation, freedom
- African American
- American Philosophical Society
- American Revolution
- Bunker Hill, Battle of, 1775
- Colonial Politics
- Ethics--Great Britain--Early works to 1850
- France--History--Revolution, 1789-1799
- Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790
- Gage, Thomas, 1721-1787
- Great Britain--Politics and government--1760-1789
- Harvard College
- Howard, John, 1726-1790
- Italy--Description and travel--18th century
- Lexington, Battle of, 1775

- Life expectancy
- Massachusetts--History--Revolution, 1775-1783
- Pensions--Massachusetts
- Prisons
- Religion
- Slavery.
- Slaves, slavery, slave trade
- Smith, Adam, 1723-1790
- Smith, Isaac, 1744-1817
- Social conditions, social advocacy, social reform
- United States--History--Revolution, 1775-1783
- United States--History--Revolution, 1775-1783--Religious aspects
- United States--Politics and government, 1783-1788

Other Descriptive Information

Some correspondence relating to slavery in the Price Papers may be of interest to scholars of African American history.

APS also possesses copies of Price's influential work "[Observations on the Importance of the American Revolution](#)" (print collection) in which, among other things, he condemns slavery.

The Price papers contain Thomas Jefferson's response to this work (see above), complete with an analysis of how Price's antislavery message may meet with a mixed response from Americans.

Other Descriptive Information

This collection contains a series of letters from Richard Price, a prominent English minister who was also a prominent supporter of the American Revolution. There are several letters that are written in code. Prominent correspondents include Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, Benjamin Chauncy, and Benjamin Rush. Some Price correspondence also discusses his opposition to slavery.

Bibliography

Peach, W. Bernard, and D.O. Thomas, eds., *The Correspondence of Richard Price*, 3 vols. (1983).

Proceedings of the Massachusetts Historical Society, ser. 2, 17 (1903): 263-278.

Collection Inventory

Papers

Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790 Oct. 22, 1767

Letter to Richard Price

A.L.S. 1p. Franklin quotes a favorable review for Price's "late work" as given in the *Bibliothèque des Sciences des beaux Arts*.

Howard, John, 1726-1790 June 13, 1770

Letter to [Richard] Price, London;

Rome, A.L.S. 4p. and add. Seal. (see Richard Price Papers. Letters from...B.Franklin.) Garrulous letter of travels through Flanders, France and Italy. Ascent of Vesuvius.

Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790 Sept. 28, 1772

Letter to Richard Price

A.L.S. 2p.

Chauncy, Charles, 1705-1787 Oct. 5, 1772

Letter to Richard Price;

Boston, A.L.S. 4p. (see Richard Price Papers. Letters from... B.Franklin.) Printed: *Mass.Hist.Soc. Proceedings*. Ser. 2, vol. 7, 265-266.

Chauncy, Charles, 1705-1787 May 30, 1774

Letter to [Richard] Price;

Boston, A.L.S. 4p. Enc. wanting. (see Richard Price Papers. Letters from...B.Franklin.) Complains about the closing of Boston due to the port bill and of the acts against the rights of the colonists. Enclosed originally with letter from Charles Chauncy to Richard Price, July 18, 1774. Printed: *Mass.Hist.Soc. Proceedings*. ser. 2, vol. 7, 266-268.

Chauncy, Charles, 1705-1787 July 18, 1774

Papers

Letter to Richard Price;

Boston, A.L.S. 4p. Enc. (see Richard Price Papers. Letters from...B.Franklin.) Concerning the united action of the colonists to help Boston against the port bill and rising tide of anti-British Sentiment. Enclosed originally with this letter was letter from Charles Chauncy to Richard Price of May 30, 1774. Printed: Mass.Hist.Soc. Proceedings. ser. 2, vol. 7, 268-270.

Chauncy, Charles, 1705-1787

Sept.13, 1774

Letter to Richard Price;

A.L.S. 2p. and add. Enc. wanting. (see Richard Price Papers. Letters from...B.Franklin.) Introduces Josiah Quincy and discusses the rise of anti-British feeling in Boston due to the port bill. Printed: Mass. Hist. Soc. Proceedings. Ser. 2, vol. 7, 270-271.

