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Summary Information

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Thornton, E. Paris to Benjamin Franklin	1777 January 1	A.L.S. 1p.	V, 1.
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Enclosing a letter to Franklin and requesting an acknowledgement of same.

The Continental Congress. Baltimore to Benjamin Franklin	1777 January 2	D.S. John Hancock, with seal. 1p.	LXXV, 5.
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Commission of Benjamin Franklin as Commissioner to the Court of Spain.

Duportail, Louis Le Bègue. Versailles to Benjamin Franklin	1777 January 2	L.S. 1p.	LXXI, 20.
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Requesting Franklin to send him a reply with reference to his proposition relating to a corps of troops.
(In French.)

Lutterloh, Major Henry Emanuel. Paris to Benjamin Franklin	1777 January 3	L.S. 3p.	LX, 51.
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Giving particulars about himself and his previous services. Secrecy of his mission to Paris. His offer to raise troops in Germany or Northern Europe.

Ingenhousz, Jan to Benjamin Franklin	1777 January 4	A.L.S.	V, 2.
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Surprised to hear of Franklin's arrival in Paris; hopes his coming has for its object a happy reunion between the mother country and her colonies. If he had known earlier of Franklin's arrival would have accompanied his Imperial master to France; Franklin will probably see and talk with him in the disguise of a private man. Proposes various schemes to enable him to come to Paris, one of them, the desire on the part of some family of distinction there to have him inoculate their children.

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Wickes, Lambert. Nantes 1777 January 4 L.S. V, 3.
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging his favor of 26th December; will immediately proceed to Port l'Orient and execute that business; will come to Paris on his return, if Franklin thinks it absolutely necessary.

Gérard, Conrad Alexandre. Versailles 1777 January 6 L. 1p. XLVII, 70.
to The Deputies [American
Commissioners].

Desires them to postpone the communication of the memorial containing particular requests. Will advise them when it can be opportunely presented; might confine themselves for the present to the memorial explaining the state of affairs in America.

(In French.)

Ferry, Jeremiah. Paris 1777 January 7 A.L.S. 1p. V, 4.
to Benjamin Franklin

His principal business in Paris is to get a more satisfactory account of his countrymen in America than he has been able to do in England, for which purpose he will wait on Franklin.

Terry, Jeremiah. Paris 1777, January 8 A.L.S. 1p. V, 5.
to Benjamin Franklin

Asks for half an hour's private conversation with Franklin's previous to his departure for London; will also be glad of Mr. Deane's acquaintance.

Lutterloh, Major H. E. Paris 1777 January 8 L. in 3d P. 1p. LX, 50.
to Benjamin Franklin

With reference to his proposal to raise a corps of troops in Germany for service in the United States.

Lutterloh, Major H. E. Paris 1777 January 8 A.L.S. 2p. LXII, 74.
to The American Commissioners.

Plans and conditions under which he will enter the American Army.

Dalibard, Thomas François 1777 January 8 N. in 3d P. LXX, 76.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

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Introducing M. de Roussille who wishes to confer with Dr. Franklin about some expeditions he proposes to make in North America.

(In French.)

The Farmers-General. Paris to Benjamin Franklin	1777 January 9	Memp. 4p. LIII, 29.
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Memorandum with reference to shipments of tobacco to be made to the Farmers-General by Messrs. Franklin, Deane and Lee for account of Congress. Questions and replies as to terms, manner of shipment and delivery, payment, etc.

(In French.)

Franklin, William Temple. Passy to Benjamin Franklin	1777 January 9	A.L.S. 2p. V, 6.
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News received from Mr. Montaudouin of the arrival of a Scotchman at Nantes who says Gen. Howe had embarked ten thousand men to attack Philadelphia; Montaudouin also mentioned an unexpected meeting he had with Du Coudray, who sailed from Havre December 14.

The Continental Congress, Secret Committee. Baltimore to The American Commissioners.	1777 January 9	L.S. Benj. V, 7. Harrison, Richard Henry Lee. 2p.
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Minute account of Gen. Washington's movements against the enemy at Trenton and Princeton, and the numbers captured and slain; this information gathered from a gentleman who was in the action; supposes the General has been too busy to write and waits the final issue.

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Chaumont, Jacques-Donatien Le Ray de to Benjamin Franklin	1777 January 9	A.L.S. 1p. V, 8.
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Can procure 200,000 pounds of East India salt-petre at 60 livres the hundredweight; asks for a prompt decision.

(In French.)

Rumsey, Nathan. Nantes to Benjamin Franklin	1777 January 10	A.L.S. 2p. V, 9.
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Jealousy between the Admiralty officers of Vannes and M. Guérin of Auray about the latter's having ventured on such a purchase without their consent, and they seem determined to give as much trouble as possible; hopes Franklin can prevail with the marine officers to order those officers of Vannes to desist troubling M. Guérin as if these matters are carried too far they may injure the sales of our prizes hereafter.

Gloro, -----. L'Orient 1777 January 10 A.L.S. 4p. V,10.
to Benjamin Franklin

Asks if Franklin knows anything of one Benjamin Salter; tells of a transaction he had with him at the Ascension Isles; he sold him goods and received in payment two bills of exchange; one of them drawn on William Carothorne in London, who is a prisoner for debt in the King's Exchange prison and will say nothing to it. His desperate financial difficulties.
(In French.)

de Vallenais,-----. Paris 1777 January 10 A.L.S. 3p. V, 11.
to Benjamin Franklin

M. de Chaumont's ship, in which he was to embark, has lately set sail. Several others ready to set sail in two or three weeks. Asks for a letter to Mr. Grouet so that he may treat with him for their passage on them to America; will take a relation along with him; their intention not only to get in the American service, but to settle for life in that free country.

Wickes, Lambert. Nantes 1777 January 11 A.L.S. 3p. V, 13.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has no opinion of the 60-gun ship; thinks the frigates better for his purpose. Recommends the St. John. Can get other ships but fears they are too ancient.

Ritchie, Juliana. Cambray 1777 January 12 A.L.S. 3p. V, 13 1/2.
to Benjamin Franklin

Warns Franklin that he is surrounded by spies who watch his every movement; motive for this espionage. She resides at present at Cambray, taking charge of five young ladies of fortune. Her great friendship for Franklin.

Blondel de Lantone (de Moulins), -----. 1777 January 13 A.L.S. 2p. V, 14.
Moulinnes

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to Benjamin Franklin

His sympathy with the Bostonians in their revolt against tyranny. Served for eight years in the King's guard, but after their disbandment has been unable to find a military opening. Asks Franklin to obtain for him a position in the American army suitable to an officer of his experience.

(In French.)

Kováts, Michaël. Bordeaux

1777 January 13

A.L.S. 4p. LXX, 88.

to Benjamin Franklin

Details experience as private and officer in Hungary, and states that he is sailing from Bordeaux [for America]. Asks assistance for himself and friends.

(In Latin.)

The Continental Congress, Committee on 1777 January 14

L. S. Rob[er]t LIII, 31.

Secret Correspondence. Philadelphia

Morris,

to The American Commissioners.

Chairman. 2p.

Transmit resolves of Congress of the 19th and 29th of November, last, relative to the purchase of supplies in France.

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The Continental Congress, Secret

1777 January 14

A.L.S. V, 15.

Committee. Philadelphia

Rob[er]t

to The American Commissioners.

Morris,

Chairman. 3p.

Enclosing two resolves of Congress concerning the purchase of brass cannon, arms and equipage. Disposition of the Court of France as regards their views.

Bibliography

Rumsey, Nathan. Nantes

1777 January 14

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

to Benjamin Franklin

Has put the papers respecting the prizes in Mr. Morris's hands. Concerning Capt. Cod's offer to purchase his vessel of Capt. Wickes.

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Richemond, Meschinet de, —, fils. La 1777 January 14 L.S. 2p. V, 17.

Rochelle

to Benjamin Franklin

Begging Franklin to send some American traders to La Rochelle; its fine haven and its excellent market; their brandy almost as good as that of Cognac.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1777 January 14 A.L.S. XXXVII, 40.

to Benjamin Franklin

His arrival in Nantes; has been seen M. Montaudouin and Mr. Schweighauser; will collect the best information on every subject affecting American interests; will send a proper report later. Capt. Wickes waiting to know if prizes are admissible into French ports.

Fadeville, -----, Bordeaux 1777 January 14 A.L.S. 2p. V, 18.

to Benjamin Franklin

Sends a letter written by a late major of a regiment of Hussars with the King of Prussia; he sails for America on the Catharine of Dartmouth; if some Prussian officers he expects fail to arrive before he sails, desires to know what steps he must take to enable them to follow.

Wickes, Lambert. Nantes 1777 January 14 A.L.S. 4p. V, 19.

to The American Commissioners.

Concerning Captain Nicholson; advisability of having his assistance in Paris; his qualifications as a commander of a ship of war.

Bibliography

Guérin, -----, Paris 1777 January 15 A.L.S. 2p. V, 20.

to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the affair of his brother and the Admiralty officers.

(In French.)

Other Descriptive Information

[See V, 9.]

Ternant, Jean de. Bordeaux 1777 January 15 A.L.S. 2p. V, 21.

to Benjamin Franklin

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Just arrived in Bordeaux after a dangerous illness; his hasty departure renders doubtful the receipt of the letters Franklin promised him; has left directions for forwarding them. The new Spanish Minister, Count Florida Blanca, will undoubtedly serve his cause with unremitting ardor.

Le Bègue Louis, Duportail. Versailles 1777 January 16 A. L. 1p. LXII, 96.
to Benjamin Franklin

He asks to know, as soon as possible, the result of his application.
(In French.)

D'Anmours, Chevalier. Bordeaux 1777 January 17 A.L.S. 1p. V, 22.
to Benjamin Franklin

Received from Madame la Marquise de Saineville a letter written by Franklin in his favor to Mr. Morris in Philadelphia; sentiments of gratitude and veneration towards Franklin.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1777 January 17 A.L.S. 4p. XXXVII, 41.
to The American Commissioners.

Description of the ship Mercury; her cargo, time of sailing, etc.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1777 January 18 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVII, 42.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing a letter which he leaves to Franklin's judgement whether to send or not.

**MacDonald, Charles-Edouard-Frédéric-
Henry, comte de. Pau** 1777 January 18 A.L.S. 2p. V, 23.
to Benjamin Franklin

Wishes to know that encouragement he can give to capable officers who offer their services to the United Provinces; his character well-known; originally from Scotland, now settled in France. Criticises the American tactics so far; has a plan of operation for America.

Macdonald, Comte. Pau 1777 January 18 Mem. 3p. LXII, 76.
to Benjamin Franklin

His service and his plan of discipline for training soldiers, if his services are accepted by Congress.

Pecholier, Frères. Bordeaux 1777 January 18 A.L.S. 1p. V, 24.

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to Benjamin Franklin

Forwarding a letter from M. Ternant who left Bordeaux on the 15th; will forward him any letters from Franklin with great care.

(In French.)

Echlin, Henry. Prison of the Abbaie St. Germain 1777 January 18 A.L.S. 1p. V, 25.

to Benjamin Franklin

Not personally known to Franklin, but ventures to address him, not as a countryman but as a fellow creature reduced by a captivity of nearly three years, by illness and every sort of evil, to the last degree of unhappiness. Was once a lover of liberty and an enemy to oppression. The bearer will receive Franklin's commands.

Wickes, Lambert. Nantes 1777 January 18 A.L.S. 2p. V, 26.

to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing a letter and an inventory of the frigate Count de Maurepas; concerning the fitting out of the ship; recommends Mr. Goullade for this service.

Le Bègue Duportail, Louis. Paris 1777 January 19 A.L. 2p. LXII, 97.

to Benjamin Franklin

Because he does not know sufficient English to read it when written, he is not sure that he has understood the answer sent to him at Versailles. As his friend, who understands English, is away, he writes that he thinks his request to enter the American service has been refused. If this is correct no answer is necessary; but, if he has misunderstood, he asks the answer to be written in Latin or French. Requests that all letters and writings from him be destroyed.

(In French.)

Le Bègue Duportail, Louis. Paris 1777 January 21 A.L. 1p. LXII, 98.

to The American Commissioners.

He is very sorry to have understood exactly the opposite to what was written. He will leave that evening for Versailles to learn the Minister's intention. He will write also to 'our gentlemen' to know their decision, then he will give their names.

(In French.)

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Lutterloh, Major H. E. Paris 1777 January 21 A.L.S. 1p. LXII, 75.
to The American Commissioners.

He proposes another plan for recruiting; if it is not approved of, he goes to Nantes as agreed upon.

Dumas, Charles-Guillaume-Frédéric 1777 January 21 A.L.S. 5p. XXXIX, 5.
to The American Commissioners.

Business relative to his position as American agent; quotes certain correspondence he has had with a great commercial house.

(In French.)

Barbeu-Dubourg, Jacques. Paris 1777 January 21 A.L. 3p. V, 27.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the affair of supplying tobacco to the Farmers-General; formation for this purpose of a society, the result of which he hopes will be a market for commodities and merchandise, to the mutual advantage of two nations, and also to the individual members.

(In French.)

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1777 January 21 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVII, 43.
to The American Commissioners.

Finished the examination of the Mercury's cargo; other matters still to be attended to. Arrival of the Chevalier Duplessis; will do all he can to assist him.

Montaudouin de la Touche, Jean-Gabriel. 1777 January 21 A.L.S. 1p. V, 28.
Nantes
to Benjamin Franklin

Recommending to Franklin's notice M. de L'Ehombe, member of the Superior Council of Port au Prince; his keen desire to meet Franklin.

(In French.)

Buat, —, marquis de. Ploermel 1777 January 21 A.L.S. 2p. V, 29.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Desire of Chevalier de Louvigny and Chevalier le Fer to enter into the service of America. Wishes to know what treatment they would have if they entered the army, one as colonel, the other as captain of infantry or cavalry, and what advance money they would receive at the moment of departure.

(In French.)

Strahan, William. London 1777 January 23 A.L.S. 1p. V, 30.
to Benjamin Franklin

Asking about Franklin's welfare. Sees Sir John Pringle often; he is quite well, barring insomnia. Hopes that peace, unity and happiness may be soon restored. Hears Franklin saw his colleague, Mr. Charles Fox, frequently; he will find him one of the cleverest fellows of his years he ever knew.

Paulze, Jacques. Paris 1777 January 23 A.L.S. 1p. V, 31.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sees no difficulty in the matter of Mr. Franklin's taking an interest in the Society for furnishing tobacco to the Farmers-General.

(In French.)

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1777 January 23 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVII, 44.
to The American Commissioners.

Date of the Mercury's sailing; unless he receives further commands, will then set off for Paris. Trusts the Amphitrite got off from L'Orient.

Barbeau-Dubourg, ----- 1777 January 23 A.N. in 3d P. LXX, 85.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Requesting Messrs. Franklin, Deane and Lee to give an interview to M. Bayard, on important business.

(In French.)

Pfeffinger, Jo. et al. Strassburg 1777 January 24 D.S. 1p. LIX, 33.
to Benjamin Franklin

Attesting the wholesomeness of a beverage similar to beer, manufactured by Anton Holper and Frantz Xaverius Deck, in Landsor, upper Alsace.

Captain Garanger, Havre 1777 January 24 A.L.S. 4p. V, 32.

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Has a letter of recommendation to Franklin from M. Brisson; his twenty-one years' service in the artillery; his desire to enter the service of America; his friends obtained for him from the King the rank of captain of artillery and for his brother that of lieutenant; only expected to wait at Havre six days, and it is now six weeks; their money exhausted, have received no advance on their appointments; asks Franklin's assistance.

(In French.)

Le Bègue Duportail, Louis. Paris 1777 January 25 A.L. 2p. LXII, 99.
to The American Commissioners.

The Court permits him to carry out his plan. Because of this voyage and to recompense him for a great work for the corps, just terminated, he is given the title of Lieutenant Colonel of the Royal Engineer Corps. His first condition for entering the American service was that he should have a rank higher than he held in France at the moment of leaving. He makes the same request for his companions, M. de Laumoy and M. de Gouvion. He urges great caution in making inquires about these two. If these conditions are accepted he will come immediately to make the final arrangements.

(In French.)

Sarsfield, Guy-Claude, comte de 1777 January 25 A.L.S. 2p. V, 33.
to Benjamin Franklin

Will always remember his meeting with Franklin in London some years ago; expects to be in Paris in a few weeks and will wait upon him; in the meantime recommends to Franklin's notice his brother, who is also, his best friend.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1777 January 25 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVII, 45.
to Benjamin Franklin

Treated like the nephew of a prince; hears that the ladies of Nantes are making an addition to their heads in imitation of Franklin's hair cap, which they intend to call "a la Franklin."

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1777 January 25 A.L.S. 4p. XXXVII, 46.
to The American Commissioners.

Departure of the Amphitrite. Letters received from M. Du Coudray, who has sent him seven officers and their baggage for the Mercury; number of officers he has been forced to refuse; encloses protest

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made by M. Du Coudray against the Captain of the Amphitrite. Difficulty of procuring charts of the American coast.

Franklin, Jeanne. Saint Mal 1777 January 26 A.L.S. 2p. V, 34.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the relationship of herself and her son to Franklin; entreats his aid in their present distress and indigency.

Bibliography

Le Bègue Duportail, Louis. Paris 1777 January 26 A.L. 1p. LXII, 100.
to Benjamin Franklin

He leaves for his home to arrange for his departure in a fortnight; has received the permits from the King for himself and his companions.
(In French.)

Paulze, Jacques. Paris 1777 January 27 A.N. in 3d P. LXIII, 63.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Notifying him that the King's Library will be open for his visit on January 30th, and that the librarians will be prepared to receive him.
(In French.)

Jones, Capt. John Paul. Nantes 1777 January 27 A.L.S. 3p. V, 35.
to Benjamin Franklin

Arrived from Paris in 56 hours; will give his best protection and safe conduct to the squadron now nearly ready to sail, until they are at some distance from the coast of Europe; this will afford him an opportunity to prove the sailing capacity of the Ranger, whereof he is in great suspense. Expediency of ordering prizes containing clothing, warlike or naval stores to America instead of to the European ports.

Vaughan, Benjamin. Essex 1777 January 27 A.L.S. 3p. V, 36.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has decided to cancel the whole impression of Franklin's political works and wait for the additional pieces; has not yet received his remarks upon paper currency; advisability of having the American

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edition of Mr. Galloway's speech accompany the dialogue on slavery. All letters to and probably from England are opened. Expects Dr. Price's pamphlet out soon.

Briant de Peinquelein, François-Hyacinthe. Quimperlé 1777 January 27 A.L.S. 2p. V, 37.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to serve in the American army; wishes to know what treatment he may expect from Congress; has served for six years as captain of Infantry. Does not wish to be confounded with those adventurers animated merely by sordid interest.
(In French.)

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1777 January 27 A.L.S. 4p. XXXVII, 48.
to The American Commissioners.

Eleven officers claiming the right to take passage on the Mercury; cannot take but four; M. Du Coudray the most insistent; refusal of M. Peltier to take him; claims of the Chevalier de [la] Barre; finds his situation very disagreeable.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1777 January 27 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVII, 47.
to Benjamin Franklin

Uncasy lest his adhering strictly to orders and refusing the officers will be misinterpreted.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1777 January 27 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVII, 49.
to Benjamin Franklin

Proposes to send the Chevalier Mauduit Duplessis in the Mercury. Explains his reasons for speaking ill of Mr. P[eltier].

Gallitzin, Dimitri, prince de. La Hague 1777 January 28 A.L.S. 7p. V, 38.
to Benjamin Franklin

One of Franklin's most sincere admirers; his love of science his excuse for writing to him. Lays before him certain conclusions he has formed on the subject of electricity; begs to hear frankly whether he approves or disapproves of his ideas. His residence always at the Hague where he is the ambassador of the Empress of Russia.
(In French.)

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Montaudouin de la Touche, Jean-Gabriel. 1777 January 28 A.L.S. 3p. V, 39.

Nantes

to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the purchase and equipment of a ship bound for America. Surprised at seeing M. Du Coudray whom he imagined had sailed in the Amphitrite; causes of his return; hopes Franklin will see him at once; lack of circumspection on the part of the agent at Port Louis.

(In French.)

Buisson de Basseville, Pierre. Quimperlé 1777 January 28 A.L.S. 1p. V, 40.

to Benjamin Franklin

Desirous of having a post in the service of America; was detained a prisoner for four years in England in the last war and has thereby acquired the English tongue.

Echlin, Henry. Prison of the Abbaye St. 1777 January 28 A.L.S. 1p. V, 41.

Germain

to Benjamin Franklin

According to Franklin's instruction, the bearer will wait to receive his orders. Begs him to return the list with whatever he is pleased to join to it.

Lee, Arthur. Bordeaux 1777 January 29 A.L.S. 4p. V, 42.

to Benjamin Franklin

A letter received from London which says that ships are actually sent for the 10,000 Germans; that the English hope for great advantages from dissensions in Pennsylvania and that Burgoyne's destination is changed from Virginia to Boston. Cornwallis's defeat in New Jersey generally credited. Question of lightening the duties on exports and imports to and from the United States. A ship lying at Nantes is costing the Congress \$100 freight per month; recommended her immediate sale, which Mr. Morris ought to have seen to long before. Mr. Myrecl's reputed character very bad. Repeated accusations made by the English that the Americans have wantonly hung some Hessian prisoners; thinks Congress should publish an authentic contradiction, that such an infamous imputation shall not go down to posterity. Badness of the roads; does not expect to reach his destination till March.

Ingenhouz, Jan 1777 January 29 A.L.S. 2p. V, 43.

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Entrusted by the Emperor with the erection of conductors upon the gunpowder magazines and some other buildings; Venice has applied to the Emperor for aid in a like matter, and he has been asked to undertake the work. Thinks Father Beccaria is against the use of conductors; would like to prove him wrong. Will journey to Ratisbon about the 12th of April to inoculate the two sons of the reigning Prince of Tour and Taxis, after which would be glad to take a trip to Paris and enjoy Franklin's society.

Dodd, William 1777 January 29 A.L.S. 1p. V, 44.
to Benjamin Franklin

Requesting Franklin to convey the enclosed letter to a worthy young woman in America. Concerning the present struggle; chances of reconciliation.

Bibliography

Gruel, J. Nantes 1777 January 30 A.L.S. 3p. V, 45.
to Benjamin Franklin

Discusses various business matters. Franklin's nephew, Mr. Williams, gave him a little book containing the Articles of Confederation of the thirteen United States of America; read it with great satisfaction. Exchange of civilities. Invitation to visit them at Barbérie.
(In French.)

Barbeau-Dubourg, Jacques. Paris 1777 February 1 A.L.S. 1p. V, 46.
to Benjamin Franklin

MM. Dubourg, Debout and Co. announce their intention of furnishing the Farmers-General with tobacco in exchange for various articles wanted, and implore the favor of Messrs. Franklin, Deane and Lee and the protection of Congress to facilitate their venture.
(In French.)

Walpole, Thomas. London 1777 February 1 A.L.S. 4p. V, 47.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the Eric enterprise. Franklin's testimony of Lord Chatham's conduct. States the position of the friends of America in England; their attitude towards the Declaration of Independence.

Bibliography

Ruthefaud, -----, Bordeaux 1777 February 1 A.L.S. 1p. V, 48.

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Saw in the public papers that Franklin had given a remedy for dropsy to the physicians of Paris; as the papers merely mention the use of "tobacco ashes," begs to know the quantity and how to use it; it would be a service rendered to humanity.

(In French.)

Le Bègue Duportail, Louis. Pithiviers 1777 February 1 A.L.S. 1p. LXII, 101.
to Benjamin Franklin

Asks for a private interview for M. de Laumoy. They will be ready to embark about the 15th of the month from whichever port is considered best; will be in Paris on Wednesday.

(In French.)

The Continental Congress, Committee of Secret Correspondence. Baltimore 1777 February 2 L.S. LIII, 32.
to The American Commissioners. Benj[amin] Harrison et al. 3p.

Severe conditions in America. Vigilance of the British cruisers. New supplies needed.

Bibliography

Peters, Richard. Baltimore 1777 February 3 A.L.S. 1p. V,50.
to Benjamin Franklin

Leaves the enclosed open and begs Franklin if he can to kindly assist him on the subject. Thinks an inquiry would disclose what part of England Mr. Penn is in.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1777 February 4 A.L.S. 3p. XXXVII, 50.
to The American Commissioners.

Concerning his attempts to procure a vessel to be used as a packet boat. The Mercury despatched on the 30th ult.

The Continental Congress 1777 February 5 D.S. 1p. LXXV, 21.
to Benjamin Franklin

Directing the American Commissioners to procure clothing and other military supplies.

(Copy.)

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Bruni, Thomas-Edmé de. Paris 1777 February 6 A.L.S. 3p. V, 51.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing a note touching M. de Chaumont's military experience. Expressing a desire to go to America with a friend and serve in the army with a higher rank than that held by him in France. If he no longer desires officers, how about citizens? His friend and himself are no adventurers, but men of fortune and family.

(In French.)

Girardot de Marigny, Jean. 1777 February 6 L.in 3d P. 1p. V, 52.
to Benjamin Franklin

A friend of his in Holland anxious to know if Mr. Adams of Philadelphia was originally from the Hague.

(In French.)

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1777 February 6 A.L.S. 3p. XXXVII, 51.
to Benjamin Franklin

Description of a ship which would answer for a packet boat. Awaits with impatience instructions as to his future movements; possible danger in his returning to England. Anxious to serve his country.

Thompson, Mrs Emma. St. Omer [1777.] February 6 A.L.S. 2p. XLII, 49.
to Benjamin Franklin

Gossip about old friends in England. Life in St. Omer. Hopes to have a visit from him.

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Le Bègue Duportail, Louis. Paris 1777 February 7 A.L.S. 1p. LXII, 102.
to Benjamin Franklin

Asks for an interview.

(In French.)

Le Bègue Duportail, Louis. Paris 1777 February 8 A.L.S. 2p. LXII, 103.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Decides to leave for Nantes unless Franklin wishes otherwise; asks for certain necessary instruments; requests an interview to sign the papers. If the papers are made out before hand, a place should be left beside the real names to put the assumed names. M. du Corps is not to know of their departure.

(In French.)