Winthrop, John, 1714-1779

Sept. 20, 1774

Letter to [Richard] Price;

Cambridge, New England, A.L.S. 4p. End. (see Richard Price Papers. Letters from...B.Franklin.) Mentions B.Franklin. Tells of state of Boston and Massachusetts due to the port bill. Says rebellion will occur if parliament does not back down. Introduces Josiah Quincy. Printed: Mass. Hist.Soc. Proceedings ser.2, vol.7, pp. 271-273.

Lansdowne, William Petty, Marquis of, 1737-1805

Dec. 26, 1774

Letter to [Richard Price];

Bowood Park, A.L.S. Shelburne. 4p. Enc. wanting. (see Richard Price Papers. Letters from ...B.Franklin.) Printed: Mass.Hist.Soc. Proceedings. Ser. 2, vol. 7, 273-274.

Chauncy, Charles, 1723-1791

Jan. 10, 1775

Letter to Richard Price;

Boston, A.L.S. 8p. (see Richard Price Papers. Letters from...B.Franklin.) Discusses in detail the plight of Boston due to the port bill and the aid the colonies are rendering it. Comments on the continental congress. Printed: Mass.Hist.Soc. Proceedings. ser. 2, vol. 7, 275-278.

Price, Richard, 1723-1791

Feb. 25, 1775

Letter to ----;

Papers

Newington, A. draft of L.S. 8p. (see Richard Price Papers. Letters from...B.Franklin.) Discusses political scene as it affects America. Praises B.Franklin. Printed: Mass.Hist.Soc. Proceedings. ser. 2, vol.17, 278-281.

Stiles, Ezra, 1727-1795

April 10, 1775

Letter to Richard Price, London;

Newport, A.L.S. 3p. and add. (see Richard Price Papers. Letters from...B. Franklin.) Berates the expansion of Roman Catholicism in America. Says America will fight before surrendering to Britain. Printed: Mass Hist.Soc. Proceedings. ser.2, vol. 7, 281-283.

Winthrop, John, 1714-1779

April 10, 1775

Letter to [Richard Price];

Cambridge, New England, A.L.S. 4p. (see Richard Price Papers, Letters from...B.Franklin.) Introduces Francis Dana. Describes Boston and the aroused state of America, Mentions B.Franklin. Printed: Mass.Hist.Soc. Proceedings. ser.2, vol.7,283-286.

Winthrop, John, 1714-1779

June 6, 30, 1775

Letter to [Richard] Price;

New England, A.L. 6p. Enc. wanting. End. in shorthand. (see Richard Price Papers. Letters from...B.Franklin.) Tells of the battles of Concord and Bunkers Hill. Mentions B.Franklin's arrival. Printed: Mass Hist.Soc. Proceedings. ser. 2, vol. 7, 288-292.

Wigglesworth, Edward, 1732-1794

June 12, 1775

Letter to Thomas Price, London;

Cambridge, A.L.S. 2p. and add. (see Richard Price Papers. Letters from...B.Franklin.) Speaks of Isaac Smith in laudatory terms Tells of the battles around Boston. Printed: Mass.Hist.Soc. Proceedings. ser. 2, vol. 7, 292-294.

Chauncy, Charles, 1705-1787

July 18, 1775

Letter to Richard Price, London;

Medfield, A.L. 12p. and add. (see Richard Price Papers. Letters from...B.Franklin.) Talks of Josiah Quincy. Tells of the events of war around Boston, especially the battle of Bunker's Hill. Printed: Mass Hist.Soc. Proceedings. ser. 2, vol. 7, 294-300.

Papers

Chauncy, Charles, 1705-1787

July 22, 1775

Letter to [Richard Price];

Medfield, near Boston, A.L. 3p. Mutilated. The signature appears to have been cut off. (see Richard Price papers. Letters from...B.Franklin.) Printed: Mass.Hist.Soc. Proceedings. Ser. 2, vol. 7, 300-301.

Gordon, William, 1728-1807

Sept. 12, 1775

Letter to [Richard] Price, London;

Philadelphia, A.L. 3p. and add. End. Mutilated. (see Richard Price Papers. Letters from ...B. Franklin.) Recapitulation of the hostilities between the U.S. and Britain. Mentions B.Franklin. Printed: Mass.Hist.Soc. Proceedings, ser. 2, vol.17, 302-306.

Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790

Oct. 3, 1775

Letter to --

A.L.S. 4p. Franklin warns "... if you flatter yourselves with beating us into submission, you know neither the people nor the Country..."

Price, Richard, 1723-1791

Dec., 1775?

Letter to [Charles Chauncy];

[ca.] A.L. 3p. End. (see Richard Price Papers. Letters from...B.Franklin.) Friendly letter. Mentions Dr. Priestley. Praises B.Franklin. Politics. Printed: Mass.Hist.Soc. Proceedings. ser. 2, vol.17, 306-307.

Price, Richard, 1723-1791

1775

Letter to [Josiah Quincy];

[ca.] A.L. 2p. and scrap with French measurements reduced to English. End. (see Richard Price Papers. Letters from... B.Franklin.) British attitude toward America. Praises. Dr.Franklin highly. Wishes for news for friends of America in parliament. Printed: Mass. Hist. Soc. Proceedings. Ser. 2, vol.17, 286-288.

London. Common Council

March 14, 1776

Certificate to Richard Price;

Papers

London, D. 1p. Enc.: Miss Price's Papers. (see Richard Price Papers. Letters from..B.Franklin.)
Commending his publication of his Observations...

Price, Richard, 1723-1791 May 14, 1776

Letter to ----;

A.L. 2p. Enc. wanting. (see Richard Price Papers. Letters from...B.Franklin.) English public opinion.
Would like to hear from "Dr. F[rankli]n" and other friends.

Lee, Arthur, 1740-1792 April 20, 1777

Letter to [Richard Price];

Paris, A.L.S. 8p. End. (see Richard Price papers. Letters from...B.Franklin.) Concerning the rupture
between Britain and the U.S. Printed: Mass.Hist.Soc. Proceedings. ser. 2, vol. 7, 308-310.

Price, Richard, 1723-1791 June 15, 1777

Letter to [Benjamin] Franklin, Paris;

Newington Green, A.L. 1p. and add. Enc. wanting. (see Richard Price Papers. Letters
from...B.Franklin.) High regards to B.Franklin. British feel sure America is almost won. Some plans
for America from London. Printed: Mass. Hist. Soc. Proceedings. Ser. 2, vol.17, 310.

Price, Richard, 1723-1791 June 15, 1777

Letter to Arthur Lee, Paris;

Newington Green, A.L. 2p. and add. (see Richard Price Papers. Letters from...B.Franklin.) Returns
his thanks and asks for information. Printed: Mass.Hist.Soc. Proceedings. ser. 2, vol.17, 310-311.

Price, Richard, 1723-1791 June 15, 1777

Letter to [John] Winthrop, New England;

London, A.L. 2p. (see Richard Price Papers. Letters from...B.Franklin.) Thanks for letters and
news. Prudence requires his keeping quiet. Cannot even write B.Franklin. Printed: Mass.Hist.Soc.
Proceedings. ser. 2, vol.17, 311-312.

Capellen, Joan Derk van der, 1741-1784 Dec. 14, 1777

Letter to [Richard Price];

Papers

Zwol, A.L.S. 7p. End. (see Richard Price papers. Letters from...B.Franklin.) Printed: Mass.Hist.Soc. Proceedings. Ser. 2, vol. 7, 313-319.

Greaves, Thomas

March 24, 1778

Letter to [Richard] Price, London;

Rotterdam, A.L.S. 2p. and add. End. (see Richard Price Papers. Letters from...B.Franklin.) Asks for advice on economic security of Britain.

Lee, Arthur, 1740-1792

Dec. 8, 1778

Letter to [Richard Price];

A.L.S. 4p. End (see Richard Price Papers. Letters from... B.Franklin.) Asks aid in drafting a constitution for the U.S. and asks him to move to America.