Williams, Jonathan Jr. to Benjamin Franklin	1777 February 8	A.L.S. 2p.	XXXVII, 52.
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Concerning a possible business connection with Mr. Schweighauser; advantages of an intimate acquaintance in so agreeable a family; likes Nantes very much. Endeavoring to procure lodgings for Mr. Lee.

Walpole, Thomas. London to Benjamin Franklin	1777 February 10	L.S. 1p.	V, 53.
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Mr. Wharton is unable, in the present unhappy state of affairs in America, to be of any use in the further application to Government for lands on the Ohio river; therefore he has closed his account; concerning Franklin's part in this.

Stewart. Calais to Benjamin Franklin	1777 February 10	A.L.S. 1p.	V, 54.
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Begging Franklin to lend her fifty pounds, which she promises faithfully to pay on her arrival in Paris; disappointed of money due her in England.

Shipley, Georgiana. London to Benjamin Franklin	1777 February 11	A.L. 4p.	V, 55.
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Writes without her father's knowledge, he deeming it imprudent in the present state of affairs. Franklin's many friends in England. Advises him to read Smith's Wealth of Nations and Gibbon's History of the Rise and Fall of the Roman Empire. Franklin's likeness to Socrates. Description of a new electrical machine invented in Italy.

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Williams, Jonathan Jr. to The American Commissioners.	1777 February 12	A.L.S. 2p.	XXXVII, 53.
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Reasons which determined M. Peltier to purchase The Count de Vergennes; expects to despatch her in three weeks.

Wright, Elizabeth. London 1777 February 13 A.L.S. 7p. V, 56.
to Benjamin Franklin

A minute account of the case of [Ebenezer Smith] Platt, now a prisoner in Newgate on a charge of high treason committed in America. Through Franklin's influence hopes his friends may be made acquainted with his situation and thereby take some steps towards his acquittal; severities of his imprisonment. Mr.Platt's uncle one of the members of Congress.

Simon, Louis. Marseilles 1777 February 14 A.L.S. 2p. V, 57.
to Benjamin Franklin

Is about to fit out and command a new ship bound for the West Indies for purposes of trade; desirous of placing an electrical conductor on his ship, but was informed that the method had not yet been adapted to the navy; begs Franklin to instruct him in such an important part of his discoveries.

Lee, Arthur. Nantes 1777 February 14 A. L. S. 1p. V, 58.
to Benjamin Franklin

Informed of the agreement between Mr. Morris and the Farmers General; the price good but the uncertainty of arrivals will continue the same difficulties as regards funds. Du Coudray said to have sailed for St. Domingo.

d'Osmond, Marquis 1777 February 14 L. in 3d P. 1p. V, 59.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has called at the Hotel d'Hambourg many times, but has never been fortunate enough to see Mr. Franklin or Mr. Deane. Begs him to mention an hour when he will be visible.
(In French.)

K-----, C----- W----- and J----- H----- 1777 February 14 A. L. 1p. XLIV, 15.
to Benjamin Franklin

The bearer, I. Patten, was taken prisoner on board the Washington and carried into Pouchmouth from whence he escaped; is a man of valor and sent to Dr. Franklin to ascertain the true state of

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affairs and it is desired that he return as soon as possible. They assure Dr. Franklin that he has a great many friends in England.

Boux, Jacques. Paris 1777 February 14 A. L. S. 2p. V, 60.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the Marquis de Bouillé, who, on account of his attachment to him, has determined to go into the service of America and transport all his family thither; his honorable record in the King's service for 42 years; the only condition he makes is that he shall enter the American army with a higher rank than he now holds.

Boilau, ----- and Gilles de Lavallée. Paris 1777 February 14 A.L.S. 1p. V, 61.
to the American Commissioners

An order to give the bearer certain military belongings of M. Boileau.
(In French.)

Wickes, Lambert. Port Lewis 1777 February 14 A. L. S. 3p. V, 62.
to The American Commissioners.

Account of his cruise; prizes taken; men wounded; concerning exchange of prisoners. List of vessels and cargoes taken.

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Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1777 February 16 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVII, 54.
to Benjamin Franklin

Leaves it to Franklin's judgement whether to send the enclosed to Mr. Blunt or not. Desires his assistance as to the best way to answer Mr. Alexander's letter.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1777 February 16 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVII, 55.
to The American Commissioners.

Prize taken by an American frigate, supposed to be commanded by Capt. Wickes. Concerning the cargo of The Count de Vergennes. Report of the Americans having gained a great advantage over the English.

Girard, chevalier de. Philippeville. 1777 February 17 A.L.S. 1p. V, 63.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Begging for news of Mr. Penn and asking for directions that he may forward a letter to him.
(In French.)

Wickes, Lambert. L'Orient 1777 February 19 A.L.S. 4p. V, 64.
to The American Commissioners.

Safe arrival of all his prizes; necessity for repairing his ship. Dishonorable conduct of the captains of the different prizes. Mr. Perrit's ill-will towards him (Wickes). His wounded officers doing well.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1777 February 19 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVII, 56.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to know his future movements; takes it for granted that he is not to return to England. Has given up all hope of marrying Miss A[lexander] on account of the war; thinks Miss S[chweighauser] worthy of pursuit.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1777 February 19 A.L.S. 3p. XXXVII, 57.
to The American Commissioners.

The fitting out of The Count de Vergennes. Prizes taken by Capt. Wickes; his heroic behavior. Afraid the arms are not worth having.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1777 February 20 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVII, 58.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the disposition of prize ships and their cargoes. English spies everywhere around. Desires to know the truth of the report of the American successes in New Jersey.

Garnauld, J.J. Paris 1777 February 21 A.L.S. 2p. V, 65.
to Benjamin Franklin

Offers of service from the house of M. Meschinet de Richmond et fils at La Rochelle. They have written to the houses in Philadelphia whose addresses Franklin gave them; anxious to enter into business relations with America, whose cause they deem just.
(In French.)

Wickes, Lambert. L'Orient 1777 February 21 A.L.S. 2p. V, 66.
to The American Commissioners.

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Summoned to appear before the Intendant in regard to the destination of the prisoners on board his ship. It was finally agreed to wait till Sunday for Franklin's answer, and then deliver the prisoners to Captain Newman. In receipt of a notice from the Admiralty office to depart the port in 24 hours with all his prizes; this does not tally at all with Franklin's instructions.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1777 February 22 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVII, 59.
to The American Commissioners.

Report of English men-of-war cruising off Brest; has informed Capt. Wickes, News of their successes in New Jersey confirmed; eighteen hundred Hessians surprised and taken at Trenton; nine hundred said to have been killed in the action. News of the Spanish fleet.

Rumsey, Nathan. Nantes 1777 February 22 A.L.S. 2p. V, 67.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing an agreeable piece of news. Concerning the prizes taken by Captain Wickes. Captain Pratchell has obtained a summons against himself and Mr. Penet to appear at the first audience and state the reasons for detaining his property.

The Farmers-General 1777 February 23 L. 1p. LIII, 34.
to The American Commissioners.

Cannot accept proposition made to send vessels with supplies for Congress and bring back the tobacco in their own vessels. Hold to the offer previously made by the Plenipotentiaries of Congress to deliver the tobacco in France at a fixed price. The Farmers-General would advance 2,000,000 (francs or livres) as payment to enable Congress to carry out the contract.
(In French.)

Breüil fils, — de. Calais 1777 February 24 L.S. 1p. V, 68.
to Benjamin Franklin

Having become useless to his Government by the reform of the provincial regiments, is very desirous of taking service in America; desires to know the necessary means to effect this end.
(In French.)

Guirant,-----. Bordeaux 1777 February 25 A.L.S. 2p. V, 69.
to Benjamin Franklin

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A vessel containing three casks of vinegar belonging to him was taken by an American corsair and conducted to the port of L'Orient, where it is held as a prize; being a Frenchman, believes he has the right to reclaim his goods and applies to Franklin to this end.

(In French.)

Bradford, John. Boston 1777 February 25 A.L.S. 2p. V, 70.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the purchase of a set of ballast for the schooner. Goods sent to France. Agreeable news of Franklin's arrival at the Court of France diffused a joy throughtout the continent. Ever since December 25th they have been gaining advantages over the enemy, who are in a miserable plight. Gen. Howe has irrevocably stained and blasted his character by cruelly treating his prisoners; the Americans too generous to retaliate.

Barry, Amelia. Tunis 1777 February 25 A.L.S. 4p. V, 74.
to Benjamin Franklin

Greatest affection for Franklin. Her pleasure at hearing of his arrival in France. Mr. Barry and herself are considering the advisability of putting their little daughter Amelia in a French convent for a few years; chance of seeing him then; news of her other children.

Dumas, St Jean Charles Guillaume 1777 February 25 A.L.S. 4p. XXXIX, 6.
Frederic
to The American Commissioners.

Urges certain precautions in orer that his correspondence with them may remain a secret; advises that the Congress send cargoes of tobacco and rice to Rotterdam.
(In French.)

Lee, Arthur. Victoria 1777 February 26 A.L.S. 1p. V, 71.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the Committee's [of Correspondence] letter to him of October 23d; asks if there is any particular plan relative to Spain.

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Wickes, Lambert. L'Orient 1777 February 26 A.L.S. 2p. V, 72.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Concerning the extraordinary orders from the Intendant of the port demanding him to leave in 24 hours; ship in sad need of repairs. Expects to run into Nantes and enter a protest. Congratulates him on the victory of Trenton.

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Cooper, Samuel. Boston to Benjamin Franklin	1777 February 27	A.L. 2p.	V, 73.
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Happy change in the face of affairs since the 26th of December last. Washington's important services. New levies received. Enemy in sad straits. Attitude of France.

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Williams, Jonathan Jr. to The American Commissioners.	1777 February 27	A.L.S. 1p.	XXXVII, 60.
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In order that they may judge of the quality of the arms, sends a sample of each.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. to Benjamin Franklin	1777 February 27	A.L.S. 3p.	XXXVII, 61.
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Glad that Franklin approves his desire to settle in France; proposal of a partnership for him by M. Montaudouin. Introducing their countryman, Mr. Jones, who is going to Amsterdam and will take charge of any letters or papers, English frigates cruising off the coast.

The Council of Massachusetts Bay. Boston to The American Commissioners.	1777 February 27	A.L.S. James Bowdoin, President. 3p.	V, 75.
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Despatch of certain letters. Spirited attitude of Congress. Account of Washington's movements at Trenton and Princeton. Need of assistance from France. Ticonderoga to be strengthened. Position of enemy in Canada. Importance of sending on the fire-arms.

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Winthrop, Prof John. Cambridge to Benjamin Franklin	1777 February 28	A.L.S. 2p.	V, 76.
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Great results hoped for from Franklin's abilities and influence at the Court of France; attitude of that nation at the present crisis.

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Gourlade, Jacques-Alexandre. L'Orient 1777 February 28 A.L.S. 1p. V, 77.
to Benjamin Franklin

Gave the letter from Franklin to Lambert Wickes and encloses his answer.
(In French.)

Cushing, Thomas. Boston 1777 February 28 A.L.S. 1p. V, 78.
to Benjamin Franklin

Congratulating him on his safe arrival in France, and wishing him success in his negotiations. Need of assistance from France, especially if Great Britain sends any considerable reinforcement to Gen. Howe. Any news from Franklin's part of the world very acceptable.

Cushing, Thomas. Boston 1777 February 28 L.S. 3p. V, 79.
to Benjamin Franklin

Copy of preceding with additional intelligence that the bearer, his son, is employed by the Council of Massachusetts to deliver certain letters to Franklin. Recommends him to Franklin's care and patronage and offers him his services in any employment for the public weal, also recommends his nephew, Mr. Henry Newman, who goes to France in the same vessel.

Wickes, Lambert. L'Orient 1777 February 28 A.L.S. 2p. V, 80.
to Benjamin Franklin

Finally obtained the consent of the Intendant to remain in the abovementioned port until his ship is repaired. Difficulties he has experienced; thinks it best for Franklin to order him home as soon as possible. All the prizes are gone.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1777 February 28 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVII, 62.
to The American Commissioners.

Four of the prizes sold by Mr. Morris.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1777 March 1 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVII, 63.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Determined to remain in Nantes; partnerships offered him by M. Montaudouin and M. Schweighauser.

Bergere, ----- Coligny 1777 March 1 A.L.S. 2p. V, 81.
to Benjamin Franklin

Great desire on the part of three of his sons to enter the service of America; applies to Franklin to know if it is true that they will enter the American army with a rank higher than they hold at present. The nobility of Champagne, to which he has the honor to belong, is not rich and therefore he can only pay for his sons' equipment and the cost of the voyage.
(In French.)

Alexander, William. Dijon 1777 March 1 A.L.S. 3p. V, 82.
to Benjamin Franklin

Arrived safely at Dijon and made the girls happy with the prospect of a visit from Franklin. Suggests to Franklin's grandson that a little absence is a good thing in courtship. Concerning a business matter with Dubourg. Begs Franklin not to leave his papers lying about so loosely; warns him that he is surrounded by spies. Understands that he has been put in the English papers for his visit to Franklin. Will send him M. de Morveaux's book in which the iron and steel is treated.

Coder, ----- 1777 March 2 L. 3p. V, 83.
to Benjamin Franklin

Suggesting various plans in which he may be useful to America. Concerning a tax for the clothing and equipment of the troops and the manufacture of raw material. Character of M. de Cairol; cause of his bankruptcy. Project for establishing a depot at St. Domingo. Would not hesitate to leave his mother and his native land to encounter the ferocity of the English if Franklin judges his services would be useful to America.
(In French.)

Buisson de Basseville, Pierre. Quimperlé 1777 March 3 A.L.S. 1p. V, 84.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning a vessel at L'Orient taken by the Americans and fit to be armed as a privateer; anxious to have the command of it. If this is agreeable to Franklin he must obtain leave of absence for him and a power to engage Frenchmen to go with him.

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Wickes, Lambert. L'Orient 1777 March 3 A.L.S. 1p. V, 85.
to Benjamin Franklin

His ship ready for necessary repairs.

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Wright, Patience. London 1777 March 7 A.L.S. 2p. V, 86.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the imprisonment of young Mr. Platt in Newgate for rebellion committed in Savannah, Ga., in 1775 [see V, 56, written by her daughter, Elizabeth Wright]. Her vanity prompts her to believe that she can entertain Franklin if permitted to write to him. Lord Dunmore has just been trying to convince her of the wickedness of the American rebellion and the impudence of Capt. Wickes in capturing the King's ship and selling it at public auction in France.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1777 March 4 A.L.S. 3p. XXXVII, 64.
to Benjamin Franklin

His business plans; friendship of Mr. Schweighauser and his family.

Grandam, Jn P. Bordeaux 1777 March 4 A.L.S. 1p. V, 87.
to Benjamin Franklin

A friend of his, aged thirty-two, of good German family, desires to quit France on account of an unfortunate affair and embrace the cause of the Americans. Wishes to know what advantages he can hope for in that country either in the military or civil service.
(In French.)

Clifton, Anna Maria. Philadelphia 1777 March 4 A.L.S. 1p. V, 88.
to Benjamin Franklin

Congratulating him on his safe arrival in France; would be glad to be with him in Europe away from the dreadful, terrifying consequence of war.

Bancroft, Edward 1777 March 4 A.L. 2p. V, 89.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has paid Mr. Hood the twelve guineas; will send Mr. Deane a continuation of his set of monthly reviews; in the last number Franklin will find some further remarks on the Dean of Gloucester's

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misconduct towards him. Enclosing two letters from Thomas Walpole. Certain people jealous of his being the channel through which Franklin forwards certain letters. Government despatches arrived the night before, but nothing is given out.

Lee, Arthur. Burgos 1777 March 5 A.L. 1p. V, 90.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has been desired to stop at Burgos, which is half-way to Madrid, in order to negotiate with more secrecy; timidity evinced greater than in France. Asks Franklin's opinion about the wisdom of insisting on pushing on to Madrid.

Walpole, Thomas. London 1777 March 5 A.L.S. 2p. V, 91.
to Benjamin Franklin

Cause of delay in sending the enclosed letter; has at last closed his accounts with his associates in the Ohio purchase. Encloses Franklin's account. The best friends of England only meet to lament its misguidance.

Barbier de St. Georges, —. Carhaix 1777 March 5 A.L.S. 2p. V, 92.
to Benjamin Franklin

Stating what his services have been in the French army for twenty-five years; if these services are agreeable to Franklin, begs him to procure him a place in the American cavalry.
(In French.)

Wickes, Lambert. L'Orient 1777 March 5 A.L. 3p. V, 93.
to Benjamin Franklin

Reasons against cruising in the Sound for the Baltic ships; prefers to cruise on the coast of Guinea; difficulties in the way concerning the purchase of the Maurepas. Plan of stationing a swift cutter at Dunkirk; recommends Capt. Hinson for that service. Captian Nicholson deserving of confidence. Officers on parole.

Rumsey, Nathan. Nantes 1777 March 6 A.L.S. 2p. V, 94.
to Benjamin Franklin

Obliged to him for the agreeable news contained in his favor of the 2d inst. Concerning the disposal of the prizes.

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Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1777 March 6 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVII, 65.
to Benjamin Franklin

Arrival of Major Lutterlob; his expectation of a free passage; desires advice on this point. Assistance rendered the Messrs. Duportail, etc., who sail next day. Begs to know what officers are to go on The Count de Vergennes.

Bedaulx, Charles Frederic. Paris 1777 March 6 A.L.S. 2p. V, 95.
to Benjamin Franklin

Expects to set out for America on the 8th inst. by order of Mr. Deane. Begs Franklin to recommend him to some of his friends in America; with such an aid cannot fail to be employed with distinction in the service of a country for which he is ready to give up blood and life; his fear of being confounded with officers who have been forced to leave their country.

Morris, Robert. Philadelphia 1777 March 7 A.L.S. 2p. V, 96.
to The American Commissioners.

Congress has adjourned from Baltimore to Philadelphia; judges the time improper, as Gen. Howe is forming another expedition against Philadelphia. Militia lacks clothing; hopes they will negotiate the loan and send out the articles wanted; the produce of America, if it could only be exported freely, would soon discharge the debt.

Alexander, William. Dijon 1777 March 7 A.L.S. 3p. V, 97.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the contract between M. Dubourg and the Farmers General. The risk of the voyage to and from America. Recommends Franklin's friend from South Carolina to Messrs. John Black and Co., Bordeaux. Increase in the circulation of bank paper. The opinion of the Privy Councillor of the Empress of Russia that England will not get a man from that Empire; recruiting goes on heavily in Germany. Sends first volume of M. de Morveaux's Elements of Chemistry.

Wickes, Lambert. L'Orient 1777 March 7 L.S. 1p. V, 98.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Would be glad of a line from Franklin concerning his further destination; all ready to heave down and only waiting for good weather. If Capt. Nicholson can be spared, the sooner he comes the better. Informed that the Admiralty of Vannes will clear all their prizes out under the French colors.

Beaumont, Jean-Baptiste-Jacques Elie de 1777 March 8 A.L.S. 1p. V, 99.
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing his friend M. de Villiers, one of the most honoured members of the "Société d'Emulation." who does not think it possible to put his talents to a more noble or patriotic use than in making a bust of Franklin. Begg him to accord his friend this favor, and for himself desires Franklin's portrait to hang in his library among the friends of their country and humanity.
(In French.)

Rumsey, Nathan. Nantes 1777 March 8 A.L.S. 3p. V, 100.
to Benjamin Franklin

Just received confirmation of the affair at Trenton and the particulars of Gen. Lee's being taken, as he will find by the enclosed Gazettes. Numbers of killed and wounded and prisoners. Movements of Congress. Gen. Lee's capture has greatly enraged the populace; Gen. Washington informed the enemy that if Gen. Lee was sent to England he would hereafter give no quarter. Order of Congress for 100 battalions to be enlisted for three years.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1777 March 8 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVII, 66.
to The American Commissioners.

Concerning the purchase of M. Montieu's muskets. Sale of Capt. Soakly's brig recommended by Mr. Schweighauser.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1777 March 8 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVII, 67.
to Benjamin Franklin

Eagerness of many persons to fit out privateers; if Franklin can give cruising commissions, could soon have several at sea; if it is necessary to have an American present in any such enterprise, offers his services. News from America; capture of Gen. Lee true; details of their successes in New Jersey.

Beaumont, Jean-Baptiste-Jacques Elie de 1777 March 9 A.L.S. 1p. V, 101.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Introducing M. de Champigny, an officer of distinction and nephew of a man held in high esteem in years past, who wishes to lay before Franklin certain views which may be useful.

(In French.)

Wright, Elizabeth 1777 March 10 A.L.S. 2p. V, 102.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the case of young Mr. Platt; his efforts to obtain a trial; Lord Mansfield's opinion that if he should petition the King and take the oath of allegiance he would be set at liberty; the petition has been written and signed; her fear that they might have urged the young man to do wrong; wishes there had been time to consult Franklin.

Platt, Ebenezer Smith. Newgate. London 1777 March 10 A.L.S. 2p. V, 103.
to Benjamin Franklin

Starting certain details which were not thought proper to be inserted in his case. Ineffectual efforts to obtain a trial; chances for and against his being set free.

Morris, Thomas. Nantes 1777 March 11 A.L.S. 1p. V, 104.
to The American Commissioners.

Informing him of the safe arrival of the ship Jenifer in 35 days from Baltimore with despatches for him, which the bearer, Capt. Hammond, will deliver.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1777 March 11 XXXVII, 68.
to Benjamin Franklin

Account of the business he proposes to enter into with Mr. Schweinghauser; begs Franklin to write a line to him relative to the proposed connection; flatters himself that the want of a proper establishment is the sole objection to a still closer union.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1777 March 11 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVII, 69.
to The American Commissioners.

Business connected with loading The Count de Vergennes. Arrival of a little schooner express from Congress; the Captain and Mr. Rumsey gone to Paris. Rumor that General Washington has cut off the English retreat in New Jersey.

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Dumas, St Jean Charles Guillaume 1777 March 11 A.L.S. 3p. XXXIX, 7.
Frederic

to The American Commissioners.

Congratulating them on the American success in New Jersey; troubled at the capture of the brave General Lee. Memoir presented to the King by the English Ambassador, demanding the punishment of the Governor of St. Eustache for favoring the Americans, and ordering that the sale of arms to them shall cease. Recommends the sending of American news to the French Gazette of Leiden. (In French.)

Penet, Pierre. Nantes 1777 March 11 A.L.S. 3p. V, 105.
 to Benjamin Franklin

The bearer, Mr. Rumsey, accompanies Capt. Hammond to Paris with letters from the Secret Committee at Philadelphia. All the transactions confided to him have been carried out with the greatest exactitude. Mr. Thomas Morris busy from morning to night. The sale of prizes at L'Orient conducted with prudence and discretion. (In French.)

Lee, Arthur. Victoria 1777 March 12 A.L.S. 3p. V, 106.
 Franklin and Deane

Greatly elated over the joyful intelligence enclosed; the militia so exasperated by the past cruelty of the enemy that they fought with irresistible fury; afraid Gen. Lee is a prisoner; loss sustained by the enemy; upwards of a thousand of the prisoners in New York have died of famine and cruel treatment; destruction by these "Saracen invaders" of the philosophical apparatus at Princeton. Awaiting the arrival of Count de Grimaldi with news from the Court. Means he has taken to publish an account of the late intelligence in various countries, especially among the German troops. Considers Holland has broken her strict neutrality by agreeing to let the mercenaries, notoriously hired to desolate the States of America, have a passage. If Mr. Deane should go to Amsterdam, advises him to be on his guard against Mr. Paul Wentworth.

Barbeu-Dubourg, Jacques. 1777 March 12 A.L.S. 1p. V, 107.
 to Benjamin Franklin

Begging him to send by bearer the original treaty between the Farmers-General and himself, which he forgot, and which he has actual need of.

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(In French.)

Wilkinson, William. Paris 1777 March 12 L. in 3d P. 1p. V, 108.
to Benjamin Franklin

Informing Dr. Franklin that he knows a gentleman going to London who may be depended on to carry any letters there carefully; if Dr. Franklin will state when the letters will be ready, he will call for them himself.

Baud, -----. Paris 1777 March 13 A.L.S. 1p. V, 109.
to Benjamin Franklin

A person, concerning whom M. le due de la Rochefoucauld could furnish information, desired him to make certain propositions to Franklin which he believes would cause him pleasure; requests the honor of an interview.

(In French.)

Wickes, Lambert. L'Orient 1777 March 13 A.L.S. 1p. V, 110.
to Benjamin Franklin

Extraordinary orders he has just received from the Commissary of the above port to get his ship cleaned, put everything on board and leave immediately and not to enter any French port again. Wishes to know the meaning of this order and how he is to proceed.

Small, Alexander. St.Philips, Minorca 1777 March 15 A.L.S. 2p. V, 111.
to Benjamin Franklin

Thinks Britain is hurting herself by an enormous increase of her debt, but considers the war a just scourge on America for her excessive luxury and dissipation, which will be checked now before too late. Paper he has written and sent to Sir J. Pringle on the ventilation of hospitals; will send Franklin a copy and begs him to put the finishing touches to it.

Wickes, Lambert. L'Orient 1777 March 15 L.S. 2p. V, 112.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the proceedings against him of Mr. Gonnett, Commissary of the Port; desires Franklin's instructions; his anxiety to leave a place where he has received such treatment; no conduct on his part has merited such behavior.

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The Farmers-General 1777 March 15 L. 3p. LIII, 36.
to The American Commissioners.

Are now ready to make and sign the contract with the Commissioners from Congress on the basis of the latter's offer to deliver to the Farmers-General, in France, 4,000 bales of tobacco at a net price of 8 francs per pound. The Farmers-General will advance 2,000,000 francs as payment. Cite the articles of agreement.

(In French.)

Paulze, Jacques. Paris 1777 March 15 A.L. in 3d P. XLV, 113b.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sending Franklin a draft of the contract proposed by M. Grand. If Franklin and his colleague approve the provisions thereof, they are requested to notify M. Paulze.

(In French.)

Lee, Arthur. Vittoria 1777 March 16 A.L.S. 2p. V, 113.
to Benjamin Franklin

In receipt of an answer through the Duke of Grimaldi; the reasons for wishing him not to come to Madrid are insuperable; amount of aid Spain is willing to render the Colonies. Arranging with the house of Gardoqui for three vessels of supplies to be despatched as soon as possible. Reports of Gen. Washington's offer to exchange three Hessian officers. The Duke of Grimaldi's opinion relative to the Americans' right to demand vessels betrayed to England, and to Holland's right to give the German mercenaries a passage through their country.