Chauncy, Charles, 1705-1787

May 20, 1779

Letter to [Richard Price];

Boston, A.L. 3p. End. (see Richard Price Papers. Letters from... B.Franklin.) Sends news of the state of affairs in the colonies. Printed: Mass.Hist.Soc. Proceedings. ser. 2, vol. 7, 319-321.

Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790

Feb., 1780

Letter to Richard Price

Letter copy. 2p. Extract of a letter to Price in which Franklin lamented the "unhappy war" which he fears will remain unsolved in his lifetime.

Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790

June 13, 1782

Letter to Richard Price

A.L.S. 2p.

Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790

July 7, 1782

Letter to James Hutton

Extract of A.L.Cy. 2p.

Hazlitt, William, 1737-1820

Oct. 19, 1784

Letter to Richard Price, London;

Papers

Boston, A.L.S. 3p. and add. Slightly mutilated. End. in shorthand. (see Richard Price Papers. Letters from...B. Franklin.) Printed: Mass.Hist.Soc. Proceedings. Ser. 2, vol. 7, 322-324.

Wheelock, John, 1754-1817

Jan. 25, 1785

Letter to Richard Price, London;

Dartmouth College, A.L.S. 3p. and add. End. in shorthand. (see Richard Price Papers. Letters from...B.Franklin.) Thanks for his contribution to the college. Printed: Mass.Hist.Soc. Proceedings. ser.2, vol. 7, 324-325.

Clarke, John

April 11, 1785

Letter to Richard Price, London;

Boston, A.L. 2p. and add. End. in shorthand, 2p. Incomplete. (see Richard Price Papers.) Letters from...B.Franklin.) Compliments him on his latest book.

Jefferson, Thomas, 1743-1826

Aug. 7, 1785

Letter to [Richard] Price;

Paris, A.L.S. 2p. End. (see Richard Price Papers. Letters from... B. Franklin.) Printed: Washington, Writings of T. Jefferson, I, 376-378.

Jackson, Jonathan, 1743-1810

Aug. 8, 1785

Letter to [Richard Price];

Boston, A.L.S. 3p. End. Contains notes in s shorthand. (see Richard Price Papers. Letters from. . .B. Franklin.) Comments on Anglo-American relations and hopes to represent Britain in Boston. Mr. Adams is appointed minister to England. Printed: Mass. Hist.Soc. Proceedings. ser. 2, vol. 7, 327-330.

Wheelock, John, 1754-1817

Aug. 13, 1785

Letter to Richard Price, London;

Dartmouth College, A.L.S. 2p. and add. End. in shorthand. (see Richard Price Papers. Letters from...B.Franklin.) Thanks for his donation to the college. Comments on his pamphlets. Politics.

Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790

Oct. 6, 1785

Letter to Joseph Williard

Papers

A.L.S. 7p.

Foster, William Nov. 15, 1785

Letter to Richard Price, London;

Boston, A.L.S. 1p. and add. End. in shorthand. (see Richard Price Papers. Letters from...B.Franklin.)
Sends him a cask of cranberries.

Hazlitt, William, 1737-1820 Nov. 15, 1785

Letter to [Richard] Price, London;

Hollywell, A.L.S. 3p. and add. End. Mutilated. (see Richard Price Papers. Letters from...B.Franklin.)
Comments on the political scene in Penna and mentions John Vaughan and Benjamin Rush Settlers
of Nova Scotia. Printed: Mass.Hist.Soc. Proceedings. ser. 2, vol. 7, 334-336.

Howard, John, 1726-1790 March 14, 1786

Letter to [Richard Price];

Naples, A.L.S. 3p. End. (see Richard Price Papers. Letters from...B.Franklin.) News of his travels in
France and Italy.

Lathrop, John, 1772-1820 March, 1786

Letter to Richard Price, Newington-green;

Boston, A.L.S. 3p. and add. End. in shorthand. (see Richard Price Papers. Letter from...B.Franklin.)
Concerning two young Englishmen. Concerning financial status of America. Printed: Mass.Hist.Soc.
Proceedings. ser. 2, vol. 7, 336-337.

Bowdoin, James, 1752-1811 April 2, 1786

Letter to Richard Price, London;

Boston, A.L.S. 2p. and add. End. in shorthand. (see Richard Price Papers. Letters from...B.Franklin.)
Sends volume of Memoirs of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Printed: Mass Hist.Soc.
Proceedings. Ser. 2, vol. 7, 338.

Willard, Joseph, 1738-1804 April 6, 1786

Letter to [Richard] Price;

Papers

Cambridge, A.L.S. 2p. End. in shorthand. Enc. wanting. (see Richard Price Papers. Letters from...B.Franklin.) Concern over finances of the U.S. Sends copy of Memoirs of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Printed: Mass.Hist.Soc. Proceedings. ser.2, vol.7, 338-339.

Eliot, Samuel April 9, 1786

Letter to Richard Price, Newington Green;

Boston, A.L.S. 2p. and add. End. Seal. (see Richard Price Papers. Letters from...B.Franklin.) Friendly letter. Thanks him for his pamphlet.

Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813 April 22, 1786

Letter to Richard Price

A.L.S. 4p.

Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813 May 25, 1786

Letter to Richard Price, London;

Philadelphia, A.L.S. 7p. and add. End. in shorthand. (see Richard Price Papers. Letters from...B.Franklin.) Printed: Butterfield, Letters of B.Rush, I, 388-390.

Howard, John, 1726-1790 June 22, 1786

Letter to [Richard Price];

Constantinople, A.L.S. 4p. End. (see Richard Price Papers. Letters from...B.Franklin.) Studied prisons in the Mediterranean. Sights of the plague in Constantinople.

Clarke, John July 18, 1786

Letter to Richard Price, London;

Boston, A.L.S. 2p. and add. End. in shorthand. (see Richard Price Papers. Letters from...B.Franklin.) Friendly letter. News of Charles Chauncy. Printed: Mass.Hist.Soc. Proceedings. ser. 2, vol. 7, 345.

Wigglesworth, Edward, 1732-1794 July 27, 1786

Letter to Richard Price, London;

Cambridge, Massachusetts, A.L.S. 3p. and add. End. in shorthand. (see Richard Price Papers. Letters from ...B.Franklin.) Printed: Mass.Hist.Soc. Proceedings. Ser. 2, vol. 7, 345-346.

Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790 July 29, 1786

Papers

Letter to Richard Price

A.L.S. 2p.

Willard, Joseph, 1738-1804

July 29, 1786

Letter to [Richard Price];

Cambridge, A.L.S. 3p. End. in shorthand. Enc. (see Richard Price Papers. Letters from...B.Franklin.)
Printed: Mass.Hist.Soc. Proceedings Ser. 2, vol. 7, 347-348.

Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Aug. 2, 1786

Letter to [Richard Price];

Philadelphia, A.L.S. 2p. End. in shorthand. Enc. wanting. (see Richard Price Papers. Letters from...B.Franklin.) Printed: Mass.Hist.Soc. Proceedings. Ser. 2, vol. 7, 349.

Wigglesworth, Edward, 1732-1794

Oct. 6, 1786

Letter to Joseph Willard;

Cambridge, A.L.S. 7p. End. (see Richard Price Papers. Letters from...B.Franklin.) Concerning the granting of annuities to the widows of ministers with tables drawn up to probable death rates.

Howard, John, 1726-1790

Oct. 13, 1786

Letter to [Richard Price];

Venice Lazaretto, A.L.S. 3p. End. (see Richard Price papers. Letters from...B.Franklin.) Concerning his voyage from Smyrna to Venice. Bad news from England.

Sullivan, James, 1744-1808

Oct. 16, 1786

Letter to [Richard] Price;

Boston, A.L.S. 2p. End. in shorthand. (see Richard price Papers. Letters from... B.Franklin.) Concerning internal difficulties of Massachusetts. Sends Memoirs of American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Printed: Mass.Hist.Soc. Proceedings. ser. 2, vol. 7, 352.