Lombart, Louis-Pierre Penot, chevalier 1777 March 16 A.L.S. 2p. V, 114.
de la Neuville. Paris
to Benjamin Franklin

Emboldened by a desire of glory and a wish to be serviceable to a nation fighting for her liberty, he and his brother have decided to go to Boston and offer thier services. His rank as major, his youth, good-will, health and enthusiasm, all the recommendations he has; if he cannot get the rank of colonel he will take the field as a volunteer.

Gastebois, -----. Lauzun 1777 March 17 A.L.S. 2p. V, 115.

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In receipt of a letter from the Duc de Duras, who informs him that he asked Franklin for two companies for his (Gastebois') two sons, and that Franklin inquired if they spoke English; at this precise moment they do not, but promises that they shall speak it in three months, if that is the only obstacle; his sons worthy of Franklin's protection.

(In French.)

Debrissac de Saxey, —. Saint Quentin 1777 March 18 L.S. 1p. V, 116.

to Benjamin Franklin

Congratulating himself on the happiness of meeting Franklin during his last stay in Paris; reminds him of his promise to give them orders when he receives his commissions from America. The pleasure he derives from Franklin's success and prosperity.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1777 March 18 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVII, 70.

to The American Commissioners.

Shipping news.

Morris, Thomas. Nantes 1777 March 19 A.L.S. 2p. V, 177.

to Benjamin Franklin

Presumes by this time Franklin has received the sundry despatches from America by Captain Hammond; will be greatly obliged for any intelligence Franklin may think proper to communicate. Arrival of the ship Versailles, 40 days from Boston, which brought the enclosed letter; very important that it be safely delivered as directed. Report of Gen. Howe having sent a flag of truce to General Washington, requesting a cessation of arms for a few days.

Gordon, William. Jamaica Plain Mass 1777 March 21 A.L.S. 1p V, 118.

to Benjamin Franklin

Troubles him with a packet for their friend, Dr. Price; asks him to peruse the letters and papers before forwarding; wished to put both parties out of conceit with Mr. Hutchinson, a man whose only supporters should be "two upright posts with one across it". Continental lottery likely to succeed. Ten thousand would probably go off in Massachusetts very soon.

Barbeu-Dubourg, Jacques. 1777 March 21 A.L.S. 1p. V, 119.

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to Benjamin Franklin

Begs him to accord an audience to the Baron de Fray whose demands are very reasonable and his offers of service very important.

Baudin, François. St. Martin, Isle de Rè 1777 March 21 A.L.S. 3p. V, 120.

to Benjamin Franklin

Writes to offer his services in the above-mentioned isle, which by its position is suitable for a market of commodities. The excellent quality of the brandy made in the island. Begs Franklin for some orders; asks only the ordinary commission.

(In French.)

Messrs. de Germany and Girardot 1777 March 24 N. in 3d P. LXX, 102.

to Benjamin Franklin

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Request Dr. Franklin to send them his reply to a letter from Strasbourg which they received for him.
(In French.)

Morris, Robert. Philadelphia 1777 March 25 A.L.S. 2p. V, 122.

to The American Commissioners.

Commanded by Congress to transmit copies of their resolve of the 13th inst. to their ministers and agents abroad; many gentlemen in the service of America useless, owing to ignorance of the language; thinks this the best means to save others the charge and trouble of the voyage as well as the mortification of being disappointed.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1777 March 25 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVII, 73.

to Benjamin Franklin

Extremely uneasy at not hearing from him relative to Mr. Schweighauser's proposals; afraid his silence will create an unfavorable impressian. Beset with politicians who are forever asking for news. Arrival of an order from the English Ambassador which would have obliged Major Lutterloh's return to his regiment had he not already embarked.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1777 March 25 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVII, 74.

to The American Commissioners.

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Arrival of supplies for The Comte de Vergennes; officers applying for passage; desires instructions as to answering them.

La Rochefoucauld, Louis-Alexandre, duc 1777 March 26 A.L.S. 2p. V, 123.
de La Roche-Guyon et de. Paris
 to Benjamin Franklin

Begs Franklin to cast his eyes over the translation of the Constitution of Delawarc and send it to him at Rouen, with the corrections, so that it may be published on his return; if he has a copy of the Constitution of Maryland begs him to send it also; he will translate that as well as the Constitution of Virginia. Inquires if he has heard whether the different Colonies have accepted at Act of Confederation just as it is or with changes.
 (In French.)

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1777 March 27 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVII, 75.
 to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning a plan proposed to him by M. Dubourg; referred him to Franklin; would first wish to know Franklin's opinion of Mr. Schweighuser's proposals.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1777 March 27 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVII, 76.
 to The American Commissioners.

Concerning the increase in the cargo of the The Comte de Vergennes.

Morris, Robert. Philadelphia 1777 March 28 L. 4p. V, 124.
 to The American Commissioners.

Gen. Howe's army in the Jerseys inactive and greatly distressed for want of forage and fresh provisions; thinks they will not be content with their situation much longer; desertions frequent. The summing up of what General Washington has done with an army half the size of the enemy's and consisting chiefly of raw militia. The bad results attending short enlistments; Congress busy reforming their systems respecting the army; this being done, has great hopes for the summer, especially if Franklin effects a European war to employ the British navy. Possibility of Gen. Howe attacking Philadelphia; if he does get it, prophesies that it will prove his ruin.
 (Copy.)

Grenus, Col Tissot. Geneva 1777 March 28 A.L.S. 1p. V, 125.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

to Benjamin Franklin

Expressing his sincere appreciation of the conversation he had with Franklin; if Franklin's sons should visit the country where he is at present, he would like to show his appreciation for their relationship to such a great man.

(In French.)

Jousserant, — de. Route de Bordeaux 1777 March 28 A.L.S. 1p. V, 126.
to Benjamin Franklin

Offering his services to the colonies; his experience as assistant major of grenadiers.
(In French.)

Alexander, William. Dijon 1777 March 29 A.L.S. 2p. V, 127.
to Benjamin Franklin

A story is current that the British ministry have applied to France to have Mr. Deane delivered up, on the pretext that he was concerned in the burning of Portsmouth; proves, by quoting a precedent, that they do not need to comply with this request.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1777 March 29 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVII, 77.
to Benjamin Franklin

Application for a passage to America by Capt. Paddock who will also serve as a pilot.

Williams, Jonathan Sr 1777 March 29 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVII, 78.
to Benjamin Franklin

All well and in good spirits in spite of the war. His son John anxious to go to France and see his brother, who might help him to some employ.

Wright, Patience. London 1777 March 29 A.L.S. 3p. V, 128.
to Benjamin Franklin

Mr. Platt's marriage to her daughter and their return to America have already been laid before Franklin. A dream she had several years ago about Dr. Franklin, which so far is only half fulfilled, but she believes it will be completed. Intends coming to France to make a bust of Franklin in wax; also one of the Queen, and any others he may approve of.

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Deane, Silas, 1737-1789 1777 March 30 A.L.S. 1p. V, 129.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing a letter from Mr. Williams which appears to have been opened. Reminds him of the letter and deposition for Lord Stormont and the memorial for the Portugal Ambassador.

Cooper, Samuel. Boston 1777 March 30 A.L. 4p. V, 130.
to Benjamin Franklin

Anxious to hear from Franklin. Welcome arrival of arms, powder, woollens, etc., from France. Burning of some stores left at Peekskill by the enemy. Account of skirmish not far from Amboy, the enemy retreating with a loss of 500 killed, wounded and taken. Gen. Washington thinks it probable that Philadelphia will be attacked and a considerable part of the army in Canada will come down the St. Lawrence river to join him. Expects Washington will soon be able to take the field with an adequate force. Price of everything greatly advanced. Lottery tickets have a surprisingly rapid sale. Cruelties perpetrated by the enemy have increased the numbers and zeal on their side. France cannot long avoid a war with Britain; she never had a fairer opportunity for taking a decisive part. Sends this by Mr. Cushing, a young man much esteemed at home, who goes to France on business.

Arrenberg, Reinier. Rotterdam 1777 March 31 A.L.S. 2p. V, 131.
to Benjamin Franklin

In his quality of 2d Secretary of the Physical Society at Rotterdam he has long wanted to send Franklin the two volumes of the "Actes de la Société". In his character of journalist is anxious to know some one who can give him some news of America. Holland's interest in and sympathy with America renders it necessary to procure real American news; willing to pay such a person well. (In French.)

The Council of Massachusetts Bay. 1777 March 31 L.S. James V, 132.
Boston Bowdoin,
to The American Commissioners. President. 3p.

Copy of letter V, 75. They have employed Mr. Thos. Cushing, Jr., to carry three letters to him from the Secret Committee and to await his orders.

Wilkinson, William. Paris [N. in 3d P. LXXI, 95b.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

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Requests Dr. Franklin to send him the letter for Nantes, as he is about to leave Paris for the place.

Penet, Pierre. Nantes 1777 April 1 A.L.S. 1p. V, 133.
to Benjamin Franklin

Announcing the arrival of two ships; will forward any letters there may be for him. Mr. Williams still at Nantes; according to instructions, continues to pay him all the money that he asks for. His interest and zeal in the service.

(In French.)

Ingenhousz, Jan 1777 April 2 A.L.S. 2p. V, 134.
to Benjamin Franklin

Franklin's letters delayed. Sets out for Ratisbon on April 12 and will remain there with the Prince of Taxis during May and a part of June; his plan to go from there to Holland, England and France, if his Royal mistress permits; his desire to see Franklin; the Emperor's departure for Paris is a convincing proof of a peaceful disposition among the European powers.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1777 April 2 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVII, 79.
to The American Commissioners.

Arrival from Boston of Capt. Adams who has set off with his packets for Paris. Has begun the inventory.

Barberie, — La. Paris 1777 April 2 A.L.S. 2p. V, 135.
to Benjamin Franklin

Reminds Franklin of his promise to give his son some letters of recommendation should he enter the service of the Colonies; the young man expects to leave with M. de Galvan, and he would count it a real kindness if Franklin would procure for him the acquaintance of his friends.

(In French.)

Feutry, Aimé Ambroise Joseph 1777 April 5 A. L. 2p. V, 137.
to Benjamin Franklin

Will call on Franklin the next day; outlines of a letter which he begs Franklin to write to Madame Hubert in his (Feutry's) favor, containing a request for an interview with M. Necker.

(In French.)

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Burdett, P. P. Rastatt
to Benjamin Franklin

1777 April 5

A. L. S. 3p. V, 138.

Wrote Franklin on his arrival in France at the particular request of their Highnesses, the Prince and Princess of Baden; imagines the letter never reached him. Is himself a strong well-wisher for the Amercian cause; has inspired a certain officer in the service of his Serene Highness with a strong desire of embarking on the American side; his friend's fitness for the work; recommends him to Franklin. Would be unwilling to have all the subject of this letter known to his Prince.

Montée, -----
to Benjamin Franklin

1777 April 5

A. L. S. 1p. LXII, 84.

Request for his son to enter the American army.
(In French.)

Feutry, Aimé Ambroise Joseph
to Benjamin Franklin

1777 April 7

A. L. S. 1p. V, 139.

Sending him a copy of various mémoires relating to instruments of war. His pleasure in knowing a great man like the Marquis de Puységur, Lieutenant-General; the Count d'Heronville honors him likewise with his kind interest.
(In French.)

Alexander, William. Dijon
to Benjamin Franklin

1777 April 7

A. L. S. 8p. V, 140.

The bearer of this is M. de Montarché, formerly Intendant of St. Domingo. Encloses his answer to M. Dubourg with his contract; if he goes into the affair, mentions the terms he would be willing to accept and his reasons for it. Story of a new treaty being arranged between France and Britain. Discusses the absurd habit of the commanders of fleets engaging in the center of their squadron, where they can neither see nor know what passes at any distance. "American plan of debauching seamen to carry in ships" explained in Lloyd's book. Has seen his correspondence with Lord Howe in the English papers and likes it much. Compares loss by sickness and desertion in ancient and modern warfare. His views on the opening campaign in America.

Boux, Jacques.
to the American Commissioners

1777 April 7

A.L.S. 3p. V, 141.

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Concerning the building of certain ships; advantages of the port of L'Orient. Strict espionage maintained on every side by the Marshal's Court.

(In French.)

Feutry, Aimé Ambroise Joseph 1777 April 8 A.L.S. 1p. V, 142.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sending Franklin a dozen of his new fables which appeared with twenty others in the second volume of his "d'Opuscles poetiques et philologiques". Considers the day he met Franklin the happiest of his life.

(In French.)

Rybot, C. Paris 1777 April 8 A.L.S. 1p. V, 143.
to Benjamin Franklin

Did not imagine Franklin would have hesitated to pay him the trifling sum he disbursed for Mr. Wood; is aware he has no immediate claim upon him, but as a man of known integrity did not think Franklin would let him (Rybot) be a sufferer by an act from which he reaped the benefit.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1777 April 8 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVII, 80.
to Benjamin Franklin

Any business thrown in the way of Williams and Co. will be carefully executed. With regard to the alderman, perhaps that might be made agreeable on all sides by his joining them in the business of Franklin's contracts, especially as he hears Mr. Morris is engaged with Mr. Gruel and M. Penet. Concerning a passage for M. de Chantay. The Public Advertiser and the London Evening Post ordered regularly sent to Congress; the former strictly for the Government; the latter strongly against it.

de Marancourt, Countess. Paris 1777 April 8 N. in 3d P. LXXI, 5.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Requesting him to appoint a time when she and her brother-in-law. Chevalier de Marancourt, can see him about an important matter.

(In French.)

Suard, ----. Paris 1777 April 9 N. in 3d P. LXXI, 69.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

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Sending a letter received from M.Arrenberg of Rotterdam.
(In French.)

Georgel, L'Abbé. Paris	1777 April 9	A.L. in 3d P. V, 144.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Introduces himself as a member of the household of Prince Louis de Rohan, and ex-minister to the Court of Vienna. Begg Franklin's good offices on behalf of a young man of noble family and fine education who desires to enter the American army.
(In French.)

Butor, -----. Saint-Savin	1777 April 9	A.L.S. 1p. V, 145.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Recommending a distinguished officer for service in America; wishes to know what rank Congress will allow him.
(In French.)

Williams, Jonathan Jr.	1777 April 12	A.L.S. 3p. XXXVII, 81.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Suggestions as to shipping goods to America.

Whitehurst, John. Derby	1777 April 12	A.L.S. 1p. V, 146.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Miss Moresby, for whom Franklin so kindly applied to Mr. West, is now at a loss for an introduction; would esteem it a singular favor if Franklin would do her that friendly office.

Maucherie, ----- de la.	1777 April 12	A.L. in 3d P. V, 147.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Desires the honor of his presence after the meeting of the Academy; awaits this favor as the Israelites awaited the manna from heaven.
(In French.)

Gailhard, — de. Pamiers	1777 April 13	L.S. 3p. V, 148.
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to Benjamin Franklin

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His son forced by reduction of pay to quit the French army; applies to Franklin to get him a position in the American army; hopes much from Franklin's kindness and magnanimity.

(In French.)

Court de Gébelin, Antoine. Paris 1777 April 14 A.L.S. 3p. V, 149.
to Benjamin Franklin

Takes the liberty to recommend M. Guez, of Lausanne, son of a famous surgeon; would introduce him himself, but he is engaged in preparing his fifth volume of the "Monde Primitif," so his brother-in-law will replace him; also recommends M. Pierre Dutilh, of Bordeaux, who would be extremely flattered to be honored with commissions. Sends him the fourth volume of the "Monde Primitif," for which he was kind enough to subscribe.

(In French.)

Veron, Paul. Paris 1777 April 14 L.S. 2p. V, 150.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning an important letter which Monsieur Mouge, of Beaune, requested him to put into Franklin's own hand, but that is impossible as he is ignorant of his address; will send it to Monsieur Grand, whom he hears knows Franklin, with a request to deliver it to him.

(In French.)

Conway, Françoise-Antoinette-Jeanne 1777 April 14 A.L.S. 1p. V, 151.
Langlois du Bouchet, comtesse de. Ville
d'Avray
to Benjamin Franklin

Is just learning to read and write in English; begs him to mention when she can pay her respects to him; is the wife of [Gen.] Thomas Conway who departed in the Amphitrite to aid his brother Americans.

Rumsey, Nathan. Nantes 1777 April 15 A.L.S. 2p. V, 153.
to Benjamin Franklin

Arrival of the dispatches by Mr. Cunningham. Has his faults and perhaps they are conspicuous; doubts not but his enemies have made a handle of them to rob him of Franklin's esteem; still

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desirous to serve his native land; hopes his general behavior will be such as to merit again Franklin's approbation.

Wickes, Lambert. Nantes 1777 April 15 A.L.S. 2p. V, 154.
to Benjamin Franklin

Arrived at Nantes; found the cutter a fine stout vessel; what guns she will be mounted with; has engaged already nine Americans for seamen, hopes in seven days she will be ready to launch; will then return to L'Orient; thinks it would strengthen their little squadron if Captain Johnston of the Lexington could join them; recommends the giving of the King's pass to all persons who come from Paris with despatches, in order to avoid delays; would not be at Nantes yet had they not forced the post-boys to proceed by threats and beatings.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1777 April 15 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVII, 82.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begging his opinion on the enclosed articles drawn up by Mr. Schweighauser.

Sarsfield, Guy-Claude, comte de 1777 April 15 A.L. 2p. LXXI, 99a.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sending two gazettes and requesting him to return them when he sends for the others.
(In French.)

Baptestin, ----- 1777 April 16 A.L.S. 1p. LX, 95.
to Benjamin Franklin

Requests an interview about a project for advancing the knowledge of sciences and arts in the United States.
(In French.)

Franquelin, ----- Paris 1777 April 16 A.L.S. 2p. V, 155.
to Benjamin Franklin

Requesting to see Franklin that he may learn if they are descendants of the same family.
(In French.)

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to Benjamin Franklin

No infidelity to his own King (of Servia) is the cause of his desire to serve the American cause, but a hope that by experience and travel he will be more worthy of his Sovereign.

(In French.)

Le Roy, Jean Baptiste

[1777?] April 16

A.L.S. 3p. XLII, 155.

to Benjamin Franklin

Asking positions in the American army for two excellent officers (Messrs. de Gueyssac); their reasons for quitting France well known. Quotation from Sir John Pringle's letter.

(In French.)

Feutry, Aimé Ambroise Joseph

1777 April 17

A. L. 1p. V, 157.

to Benjamin Franklin

Had the pleasure of sending him some memoirs the day before; when his other works, which number seven to eight volumes, are ready will have the honor of sending them to him.

(In French.)

Basserode, Jean-Baptiste-Guillaume

1777 April 17

A.L.S. 1p. V, 158.

Leprévôt, chevalier de. Tonnay-Charente

to Benjamin Franklin

His desire to enter the American army; begs Franklin to obtain permission from the King for him to leave the country for several years and also to pay his pension to his wife during his absence; if his services are accepted, wishes to know what treatment he may expect; thinks his past services entitle him to demand the rank of Lieutenant-colonel.

(In French.)

Brahm, Ferdinand-Joseph-Sébastien de. 1777 April 20

A.L.S. 2p. V, 159.

Coblentz

to Benjamin Franklin

His son, once an officer in the services of the Elector of Treves, is now a captain of artillery in the American army; his leave of absence was only for two years, and he has written to the Elector for an extension, which is here enclosed with letters from his family, which he begs Franklin to forward with all speed.

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(In French.)

Feutry, Aimé Ambroise Joseph 1777 April 20 A.L.S. 1p. V, 160.
to Benjamin Franklin

Had the honor of sending Franklin a part of his feeble productions, and in return receives Franklin's scientific works, an advantageous exchange for him. Awaits from Flanders his "Choix d'Histories Morales" and his "Mémoires de la Court d'Auguste," to lay at Franklin's feet.

(In French.)

Bragelonne, —, de Filley de la Barre. 1777 April 21 A.L.S. 2p. V, 161.
Bordeaux
to Benjamin Franklin

Invention he has made of a new gun-carriage; encloses a memoir with a full description of it; has other propositions to make more advantageous to America.

(In French.)

Sowden, Benjamin. Rotterdam 1777 April 21 A.L.S. 3p. V, 162.
to Benjamin Franklin

Is minister of the English Presbyterian church at Rotterdam; knows many of Franklin's friend there. Writes this to ask permission to send his letters to the Rev. Mr. Gordon of Jamaica Plain, directed to Franklin's care; will leave them open in case he may want to read them, Offers to forward any letters for Franklin to friends in England by a safe and secret conveyance.

De Bragelonne de filley, de la Barre. [1777 April 21] Mem. 3p. LXI, 100.
Bordeaux
to Benjamin Franklin

Advantages of a new gun-carriage proposed to Franklin for use in the war with England.

(In French.)

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1777 April 22 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVII, 83.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning a passage for Mr. Hood; desires to know if he is to assist him with cash.

Cauffman, Joseph. Vienna 1777 April 23 A.L.S. 4p. V, 163.

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to Benjamin Franklin

Was born in Philadelphia and sent abroad to study, particularly medicine at the University of Vienna; his desire to serve his country; sends the enclosed attestations to prove his proficiency in anatomy and surgery; if Franklin thinks he could be of use in the army as a surgeon, is ready to return to his native land at once; remittances from his father delayed by the war; desires to know what he can do. Many Austrian officers desirous of entering the army, providing they could get some intelligence of the treatment they would receive.

Valltravers, Rodolph. Passy

1777 April 25

A.L.S. 1p. V, 164.

to Benjamin Franklin

Called to inform him what steps he has taken since their last interview. Goes to Versailles for a day or two on business; his ladies leave Paris the next week on account of Mrs. Valltravers' health.

Wickes, Lambert. L'Orient

1777 April 25

A.L.S. 2p. V, 165.

to Benjamin Franklin

Captain Johnston's arrival at Nantes; order from the Commissary for him to quit L'Orient in twenty-four hours; will meet Johnston at St. Auzean; three British ships of war cruising in the bay. Arrival of prize sloop loaded with fruit and wine taken by Capt. Thompson of the bring Rising States from Boston.

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Martin Saint,-----. Bordeaux

1777 April 26

A.L.S. 4p. V, 166.

to Benjamin Franklin

A long account concerning four bills of exchange drawn on Mr. Thomas Morris, one of the Commissioners of Congress, which he refuses to pay; begs Franklin to use his influence in the matter. (In French.)

Feutry, Aimé Ambroise Joseph

1777 April 26

A.L. in 3d P. V. 167.

to Benjamin Franklin

Asking Franklin to accept the accompanying work; will certainly appear on Sunday in answer to his gracious invitation. (In French.)

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Duparquet, Lieutenant-Colonel. St. Esprit, Languedoc 1777 April 26 A.L.S. 2p. LXII, 36.
to Benjamin Franklin

Request to enter American army, if given a suitable rank.
(In French.)

Bachelier, Jean Jacques 1777 April 27 A.L.S. 1p. V, 168.
to Benjamin Franklin

M. Parens expects them at Sèvres for dinner on Monday, April 28; begs him to inform M. Le Ray de Chaumont of this.
(In French.)

Eyraut, -----. Nantes 1777 April 27 A.L.S. 2p. V, 169.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begging Franklin to procure him a place on some battle-ship; knows America, having made frequent voyages there; will not tire Franklin with details; Monsieur Flamenque will explain in a few words what sort of a man he is.
(In French.)

Wickes, Lambert. L'Orient 1777 April 27 A.L.S. 3p. V, 170.
to Benjamin Franklin

Mutiny among his people; will desert unless paid immediately on their arrival at Nantes. Ordered by Mr. Gonnott to leave L'Orient. Recommends Mr. Goulade to Franklin's particular notice; his confidence in his integrity.

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to Benjamin Franklin

Verses, in praise of Franklin, to be put underneath his portrait.
(In French.)

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to Benjamin Franklin

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Returned the articles to Mr. Schweighauser for the additions suggested; wishes Franklin to send them to Mr. Alexander, in whose sagacity he has the greatest confidence.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1777 April 28 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVII, 85.
to The American Commissioners.

Sailing of the *Thérèse*. Prizes captured by a privateer from Boston commanded by Capt. Thompson. Recommends renewing the lease of the magazine and outhouses.

de Sainneville, Jarente. Chateau de Vincennes 1777 April 30 A.L.S. 3p. LXII, 117a.
to Benjamin Franklin

Asks his protection for an officer who wishes to enter the American service, also for news of his relative, Chevalier D'Anmours, who had letters to Philadelphia.
(In French.)

Roberdeau, Daniel. Philadelphia 1777 May 1 A.L.S. 1p. VI, 1.
to Benjamin Franklin

Being one of the Committee for Foreign Applications, paid immediate attention to Franklin's recommendation of Chevalier de Mauduit du Plessis, and through the favor of Congress, procured him a commission as captain of artillery, and on his arrival he was forwarded at once to General Washington. Death of his dear Mrs. Roberdeau has been such a source of affliction that he will not attempt to send any news.

Hartley, David. London 1777 May 2 A.L.S. 2p. VI, 2.
to Benjamin Franklin

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(In duplicate. In the second copy the signature of Jo[h]n Witherspoon is added.)

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to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning his proposal to bring over skilled workmen and establish a foundry for making fire-arms and cannon.

(In French.)

Carmichael, William. Nantes	1777 May 3	A.L.S. 2p.	VI, 3.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Cannot go with Mr. Lee or any individual to Berlin without being jointly employed by the representatives of America; his sole view in wishing his appointment as secretary is that he may feel himself a servant of the public and not of any individual; offers to bear the expense himself.

Morris, Thomas. Nantes	1777 May 3	A.L.S. 2p.	VI, 4.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Arrival of Capt. John Robarts, of the schooner Mary, from Charlestown; William Machmaster, one of the sailors, detained a prisoner in Nantes, charged with having drowned one John Hoggins belonging to the same vessel; they were both drunk at the time.

Sparre, [J.] de. Strasbourg	1777 May 3	A.L.S. 1p.	VI, 5.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Has written Franklin and Mr. Deane several letters; thinks his offers merit a reply.

(In French.)

Grand, Mme Ferdinand	[1777?] May 5	L. in 3d P. 1p.	XLIII, 181.
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to The American Commissioners.

Asking them to name a day on which they will do her the honor of dining at her house.

(In French.)

Ziegler, Lieut. Grave	1777 May 6	A.L.S. 4p.	VI, 6.
to Benjamin Franklin			

Account of a visit he made to America in 1772, with recommendations to Col. Henry Laurens; his desire to serve America; the conditions on which he is willing to enter the army.

(In French.)

Brus, —, chevalier de. Bordeaux	1777 May 6	A.L.S. 3p.	VI, 7.
to Benjamin Franklin			

His great desire to go to New England; begs Franklin for a letter of recommendation to that country; prefers to go with a captain of a privateer now at Bordeaux, which will most likely be attacked, than with his brother.

(In French.)

Penet, Pierre. Nantes	1777 May 6	A.L.S. 2p.	VI, 8.
to The American Commissioners.			

Mr. Thomas Morris has communicated to him their letter; they must be misinformed concerning him and his associates; knows he has many enemies in Paris as well as Nantes; begs to be informed who they are that he may justify himself.

(In French.)

Platt, Ebenezer Smith. Newgate Prison	1777 May 6	A.L.S. 1p.	VI, 9.
London			
to Benjamin Franklin			

Is a prisoner in Newgate, not knowing when he will obtain his liberty; begs Franklin to forward the enclosed letter to his partner in Savannah, Ga., asking for a small remittance; requests Franklin to receive it, as it will probably come in th shape of rice or tobacco, and send the proceeds thereof to Mrs. Patience Wright in London.

Wright, Patience. London	1777 May 7	A.L.S. 2p.	VI, 10.
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Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

to Benjamin Franklin

Begs him to aid Mr. Platt, who still lies in irons in Newgate.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1777 May 7 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVII, 86.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the plan proposed by M. Dubourg and Mr. Alexander; if it is made reasonable would willingly take a part in it.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1777 May 7 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVII, 87.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desiring a letter of introduction for M. Tardiveau, who proposes to settle in Philadelphia; his connection in business with M. Tarvouillet.

Montaudouin de la Touche, Jean-Gabriel. 1777 May 7 A.L.S. 3p. VI, 11.

Nantes

to Benjamin Franklin

Has read with great pleasure Franklin's response to Lord Howe in the "Gazette de Leyde"; the Admiral soundly beaten. Exorbitant prices asked by captains of vessels to transport persons to America; compliments Franklin on his nephew. Has an invitation from M. de Chaumont to pay him a visit at Passy. The bearer of this is M. Tardiveau, who desires to establish himself in Philadelphia; would be obliged if Franklin would give him a word of recommendation, merely attesting his honesty.

Pierres,-----. Saint malo 1777 May 7 A.L.S. 3p. VI, 12.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning a debt due him by Captain Cornelius Haight, who gave him a draft for the amount on Messrs. David Strahan and Co. of London; has received so far only a small percentage of the amount; encloses a copy of the bond; begs Franklin's assistance.
(In French.)

Alexander, William. Dijon 1777 May 9 A.L.S. 1p. VI, 13.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Introducing le Comte de Fontelle; trusts that the nature of his business will prove sufficiently agreeable to excuse the trouble he is giving him.

Tardieu, L'abbé. Nyons to Benjamin Franklin	1777 May 9	A.L.S. 4p.	VI, 13 1/2.
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Begging him to forward the enclosed letter to Gen. Washington.
(In French.)

The Continental Congress; Committee of Foreign Affairs. Philadelphia to The American Commissioners.	1777 May 9	L.S. Robert Morris et al. 3p.	LIII, 40.
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A fast sailing frigate to be purchased in Europe and assigned for command to the bearer of his message, Captain John Paul Jones.

(Copy.)

Bibliography

Duparquet, Lt. -Colonel. St.Esprit to Benjamin Franklin	1777 May 10	A.L.S. 2p.	LXII, 37.
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Request to enter American army.
(In French.)

Paulze, Jacques. Bercy to Benjamin Franklin	1777 May 10	L.S. 1p.	VI, 14.
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Encloses a copy of a letter which he received, signed by Mr. Lee; refrains from answering it until Franklin verifies the signature; sent a copy of it to Comte de Vergennes, and begged him to take such precautions as the circumstance appeared to warrant.

(In French.)

de Champigny, Goueslard. Coutances to Benjamin Franklin	1777 May 13	A.L.S. 1p.	LX, 99.
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Had to leave Paris hurriedly on urgent private business. Requests Franklin to communicate with him through M. Dudouit.

(In French.)

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Pliarne, Emmanuel de. Charlestown, S.C 1777 May 13 A.L.S. 3p. VI, 15.
to Benjamin Franklin

Heard with pleasure of his arrival in France, as did all the true lovers of America. Arrival of vessels from France with dry goods and ammunition raised the spirits of the people and encouraged recruiting for the army. Many men enlisting with Washington; was at his headquarters in March, then he was not strong, but upon the way home he met several thousand men going to the camp from Virginia, Maryland and North Carolina. No important motion in the army of Howe, but six or seven men-of-war with some transports were in Delaware Bay on April 16. In Philadelphia they were much disposed to defend the city. Begs Franklin to continue his friendship for their house; uncertain value of money makes speculation in trade dangerous.

O'Meara, -----. St. Martin, Ile de Ré 1777 May 14 A.L.S. 2p. VI, 16.
to Benjamin Franklin

His great desire to serve the American cause; if Franklin is pleased to give him any encouragement he will throw up his commission in France and set out immediately for the Congress.

Tardieu, L'abbé. Nyons 1777 May 15 A.L.S. 3p. VI, 17.
to Benjamin Franklin

The circumstances which led up to his composing a sonnet in behalf of the Americans.
(In French.)

Duparquet, Lt. -Colonel. St.Esprit 1777 May 15 A.L.S. 1p. LXII, 39.
to Benjamin Franklin

A note enclosing some "Military Reflections" (LXII, 38).
(In French.)

Duparquet, Lt. -Colonel. St.Esprit 1777 May 15 Mem. 2p. LXII, 38.
to Benjamin Franklin

How the Americans should conduct the war against England.
(In French.)

Duportail, Chevalier Perford. Au Cap, St. Dominique 1777 May 15 A.L.S. 1p. LXII, 94.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

to Benjamin Franklin

The same thing happened here as at Nantes, not able to find a vessel to take them to their destination. Mr. Carabas has fitted out a small vessel loaded with such commodities as will not render them liable to arrest. Obligated to leave one of the party who is ill with a disease of the country. When he recovers Mr. Carabas promises to see that he has the means of rejoining them.

(In French.)

Rossard des Naudins, Mme Roger. 1777 May 16 A.L.S. 3p. VI, 18.
Châteaudun

to Benjamin Franklin

His son, Rossard de Villié, has entered the service of New England; they know neither his whereabouts nor what he is doing and are much worried; encloses a letter which he begs Franklin to get to him if possible.

(In French.)

Mulbraght, C. J. Van. Ruremonde 1777 May 16 A.L.S. 3p. VI, 19.

to Benjamin Franklin

Begs Franklin to establish him in the service of America as a cadet.

(In French.)

Savari, — chevalier de. Thouars 1777 May 17 A.L.S. 2p. VI, 20.

to Benjamin Franklin

Willing to enter the American army as a volunteer.

(In French.)

Deane, Silas. Paris 1777 May 18 A.L.S. 1p. VI, 21.

to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing letters to Franklin.

Prichard, John 1777 May 21 A.L.S. 3p. VI, 22.

to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Begs Franklin to buy his discharge from the Minister at Paris for about eight guincas, so that he may serve the American cause either by sea or land; his father owns a farm near Boston; knows the American coast well.

Bayle, Wilhelm. Jena [1777?] May 21 A.L.S. 4p. LIX, 11.
to Benjamin Franklin

Offers to enter American army.

Bachelier, Jean-Jacques. Paris 1777 May 22 A.L.S. 2p. VI, 23.
to Benjamin Franklin

M. de Laffaye desires to present him with his memoir on the manner in which the Romans built and their habit of employing lime to make mortar as hard as stone.

(In French.)

Bourdin, -----. Paris 1777 May 22 A.L.S. 3p. VI, 24 and 43.
to Benjamin Franklin

Writes on behalf of a friend, who desires to get his son in the American Army and who is willing to equip him and send him to whatever port Franklin may name.

(In French.)

Lt.-Colonel Duparquet, St. Esprit 1777 May 22 A.L.S. 2p. LXII, 40.
to Benjamin Franklin

Fearing that his former letters have not reached Franklin, he makes another request to enter the American army.

(In French.)

de Prévile, -----. Auch in Gascony 1777 May 23 A.L.S. 3p. V, 121.
to Benjamin Franklin

Offering him the services of two French gentlemen for the new republic; their military services; all they ask is the commission of captain of dragoons, and a leave of three years with the assurance of having their old position on their return to France; neither misconduct nor debts causes them to take this step; all they ask is to have the expenses of their voyage defrayed.

(In French.)

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Dumas, C.G.F. 1777 May 23 A.L.S. 4p. XXXIX, 9.
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging the extract, which shall be published; will also print an article on the kindness of the Americans to their Hessian prisoners as contrasted with the behavior of the Royalists. Advisability of receiving the Journal of Congress regularly. Suggestions for an American currency. Begging him to visit them.

(In French.)

Montaut, -----. Ile de Noirmoutier. 1777 May 23 A.L.S. 2p. VI, 25.
to Benjamin Franklin

Offers his services as surgeon; if he can be useful, is ready to leave at once for Bordeaux or whatever port Franklin may indicate; will accompany M. Tardeville who leaves for Paris to join Franklin.

(In French.)

Bicker, Lambertus. Rotterdam 1777 May 23 A.L.S. 2p. VI, 26.
to Benjamin Franklin

The bearer, his brother-in-law, Mr. Caarten, is going to France and Italy; he desires to pay his respects to Franklin and to present him with the first two volumes of their "Collections Académiques.

(In French.)

Baussay, Elias de, Dutch agent of Elector of Trier. La Haye 1777 May 23 A.L.S. 2p. VI, 26 1/2.
to Benjamin Franklin

A native of Amstordam; has been thirty-four years in the service of La Cour de Trèves, and has a perfect knowledge of the government of Holland; aware of everything which has passed between Franklin and the Ambassador of Holland. A visit from Franklin or Mr. Deane would be greeted with enthusiasm but does not think it would result in any real advantages, the Ambassador of England's influence being too strong. Suggests the advisability of Franklin having a secret agent in Holland; offers his services.

(In French.)

Alexander, William. Dijon 1777 May 24 A.L.S. 2p. VI, 27.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Not surprised that M.Dubourg thought his terms too high; doubts not that he will get many cheaper undertakers. Sees his old friend Lee has been made Minister at Madrid; thinks he has much the air and manners of a Spaniard, when he is not angry; does Franklin know of his friend, the Counte de Rostaing, an officer of artillery? He claims to know a method of destroying ships in any river or roadstead, where there is no tide not current.

Le Doigt, ----- Louviers. 1777 May 24 A.L.S. 2p. VI, 28.
to Benjamin Franklin.

Hears that America is in need of carpenters, especially for the construction of mills; offers his services.
(In French.)

Arrenberg, Reinier. Rotterdam 1777 May 24 A.L.S. 3p. VI, 29.
to Benjamin Franklin

As he prints a Dutch newspaper, has copies and sent to the "Gazeteer Français de Leide" an account of the cruel treatment of the Americans by the English; begs to be informed of any important news from America.

De Bragelonne de filley, de la Barre. 1777 May 24 A.L.S. 1p. LXI, 103.
Bordeaux
to Benjamin Franklin

Offering a new invention for use in war.
(In French.)

De Bragelonne de filley, de la Barre. [1777 April 21] Mem. 3p. LXI, 100.
Bordeaux
to Benjamin Franklin

Advantages of a new gun-carriage proposed to Franklin for use in the war with England.
(In French.)

Barbeau-Dubourg, ----- 1777 May 25 A.L. in 3d P. VI, 30.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Begs an audience for Mr. Coder, who has several models of costumes, etc., which merit special attention.

(In French.)

Sarsfield, Guy-Claude, comte de to Benjamin Franklin	1777 May 26	A.L.S. 2p. VI, 31.
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As he has received no answer from Franklin to his last note, is still in suspense about the books he may wish to have; Mr. Oudin will send them to Mr. Deane's upon receiving any note from Franklin written in French.

Jones, Nobel Wimberly. Savannah to Benjamin Franklin	1777 May 26	L.S. 2p. VI, 32.
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Many difficulties experienced by the State of Georgia, owing to their situation and their being destitute of shipping and seamen; have been unable to procure certain articles essentially requisite for their defense; writes by order of the Honorable House of General Assembly, who have deputed Captain de la Plaigne as their agent, to proceed to France and to procure such articles as are specified in their instructions to him. Important services rendered by Captain de la Plaigne to the American cause; recommends him to Franklin's particular notice.

Le Roy, Jean Baptiste to Benjamin Franklin	[1777.] May 26	A.L. in 3d P. XLII, 153. 1 p.
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Wishing to borrow a letter from M. Burck [Burke?] to the Sheriff of Bristol, urging the necessity of making peace with the American Colonies.

Coder, Henry to Benjamin Franklin	1777 May 27	A.L.S. 1p. VI, 33.
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Sends him the rest of the models, which M. Dubourg had intended to bring the day before; grievous state of Madame Dubourg's health; will call upon him to ascertain his decision.

(In French.)

Strahan, William. London to Benjamin Franklin	1777 May 27	A.L.S. 1p. VI, 34.
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Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

News of Franklin's friends in London; Small's opinion that his stay in Paris is to pave the way to a reconciliation; his great desire for peace on reasonable terms.

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Barbeau-Dubourg, ----- to Benjamin Franklin	1777 May 21	A.L.S. 1p.	VI, 34 1/2.
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Can do nothing at present for Franklin but pray; his wife feebler than the day before and it is impossible for him to leave her; recommends a conference between Franklin, Deane and Bayard; believes that the affair can be turned to the satisfaction of all.
(In French.)

Shanly, James. Paris to Benjamin Franklin	1777 May 28	A.L.S. 2p.	VI, 35.
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Left Ireland about six weeks before to wait on Franklin and offer his services to the American cause; many staunch friends of that cause in Ireland, but they dare not declare themselves openly; would have brought large packets for Franklin from home had it not been dangerous to carry them. Understands that officers are needed; his own experience in disciplining troops; should Franklin give him an encouraging answer, there are many people waiting only for that to follow him.

The Continental Congress, Committee of Foreign Affairs. Philadelphia to The American Commissioners.	1777 May 30	A.L.S. Benj[amin] Harrison et al. 3p.	LIII, 43.
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Loan to be raised in France. France, Spain, and America, together, could expel the British fleet from the western seas.
(In duplicate.)

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Hindrances in the way of loading the Mère Bobie. Report that Hammond is taken.

Shanly, James to Benjamin Franklin	[1777 may]	N. in 3d P.	LXXI, 65, a. 1p.
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Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Called on Dr. Franklin at Passy this Thursday morning; will call again to-morrow.

Coder, Henry 1777 June 1 A.L.S. 1p. VI, 36.
to Benjamin Franklin

Advised by M. Dubourg to send him the blue coat exactly like the model he showed him. Describes the rest of the uniform.

(In French.)

Richoufftz, Jean-Laurent-César, 1777 June 1 A.L.S. 2p. VI, 37 and 38.
chevalier de. Douay
to Benjamin Franklin

Without occupation or fortune; begs Franklin to take pity on him and agree to his proposition to cross to Boston with the rank of captain and a salary of 2,400 livres in addition to the cost of his voyage.

(In French.)

Bruslé, -----. Paris 1777 June 1 A.L.S. 2p. VI, 39.
to Benjamin Franklin

Writes on behalf of a young man of good family, aged twenty-one, who desires to follow the profession of arms; heard that Franklin has procured for many soldiers the means of passing to America; begs that he may receive a like favor.

(In French.)

Burette, -----. Madrid 1777 June 1 A.L.S. 3p. VI, 40.
to Benjamin Franklin

The success of the Americans proves the justice of their cause; his desire to enter their army with the same rank he held in France; asks what are the necessary steps to be taken.

(In French.)

Burdett, P. P. Carlsruhe 1777 June 1 A. L. S. 3p. VI, 41.
to Benjamin Franklin

The bearer is Baron Steuben, a gentleman of family, merit, and great experience, well known to some of the first personages in Europe; he comes all the way from Germany to make the acquaintance of

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Dr. Franklin. Apologizes for having troubled him of late with so many letters, but his communication of too great importance to trust to the common post.

Sudrie, Gabriel-Joseph Cosson de la. 1777 June 1 A.L.S. 3p. VI, 42.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to enter the American army; his rank as captain.
(In French.)

Jones, Capt. John Paul. Portsmouth, New Hampshire 1777 June 3 L.S. 3p. VI, 45.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has received orders from the Secret Committee of Congress to proceed in the French ship Amphitrite to Charlestown, S. C., and thence to Paris, put a letter in Franklin's hands, and take command of a "fine frigate"; refusal of the commander of the Amphitrite, M. Fautrel, to permit him to accompany him in any other capacity than as a passenger; Col. Langdon's proposal that he should proceed to France in a new Continental ship of war which he is now fitting out; probability of this proposition being adopted. Ardently desires to be again in active service; though personally unknown to Franklin, the prospect of being shortly under his direction affords him a singular pleasure.

Coder, Henry 1777 June 3 A.L.S. 1p. VI, 46.
to Benjamin Franklin

Arranging for an interview.
(In French.)

Ruault, -----. Paris 1777 June 3 N. in 3d P. LXXXI, 51.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Sends six copies of Franklin's words translated.
(In French.)

de Lauron, -----. Paris 1777 June 3 A.L.S. in 3d LXII, 67.
to Benjamin Franklin P. 2p.

Requests to be made a Colonel of infantry, in the American army.
(In French.)

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

de Lauron, -----. Paris
to Benjamin Franklin

1777 June 3

A.L.S. 4p. LXII, 68.

In every effort to enter the American service he has failed. As a last resource he calls on Franklin but could not see him, so is now compelled to send him this letter requesting to be made a Colonel in the American army.

(In French.)

Reculès de Basmarein & Raimbaux. Paris 1777 June 4
to Benjamin Franklin

A.L.S. 2p. VI, 47.

The bearer is M. Vanhammé possesses many secrets which might prove useful to America among them an easy and inexpensive manner of making salt-peter; wants to obtain a passage gratis and to carry certain letters of recommendation. Arrangements being made by them for two vessels to sail once a month for America; will take anyone Franklin recommends without any expense, if he so wishes.

(In French.)

Smith, Josiah. London
to Benjamin Franklin

1777 June 4

A.L.S. 2p. VI, 48.

Born in Massachusetts, educated at Cambridge and studied physic and surgery until January, 1777, when he took ship for Bordeaux; gives an account of their capture by the English and their confinement in Plymouth; after two months obtained his freedom; treatment of the ship's company who, though they swore they were subjects of the United States, were forced into the service of the King. Two hundred Americans prisoners at Plymouth and as many more at Portsmouth; is coming to France to report their miserable condition to Franklin; his destitute state; begs Franklin to procure him a place as surgeon on some vessel; a friend of his, Capt. Brown, lately commander of a privateer, has just escaped and also would be glad of assistance.

Hillegas, Michael. Baltimore
to The American Commissioners.

1777 June 5

A.L.S. 1p. VI, 49.

Supposes they are already acquainted with Congress having established a Continental Loan Office, taking money on interest; they will see by the late papers that far from being crushed, affairs look better than could have been expected.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1777 June 5 A.L.S. 3p. XXXVII, 89.
to The American Commissioners.

Books on Cavalry to go by the Massachusetts; Count Pulaski and his two companions to embark on this ship; money advanced for their passage. Terms on which he can procure suits of clothing, shoes, saddles and holsters.

Porter, John. St. Malo 1777 June 6 A.L.S. 2p. VI, 50.
to Benjamin Franklin

Account of his capture, imprisonment at Plymouth and escape; is in a strange country and destitute of every necessary of life; desperate circumstances of his poor countrymen who are treated like felons in the prisons of Plymouth; English worse than the Turks; promised to tell Franklin of Capt. John Adams's capture.

Lownes, Caleb. son of John Lownes. 1777 June 6 A.L.S. 4p. VI, 51.
London
to Benjamin Franklin

Giving an account of his time since he left Philadelphia till his arrival in London; the cause of his leaving America and his reasons for tarrying in England; wishes to know whether by staying he will hazard either his father's or his own reputation.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1777 June 7 A.L.S. 4p. XXXVII, 90.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning his proposed partnership with Mr. Schweighauser; strongly attached to this gentleman's family; stands extremely well with the second daughter; believes his present lack of means the only bar to a union. Account of his connection with a poor girl in England by whom he had a son; intends providing for the boy and later taking him altogether.

Massequan, -----. Nice 1777 June 7 A.L.S. 4p. VI, 52.
to Benjamin Franklin

Read in the London Evening Post that Franklin had already accorded letters of marque to thirty vessels of France in charge of American captains; a proposal he made to one Francis Fowler, a Scotchman, to take command of a vessel belonging to him, and to cruise against the

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"Tamisiens" [English?] in the Mediterranen. Requests Franklin to give a commission to this new patriot, whose honesty, courage and knowledge of the sea he can guarantee.

(In French.)

Sowden, Benjamin. Rotterdam 1777 June 7 A.L.S. 2p. VI, 53.
to Benjamin Franklin

Extracts from Mr. Gordon's letter to Dr. Price, published by Mr. Arrenberg in his Courant; subsequently copied in most of the other Courants of Holland. Concerning a French piece entitled "Avis aux Hessois" which has had a great vogue. Sir Joseph Yorke's bullying memorial to the States has given great offence in Holland; generally believed to have been composed by the King himself.

Fowler, Francis. Nice 1777 June 7 A.L.S. 3p. VI, 54.
to Benjamin Franklin

Is a subject of Great Britain, born in Aberdeen, and has served in different ships of his Majesty; describes the ship he has under his command, and asks Franklin for a commission, so that, unlooked for, he may cruise in the Mediterranean and fall upon the avowed enemies of the Royal Congress of America.1.

Other Descriptive Information

1 See VI, 52.

de Cardone, -----. Paris 1777 June 8 L.S. and LX, 121.
to Benjamin Franklin Mem. 4p.

Sending a memoir, intended for Congress, on the advantages to America of having large flour mills and building up an extensive export trade in that and similar articles.

(In French.)

Deane, Silas. Paris 1777 June 8 A.L.S. 1p. VI, 55.
to Benjamin Franklin

Expects M. Coder, who has proposed to furnish the clothes the following morning; asks Franklin to breakfast with him then. The letter to Mr. Jay is a summary of what they last wrote, but written in secret ink and to all appearance about unimportant matters.

Lavoisier, Antoine Laurent. Paris 1777 June 8 A.L.S. 2p. VI, 55 1/2.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

They are going to repeat several of Dr. Priestley's principal experiments on different kinds of air; if these will interest Franklin, will be honored with his presence.

(In French.)

Mease, Matthew. Paris to Benjamin Franklin	1777 June 9	A.L.S. 1p.	VI, 56.
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Writes on behalf of some gentlemen who are desirous of Franklin's advice, to ask if he will grant them an interview.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. to The American Commissioners.	1777 June 10	A.L.S. 2p.	XXXVII, 91.
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Capture of Adams verified by Captain Porter who has just arrived; assistance given this captain; his intention to go out on some armed vessel and revenge his losses; thinks Wickes or Johnson would find him a valuable acquisition.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. to The American Commissioners.	1777 June 10	A.L.S. 3p.	XXXVII, 92.
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Asking their interest on behalf of a poor American sailor who has been falsely accused of murder; gives the affair in detail.

Barbeau-Dubourg, ----- to Benjamin Franklin	1777 June 10	A.L.S. 2p.	VI, 57.
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If he likes the model that M. Coder showed him, advises him to decide on it at once, as in a few days prices will go up. Concerning the muskets which he spoke to him about before.

(In French.)

Cavalier, -----. Lyons to Benjamin Franklin	1777 June 11	A.L.S. 3p.	VI, 58.
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His admiration for the Americans; wishes to fly to their defense.

(In French.)

de Thuillières, Baron. Paris to Benjamin Franklin	1777 June 11	A.L.S. 1p.	LXXI, 71.
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Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Requests Franklin to appoint a time when he can receive Mme. Denneville and Vicomtesse de Choiseul, from Martinique, who wish to see him. Asks about a balsam remedy offered to him. (In French.)

De Brétigny, ----- Paris 1777 June 12 A.L.S. 1p. LXII, 11.
to Benjamin Franklin

Asking for a letter of introduction of Franklin's nephew [Jonathan Williams, Jr.], for three officers, leaving for America, via Nantes. (In French.)

Timothy, Peter 1777 June 12 A.L.S. 4p. VI, 59.
to Benjamin Franklin

Congratulates him on the honors conferred by " The Thirteen United Free and Independent States." His many positions on committees and congresses and his active interest in public affairs left him no time for private correspondence. Wishes some instruction on a plan of education for his son, Benjamin Franklin, aged six.

Coder, Henry 1777 June 12 A.L.S. 1p. VI, 60.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the models in cloth; wil not rest until he is en route for America; hopes to merit the praise of Congress and the confidence and esteem of the generals and the friendship of the Americans. (In French.)

Lee, William. Paris 1777 June 13 A.L.S. 1p. VI, 61.
to Benjamin Franklin

Informing Franklin that Mr. Deane and himself will do themselves the honor of breakfasting with him on Sunday at 9 o'clock.

d'Ordan, Cot. Lille 1777 June 13 A.L.S. 8p. VI, 62.
to Benjamin Franklin

Wishes to devote himself to the cause of America; has been employed in the Commissary Department and would like a similar position. if possible, in America; ready to serve such a cause with either pen or sword; if he receives a favorable reply will set out at once for Paris.

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(In French.)

Caffiéri, Jean Jacques 1777 June 13 A.L.S. 1p. VI, 63.
to Benjamin Franklin

Wishes to know various details concerning Gen. Montgomery, the dates of his birth and death, his most famous actions and how and where he was killed in the attack on Quebec. Intends making a model of the monument for the next salon, and wishes to give a description of the tomb and of the person for whom it was made. (In French.)

The Continental Congress, Committee of Foreign Affairs. Philadelphia 1777 June 13 A.L.S. LIII, 44.
to The American Commissioners. Benj[amin]
Harrison et al.
2p.

General Washington's successes in New Jersey. Everything still quiet in the Northern Department. Favorable aspect of affairs.