Howard, John, 1726-1790

Oct. 25, 1786

Letter to Richard Price;

Vienna Lazaretto, A.L.S. 4p. End. (see Richard Price Papers. Letters from...B.Franklin.) Concerning his distaste for a public memorial. Plans for the future.

Papers

Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Oct. 27, 1786

Letter to [Richard] Price;

Philadelphia, A.L.S. 7p. End. (see Richard Price Papers. Letters from...B.Franklin.) Printed: Mass.Hist.Soc. Proceedings. Ser. 2, vol. 7, 352-354.

Vaughan, Samuel, 1720-1802

Nov. 4, 1786

Letter to [Richard] Price, London;

Philadelphia, A.L.S. 3p. and add. End. in shorthand. (see Richard Price papers. Letters from . . .B.Franklin) Concerning public affairs of Penna. and the U.S. B.Franklin's health and activities. Printed: Mass.Hist.Soc. Proceeding. ser. 2, vol. 7, 354-356.

Bingham, William, 1752-1804

Dec. 1, 1786

Letter to [Richard Price];

New York, A.L.S. 4p. End. (see Richard Price Papers. Letters from...B.Franklin.) Concerning the state of the U.S. and Pennsylvania.

Howard, John, 1726-1790

Dec. 14, 1786

Letter to [Richard] Price, London;

Vienna, A.L.S. 1p. and add. End. Enc. (see Richard Price papers. Letters from...B.Franklin.) Concerning his family and religion. Route of his trip to London. Also on same sheet is copy of letter from John Howard to Committee for... Prisons; Dec.15, 1786.

Howard, John, 1726-1790

Dec. 15, 1786

Letter to the Committee for Relieving Prisoners and reforming Prisons;

Vienna, A.L.S. with initials. 1p. Copy. End. (see Richard Price Papers. Letters from...B.Franklin.) Begs that no monument be raised to him. On same sheet with letter from John Howard to Richard Price; Dec. 14, 1786.

Howard, John, 1726-1790

Jan. 18, 1787

Letter to [Richard] Price, London;

Papers

Amsterdam, A.L.S. 2p. and add. Seal. Travel from Vienna. Hopes his statue is destroyed. Mentions Ingenhausz.

Ingenhouz, Jan, 1730-1799 April 2, 1787

Letter to [Richard] Price, London;

Vienna, A.L.S. 1p. End. in shorthand. (see Richard Price Papers. Letters from ...B. Franklin.)
Annuities. Resumé of past events. Mentions Dr. Franklin.

Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813 April 6, 1787

Letter to [Richard Price];

Philadelphia, A.L.S. 1p. End. Enc. wanting. (see Richard Price Papers. Letters from ...B.Franklin.)
Sends pamphlet. Mentions B.Franklin. Printed: Mass.Hist.Soc. Proceedings. ser. 2, vol. 7, 336.

Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790 May 18, 1787

Letter to Richard Price

A.L.S. 2p.

Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813 June 2, 1787

Letter to [Richard Price];

Philadelphia. A.L.S. 5p. Enc. wanting. End. in shorthand. (see Richard Price Papers. Letters from...B.Franklin.) Printed: Butterfield, Letters of B.Rush, I, 418-420.

Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790 June 9, 1787

Letter to Richard Price

A.L.S. 1p.

Howard, John, 1726-1790 July 25, 1787

Letter to [Richard] Price, London;

Belfast, A.L.S. 3p. and add. End. (see Richard Price Papers. Letters from ...B.Franklin.) Concerning
prisons of Ireland.

Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813 July 29, 1787

Letter to Rich[ar]d Price, London;

Papers

Philadelphia, A.L.S. 3p. and add. End. in shorthand. (see Richard Price Papers. Letters from ...B.Franklin.) Introduces Mr. Winchester and speaks of him. Printed: Mass.Hist.Soc. Proceedings. ser. 2, vol. 7, 369-370.

White, William, 1748-1836

July 31, 1787

Letter to Richard Price, London;

Philadelphia, A.L.S. 3p. and add. End. (see Richard Price Papers. Letters from ...B.Franklin.) Introduces Joseph Workman. Discusses the constitutional convention. Printed: Mass.Hist.Soc. Proceedings. ser. 2, vol.7, 370.