(In duplicate.)

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to The American Commissioners.

Arrival of the Anonyme; poor opinion of her ability either to fight or run away; officers claiming passage on her; question of her destination. Reported blowing up of Mr. Chaumont's ship Captain Rotch at the entrance of the Delaware. Ships at present for sale.

Thiérin, Ph F. Paris 1777 June 14 A.L.S. 1p. VI, 64.
to Benjamin Franklin

Had the honor to give Franklin a letter from one of his friends of St. Malo; reminds Franklin of his promise to answer it.

(In French.)

Girard, chevalier de. Paris. 1777 June 15 A.L.S. 1p. VI, 65.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Desires an interview with Franklin; has received a letter from Cherbourg with information of the capture of an English vessel.

(In French.)

Courreget, -----, fils. Bayonne to Benjamin Franklin	1777 June 15	A.L.S. 2p.	VI, 67.
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Writes on behalf of a young Frenchman, aged twenty-five years, who wishes to enter that glorious company and perish, if need be, with Franklin's brave compatriots.

Coder, Henry to Benjamin Franklin	1777 June 16	A.L.S. 1p.	VI, 68.
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M. Dalibard seeks an interview concerning the muskets; expects to be at Passy himself at 8 o'clock the next morning. Madame Dubourg's dangerous condition. Copy of four lines, written by M. Dubourg at the foot of Franklin's picture.

(In French.)

Laville, D to Benjamin Franklin	1777 June 16	A.L.S. 1p.	LXX, 128a.
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A letter of recommendation for one Bumel.

(In Latin.)

The Royal Society of Medicine of Paris. Paris to Benjamin Franklin	1777 June 17	Portfolio.
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Certificate of membership.

Basserode, Jean-Baptiste-Guillaume Leprévôt, chevalier de. Tonnay-Charente to Benjamin Franklin	1777 June 17	A.L.S. 1p.	VI, 69.
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Fears that his letter of April never reached Franklin; sends copy of it.

(In French.)

Other Descriptive Information

(See V, 158.)

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1777 June 17 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVII, 94.
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing Mr. Frerot, a cannon-founder of Nantes, who hopes to obtain permission of the Ministry to make what quantity of cannon he pleases; advantages of obtaining them at the place of shipping.

De Brétigny, ----- Paris 1777 June 18 A.L.S. 1p. LXII, 12.
to Benjamin Franklin

Asking permission to call to present his officers, to say good-by, and to get letters of introduction for himself and officers to Congress.

(In French.)

The Continental Congress, Committee of Foreign Affairs. Philadelphia 1777 June 18 A.L.S. LIII, 45.
to The American Commissioners. Benj[amin] Harrison et al.
4p.

Skirmishes in the Northern Department. Military affairs in New Jersey.

(In Duplicate.)

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Douglas, Archibald. Cherbourg 1777 June 18 A.L.S. 1p. VI, 70.
to Benjamin Franklin

Is now lying in Cherbourg with the same prize that Capt. John Burnell informed Franklin of; does not know what to do with her owing to the loss of their captain and the impossibility of selling her; two King's cutters cruising off the harbor on purpose to take them should they venture out; wishes to know how he shall act.

Haines, R. Paris 1777 June 18 A.L.S. 1p. VI, 66.
to Benjamin Franklin

Assured by his sister (Sarah Evans) that Franklin will not be offended at his writing to him.

Concerning the sale of some land in the northern part of the province of New York belonging to a Mr. Lydius, who thought Franklin might know of a purchaser.

Paradise, N?. Homburg Vor-der-Höhe 1777 June 18 A.L.S. 2p. VI, 71.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

to Benjamin Franklin

Is Secretary of the Patriotic Society of Homburg; desires to add Franklin's name and those of some of his brave and learned compatriots to the membership. Concerning the memoirs that the society proposes to publish. In Germany there are certain writers in the employ of Lord North to abuse the Americans, French and Spanish.

(In French.)

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1777 June 19 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVII, 95.
to The American Commissioners.

Can obtain an old French frigate, which could be fitted for a privateer, and enough Americans to man her, in case they care to encourage an operation of a warlike nature.

Bridgen, Edward. Antwerp 1777 June 19 A.L.S. 1p. VI, 72.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sends him a letter from Dr. Price; gives his address in case Franklin wishes to send back an answer. Places the Bishop's Sermon, printed in the enclosed newspaper, at Franklin's service.

Coder, Henry 1777 June 19 A.L.S. 2p. VI, 73.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the models he sent to Mr. Deane which have been appropriated by the "regisseurs" ; begs him to write a line to Mr. Deane in order that he may recover his models.
(In French.)

d'Antrecourt, Abbé. Paris 1777 June 20 A.L.S. 1p. VI, 74.
to Benjamin Franklin

His brother desires to enter the American Army; his brother's knowledge of mathematics and war.
(In French.)

Brétigny, Charles-François Sevelinges, 1777 June 21 A.L.S. 1p. VI, 75.
marquis(?) de.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sends him a letter from M. de Beaumarchais; begs him to give the bearer the letters he promised.
(In French.)

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Krohne, G. B. de. Hamburg 1777 June 23 A.L.S. 2p. VI, 76.
to Benjamin Franklin

Is minister plenipotentiary of the Duke of Saxe-Hildburghausen; has the requisite talent to serve America, being equipped with a full knowledge of business and politics; admirable position of Hamburg as a center of news and commerce; all he asks as a reward besides the payment of his expenses, is a promise from the Congress to declare him their minister as soon as the Colonies obtain their independence.

(In French.)

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1777 June 23 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVII, 96.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing an extract from a letter of W. Alexander [2 p.] relative to the proposed partnership with Mr. Schweighauser. Has assumed certain powers on account of his situation as Franklin's agent and at the request of Mr. Ross; on Mr. Lee's arrival will resign this power to him.

Le Roy, Jean Baptiste [1777.] June 23 A.L.S. 2p. XLII, 157.
to Benjamin Franklin

Accepting his kind invitation for dinner; in doubt whether Mme. LeRoy is included. Complete letter-foundry for sale, if Franklin wishes to purchase.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1777 June 24 A.L.S. 3p. XXXVII, 97.
to Benjamin Franklin

His feelings for Mr. Schweighauser's second daughter; if he stays in Nantes must either hazard a refusal or not see her any more.

Tressan, Louis-Elisabeth de La Vergne, 1777 June 24 A.L.S. 4p. VI, 76 1/2.
comte de. Paris
to Benjamin Franklin

Writes on behalf of his eldest son, who desires to enter the service of America; enumerates his son's claims to consideration and position; refers him to his old friends, Messrs. Elié de Beaumont and de St. Lambert.

(In French.)

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Barbeau-Dubourg, ----- 1777 June 25 A.L.S. 3p. VI, 77.
to Benjamin Franklin

The condition of Mme. Dubourg does not permit him to leave her a moment. In spite of the rise in prices the uniforms will be well made of the best cloth; the gaiters and cartridge boxes will be satisfactory; is not yet content with hats or helmets. Concerning the question of muskets.
(In French.)

Barbeau-Dubourg, ----- [CA April 17] A.L.S. 2p. VI, 78.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sends him a letter so carefully sealed, that he cannot tear the first envelope without destroying the second; does not know Mr. Thomson's address; begs Franklin to forward it to him.
(In French.)

The Continental Congress, Committee of Foreign Affairs. Philadelphia 1777 June 26 A.L.S. LIII, 46.
to The American Commissioners. Benj[amin]
Harrison et al.
2p.

Retreat of General Howe's forces from Somerset Court House to Amboy.
(In duplicate.)

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Beaumont, Jean-Baptiste-Jacques Elie de 1777 June 26 A.L.S. 1p. VI, 79.
to Benjamin Franklin

The accompanying letter is from the Comte de Tressan, Lieutenant-General of the armies of the King, who desires to give his services to the American cause; his rank, his services and his talents; begs him to write to Congress on the subject.
(In French.)

Grenus, Col Tissot. Geneva 1777 June 26 A.L.S. 1p. VI, 80.
to Benjamin Franklin

Circumstances prevent his return to Paris; the bearer will make Franklin a proposition concerning two small works which he desires to give to the printers.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

(In French.)

Wyss, Jean-Frédéric. Lionville 1777 June 27 A.L.S. 7p. VI, 81.
to Benjamin Franklin

Reminds Franklin of a visit he paid him in March to offer his services to the American cause; left his address, but has heard nothing. Resemblance between Switzerland and America. Five or six officers anxious to go over with him. His experience and skill. Discusses the advisability of negotiating a loan with his country. Desires to hear what Congress is willing to do for him.

Duplessis, -----. Hennebont 1777 June 27 A. L. S. 1p. VI, 82.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the copy of a letter in the Leyden Gazette purporting to be from "Le Sieur Mauduit Duplessis" to his brother at l'Orient. Assures him that the letter is a fraud, and that the person who wrote it evidently does not know "le Sieur Mauduit Duplessis," whose correspondents are not in the habit of publishing his letters.

(In French.)

Lee, William. Frankfort 1779 June 27 A. L. S. 3p. LXI, 29.
to Benjamin Franklin

Denying the report that a contract had been made with a French firm for arms and ammunition, on account of the State of Virginia, and again requests him to endeavor to procure the same from the French Ministry.

Ingenhousz, Jan 1777 June 28 A. L. S. 3p. VI, 83.
to Benjamin Franklin

Still on the estate of the Prince de la Tour et Tassis, Whose two sons he has successfully inoculated. His intention to go to Amsterdam, thence to London and finally to Paris, once more to enjoy Franklin's society. His opinion of the present war; his hopes of an ultimate reunion of the two countries. Franklin's greatness as a philosopher; hears that the Emperor called upon him. Gives him directions for the safe conduct of any letters he may wish delivered in England.

Gautier, Antoine(?). Cap Français 1777 June 28 A. L. S. 4p. VI, 85.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

The drafts of M. Ceronio have been accepted and paid. Capture of the ship "Le Meulan," commanded by Captain L'Aguehay; Franklin's packet discovered by the Royalists, one of the French sailors having been bribed to reveal its whereabouts; the captain and the two engineers sent to London. Six frigates needed along the coast to aid the Americans.

(In French.)

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1777 June 28 A. L. S. 2p. XXXVII, 98.
to The American Commissioners.

Happy return of the Mercury. Safe arrival of the Amphitrite at Portsmouth, and also of M. Du Coudray. News from America; people full of ardor and high expectations; the prospects of the English extremely wretched. M. de Bretigny and his corps to take passage on the Anonyme. Desires their opinion concerning his plan for a privateer.

Wickes, Lambert. St. Malo 1777 June 28 A.L.S. 3p. VI, 86.
to Benjamin Franklin

Announcing his safe arrival in company with Captain Nicholson; details of their late cruise; account of being pursued by a man-of-war. Advice concerning Capt. Nicholson's ship. Praises Capt. Johnston.

Bibliography

de -----, Comte 1777 [May] A.L.S. 2p. LX, 48.
to Benjamin Franklin

Offers to raise and furnish, to the United States, a corps of from 2,000 to 10,000 trained troops, fully armed and equipped.

(In French.)

de -----, Comte. Spa 1777 June 29 A.L.S. 2p. LX, 49.
to Benjamin Franklin

On the same subject as the preceding letter.

(In French.)

Caffiéri, Jean Jacques 1777 June 30 A.N. in 3d P. LXX, 41, a.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Desires a sketch of General Montgomery.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Le Roy, Jean Baptiste [1777? June.] A.L.S. 2p. XLIV, 160.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sends a letter from M. Caffieri. Franklin's gift received with gratitude at the Academy. Dr. Home, a young Scotch physician who is about to start for Vienna, will gladly take Franklin's letter for Dr. Ingen Housz.
(In French.)

-----, -----. Paris 1777 June Mem. 2p. LXII, 14.
to Benjamin Franklin

Rank, age, titles and description of the nine officers that went to America with M. de Brétigny in June, 1777.
(In French.)

de Maisonneuve, Berthon. Brussels 1777 July 1 A.L.S. 1p. LXX, 26.
to Benjamin Franklin

Requesting him to forward a letter to Mr. [Stephen] Sayre.
(In French.)

Mehl, -----. Schorndorff, Würtemberg 1777 July 1 A.L.S. 3p. LIX, 38.
to Benjamin Franklin

His love for America. Was going thither in 1754, but vessel was wrecked. Is desirous of establishing a tobacco agency at his place. Mentions Christopher Lochner, of Philadelphia, as reference.

O'Donnell, Comte. Lemberg 1777 July 1 A.L.S. 3p. VI, 87.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to enter the service of the Colonies; his military experience, first in Austria, now in Poland, where he possesses the rank of lieutenantcolonel. His knowledge of the English language. If Franklin looks with favor on his plan, begs to know the conditions he may expect.
(In French.)

Deane, Silas. Paris 1777 July 2 A.L.S. 1p. VI, 88.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Captain Wickes's safe arrival. Word of the day in London is that Howe is not ordered to attack Philadelphia, but to join Generals Carleton and Burgoyne; " taut mieux pour nous."

D'Archambault, Chevalier. Chartres 1777 July 2 A.L.S. 2p. VI, 89.
to Benjamin Franklin

Hears that Franklin has accorded to many officers a position in the American army suitable to their services and rank in France; begs for the like favor; his military experience; can furnish the best of references.

(In French.)

Laaschet, Henri van. Crefeld 1777 July 2 A.L.S. 3p. VI, 90.
to Benjamin Franklin

His three brothers and one sister are settled in Pennsylvania; not being able to send his letters to them as usual via England, begs Franklin to forward the enclosed.

(In French.)

de Caire, Comtesse. Versailles 1777 July 2 A. L. in 3d P. LXX, 41,b.
to Benjamin Franklin 3p.

Asking for an interview on behalf of the Canadian widow of a French Officer who desires to come to France.

The Continental Congress, Committee of Foreign Affairs. Philadelphia 1777 July 2 A. L. S. LIII, 47.
to The American Commissioners. Benj[amin] Harrison et al.
2p.

Retreat of the British to Staten Island. Commissions for Ralph Izard and William Lee enclosed.

(In duplicate.)

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Valltravers, Rodolph. Passy 1777 July 2 A. N. in 3d P. LXXI, 78.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Has called to see Dr. Franklin on several interesting matters. Asks Franklin to appoint a time when he can see him.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Nicholson, Samuel. St. Malo 1777 July 3 A.L.S. 1p. VI, 91.
to Benjamin Franklin

Safe arrival of Capt. Johnston. Desires Franklin's orders concerning the refitting of their vessels. Just heard of the arrival of three of their prizes at Nantes; hopes they will fall into the hands of Mr. Williams.

Dumas, C.G.F. 1777 July 3 A.L. 4p. XXXIX, 10.
to Franklin, Deane and Carmichael.

Acknowledging letters of the 20th and 23rd ult.; published them as desired in the Leyden Gazette; their habit of altering and cutting such contributions. Account of the purchase of certain houses at Flushing by unknown parties who allow them to remain empty; possibility of their being asylums for the English Ministers in case the King is obliged to sacrifice them. Suggestions made to Manson concerning the advantages likely to accrue to Pomerania and Prussia from the free admittance and protection of Americans at Emden; favorable reception given this idea.
(In French.)

Barry, Amelia. Tunis 1777 July 3 A.L.S. 4p. VI, 92.
to Benjamin Franklin

Her admiration for Franklin's character and sentiments; may his valuable life be extended until peace is attained and may cool and dispassionate posterity rank him with those worthies of antiquity who have served as models for succeeding ages; gets a melancholy comfort from Franklin's portrait; his little god-daughter kisses his hands.

Lee, William. Paris 1777 July 4 A.L.S. 1p. VI, 93.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sorry to miss seeing Franklin the other day. Is about to set out for Havre.

Dumas and Mallet. Geneva 1777 July 4 A.L.S. 3p. VI, 94.
to Benjamin Franklin

Thinks the commercial interests of two republics like Switzerland and America could be joined with great advantage to both countries. Various kinds of merchandise which firm could supply.
(In French.)

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Lovell, James. Philadelphia 1777 July 4 A.L.S. 3p. VI, 95.
to Benjamin Franklin

Discontent among the American officers at the influx of foreigners who supersede them in command. Brigadier-General Knox beloved by his corps; confusion caused by M.Du Coudray's treaty; resignation of Brigadier-General Conway on finding Chevalier de BARRE ranking above him. The instruction passed in Congress respecting foreigners who do not understand English. Must not be construed as a patent for those who do.

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Wickes, Lambert. St. Malo 1777 July 4 A.L.S. 2p. VI, 96.
to Benjamin Franklin

Safe arrival in port of Capt. Johnston in the brig Lexington; would be glad to know where he is to proceed to next, also if he is to purchase guns and arm the Reprisal; advises the sale of the Dolphin; thinks there is little prospect of doing anything more on that coast; in hopes that Franklin will order him and Capt. Johnston to proceed to America; their kind reception by the principal people of St. Malo.

Lee, William 1777 July 5 A.L.S. 2p. VI, 97.
to Benjamin Franklin

Number of vessels taken by Wickes and his little squadron. The capture of the Seine and another French vessel is announced by the Admiralty; knows not how this will be received at Versailles. English papers also mention that Cornwallis is in great jeopardy and not expected to escape. Intended movements of Burgoyne and Carlcton.

Richoufftz, Jean-Laurent-César, 1777 July 5 A.L.S. 2p. VI, 98.
chevalier de. Douay
to Benjamin Franklin

Has had no answer to his two former letters; cannot believe that Franklin received them; begs him to agree to his former proposal [VI, 37 and 38; see page 250] and put an end to his misery.
(In French.)

Richard, -----. Paris 1777 July 6 A.L.S. 1p. VI, 99.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Hears that there is need in the Colonies for gunsmiths; has been at the head of one of the most important manufactories of arms in France; offers his services to America.

(In French.)

David, -----Bordeaux to Benjamin Franklin	1777 July 6	A.L.S. 1p.	VI, 100.
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The person of whom he spoke to Franklin is frightened by the number of vessels captured by the English and has decided to wait until the war is over before sailing for America.

(In French.)

d'Escoardeck, Comte. Orleans to Benjamin Franklin	1777 July 6	A.L.S. 4p.	LXI, 102.
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On his various inventions in arms and weapons.

(In French.)

Gourlade, ----- L'Orient to Benjamin Franklin	[1777?] July 7	A.L.S. 1p.	XL, 27.
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Informing Franklin of the arrival, at St. Malo, of The Two Sisters, one of the prizes taken by Mr. Wickes; will arrange an immediate sale.

(In French.)

Deane, Silas. Paris to Benjamin Franklin	1777 July 7	A.L.S. 1p.	VI, 101.
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The gentleman from Portugal has arrived; wishes Franklin to see him.

Niccoli, Abbè. Paris to Benjamin Franklin	1777 July 7	A.L.S. 1p.	VI, 102.
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Sends him a letter from Ingen Housz; if he desires to send an answer will provide him with a safe conveyance.

Franchessin, Gaspard-Louis de. Paris to Benjamin Franklin	1777 July 7	A.L.S. 2p.	VI, 103.
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Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

His brother left for Philadelphia in March, 1776, to serve in the American army; heard lately that he had been charged with despatches in France; begs for some information concerning this and his brother's position in America.

(In French.)

Caÿrol, Etienne. Amsterdam to Benjamin Franklin	1777 July 7	A.L.S. 2p.	VI, 104.
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Would not venture to offer his services to Franklin had not M. Coder commissioned him to complete, with M. Dubourg, the equipment of two thousand men on the models agreed upon; his terms, fabrics, etc.

(In French.)

-----, ----- to Benjamin Franklin	1777 July 8	N. 1p.	LXXI, 105b.
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Introducing Mr. Brown.

Valltravers, Rodolph. Paris to Benjamin Franklin	1777 July 8	A.L. in 3d P.	VI, 105. 1p.
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Requested by Count D'Eyk, envoy of the Elector of Bavaria, to entreat the favor of the Messrs. Franklin's company at dinner.

Penet, Pierre. Nantes to Benjamin Franklin	1777 July 8	A.L.S. 1p.	VI, 106.
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Send a cheese, entrusted to him by Captain Hamor for Franklin. Expects to come to Paris before long, and by recounting certain things justify himself to Franklin and reinstate himself in his regard.

(In French.)

Cole, J. Paris to Benjamin Franklin	1777 July 28	A.L.S. 2p.	VI, 149.
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Desires to devote the rest of his days to the service of America; various certificates he can produce in his favor; wished employment on board an American privateer. An Englishman by birth but has reasons for writing in French.

(In French.)

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Deane, Silas. Paris 1777 July 9 A.L.S. 1p. VI, 107.
to Benjamin Franklin

Suggests the advisability of writing to Mr. Williams on the subject of his last.

Wickes, Lambert. St. Malo 1777 July 9 A.L.S. 2p. VI, 108.
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging his favor of 3d inst.; desires more particular instructions as to sale of the Dolphin. Question of mounting the Reprisal with brass or iron guns; wishes to know where Capt. Johnston is to be ordered. Three large English privateers are to be sent to cruise off Nantes and to take all American vessels bound thither. Only three of their prizes arrived and those of the least value; concludes that the rest are taken.

Grand, Ferdinand 1777 July 10 A. Mem. 1p. VI, 109.
to Benjamin Franklin

A receipt for a certain sum of money.
(In French.)

Temple, J. Richmond Green 1777 July 11 A.L.S. 4p. VI, 110.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sends him this letter by their old friend, Mr. Garnier; congratulates him on his success; has often determined to go over and see him, but was always deterred by prudence; should a war with France take place, would cross over at once with his little family. Condemns England's policy for the last two years. Messages from his wife. Encloses a "letter to Lord Chatham" which is much read. Gives him directions how to address his answer, which he desires him not to sign.

Cassou, -----. Armentières 1777 July 11 A.L.S. 2p. VI, 111.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to enter the service of America; refers Franklin to his sister, Madame de Siguenot, in Paris, for an account of his military services. Would like a recommendation to Gen. Washington.
(In French.)

Wickes, Lambert. St. Malo 1777 July 12 A.L.S. 1p. VI, 112.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Mentioning a French ship now at St. Malo which is out of repair but would answer their purpose very well; she is well known to be a fast sailor; the character of the Captain.

Fectslor, ----- Landrecies 1777 July 13 L.S. 3p. VI, 113.
to Benjamin Franklin

Anxious to serve under the flag of the new-born republic; his military services; begs Franklin to procure him a leave of absence for some years.
(In French.)

Gordon, William. Newburyport 1777 July 13 A.L.S. 2p. VI, 114.
to Benjamin Franklin

The present state of affairs; Gen. Gate's refusal to serve under Gen. Schuyler; news of the loss of Ticonderoga and Fort Independence afterwards contradicted; rumors that Gen. Howe intends visiting the New England states; all his troops are embarked and dropped down to Sandy Hook. Gen. Prescott surrounded and made a prisoner. Account of the capture by Capt. Manley of the frigate "Fox" of 28 guns; her Captain and two Lieutenants killed.

Wickes, Lambert. St. Malo 1777 July 13 A.L.S. 2p. VI, 116.
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging favor of 4th inst., concerning the disposal of the prizes; his own destination; disposition to be made of the Dolphin. Three of his people have run away and carried off a French pilot boat,— is he responsible for it?

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Beaumont, Jean-Baptiste-Jacques Elie de 1777 July 15 A.L.S. 1p. VI, 117.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begs Franklin to give an immediate answer to the request of M. le Comte de Tressan.
(In French.)

Other Descriptive Information

[see VI, 79].

Deane, Silas. Paris 1777 July 15 A.L.S. 1p. VI, 118.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Enclosing a letter from Mr. [Arthur] Lee; the first he had heard of Mr. Lee's misfortune; thinks it must be attended with serious consequences. Invites Franklin to dinner the next day.

Berthon de Maisonneuve, —. Brussels 1777 July 15 A.L.S. 1p. VI, 120.
to Benjamin Franklin

A friend of Mr. Sayre's, who addressed a letter to him in Franklin's care, wishes to know if it was forwarded.

(In French.)

Reculès de Basmarein & Raimbaux. 1777 July 15 A.L.S. 3p. VI, 121.
Bordeaux
to Benjamin Franklin

Compliants against American captains have not been substantiated by the facts; probably the work of Royalists. Account of a battle at Brunswick between Generals Washington and Putnam and Generals Howe and Cornwallis, resulting in victory for the former. Other news, less authentic, of the complete destruction of the united armies of Howe and Cornwallis. Quotes from a letter of Washington's to the people of the neighboring provinces, urging them to enlist.

(In French.)

de Scordeck, Comte. Orlèans 1777 July 15 L.S. 1p. VI, 122.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sent Franklin on the 8th inst. an abstract of a military scheme which will render the Americans victorious in two campaigns and will force the English to renounce forever the conquest of Boston.

(In French.)

Lebègue de Presle, Achille-Guillaume 1777 July 16 A.L.S. 3p. VI, 123.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning a strange occurrence caused by thunder which happened at Purfleet; the facts in the case communicated to the Academy. Wishes for news of his brother who crossed the sea to join Washington's army; encloses a letter for him. A work on electricity by M. Cavallo. Gives a long quotation in Latin from Nathaniel Hulme's History of a Person Afflicted with Stone.

(In French.)

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Vergennes, Charles Gravier, comte de. 1777 July 16 A.L.S. 4p. VI, 124.

Versailles

to Franklin and Deane

Compliants that the American privateers take refuge in the French ports; this constitutes a breach of their treaty with England, which forbids them to allow privateers free access to their ports unless through pressing necessity, and also forbids the deposit and sale of their prizes. Asks the American Commissioners to make these intentions known.

(In French.)

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Paulze, Jacques. Bercy 1777 July 17 L.S. 2p. VI, 125.

to Benjamin Franklin

His friend, Mr. Martin, wishes to purchase a little vessel, called the Jason, and commanded by Mr. Hutchinson, which was captured by the Americans. Begs Franklin for information as to her whereabouts.

(In French.)

the de Mirabeau, Marquis 1777 July 19 N. in 3d P. LXXI, 9.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Has been prevented, by unfortunate circumstances, from going to see him. Wishes to know when he could see him at Passy and what day Franklin could dine with him.

(In French.)

Gruel, J. Nantes 1777 July 19 A.L.S. 2p. VI, 126.

to Benjamin Franklin

Reminding Franklin of his promise to visit him in the present month. Congratulates him on the engagements at Brunswick and Amboy; hopes the end will be as glorious as the beginning.

(In French.)

deGueydon Desdoit. Villefranche de 1777 July 20 A.L.S. 2p. VI, 127.

Lauragais

to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Desires to serve under the American flag; begs Franklin to tell him what advantages he may expect as an officer in America; his family and his military experience; born an American.

(In French.)

Dumesnil de St. Pierre, Henriette. Isigny 1777 July 20 A.L.S. 3p. VI, 128.
to Benjamin Franklin

Owing to an unfortunate affair, her father was obliged to retire twelve years before to South Carolina; in 1774 he was lieutenant at Fort Charlotte on the Savannah River; for three years they have received no tidings of him; begs Franklin to ask the Governor of that province to make inquiries as to her father's fate.

(In French.)

Louis, D. Du pont de l'arche 1777 July 20 A.L.S. 4p. VI, 129.
to Benjamin Franklin

Hears that the Americans offer to procure honorable positions for priests who wish to cross the seas; desires to have a part in the glory won by Franklin's brave fellow-citizens.

(In French.)

Ceronia, Joseph. Genoa 1777 July 21 A.L.S. 3p. VI, 130.
to Benjamin Franklin

Writes for news of his son, Stephen Ceronio, who shipped on board a vessel bound for Philadelphia; carried recommendations to Messrs. Willing, Morris and Co., who took him into their counting-house; has received no letters from him since December, 1775; begs Franklin to forward him the enclosed, and if possible to let them know whether he has been taken prisoner.

Deane, Silas. Paris 1777 July 22 A.L.S. 1p. VI, 131.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sends him certain letters; concerning their correspondence with the Comte de Vergennes.

Laillier, -----. Paris. 1777 July 22 A.L.S. 1p. VI, 132.
to Benjamin Franklin

Wishes to make a contract with Franklin to supply any amount of shoes or leather goods for the soldiers; supplies his Majesty's troops with these articles.

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(In French.)

Cardone, — de, Prior. Paris 1777 July 23 A.L.S. 1p. VI, 133.
to Benjamin Franklin

Congratulates him on the success of his armies; wished to know his opinion of the memoir he left at his house on a previous visit. What dishonor for England to be beaten by those whom she stigmatized openly as cowards. Considers Franklin a prophet in politics.

(In French.)

Wickes, Lambert. St. Malo 1777 July 23 A.L.S. 1p. VI, 134.
to Benjamin Franklin

They are allowed to go on and refit their ship, but very slowly; expects to be ready to sail by August; Capt. Johnston arrested by orders from Minister at Paris; has given his parole not to leave port without permission; he awaits Franklin's orders. Advises the purchase of the ship Prince of Conte, but not above a certain price.

Sorbonne 1777 July 23 L.S. 1p. LXX, 52.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sending a letter by M. de Chalut which was delivered to him by mistake.

(In French.)

Lafargue, J. Paris 1777 July 24 A.L.S. 1p. VI, 136.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing a letter and certificate of a friend; begs for an answer to his request.

(In French.)

Soleau, Lieut. Besançon 1777 July 24 A.L.S. 3p. VI, 137.
to Benjamin Franklin

France being at peace, offers his services to the Colonies; his military rank and service; his only conditions are a leave of absence, the command of a company of cavalry and the cost of his voyage.

(In French.)

Baussay, Elias de, Dutch agent of Elector of Trier. La Haye 1777 July 25 A.L.S. 4p. VI, 138.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

to Benjamin Franklin

Heard with pleasure that his letter of May 22d was delivered to Franklin. Account of affairs in Holland relative to the Colonies. Sir Joseph Yorke's attempt to gain over to England two regiments belonging to the Prince de Waldeck; reasons why this is likely to prove unsuccessful. Amsterdam entirely in favor of the Americans; her late petitions to increase her navy. Death of his old friend, Mr. Jacob Henry Chabanct. Rupture between England and France regarded as inevitable.
(In French.)

Barry, Amelia. Tunis	1777 July 25	A.L.S. 4p.	VI, 140.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Fearing that he had not received her last letter of July 3d, sends a copy of it by a sure hand.

Other Descriptive Information

[See page 264.]

Lalaise, —. Toul	1777 July 25	A.L.S. 2p.	VI, 141.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to go to America and serve in the army; his reasons are not mercenary; wishes to know the conditions, treatment etc. Many of his comrades desire to follow him.
(In French.)

Williams, Jonathan Jr.	1777 July 25	A.L.S. 1p.	XXXVII, 99.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Desires the enclosed letter sent to Mr. Holker if Franklin approves it. Reminds him of his intended visit to the salt works at Nantes.

Quane, O'Reilly de. Aumale	1777 July 26	A.L.S. 3p.	VI, 142.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Though unknown to Franklin, has the greatest admiration and affection for him. Has made a translation of "Considerations on the Measures Carrying on with Respect to the British Colonies in North America"; desires to dedicate it to Franklin.
(In French.)

Valentz, Jno. Paris	1777 July 26		VI, 143.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Was formerly an inhabitant of Pennsylvania; compelled ten years before on account of his debts to quit the province; his hard struggle ever since; desires to return and throw himself on the mercy of his creditors, also wishes to take a commission in the Continental service; has been an officer in the provincial service; personally acquainted with General Washington. Has not a sou in the world; begs Franklin to assist him in procuring a passage; his claim on Franklin's kindness as a fellow Mason; member of St. John's Lodge, No. 2, in Philadelphia.

Penet, Pierre. Nantes

1777 July 26

A.L.S. 1p. VI, 144.

to Benjamin Franklin

The accompanying letter is from his associate, M. Pharne; much regrets that Franklin does not deem his letters worthy of any reply.

(In French.)

Wickes, Lambert. St. Malo

1777 July 27

A.L.S. 2p. VI, 145.

to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging favor of the 22nd inst. The Dolphin will not be suffered to leave the port until further orders from Paris. Captain Johnston arrested at Morlaix and cannot get away without permission; desires a line from Franklin. Question whether the French soldiers will be suffered to ship with them.

Dumas, C.G.F.

1777 July 27

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

to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning Holland's refusal to cede to England the two regiments of the Prince de Waldeck; intrigue on the part of Sir Jos[eph Yorke].

(In French.)

Coder, Henry

1777 July 27

A.L.S. 1p. VI, 135.

to Benjamin Franklin

By September expects to deliver to any specified port the 1,300 completed uniforms that have been ordered. Desires no salary, but merely the opportunity of serving the United Colonies, where he has decided to live or die.

(In French.)

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Wommrad, Lieut. Mannbeim 1777 July 28 A.L.S. 3p. VI, 146.
to Benjamin Franklin

Studied engineering since his earliest years; his military services; desires to fight for the American cause; wishes to know what arrangements must be made.

(In French.)

Grenus, Col. Tissot. Geneva 1777 July 28 A.L.S. 4p. VI, 147.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning two volumes of military works which he cannot afford to have printed. Asks Franklin's help; every soldier ought to have a copy of his work.

(In French.)

Cavoleau, -----. Lucon 1777 July 28 A.L.S. 4p. VI, 148.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begs Franklin to save him from the horrors of despair and procure him a position in the American army or at least to tell him the means of carrying out his desire. Tells a long tale of misfortune; loss of money; perfidy of friends. M. Tardiveau, who is about to leave for America, under Franklin's auspices, is the only relation and friend he has in the world.

(In French.)

Lecoq, -----. Paris 1777 July 28 A.L.S. 1p. VI, 150.
to Benjamin Franklin

A friend of his anxious to know to whom he must apply to procure a commission as captain of a privateer; his friend's vessel equipped with ten cannon, arms and men in proportion.

(In French.)

Temple, J. Richmond Green, Surrey 1777 July 29 A.L.S. 3p. VI, 151.
to Benjamin Franklin

Mr. Izard goes with his family to reside in France till a chance offers to cross to America; he has been detained for two years, like himself, in the hope that England would not remain so " madly blind " to its own interests. Consults Franklin on the advisability of following Mr. Izard's example, with his

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wife and two boys. Gloom caused by late accounts from America; report of the total destruction of the Newfoundland fisheries has reduced the citizens to sullen silence.

Dehaistre, ----- Paris. 1777 July 29 A.L.S. 1p. VI, 152.
to Benjamin Franklin

Having heard that M. Deane has been commissioned to make purchase for the Colonies, offers his services for the kitchen utensils.
(In French.)

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1777 July 29 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVII, 100.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning a complaint against Capt. Wickes by certain of his crew, who claim prize money; encloses the Captain's explanation [2 p.]. The capture of Brunswick confirmed. General Tryon and Colonel Walcott dead of wounds received at Danbury.

Guérin, ----- Paris 1777 July 30 A.L.S. 1p. 2p. VI, 153.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sends him an extract of a letter, which he received from his brother; begs Franklin to take immediate action in this matter with M. de Sartine so that by his prompt orders the mischief may be averted.
(In French.)
The extract concerns a misunderstanding with the Minister of the Marine.

Rânes, Charles-Pierre-François 1777 July 30 A.L.S. 3p. VI, 115.
d'Argouges, comte de. Auch
to Benjamin Franklin

A friend of his desires to serve the American cause and has asked him to find out from Franklin the means necessary to carry out this plan; his rank is high and he will inherit a large fortune. Le Marquis de Lafayette is not the only example of a man of the first quality crossing the sea to devote his life to the American cause.
(In French.)

Massequan, ----- Nice 1777 July 30 L.S. 2p. VI, 154.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Wrote Franklin on the 7th of June and sent him the petition of one Francis Fowler who desired a commission to command a privateer; has received no answer. Wishes to know what Capt. Fowler may expect.

(In French.)

Le Merle, Frederic to Benjamin Franklin	1777 July 31	A.L.S. 1p. VI, 155.
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Sends him some verses in praise of their brave islanders; trusts Franklin may find them worthy of being offered to their brother insurgents.

(In French.)

Lehsveld, Van F. Leyden to Benjamin Franklin	1777 July 31	A.L.S. 2p. VI, 156.
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Had the honor to write Franklin December, 1774, touching his letters to Mr. Brownrigg, upon the use of oil to still the waves, and in April 1775, sent him six copies of a paper he published on the same subject; believes that he never received either letters or papers. His friend, Professor Tollius, is at present in Paris and will present Franklin with a copy of his Dutch piece translated into French.

Wickes, Lambert. St. Malo to Benjamin Franklin	1777 July 31	A.L.S. 1p. VI, 157.
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The bearer is M. le Baron de Cadignun, who has rendered him every service in his power; this is merely to introduce him to Franklin, as he has no favors to ask, and does not desire to go to America.

Feutry, Aimé Ambroise Joseph to Benjamin Franklin	1777 July 31	A.L.S. 1p. VI, 158.
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Desires to be associated in some way with the Philosophical Society of Philadelphia, if only as a correspondent.

(In French.)

Wickes, Lambert. St. Malo to Benjamin Franklin	1777 August 1	A.L.S. 2p. VI, 159.
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Acknowledging his favor of July 25th. French seamen now in jail; gave themselves up voluntarily. Steps he has taken relative to the prize brig. Will be ready for sea as soon as permission is given them to start; Capt. Johnston in a like situation at Morlaix.

Carantènè, ----- de (Paul de Carantaine?) 1777 August 1 A.L.S. 2p. VI, 160.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to offer his services to America; his age, military experience and rank; conditions on which he will join the army; understands German as well as French.
(In French.)

-----, -----. Paris 1777 August 1 Mem. 1p. LXI, 84.
to Benjamin Franklin

Proposed contract for purchasing a vessel.

Du Pont de Nemours, Pierre Samuel. 1777 August 1 A.L.S. 2p. VI, 161.
Paris
to Benjamin Franklin

Opened the accompanying packet which was addressed to him, but intended for Franklin; no longer enjoys, as he once did, the confidence of Government, and letters sent to him are no longer postage free; is only too glad to be of any service, but suggests that Franklin's correspondents should put some mark on their letters so that he will know them.
(In French.)

Paddack, Seth. Marseilles 1777 August 2 A.L.S. 1p. VI, 162.
to Benjamin Franklin

Came over from Philadelphia with the promise of having a good ship at Nantes, fitted out in a warlike manner, to go back in; found it all a farce; after various vicissitudes, is now anxious to get a private ship to return home in; should be glad to Franklin's assistance to obtain a commission for him in his country's service; will never bring disgrace on his family; devoted to his country, though Franklin once doubted it.

N-----, F-----. St. Omer 1777 August 3 A.L.S. 2p. VI, 163.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Is an officer in the British army; desires to know if his services will be acceptable to the United States; positions he has held in the English army; desires, on landing in America, to receive a regiment with the rank of colonel, and the expenses of passage for himself and servants. Gen. Gates a great friend of his. Expects Franklin to observe the greatest secrecy on this matter.

Haineville, Mme 1777 August 3 A.L.S. 1p. VI, 164.
to Benjamin Franklin

Her son, in the American army, has been taken prisoner by the English; begs Franklin to allow her an interview that she may tell him her trouble.
(In French.)

Wickes, Lambert. St. Malo 1777 August 3 A.L.S. 1p. VI, 165.
to Benjamin Franklin

The bearer is M. Becard, of St. Malo, who desires to enter into the American trade; as he has been of great service to him (Wickes) hopes Franklin will render him any service in his power.

Wildrik, W. Namur 1777 August 5 A.L.S. 3p. VI, 166.
to Benjamin Franklin

Surgeon in the service of the Low Countries; desires to give his services to the American army and take a position in one of their hospitals.
(In French and Latin.)

Quane, Mlle — de. Paris 1777 August 6 L. in 3d P. 1p. VI, 167.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begs Franklin to answer the enclosed.

Devienne, Marquis. Doullens 1777 August 6 A.L.S. 1p. VI, 168.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to joint the Marquis de Lafayette to whom he carries the best recommendations.
(In French.)

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1777 August 6 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVII, 101.
to The American Commissioners.

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Giving Capt. Hereaud, commander of the Mercury, the highest praise in the performance of his duty.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1777 August 6 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVII, 102.
to The American Commissioners.

Introducing M. de Foligné, commander of a French frigate belonging to M. Montieu.

Duvaunoel, ----- Gaillon 1777 August 6 A.L.S. 2p. VI, 170.
to Benjamin Franklin

Offers his services in the line of business in France and other countries; has letters of recommendation from M. Turgot.
(In French.)

Bingham, William. Saint Pierre 1777 August 7 L.S. 1p. VI, 171.
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing M. de Karsaint who commands one of his Majesty's armed vessels that has been some time past stationed in 'these seas'; circumstances would not permit him to refuse this letter.

Sauvage, Laiquel. Calais 1777 August 7 A.L.S. 2p. VI, 172.
to Benjamin Franklin

A shoemaker offers Franklin 2,000 pairs of shoes at three francs, twelve centimes a pair. Concerning a debt due him by an officer in the service. Cheapness of shirts in his province.
(In French.)

Wickes, Lambert. St. Malo 1777 August 7 A.L.S. 2p. VI, 173.
to Benjamin Franklin

Ready to sail; their powder will not be delivered without a positive order from the Minister; Capt. Johnston only waiting for Franklin's orders to depart from Morlaix; the bearer is anxious to sail with him to America; promised not to take any French persons on board and carry them off without permission from the Judge of the Admiralty; is in the same quandary with regard to the Chevalier de Cheffontain, recommended by Franklin. Has manned his vessel from the crew of a disarmed American privateer; cruel treatment of their captain in England.

The Continental Congress, Committee of Foreign Affairs. Philadelphia 1777 August 7 L.S. LIII, 50.
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to The American Commissioners.

Harrison,
R[ober]t
Morris, James
Lovell. 3p.

Military affairs in America. Loss of Ticonderoga.
(In triplicate.)

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Ponteney, -----. Versailles to Benjamin Franklin	1777 August 7	A.L.S. 1p.	LXI, 121.
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Asks for an interview to arrange certain business matters.
(In French.)

de Germany, M. Paris to Benjamin Franklin	1777 August 8	N. in 3d P. 1p.	LXX, 103.
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Requests Dr. Franklin to forward an enclosed letter to its destination.

Foucault, Jean-Simon-David de. Plombières to Benjamin Franklin	1777 August 8	A.L.S. 3p.	VI, 174.
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Health of his wife much improved. Good news from America; defeat of Cornwallis by General Putnam and the abandonment of Brunswick with a loss of 3,000 men; pursuit of the fleeing army by General Putnam. Short of money, his stay being unexpectedly long; asks Franklin for an advance of one hundred louis. Expects to go to asks Franklin for an advance of one hundred louis. Expects to go to Switzerland; asks for Franklin's orders.
(In French.)

Champigny, Jean Bochart de. Amsterdam to Benjamin Franklin	1777 August 8	A.L.S. 3p.	VI, 169.
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Franklin subscribed to his History of England. Sends the first volume; reasons for dedicating it to Prince Ferdinand of Brunswick. Offers him the first two volumes of his translation of the "Histoire des rois de Danemark de la Maison d'Oldenbourg."

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(In French.)

Réal, -----. Calais. 1777 August 9 A.L.S. 2p. VI, 175.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the unfortunate circumstances of two sailors from Boston, Joseph Peach and William Smith, who were taken prisoners by the English; they escaped, seized a boat and arrived finally at Calais; desires Franklin's permission to enable them to sell the boat they arrived in, which the officers of the port have made them abandon. Calais very often a refuge for Americans who escape from prison.

(In French.)

Bondfield, John. Bordeaux 1777 August 10 A.L.S. 1p. VI, 176.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has a small sloop called the Montgomery, which he proposes to send back, armed, to America; not having a commission, applies to Franklin for one. Has two vessels that will sail direct for the continent in fifteen days; any commands that Franklin may care to transmit by them shall be duly attended to.

Berard, -----. Paris. 1777 August 10 A.L.S. 1p. VI, 177.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has a letter to deliver from Captain Wickes.

(In French.)

Haineville, Mme. Paris 1777 August 10 A.L.S. 1p. VI, 178.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begs Franklin to take her son under his protection.

(In French.)

Morand, Dr Jean François Clément. Paris 1777 August 10 L. in 3d VI, 179.
to Benjamin Franklin person. 2p.

Has examined the list of descriptions of arts and trades sent him by Dr. Franklin. Sends him his work, "L'Art d'exploiter les mines de Charbon de terre." Is marking a collection of engraved portraits of the scholars composing the Academy of Science; desires Franklin's portrait for this work.

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(In French.)

Bingham, William. St Pierre 1777 August 11 L.S. 4p. VI, 181.
to Benjamin Franklin

Important news received; junction between Gen. Howe's and Gen. Cornwallis's troops at Brunswick; marched as far as Somerset, then retraced their steps; Gen. Washington attacked them, whereupon they retreated to Amboy and thence embarked for New York; they pillaged and destroyed almost the whole town of Brunswick; advantages to be derived from this affair. Destruction of the Newfoundland fisheries by two Continental frigates and a number of privateers. Capture of the frigate "Fox" by Capt. Manley. Reasons why he supplied Mr. Davis and M. Baussancourt with money. Encloses a letter relative to the differences between British and Hessian troops. Ultimate destination of the sloop of war, the Marie Catherine.

1777. September 9. — News of Gen. Howe's departure from New York; speculation as regards his ultimate destination. Thinks the New England States will have to bear the whole weight of the winter's campaign. Capture of Capt. Manly and his prize.

Nicholson, Samuel. Nantes 1777 August 11 A.L.S. 2p. VI, 182.
to Benjamin Franklin

Just setting out for St. Malo where Mr. Williams thinks he had better spend about three weeks in order to be out of the way while the new ship is being built; has promised Capt. Tanner the master's berth and a lieutenantcy to Mr. Dillaway; can easily get a crew. Desertions from the Randolph on account of sickness.

Bedout, James. Bordeaux 1777 August 11 A.L.S. 2p. VI, 183.
to Benjamin Franklin

Asks for a commission from the Congress to empower him to cruise against the English; describes his vessel; references he can furnish.

(In French.)

Martin, Lieut. Ile de Rè 1777 August 11 A.L.S. 2p. VI, 184.
to Benjamin Franklin

Is a lieutenant in the Fifth South Carolina Battalion. Has orders to wait on Franklin and receive his commands before returning.

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(In French.)

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1777 August 11 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVII, 104.
to The American Commissioners.

Some foundation for the reports from America concerning the affair at Burnswick.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1777 August 12 A.L.S. 3p. XXXVII, 105.
to Benjamin Franklin

Will settle the affair between Capt. Wickes and his men. Concerning M. de Kerguelen's plan to fit out a vessel of war in the service of the United States; has given a letter to the Baron de Gessè who will open the whole plan to him.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1777 August 12 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVII, 106.
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing the Baron de Gessè.

Whitehead, Charles. Boulogne-sur-Mer 1777 August 12 A.L.S. 2p. VI, 185.
to Benjamin Franklin

Thoroughly convinced of the justice of the American cause. As a member of the Corporation of London, has constantly voted in opposition to a profligate and corrupt Court. Lost the greater part of his fortune in the present war; has only his person, therefore, to offer; is a descendant of the great Admiral Benbow; begs for a commission in the service of America with instructions how to act. His only tie is a young daughter dearer to him than life.

Verseüil, ----. Mèzières 1777 August 12 A.L.S. 1p. VI, 186.
to Benjamin Franklin

Wishes to know Franklin's direct address before he reveals his object in writing.

(In French.)

Carroll, Charles. of Carrollton. Anne 1777 August 12 A.L.S. 6p. VI, 188.
Arundel County, Md
to Benjamin Franklin

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Requesting him to send the enclosed letter to Mr. Carmichael. Events resulting in the loss of the posts of Ticonderoga and Mount Independence. Inaction of Gen. Howe incomprehensible; thinks they will eventually direct their entire force against the state of New York. Hopes for the ultimate success of their struggle for independence, provided they receive the necessary assistance from abroad; greatest apprehensions arise from the depreciation of paper money. Every member of Congress anxious for a confederacy of states; advantages to be derived from such a step. Question of introducing foreign mercenaries. Certain artisans very much needed; have been greatly distressed for want of salt; means being taken to obviate this; high prices paid for the necessaries of life. State of the weather and the crops.

Wickes, Lambert. St. Malo 1777 August 12 A.L.S. 3p. VI, 189.
to Benjamin Franklin

Orders from the Judges refusing to let him take cannon, powder or stores on board, or to depart without further instructions from Paris; his indignation at such treatment.

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Jefferson, Thomas. Virginia 1777 August 13 A.L. 1p. VI, 190.
to Benjamin Franklin

Recommending to Franklin's kind offices Mr. Thos. Shore, a native of Virginia, who goes to France to establish a proper mercantile correspondence. Virginia has deposited the monarchical and taken up the republican government with the greatest ease; thinks their cause is safe if they can support the credit of their paper; steps to be taken to achieve that result. Outlines the consequences should the British Court come to their senses in time and acknowledge the independence and sovereignty of America. [Conclusion torn off.]

Barbeau-Dubourg, Jacques. Paris [1777?] August 14 A.L.S. 2p. VI, 191.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sends M. de Vic to Franklin; his son, M. de Bois Bertrand, crossed to America in July. 1776, as lieutenant-colonel, and was taken a few days afterwards with Gen. Lee; M. de Vic will explain what happened after that; desires that his son shall return to America.
(In French.)

Raspe, Rudolph Erich. London 1777 August 14 A.L.S. 3p. VI, 192.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Letters he has written to Franklin; with the last he sent a copy of his fastest literary production. Treated in a despicable manner by certain persons in Germany and England; if he comes to Paris, can Franklin rescue him from that ruin which knaves have attempted to bring upon him. Sends a copy of his late English edition of Born's Mineralogical Letters.

Dumas, C.G.F. 1777 August 14 A.L.S. 7p. XXXIX, 15.
to Benjamin Franklin

Account of a visit he paid to Amsterdam and of his conversation with the Factor and M. Van Berkel; England's desire to force Holland into an alliance she wishes to form with Russia and Prussia; has M. Van Berkel's word that Amsterdam will never consent to it; his own opinion as to the relations of Holland, England and France; believes the time to be ripe for working and intriguing at Amsterdam. Report received that the houses at Flushing were purchased by some merchants of Dunkirk; their reasons for this.

(In French.)

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1777 August 15 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVII, 107.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning a request from M. Flobergue de la Rocatelle [in French, 1 p.] to forward two packets to America, one to Congress, the other to Gen. Washington; will forward them unless he forbids.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1777 August 15 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVII, 108.
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing Mr. Henry Newman and Mr. Thomas Cushing.

Nicholson, Samuel. St. Malo 1777 August 15 A.L.S. 1p. VI, 193.
to Benjamin Franklin

Arrived at St. Malo. Mr. Elliot recommended by Capt. Wickes to go out with him as captain of marines; asks for a commission for him; wrote before for a commission for M. de Manay, at present master of the Dolphin.

Wickes, Lambert. St. Malo 1777 August 15 A.L.S. 2p. VI, 194.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Recommends Mr. Beaugear and his son to Franklin's kindness; aid they have rendered him in arming and fitting his vessel. Capt. Nicholson's arrival at Nantes with a fine new ship; recommends Mr. Elliot for his captain of marines. Wishes to know how far he may be justifiable in complying with the orders of administration for his governance.

-----, -----, **Bilbao** 1777 August 16 L. 1p. XLIV, 16.
to Benjamin Franklin

Have had no reply to memorandum of goods shipped on schooner Neptune and of advice as to the Success's departure. Captains Sinclair and Williamson arrived at Boston with naval stores after short and prosperous passages; but have not heard from Honorable Elbridge Gerry to whom they were consigned. Schooner Lively, Captain Nicholas Dupee, twenty-seven days from Newburyport, has arrived with seal oil and whale fins consigned to them. Forwards the enclosed sent through Captain Dupee in their care. English troops have evacuated Brunswick with precipitation; General Howe may proceed against some of the New England settlements.

Girard, chevalier de. Versailles. 1777 August 16 A.L.S. 1p. VI, 195.
to Benjamin Franklin

An experienced officer anxious to join the American army; his knowledge of the frontiers of Virginia and Canada.
(In French.)

Taxil, chevalier de Clermont. Bordeaux 1777 August 17 A.L.S. 2p. VI, 196.
to Benjamin Franklin

His desire for glory and his love of war induces him to leave his regiment and throw in his lot with the insurgents; discovered that he could do nothing without express permission from Franklin, which he now craves.
(In French.)