Howard, John, 1726-1790

March 23 [?], 1788

Letter to [Richard Price];

Dublin, A.L.S. 3p. End. (see Richard Price Papers. Letters from...B.Franklin.) Concerning investigation of schools.

Willard, Joseph, 1738-1804

Nov. 19, 1788

Letter to Richard Price;

Cambridge, A.L.S. 3p. End. in shorthand. Enc. wanting. (see Richard Price Papers. Letters from...B.Franklin.) Printed: Mass.Hist.Soc. Proceedings. Ser. 2, vol. 7, 371-372.

Howard, John, 1726-1790

Dec. 22, 1788

Letter to [Richard Price];

Warrington, A.L.S. 3p. End. in shorthand. Mutilated. Enc. wanting. (see Richard Price Papers. Letters from...B.Franklin.) Is preparing a new volume on lazarettos.

Jefferson, Thomas, 1743-1826

Jan. 8, 1789

Letter to [Richard] Price;

Paris, A.L.S. 7p. End. (see Richard Price Papers. Letters from... B.Franklin.) Printed: Washington, Writings of T. Jefferson, II, 553-557.

Jefferson, Thomas, 1743-1826

May 19, 1789

Letter to [Richard] Price, London;

Papers

Paris, A.L.S. 3p. and add. End. (see Richard Price Papers. Letters from...B. Franklin.) Printed: Washington, Writings of T. Jefferson, III, 41-43.

Price, Richard, 1723-1791 May 25, 1789

Will;

A.D.S. 4p. (see Richard Price Papers. Letters from...B.Franklin.)

Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790 May 31, 1789

Letter to Richard Price

A.L.S. 2p. Discusses the "good bishop's" death; views on death; sends copies of Transactions.

Price, Richard, 1723-1791 July 1, 1789

Letter to Mathon de La Cour;

Paris, Hackney, A.L. in 3d.P. 1p. and add. End. (see Richard Price Papers.) Letters from...B.Franklin.) Concerning beliefs on freedom.

Howard, John, 1726-1790 Sept. 22, 1789

Letter to Richard Price;

Moscow, A.L.S. 2p. End. Mutilated. (see Richard Price Papers. Letters from...B.Franklin.) Concerning his trip to Moscow and from there to Turkey.

Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813 April 24, 1790

Letter to Richard Price, London;

Philadelphia, A.L.S. 3p. and add. End. (see Richard Price Papers.) Letters from...B.Franklin.) Printed: Butterfield, Letters of B.Rush, I, 563-565.

Price, Richard, 1723-1791 1790

Letter to ----;

[ca.]. A.L. 4p. (see Richard Price Papers. Letters from...B.Franklin.) Celebrated 14th of July. Mentions B.Franklin. Discusses Adam Smith. Printed: Mass.Hist.Soc. Proceedings. ser. 2, vol.17, 376-378.

Price, Richard, 1723-1791 Undated

Biographical account of John Howard.

Papers

A.D. 9p. (see Richard Price Papers. Letters from...B.Franklin.) Contains two printed obituaries.

Price, Richard, 1723-1791 Undated

Memorandum;

A.D. 2p. (see Richard Price Papers. Letters from...B.Franklin.) ----Copy. 1p. End. Concerning events in England leading to the American revolution. [1775?]

Price, Richard, 1723-1791 Undated

Memorandum.

A.D. 1p. (see Richard Price Papers. Letters from...B.Franklin.) Concerning messages to friends. Mentions B.Franklin. Concerning Hessians and Hanoverians hired to fight.

Price, Richard, 1723-1791 Undated

Memorandum.

A.D. 3p. End. (see Richard Price Papers. Letters from...B.Franklin.) Story of Mr. Hutton, friend of B. Franklin being used by the king of England to make a better peace. For further information re: Hutton, see; Franklin Papers, vol.39,no.44.

Misellaneous letters Undated

A.L., A.D.S. and Ams. 5 items. This folder contains four papers written by Price (2 identical and one written in cipher), an account of houses in Ireland, and a resolution to the Court of the City (May Sambridge).