Jalonzet, Dr Chatillon 1777 August 17 L.S. 3p. CI, 26.
to Benjamin Franklin

Wishes to know if he could obtain remunerative employment as physician and surgeon in the United States.
(In French.)

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Houckgeest, A. E. Braam. Zutphen in Gelderland 1777 August 17 A.L.S. 2p. LXII, 59.
to Benjamin Franklin

As a member of the same society of Harlem, to which he belongs, he requests Franklin to obtain commissions for three young men.
(In French.)

La Baume, François de Rabier de. Portsmouth, on board "La Princesse Amèlie." 1777 August 18 A.L.S. 2p. VI, 197.
to Benjamin Franklin

Received a commission in the service of Congress and set sail with letters of recommendation; taken prisoner near Philadelphia; detained two months in New York and then sent to England; begs Franklin to interest himself in his sad state and to make known his intentions through the channel of his sister and brother, who will call on him.
(In French.)

Bernardin de Saint-Pierre, Jacques-Henri. Paris 1777 August 19 A.L.S. 1p. L. VI, 198.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has Known Franklin a long time by reputation; desires exceedingly to have the pleasure of an interview; thinks he could interest Franklin in favor of his brother, who has gone to share the glory of the American cause.
(In French.)

[Note in English on back of letter.] —An autograph letter of the famous J. H. Bernardin de St. Pierre, author of Paul et Virginie, etc. The brother, called Dutailly de St. Pierre, entered the American army and after some disgraceful adventures was sent a prisoner to France and locked up in the Bastille; his release obtained by Franklin; soon after this lost his reason and ended his days in a mad-house.

Fayenberg ?, -----. Aubague 1777 August 19 A.L.S. 2p. VI, 199.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Has read in the papers of the wretched food distributed to the army in America, —worm-eaten biscuit and tainted water. Sends him a history of these worms and if this proves of service to the Colonies will forward him a pamphlet concerning weevils and one on the ways of keeping water pure.
(In French.)

St. Lambert, Jean-François, marquis de. 1777 August 22 A.L.S. 3p. VI, 200.
Termonde
to Benjamin Franklin

Recommending a friend of his to Franklin who desires a position in the service; his former services and his knowledge of the American coast. Recommends also a young lieutenant now in the Emperor's service.
(In French.)

Wickes, Lambert. St. Malo 1777 August 22 A.L.S. 1p. VI, 201.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to know his future destination and how he is to act in regard to the proceedings of the Admiralty officers at this Port; if he is not despatched soon, it will be necessary to clean his hull again. Recommends Capt. Green, of Philadelphia, if Franklin has any employment for him; as he will do everything in his power to serve the American cause and is very capable of commanding a vessel.

Latour de Leimarie, —. Bergerac 1777 August 23 A.L.S. 2p. VI, 202.
to Benjamin Franklin

Cannot obtain employment in France; implores Franklin to procure him a position at Boston in whatever regiment he thinks suitable.
(In French.)

Wickes, Lambert. St. Malo 1777 August 24 A.L.S. 1p. VI, 203.
to Benjamin Franklin

Will strictly comply with the orders from the Minister at Paris; very anxious for his present unhappy detention to cease; it hurts him very much to be treated as he is by the Admiralty officers of this Port; if he lives to get back to America will never be persuaded to return to France. Is treated with great civility by the gentlemen of this place. Very grateful for Franklin's approbation.

Rolland, ----- Bellême 1777 August 24 A.L.S. 3p. VI, 204.

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to Benjamin Franklin

Two worthy families of his acquaintance desire to settle in Pennsylvania; begs Franklin to give them recommendations and their passage to Philadelphia free.

(In French.)

Geltier, C. P. Paris

1777 August 24

A.L.S. 2p. VI, 205.

to Benjamin Franklin

Wishes to know why, if dry, cold weather produces the most electricity, the greatest storms should occur in a hot, moist temperature.

(In French.)

Chiniac de la Bastide, —. Toulouse

1777 August 24

A.L.S. 2p. VI, 206.

to Benjamin Franklin

His great desire to serve under the flag of Franklin's republic and under a general covered with such immortal laurels.

(In French.)

La Prade, Jacques-Julien Richard de.

1777 August 24

A.L.S. 3p. VI, 207.

Montbrison

to Benjamin Franklin

Has practised medicine for seven years; so far has only written a few memoirs on chemistry; very desirous of going to America and under Franklin's patronage; thinks he may be of use in the army.

(In French.)

Lee, William. Holland

1777 August 25

A.L. 3p. XLIV, 17.

to Benjamin Franklin

Warns Dr. Franklin against a certain Mr. Wentworth who has been showing to the Dutch Minister of State and others, a copy of what purported to be Franklin's memorial to Count Maurepas, wherein he attempts to excite the French Court to declare openly and immediately in favor of America.

Heard there were letters at Nantes announcing Mr. Ramsey's safe arrival at Baltimore. To make France jealous of the Colonies it is reported that letters taken from American vessels state that North America promised to the West India Islands and those of Martinico that if they would assist them

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with warlike stores North America would, if successful, in turn help them to throw off the yoke of France. Burgoyne occupied Ticonderoga after the Americans evacuated it.

Hennet, ----. Paris 1777 August 25 A.L.S. 2p. LXI, 117b.
to Benjamin Franklin

Advises Franklin as to date of delivery of the order for 4,000 sabres. Proposes to supply other arms, such as lances, pikes, etc.
(In French.)

Ingenhousz, Jan 1777 August 26 A.L.S. 1p. VI, 208.
to Benjamin Franklin

Making an appointment to dine with Franklin.

Galland, -----. Lunéville 1777 August 27 A.L.S. 3p. VI, 209.
to Benjamin Franklin

His military career; desires to serve in the American army; his reasons for wishing this application and Franklin's answer to remain a secret.
(In French.)

Charlot, -----. Paris 1777 August 27 L. In 3d P. 1p.VI, 210.
to Benjamin Franklin

Introduces himself as the nephew of the former chief of the War Department and begs Franklin to appoint an hour when he may call upon him.

Martin, D. La Rochelle 1777 August 28 A.L.S. 3p. VI, 211.
to Benjamin Franklin

Gives an account of his voyage; asks for a loan; at present detained at the Royal Hospital; as soon as he is able will wait on Franklin for his orders.
(In French.)

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1777 August 28 A.L.S. 4p. XXXVII, 109.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Concerning the trouble between Capt Wickes and his men. Number of persons he has helped with money or a berth on a ship. His uncle's desire to return to America; begs Franklin to see him and advance him twenty louis on his account. His proposals for Mr. Schweighauser's daughter received rather coldly owing to his lack of means; his passion gradually getting the better of all reason and reflection.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1777 August 28 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVII, 110.
to The American Commissioners.

Major Lutterlob's letter from Philadelphia speaks of the state of the army as far superior to his expectations. Evacuation of the Jerseys confirmed, as well as the capture of Gen. Prescott.

Michet, F. Ludry 1777 August 28 A.L.S. LVIII, 68.
to Benjamin Franklin

Certifying that Louis Martin, lieutenant in a South Carolina regiment, has undergone treatment, for a fistula, in the military hospital of La Rochelle.
(In French.)

Barnzen, Friedrich. Hamburg 1777 August 29 A.L.S. 3p. LIX, 27.
to Benjamin Franklin

Wishes to become a useful "Subject" of the United States.

Bedot, —, fils ainé. Montpelier 1777 August 29 A.L.S. 2p. VI, 212.
to Benjamin Franklin

Solicits an order from Franklin for shoes.
(In French.)

Bouillon, ----. Paris 1777 August 29 A.L.S. 3p. VI, 213.
to Benjamin Franklin

At the request of Mme. la Comtesse de Villeneuve, begs for a letter of recommendation for Pierre Rérot, who desires to join the American army as lieutenant; his ardor so great that he will probably sail with or without a commission.
(In French.)

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Jones, Capt. John Paul. Portsmouth, New Hampshire 1777 August 30 L.S. 4p. VI, 214.
to Benjamin Franklin

Congress has put under his command the new sloop of war, the Ranger; almost insuperable difficulties he has encountered in equipping her; will wait on Franklin at the end of his cruise when he will point out some effective enterprises; encloses a paper he has hastily drawn up on the present evils of navy system; his own feelings about being superseded by his inferiors.

Ingenhousz, Jan 1777 August 30 A.L.S. 1p. VI, 215.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has found a coach at a very great bargain; calculates what it will cost them to stay sixteen days on their journey; awaits an immediate answer.

Platen, Philip de(?). Bordeaux. 1777 August 30 A.L.S. 3p. VI, 216.
to Benjamin Franklin

His previous military services; desires to quit the peace of Europe to seek war in America; applies to Franklin for his passage money.
(In French.)

Wickes, Lambert. St. Malo 1777 August 31 A.L.S. 2p. VI, 217.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has received orders from the Minister of Marine at Paris to depart the port immediately and not to enter again on any consideration; his surprise and indignation; desires to be ordered to America at once.

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Lee, William. Chaillot [1777. August.] ? A.L. in 3d P. XLIII, 200.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Will set out for Nantes next day and will take care of anything he has to send.

Devienne, Marquis. Doullens 1777 September 1 A.L.S. 1p. VII, 1.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Has written several times of his desire to pass into the service of Congress; only asks that his passage and that of one servant should be paid.

(In French.)

Conway, Françoise-Antoinette-Jeanne 1777 September 1 A.L.S. 1p. VII, 2.
Langlois du Bouchet, comtesse de.
Auxerre
 to Benjamin Franklin

In great trouble over the news of Ticonderoga; begs Franklin to relieve her anxiety about her husband and friends.

Holterman, Nicolaus Jacob. Cassell 1777 September 1 A.L.S. 4p. LXII, 58.
 to Benjamin Franklin

Asking for a commission in the American army.

(In French.)

De Casson, ----- Armentières, Paris 1777 September 2 A.L.S. 2p. LXII, 31.
 to Benjamin Franklin

Request to enter the American army.

(In French.)

Trezarrieur, Pierre ?. Alicante 1777 September 2 A.L.S. 1p. VII, 3.
 to Benjamin Franklin

Has heard that Congress thinks of establishing consulates in all the ports of Spain; desires the post of Consul in Alicante.

(In French.)

Mascrony(?), soeur de, (Abbess of St. Michel de Doullens). Doullens 1777 September 2 L.S. 3p. VII, 4.
 to Benjamin Franklin

Writes on behalf of the nephew of one of the sisters who desires to enter the American army; he belongs to a very ancient family; has not a son to his name.

(In French.)

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Larguier des Bancel, —. Rochefort 1777 September 2 A.L.S. 4p. VII, 5.
to Benjamin Franklin

Justice of the American cause; the hoped-for alliance between France and the Colonies. His desire to emigrate to America and pursue the business of commerce or agriculture.

(In French.)

Bedout, James. Bordeaux 1777 September 2 A.L.S. 1p. VII, 6.
to Benjamin Franklin

Is ready to sail; renews his request for a commission.

Lescun, Jean-Paul de. Vannes 1777 September 2 A.L.S. 1p. VII, 8.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has been told that Franklin is charged by Congress to procure officers for the army; offers his services.

(In French.)

Merville, comte de La. St.Germain-en-Laye 1777 September 2 A.L.S. 1p. VII, 8 1/2.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning his servant, Le Noir, who leaves him on the pretense that Franklin has engaged him; has too high an opinion of Franklin's honesty to believe he would engage a servant wearing another man's livery.

(In French.)

Lomagne-Tarride, Bernard, abbé vicomte de. Béarn 1777 September 3 A.L.S. 2p. VII, 9.
to Benjamin Franklin

Appeals to him on behalf of the Vicomte de Tarride who sailed for Boston a month before to aid the American cause.

(In French.)

Day, William. Port Louis 1777 September 3 A.L.S. 2p. VII, 10.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Account of a cruise under the command of John Manley, Esq.; captured nine prizes; expects to sail for America in eight days.

O'Cahill, -----. **Strasbourg** 1777 September 4 L.S. 3p. VII, 11.
to Benjamin Franklin

Comes to an ancient and noble family in Ireland; brought up at the Prussian Court; his military services; begs Franklin to procure him a position as officer in the army.
(In French.)

Fournier, Jean-François. **Paris** 1777 September 4 A.L.S. 2p. VII, 12.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning some type that Franklin wished to order from him.
(In French.)

d'Argreum, Chevalier ?. **Commercy** 1777 September 4 A.L.S. 2p. VII, 13.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to serve in the American army, and to take with him six officers of his choosing.
(In French.)

Paulze, Jacques. **Bercy** 1777 September 4 L.S. 2p. VII, 14.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning a large purchase of tobacco and the difficulties of transporting it safely.
(In French.)

Dumas, Charles-Guillaume-Frédéric 1777 September 5-25 2p. LIII, 19b.
to Commission of Foreign Affairs

His situation; the personal attacks made on him and the losses and injury he suffered by being deprived of his position and source of living for his devotion to the American cause and the interests of Congress.
(In French.) (Copy.)

Vincent, J. **Paris** 1777 September 5 A.L.S. 1p. VII, 16.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Desires to know if the letter from Holland he left at Franklin's house came safely to hand; returns in a day or two if he desires to entrust him with any letters.

(In French.)

Mazzei, Philip. Albemarle County, Va 1777 September 5 A.L.S. 2p. VII, 17.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the seeds called *Ravizzoni* by the Lombards and *Cavolo rapa* in the Tuscan language; their probable usefulness in America. Begs Franklin to forward certain letters to the Grand Duke of Tuscany; has a plan in view which he thinks will be very agreeable to that sovereign and very beneficial to the colonies.

Mazzei, Philip. Albemarle County, Va 1777 September 5 A.L.S. 3p. VII, 18.
to Benjamin Franklin

Copy of preceding with an additional note concerning the *Cavolo rapa*. The bearer is Mr. Shore, a gentleman from Virginia.

Wythe, George. Williamsburg 1777 September 6 A.L.S. 1p. VII, 19.
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing Thomas Shore, a young gentleman of Virginia about to embark for Europe.

**Capt Lambert Wickes and Samuel
Nicholson. St. Malo** 1777 September 6 L.S. 2p. LX, 26.
to Benjamin Franklin

Appeal for relief and assistance for their brother officers and men who are prisoners in England, and who are suffering for want of the necessaries of life.

**Rullecourt, Phillipe-Charles-Félix
Macquart, baron de. Blois** 1777 September 7 A.L.S. 3p. VII, 20.
to Benjamin Franklin

His plan to raise a body of men in France and the colonies to assist the Colonial generals in their operations; demands neither rank nor pay for himself, only for those under his orders who have already suffered enough in Poland.

(In French.)

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Bruges, comte de. Valréas 1777 September 7 A.L.S. 2p. VII, 21.
to Benjamin Franklin

Claims kinship with General Montgomery who fell at Quebec. Asks for a letter of recommendation for M. d'Alençon who desires to serve in the American army.
(In French.)

de St Lambert, Comte. Brussels 1777 September 8 A.L.S. 1p. VII, 22.
to Benjamin Franklin

Entreating an answer to his letter of August 22d.
(In French.)

Rognes, Nicolas-Jean-Baptiste Balthazar 1777 September 8 A.L.S. 2p. VII, 23.
**Raphelis d'Agout, marquis de. Aix en
Provence**
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to pass into the service of the Colonies with the same rank he has held in France.
(In French.)

Hamilton, R. London 1777 September 8 A.L.S. 2p. VII, 24.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has decided to carry his small capital in cash rather than in goods; has been offered a free passage to New York; from there will make his way to some part of Pennsylvania; begs Franklin to send him the promised letter of recommendation.

Fortin de Melleville, — (lawyer). Paris 1777 September 9 A.L.S. 3p. VII, 25.
to Benjamin Franklin

Pays Franklin many compliments; offers him his life if he will design to accept it ; in the mean time desires to know at what hour he may wait upon him.
(In French.)

Beaumont, Comtesse de Feillens. Paris 1777 September 9 A.L.S. 2p. VII, 251/2.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Desires a position in the American army for the son of a French officer, sure that he will prove satisfactory in every respect.

(In French.)

Guitton, Le Camus. Châtellerault to Benjamin Franklin	1777 September 10	A.L.S. 2p.	VII, 26.
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Has three sons, whom she wishes to put into the American service.

(In French.)

Duclaux, -----. Lyon to Benjamin Franklin	1777 September 10	A.L.S. 2p.	VII, 27.
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Desires to enter the American service.

(In French.)

Estourneau Delatouche (de La Touche), Jacques. St. Jean-d' Augely to Benjamin Franklin	1777 September 10	A.L.S. 2p.	VII, 28.
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Desires to obtain the command of an American regiment; wishes to know the price.

(In French.)

Brie, Jean-Georges-Anne-Prosper Derrieux (du Rieu) de Madron de to Benjamin Franklin	1777 September 10	A.L.S. 2p.	VII, 29.
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Offers his services and desires, if possible, to obtain a company in the new levies that M.de Brétigny is recruiting under Franklin's protection.

(In French.)

Bégougne, -----. Limoges to Benjamin Franklin	1777 September 12	A.L.S. 2p.	VII, 30.
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The "war of the Bostonians" opens a possible career to him; desires to become a surgeon in the American army and to procure a salary from the moment of embarking.

(In French.)

Wickes, Lambert. St. Malo	1777 September 12	A.L.S. 1p.	VII, 31.
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Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

to Benjamin Franklin

The Admiralty very pressing in their insistance on his departure; fears he will have to sail before the arrival of Franklin's despatches; disposition to be made of the Dolphin.

Marquis de Puységur and ----- de Carmainville 1777 September 12 L. in 3d P. 1p.LXII, 20.
to Benjamin Franklin

Asking for a letter of introduction for their friend, M. de Carriere, who is going to America.
(In French.)

Genlis, ----- Paris 1777 September 13 A.L.S. 1p. VII, 32.
to Benjamin Franklin

Recommending to Franklin La Clause, who desires to enter the service of Congress.
(In French.)

Beauvais, Louis-Marie-Daniel de. Le Mans 1777 September 13 A.L.S. 3p. VII, 33.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to obtain a place in the American army; necessity of keeping this fact a secret from his family.
(In French.)

Gruner, [A.] Rodolph. Paris 1777 September 14 A.L.S. 2p. VII, 34.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to enter the service of the Colonies.
(In French.)

Bermont de Vilerpot (Villerpot), Charles-Joseph, chevalier de. Vesoul 1777 September 14 A.L.S. 2p. VII, 35.
to Benjamin Franklin

Offers his services; his past military record; desires to know what would be his rank and salary.
(In French.)

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Bissy, Stephano, baron de. Versailles 1777 September 14 A.L.S. 4p. VII, 36.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning some wonderful discoveries he has made; wishes Franklin to test his latest invention for loading cannon; the advantage this would be to the Colonies; what he desires Congress to do for him.
(In French.)

Bulet, -----. La Charité 1777 September 14 A.L.S. 3p. VII, 37.
to Benjamin Franklin

His enthusiasm over the success of the Americans and his admiration for the brave fellows; offers to furnish the colonies with certain articles necessary to their commerce or to their military operations.
(In French.)

Nicholson, Samuel. St. Malo 1777 September 15 A.L.S. 2p. VII, 38.
to Benjamin Franklin

The departure of Captain Wickes accompanied by the Dolphin; Johnston afraid he will be obliged to leave the port of Morlaix; expects to meet the Dolphin with the rest of his officers at Nantes.

Gruner, [A.] Rodolph. Paris 1777 September 16 A.L.S. 2p. VII, 39.
to Benjamin Franklin

Urgent reasons why he desires an immediate answer to the request in his letter of the 14th.
(In French.)

Chaumont, Jacques-Donatien Le Ray de 1777 September 16 A.L.S. 1p. VII, 40.
to Benjamin Franklin

Wishes Franklin's decision concerning a frigate which Bernier and Gourlade desire to sell. Begg Franklin and his colleagues to dine with him and the matter can be concluded at once.
(In French.)

Schérer de Jouchery, Barthélémy-Louis-Joseph. Paris 1777 September 16 A.L.S. 1p. VII, 41.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Recommended to Franklin some time before by M. le Comte de Maillebois, and presented him with a military work of his entitled " Nouveau Traité Colonne"; desires to hear Franklin's opinion of his book.

(In French.)

Lebrun (Le Brun), Charles-François. 1777 September 18 A.L.S. 3p. VII, 42.

Paris

to Benjamin Franklin

Encloses a letter for Mr. Deane from M. La Goaner relating to Mr. Cunningham, Captain of the Revenge, who is in a Spanish port and has applied to M. La Goaner for a sum of refit his ship. Asks Franklin not to mention the receipt of this note, as his (the writer's) name has a sort of unhappy celebrity which he endeavors to bury in solitude and oblivion.

Lebrun (Le Brun), Charles-François. 1777 September 18 A.L.S. 4p. VII, 43.

Paris

to Benjamin Franklin

M. La Goaner's talents, position and influence. The advantages of certain ports in Spain as a safe retreat for the American privateers.

de Maisonneuve, Berthon. Brussels 1777 September 18 L.S. 1p. LXXI, 4.

to Benjamin Franklin

Requesting Franklin to forward a letter to Mr. [Stephen] Sayre.

(In French.)

O'Douin. Versailles 1777 September 19 A.L.S. 2p. VII, 44.

to Benjamin Franklin

Applies for letters of recommendation for the Marquis of Luce, who desires to fight for the colonies and is willing to repair to Philadelphia at his own expense.

Luce-Seillans, marquis de. Versailles 1777 September 20 A.L.S. 1p. VII, 45.

to Benjamin Franklin

Begs Franklin to name an hour when he may speak of his great desire to serve the Colonies; his knowledge of fortifications.

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Luce-Seillans, marquis de. Paris 1777 September 24 A.L.S. 3p. VII, 51.
to Benjamin Franklin

Asking Franklin to endorse a bill of exchange that he may carry out his projects at once; begs Franklin to give at the same time the promised letter of recommendation.
(In French.)

Bedout, James. Bordeaux 1777 September 24 A.L.S. 1p. VII, 52.
to Benjamin Franklin

Disappointed that Franklin could not grant his request for a commission as he has been at great expense in fitting out his sloop for cruising; is determined to sail straight for New England under Dutch colors in hopes that Congress will grant him the desired commission; begs for a letter of recommendation.

Benyowski, Maurice-Augustus, baron de. Versailles 1777 September 25 A.L.S. 1p. VII, 53.
to Benjamin Franklin

Asking Franklin to give the bearer a letter of recommendation so that after his arrival he may find military employment. Hopes to meet Franklin soon for his revenge at chess.
(In French.)

[Sowden, Benjamin] 1777 September 26 A.L. 4p. XLIV, 18.
to Benjamin Franklin

Copy of letter of August 25th (XLIV, 17). Fears the letters between them are being intercepted. Received the report that Boston and Philadelphia are captured, but this is not verified.

Baynes, John. Paris [1777.] September 26 A.L.S. 1p. XLI, 118.
to Benjamin Franklin

Informing him of a safe opportunity to send his letter to London.

Fendrich, Alex 1777 September 27 A.L.S. 1p. VII, 54.
to Benjamin Franklin

The bearer is a native of Strasbourg; desires to serve as a volunteer on an American vessel.

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Izard, Ralph. Paris 1777 September 30 A.L.S. 1p. VII, 56.
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging the receipt of the commission and instructions from Congress.

Bert de Majan, —, abbé. Molsheim 1777 October 1 A.L.S. 2p. VII, 57.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begs for news of his brother, whom they have not heard from since his departure; asks that the enclosed letter may be forwarded to him.

(In French.)

MacMahon, John. At the Military school in Paris 1777 October 1 A.L.S. 1p. VII, 58.
to Benjamin Franklin

Recommends to Franklin a clergyman who has received a letter from Ireland to be forwarded to Albany in America and desires to know the best way of sending it.

The Economic Society of Berne 1777 October 1 D. 3p. LIII, 51.
to Benjamin Franklin

Programme of a contest to be held for a prize essay outlining a plan or scheme of legislation for criminal affairs.

(In French.)

Johnson, Joshua. Paris 1777 October 2 A.L.S. 1p. VII, 59.
to Benjamin Franklin

His purpose to load two or three vessels at Lisbon with salt and send them to some one of the United Colonies; desires passports to protect said vessels from being captured by American cruisers.

Barbeau-Dubourg, Jacques. 1777 October 2 A.L.S. 1p. VII, 60.
to Benjamin Franklin

Recommends le Chevalier de la Pottère, and begs him to do for this young man what he has often granted in less deserving cases.

(In French.)

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Castle, Joy. Bordeaux 1777 October 2 A.L.S. 1p. VII, 61.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has got his ship and will sail for Virginia very soon; is obliged to leave his wife in Bordeaux until his return owing to her bad health. Desires a pass to protect his valuable cargo.

Bancroft, Edward. Paris 1777 October 3 A.L.S. 3p. VII, 62.
to The American Commissioners.

Details the events which led up to his being summoned to Paris by order of the Committee on Secret Correspondence to aid the Commissioners by giving information of English affairs; for nine months endeavored to be useful to the United States; flattered himself that he would have received some regular appointment from Congress; being disappointed in this and his fortune not permitting him to accept honors without benefits he has decided to withdraw from all political pursuits.

de la Vérité, Chevalier. Vaureas 1777 October 3 A.L.S. 1p. VII, 63.
to Benjamin Franklin

So far, M. le Comte de Bruges has received no answer to his application for letters of recommendation on behalf of a young officer; high position and illustrious connections of the Comte de Bruges merit more attention.
(In French.)

Thornton, J. Paris 1777 October 4 A.L.S. 2p. VII, 64.
to Benjamin Franklin

Encloses the latest papers brought by him Dicppe; willing to undertake any commission however hazrdous.

Yart, Abbé. Rouen 1777 October 4 A. Mem. 2p. LI, 1 (1,2,3).
to Benjamin Franklin

In praise of Franklin on his arrival in France (poem, 3 p., in French), and an imaginary address made by him to France, Holland and Switzerland.
(In French.)

The Continental Congress, Committee of Foreign Affairs. York, Pa 1777 October 6 A.L.S. LIII, 52.
Benj[ami]n

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1777 October 6

A.L.S. 1p. VII, 65.

to Benjamin Franklin

Has forwarded three anniversary sermons designed for Franklin, Deane and Lee; congratulates Franklin on the great and important news that the express will bring him; trusts this event will bring G[reat] B[ritain] to her senses.

Bowman, J. Paris

1777 October 7

A.L.S. 1p. VII, 66.

to Benjamin Franklin

Writes for information concerning the use of fixed air as a solvent of stone in the bladder.

Bruges, comte de. Valréas

1777 October 7

A.L.S. 2p. VII, 67.

to Benjamin Franklin

Wrote a month ago concerning M. d'Alençon; begs for an answer to his request.

(In French.)

Condorcet, marquis de

c. 1778

A.L.S. 1p. XLII, 133.

to Benjamin Franklin

Requesting a letter of recommendation for M. Abadie, a young lawyer going to Boston. Messages from the Duchess d'Euville and her family. Refers Franklin to the notice of his works, written by him (Condorcet) in the volume of the Academy of Sciences of 1773.

(In French.)

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Doerner, ----- Jr. Paris 1777 October 8 A.L. in 3d P. VII, 69.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Asking Franklin to forward the enclosed letter to Sir James Jay, who, he believes, is at Spa in Germany.

King, John. Nantes 1777 October 9 A.L.S. 1p. VII, 70.
to The American Commissioners.

Expects to sail in nine days; will take charge of any letters, etc., destined for America. J. Gruel and Co., the only firm willing to advance their credit in behalf of the State of Virginia. Gives the signals to be observed at Cape Henry for those ships going to Virginia. Gives the signals to be observed at Cape Henry for those ships going to Virginia and Maryland.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1777 October 9 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVII, 111.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing a letter to M. de Chaumont and a bill of exchange drawn on him; not a moment to be lost in its presentation.

Thompson, Thomas. Port Louis 1777 October 10 A.L.S. 7p. VII, 71.
to Benjamin Franklin

The arrival in France of two Continental frigates under his command; the Raleigh and the Alfred; the ships in need of repairs and military stores; would be glad of advice from Franklin; disposition he will make of his prizes. Latest news from America; Howe's fleet hovering about, not knowing where to land. Ticonderoga a cursed affair. Movements of the army near Albany. Avarice and loss of virtue among the people; some parts of the continent in a seemingly lethargic condition. Arrival of small vessel from Portsmouth; boarded and searched by English frigate and obliged to throw overboard all the mail. Heavy losses experienced by Burgoyne.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1777 October 11 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVII, 112.
to Benjamin Franklin

Requesting a letter of recommendation for M. Sollicoffre, who sails shortly for Virginia. He is an upright, deserving young man who has been several years in the counting house of Mr. Schweighauser. Is induced to ask this from his friendship for Mr. Sollicoffre.

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Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1777 October 14 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVII, 113.
to The American Commissioners.

Capt. Nicholson gone to L'Orient to aid the captains of the two frigates just arrived there. Return of the Mère Bobie. Her Captain delivered your dispatches in safety, but has not been so fortunate with those he was charged with in return.

Walter, Henri. Hildesheim 1777 October 15 A.L.S. 2p. VII, 72.
to Benjamin Franklin

Lives in a country which produces immense quantities of linen and cotton fabrics which may be useful to the Congress; asks Franklin to procure him orders.
(In French.)

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1777 October 16 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVII, 114.
to The American Commissioners.

Captain Brown wishes to be excused from taking the Dolphin as his owners have directed him to return in the Mars, which belongs to them, but he will do as you wish. Now getting in her new mast. Would be glad if the Dolphin were not to sail 'till the Lion is ready; 1000 fuzils arrived from Dunkirk.

Lee, William 1777 October 16 L. 3p. XLIV, 19.
to Benjamin Franklin

Relative to the price of nonpareil letters, in Harlem, and the purchase of type. Inadvisable to have the entire Bible in type at once. Cause for not signing name. Glad to hear that the military brute P—t is, for a time, deprived of his power to exercise his natural insolence. Wishes he was the only British officer in America who could be justly charged with brutality. Fears for America and equally for the dear bought liberties of England, which will inevitably expire by the same wounds that destroy those of the Colonies.

The Continental Congress, Committee of Foreign Affairs. York, Pa 1777 October 18 L. 2p. LIII, 54.
to The American Commissioners.

Gates's victory over Burgoyne at Saratoga. Shipment of English merchandise in French bottoms.
(Conclusion missing.)

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Williams, Jonathan Jr. to Benjamin Franklin	1777 October 18	A.L.S. 1p.	XXXVII, 115.
Afraid his letter of the 9th, enclosing one of M. Chaumont, has miscarried; begs for a line to allay his uneasiness.			

Rolandeau, ----- Bordeaux to Benjamin Franklin	1777 October 18	A.L.S. 1p.	VII, 74.
His ardent desire to enter the American service; anxious to obtain a letter from Franklin. (In French.)			

Champigny, Jean Bochard de. Amsterdam to Benjamin Franklin	1777 October 18	A.L.S. 1p.	VII, 75.
Sending him the second volume of his "Histoire d'Angleterre." (In French.)			

Elmsley, P. Paris to Benjamin Franklin	1777 October 20	A.L.S. 1p.	VII, 76.
Will Franklin continue his subscription to Jacquin's <i>Hortus Vindobonensis</i> ; sets out for London on Wednesday; has Franklin any commands for his literary friends there.			

La Bastide, ----- Fontainebleau to Benjamin Franklin	1777 October 20	A.L.S. 2p.	VII, 77.
Offering his services to the American cause. (In French.)			

Thompson, Thomas. L'Orient to Benjamin Franklin	1777 October 20	A.L.S. 2p.	VII, 78.
Disposition he has made of the prizes; difficulties in the way of making haste.			

Deane, Silas. Passy to Benjamin Franklin	1777 October 23	A.L.S. 1p.	VII, 79.
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Goes to a rendezvous with Messrs. Chaumont and Holker; the latter desires the letters Franklin promised him. Dr. Bancroft has returned.

Hirschberg, Charles de. Strasbourg 1777 October 23 A.L.S. 3p. VII, 80.
to Benjamin Franklin

Is professor of English at the University of Strasbourg; has translated Franklin's Examination in Parliament 1 and followed the text as closely as possible; offers his services in case Franklin desires to have any of his other works translated.

Other Descriptive Information

1 See Ford's Bibliography of Benjamin Franklin, p. 133, C., 296.

Baumann, Martin. Kirchheim, Poland 1777 October 24 A.L.S. 3p. LIX, 31.
to Benjamin Franklin

States that a brother of his went to America twenty-eight years ago and settled in Delaware, Pennsylvania. Writer and a younger brother followed ten years ago. Younger brother entered American army and rose to a captaincy. Writer returned to his native city two and one half years ago to receive an inheritance. Wishes to return to America and epouse patriots' cause. Asks Dr. Franklin's assistance.

Cooper, Samuel. Boston 1777 October 25 A.L. 12p. XLIV, 20.
to Benjamin Franklin

Congratulates him on the surrender of General Burgoyne; account of the surrender and the military movements which led up to it; behavior of the American soldiers; skirmishes around Philadelphia. Effect of Burgoyne's surrender on Great Britain and other European countries, and on America. Urges Franklin to secure loans for America. (Conclusion missing.)

Walker, Thomas. Boston 1777 October 25 A.L.S. 2p. VII, 81.
to Benjamin Franklin

Congratulating Franklin on the success of the American arms in the Northern Department; introducing Col. de Masasquelle, a member of the Royal Academy of Sciences, to Franklin's notice; his son a colonel in the American artillery and pensioned for life by this State, in consideration of his having introduced the art of founding and boring cannon solid, etc.

Williams, Jonathan Sr 1777 October 25 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVII, 116.

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to Benjamin Franklin

Announcing the capture of Gen. Burgoyne and his entire army. Introducing the bearer of the good news, Mr. Jonathan L. Austin.

Cooper, Samuel. Boston 1777 October 25 A.L.S. 1p. VII, 82.
to Benjamin Franklin

His only daughter married to Joseph Hixon, Esq., of Monsterrat in West Indies; he left Boston in the spring for London; begs Franklin to forward him the enclosed letter from his wife; should accident bring Mr. Hixon to France, asks Franklin's notice for him.

Biancourt, — (commission seeker). Fontenay 1777 October 25 A.L.S. 2p. VII, 83.
to Benjamin Franklin

His former military services; his desire to enter the American army with the rank captain. (In French.)

Austin, Benjamin. Boston 1777 October 25 A.L.S. 2p. VII, 84.
to Benjamin Franklin

The surrender of Burgoyne and his whole army to Gen. Gates has induced the council of Massachusetts to forward an express to the Commissioners at Paris; his son the bearer of this intelligence; begs Franklin to grant him his friendship and countenance.

Guienne Dumouchel, Jean-Baptiste-Eléonor de (commission seeker). Dieppe 1777 October 28 A.L.S. 3p. VII, 85.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to obtain a company of infantry or dragoons in the service of Congress. (In French.)

Greene, Catharine. Boston 1777 October 28 A.L.S. 3p. VII, 86.
to Benjamin Franklin

Mrs. Collas is exceedingly well and quite contented to be delivered from Howe's ravages. Supposes he has heard that Mrs. Bache has a fine daughter; leaves the great news to more intelligent pens; begs for a letter if only a line.

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Harold, Edmund de (commission seeker). 1777 October 28 A.L.S. 3p. VII, 87.
Dusseldorf
 to Benjamin Franklin

Offers his services; does not wish to quit his present soild establishment until he knows what conditions he may expect; his former military services; well known to any officer in the Irish regiment in France; a great friend of Gen. Conway.

Langdon, John. Portsmouth. N.H 1777 October 29 L.S. 2p. VII, 88.
 to The American Commissioners.

Sends by the Continental ship Ranger the articles of capitulation with Mr. Burgoyne and a copy of a letter written by Gen. Gates to Burgoyne six days before the surrender; had the happiness to be a witness of this scene. Magnificent conduct of Gen. Gates. Howe's army in possession of Philadelphia; his situation thought to be almost as bad as Burgoyne's. Description of the retreat of the English, the horrible scenes of death and destruction and the final glorious surrender of the entire army.

Wendell, John. Portsmouth 1777 October 30 A.L.S. 3p. VII, 89.
 to Benjamin Franklin

Congratulating him on the grand events in America; what the Americans owe to Franklin's influence and counsels. His uncle, Col. Josiah Quincy, prevented from writing Franklin by the danger of the times. By the impolicy of Britain the militia of America have become disciplined troops. Britain's perilous situation. His son serving with Capt. Jones on the Ranger; if Capt. Jones should promote him, would be obliged for Franklin's support; sure the family of the wendells and Quineys are not disagreeable to him. Mentions Capt. Jones as a sensible, well-bred gentleman, who has the honor of America much at heart.

Wendell, John. Portsmouth 1777 October 30 A.L.S. 1p. VII, 90.
 to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing Lieut. Thomas Simpson of the Ranger, a most distinguished officer.

Cushing, Thomas. Boston 1777 October 30 A.L.S. 2p. VII, 91.
 to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing Mr. Jonathan Loring Austin to Franklin's favorable notice. Congratulates him on the success of the American arms in the Northern Department; news from the southward not

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discouraging; Gen. Howe and his army said to be preparing for a retreat from Philadelphia; Washington at or about Germantown waiting to cut him off. Wishes to know what effect Gates's success will have on England and also on the Courts of Europe.

Gonterie, — de la. Paris 1777 October 30 A.L.S. 3p. VII, 92.
to Benjamin Franklin

A manufacturer of materials for soldiers' and sailors' uniforms desires to send a cargo of these goods to New England; failure of a previous attempt owing to capture; is the owner of a well-appointed vessel; desires Franklin to furnish him with letters of marque that he may carry this merchandise safely across. Served some months under Capt. Wickes.
(In French.)

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1777 October 30 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVII, 117.
to Benjamin Franklin

His favor of the 25th inst. he immediately destroyed. Certain debts which he must pay. Question of putting arms on board the Lion.

Dumas, C.G.F. 1777 October 30 A.L.S. 3p. XXXIX, 17.
to Benjamin Franklin

The demand of the Dutch merchants accorded. Believes his services can be of some use to America; risk involved in his present position; depends on him to hear as soon as possible of the success of their scheme.
(In French.)

Barbeau-Dubourg, Jacques. Paris 1777 October 31 A.L.S. 3p. VII, 93.
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing M. le Chevalier du Gravier, a friend of M. Coder and an officer of artillery, also M. de Livoys, navy officer, actually in the service of America. Enmity of M. des Granges and all his employes toward Coder.
(In French.)

Merckle, Joh Ph. Amsterdam 1777 November 1 A.L.S. 1p. VII, 94.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Introducing M. St. Godet, son-in-law of the Governor of St. Eustatius; he is interested in all that is most dear to Franklin.

(In French.)

Lee, Arthur, 1740-1792 to Benjamin Franklin	1777 November 1	A.L. in 3d P. VII, 95. 1p.
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Begs for the papers he mentioned to Franklin, namely: Count Vergennes's letter, the last memoir to him, the last letter to the Committee and the list of stores shipped from Marseilles.

Cole, James. Ile de Rhé to Benjamin Franklin	1777 November 1	A.L.S. 1p. VII, 96.
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Very interesting business calls him and two of his friends to Philadelphia; being unable to pay their passage thither, begs Franklin to procure it for them.

Gorjy, -----. Paris to Benjamin Franklin	1777 November 2	A.L.S. 2p. VII, 97.
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Desires to know from what source he can gain some information concerning the habits of the colonies, principally of the Quakers and the savages; these details are necessary for a work he is contemplating.

(In French.)

Holker, Jean. Rouen to Benjamin Franklin	1777 November 4	A.L.S. 2p. VII, 98.
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Acknowledging Franklin's letter and promising that everything shall be executed according to his wishes. Sends message to Mr. Deane.

Gayette, -----, fils. Brionde to Benjamin Franklin	1777 November 6	A.L.S. 2p. VII, 98 1/2.
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He and two others very anxious to join la Fayette; desires Franklin's advice and assistance to attain this end; asks for a letter from Madame de la Fayette, who is at present in Paris.

(In French.)

Williams, Jonathan Jr. to Benjamin Franklin	1777 November 6	A.L.S. 2p. XXXVII, 118.
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Prizes given to the English by special order of the King; money loss less serious than the excuse this will give to spies to live among them.

Le Fevre, -----. London to Benjamin Franklin	1777 November 7	L. 1p.	VII, 99.
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Acquainting Franklin with the fact that Miss Lydia B[ache] and her sister, of Preston, have lost their mother, and asking him to break the news gently to R[ichard] B[ache].

Luc, — du. Saint Maixent to Benjamin Franklin	1777 November 8	A.L.S. 2p.	VII, 100.
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Madame le Baronne de la Courchambeau desires her two sons to enter the service of Congress and will make them a certain allowance and pay their passage over; begs Franklin to aid them in this affair with letters to some one in Congress.

(In French.)

Anderson, John. St. Malo to Benjamin Franklin	1777 November 8	A.L.S. 2p.	VII, 101.
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In difficulties about his agreement with M. de Purny; desires to sail in the service of his own country; asking for Franklin's advice.

The Continental Congress, Committee of Foreign Affairs. York, Pa to The American Commissioners.	1777 November 8	A.L.S. Richard Henry Lee and James Lovell. 1p.	LIII, 56.
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Bills of exchange to be presented with this letter. Henry Laurens, of Charleston, South Carolina, has been elected President of the Continental Congress.

(In duplicate.)

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Valltravers, Rodolph. Bienne to Benjamin Franklin	1777 November 10	A.L.S. 1p.	VII, 102.
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Switzerland's attitude concerning the misfortunes of England and America; possibility of a reconciliation through the medium of a just, equitable, pacifying mediator.

Wright, Patience. London to Benjamin Franklin	1777 November 10	A.L.S. 2p.	VII, 103.
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Parliament not to meet until more explicit accounts are received from Lord Howe; influence this will have on the case of poor Platt still confined in Newgate with others of his countrymen. Begg Franklin not to suffer Lord Stormont or any of his tools to prevent the exchange of prisoners proposed. Many young men ready to serve in the American army; mortified at not receiving a line from any of her countrymen in Paris.

de Lucé, Chevalier de Marolles. Paris to The Congress of the United States.	1777 November 10	A.L.S. 1p.	LXII, 79 and 80.
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Offers his services; encloses certificates of his capacity.
(In French.)

Williams, Jonathan Jr. to Benjamin Franklin	1777 November 11	A.L.S. 2p.	XXXVII, 119.
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Concerning the orders of the French Government to hand over the prizes to the English; cannot reconcile such proceedings with common honesty; begs to know whether there is a prospect of his getting his advances repaid. Praise for Capt. Nicholson.

Gianolio, François. Turin to Benjamin Franklin	1777 November 12	A.L.S. 2p.	VII, 104.
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Desires some position connected with the commerce between America and Italy.
(In French.)

Bingham, William. St Pierre, Martinique to Benjamin Franklin	1777 November 14	A.L.S. 4p.	
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Enclosing a copy of a letter from St. Eustatius with news from America of the taking of Philadelphia by Howe; this account founded merely on reports. Should Washington have been again repulsed, thinks his army could not have behaved with that bravery which should have distinguished troops in such an important situation; what this event, if true, will mean to the English. Gen. Gate's operations in Canada.

[Letter enclosed.]

Bingham, William. St Pierre, 1777 November 7 L. 2p. VII, 105.

Martinique Saint Eustache

to Benjamin Franklin

Announcing the taking of Philadelphia by Howe; the position of Washington at Germantown; Gen. Gates's movements against Burgoyne.

(In French.)

Barbeau-Dubourg, Jacques. 1777 November 14 A.L.S. 2p. VII, 107.

to Benjamin Franklin

Begging Franklin to accord a moment's audience to M. Henri du Bois, a merchant of Amsterdam, who has affairs of interest to communicate. Sends Franklin an ode and introduces the author of it, M. Courtney Melmoth.

(In French.)

Rolandeau, -----. Bordeaux 1777 November 15 A.L.S. 3p. VII, 108.

to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to go back to New England; begs him to endorse his commissions, which have doubtless been presented by M. le Comte d'Ossun. Delay in setting out due to his father's death; begs Franklin to give him letters for his superior officers that he may justify his lengthened absence.

(In French.)

O'Douin, -----. Versailles 1777 November 15 A.L.S. 3p. VII, 109.

to Benjamin Franklin

His promise of letters of recommendation on behalf of a young gentleman, who has been too ill to avail himself of them; begs them for two brothers, the Messrs, Poullain; the elder an advocate in the Parliament of Paris, who desires to become a planter; the younger an officer in the King's service,

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who desires a position in the Light Troops. Remembers Franklin's kindness to him when detained a prisoner of war in Philadelphia; reasons for granting his request.

de Bay, Jaques, J. Brussels 1777 November 15 L.S. 2p. VII, 111.
to Benjamin Franklin

Informing Franklin of the death of Madam Bache, his daughter's mother-in law; offers to be a medium for Franklin's correspondence with M. Theobald and his other friends.
(In French.)

Johnson, Martha. London 1777 November 15 A.L.S. 3p. VII, 112.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sympathy for America. Desires to get a position as housekeeper. Kindness shown to her by Franklin's friends, Mr. and Mrs. Walker; asked their interest for her son, Sammy, to get him promoted from a midship man to lieutenant; begs Franklin to write Mr. Walker in his favor.

Dumas, C.G.F. 1777 November 18 A.L.S. 2p. XXXIX, 18.
to The American Commissioners.

A company of merchants is forming in Zealand to trade directly with America. Rumor that the Grand Pensionnaire of Amsterdam is incensed against the English. Anecdote concerning one of his late pupils and Sir Joseph Yorke. Sends the Leyden Gazette with the article quoted from the Maryland paper concerning R. H. Lec.
(In French.)

Reculès de Basmarein & Raimbaux. 1777 November 18 L.S. 3p. VII, 114.
Bordeaux
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the construction of certain packets whose object will be to carry despatches back and forth at regular intervals; they will offer their services to Congress if they wish to entrust their mail to them; makes the same offer to Franklin. His attachment to the cause of America, and to Franklin in particular.
(In French.)

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1777 November 20 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVII, 120.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Concerning a passage for the Count d'Attems and the payment of his expenses until he embarks.

Guérin, -----, Paris 1777 November 21 A.L.S. 2p. VII, 115.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has the honor to present him with the enclosed memoir; M. Dalibard would have been the bearer himself but the affair was too pressing; begs for a word in reply that he may inform his son of Franklin's decision.

(In French.)

Stewart, John. London 1777 November 21 A.L.S. 3p. VII, 116.
to Benjamin Franklin

Asks for information concerning the use of tobacco ashes as a cure for dropsical complaints.

Strahan, William. London 1777 November 21 A.L.S. 1p. VII, 117.
to Benjamin Franklin

Writes for a prescription, said to be given by Franklin, for the cure of dropsy. Sent him a packet of newspapers with accounts of all the news in London.

Guérin, ----- [1780-1781] Mem. S. 2p. LVII, 106.
to Benjamin Franklin

Is a merchant of Auray in Brittany, petitions for the release of his son and another officer of the ship "Le Fargès" captured by an English squadron.

(In French.)

Lebègue de Presle, Achille-Guillaume. 1777 November 22 A.L.S. 4p. VII, 118.
Châtillon
to Benjamin Franklin

Sends Franklin a pamphlet at the request of the author. Various electrical experiments. Certain theories concerning waterspouts.

(In French.)

A.M. Hevin de Navarre and Francois 1777 November 22 A.L.S. 2p. LXII, 87.
Antoine, Baron de Seyffertit. Wurtzbourg

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to Benjamin Franklin

Request for money to pay their expenses to Paris and return, to be able to tell Franklin their plans for military service in America.

(In French.)

The Continental Congress	1777 November 22	D.S. Henry	LXXV, 34-39.
to Benjamin Franklin		Laurens,	
		President.	3p.

Directing the Commissioners of the United States, at the several Courts of Europe, to deny the report that a treaty had been concluded with Great Britain.

In duplicate.

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to Benjamin Franklin			

Desiring a brief audience.

(In French.)

Dumas, C.G.F.	1777 November 25	A.L.S. 2p.	XXXIX, 19.
to The American Commissioners.			

Congratulating them on the safe arrival, at Nantes, of the Amphitrite. Understands that the King of P[russia] has refused passage to English troops en route to America. Certainty of a war between Russia and Turkey. Second letter on English credit to be printed at once. Account of a conversation he had with a great lady, a friend of Sir Joseph Yorke, concerning the latter's irritation against him for his espousal of the American cause. Information received which leads him to believe that the United States could obtain men, for their army and navy, more cheaply from Poland than any other nation.

Has translated the extracts for Mr. Lee and sent him the various gazettes.

(In French.)

T. and N. Eckhardt. The Hague	1777 November 25	A.L.S. 6p.	VII, 119.
to Benjamin Franklin			

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Asking Franklin to subscribe to a work containing a description of an instrument invented by them. Encloses a memoir on the capstan, a marvelous invention; also begs his acceptance of a new fabric of their own make. A statement of the advantages of the capstan.

(In French.)

La Rochefoucauld, Louis-Alexandre duc 1777 November 26 A.L.S. 3p. VII, 120.
de La Roche-Guyon et de La Rocheguyon
 to Benjamin Franklin

Heard with pleasure of the arrival of the Amphitrite with the good news. The King of England, in his harangue, seems to consider the American war as difficult, but not impossible, if Parliament will grant him large subsidies; likens him to La Fontaine's fable of "The Serpent and the File." Certain ideas on the circulation of air. Impatient to see Franklin and render him the homage of his veneration and attachment.

(In French.)

Bürckwald, Jean-Baptiste de. Strasbourg 1777 November 27 A.L.S. 1p. VII, 121.
 to Benjamin Franklin

Applies to Franklin on behalf of a young man who desires a lieutenancy in the American army.

(In French.)

Bingham, William. St Pierre, Martinique 1777 November 14 A.L.S. 6p. VII, 106.
 The American Commissioners

Congratulates them on the glorious success of the army under General Gates. General Howe said to be making his retreat towards Wilmington to embark on his transports, and that several frigates have been sunk or destroyed in endeavoring to raise the chevaux de frise in the Delaware. Impossible to foretell the effect of this important intelligence on the politics of Europe. Hopes that the Court of France may be influenced by it to take a more decisive part in our favor. The orders of the Ministry in regard to American privateers and prizes and the restriction of American trade have lately been notified to the Chamber of Commerce here, and their execution enacted under great penalties, but he does not believe they will be enforced with any degree of rigor. Thinks it is only a political stroke. The arrival of the troops destined for these islands, and the Spanish galleon in Spain are the real motives for retarding their hostile operations. The troops have arrived and he is informed that the

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galleon is to sail in the beginning of December, and that the specie, amounting to fifteen million Sterling, has been deposited on board twenty-two ships of the line.

Bingham, William. St Pierre 1777 November 28 A.L.S. 4p. VII, 122.
to Benjamin Franklin

Copy of letter, VII, 106, with an added note that General Howe is retreating and Washington is in quiet possession of Philadelphia.

Perrontray, Sellouf ?. Paris 1777 November 29 L.S. 1p. VII, 123.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desired by Messrs. Fairholme and Luther, of St. Martin, to forward this enclosed letter.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1777 November 30 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVII, 121.
to The American Commissioners.

The agreable news of General Burgoyne's surrender with his entire army; for all the particulars, refers them to Mr. Austin.

Compagnoni, Joseph. Lugo 1777 November 30 A.L.S. 2p. VII, 124.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to dedicate, to Franklin, a small volume of verse, entitled, "II Washington"; the subject is the present war but so handled as to be favorable to America and at the same time to give no offense to England.

(In French.)

Wuybert, Antoine-Félix 1777 November 30 Mem. 3p. LVII, 9.
to Messrs. Franklin and Deane.

Petition of a French officer in the American service who was taken prisoner by the English at Fort Washington.

(In French.)

Brillon, Mme [1777 November.] A.L.S. 1p. XLIII, 103.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Has just learned, from Franklin's son, the good news from America about the surrender of General Burgoyne and his troops. Wanted to go immediately to congratulate Franklin in person. Is going to compose a march of triumph.

(In French.)

-----, -----, Brussels to Benjamin Franklin	[1777 November ?]	L. 4p.	XLIV, 105.
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Congratulates Franklin on the defeat and capture of Burgoyne. The news caused a great sensation here in Brussels. Hopes Howe will soon be defeated by Washington and that Lee will regain his liberty.

(In French.)

The Continental Congress, Committee of Foreign Affairs. York, Pa to The American Commissioners.	1777 December 1	L.S. Rich[ar]d Henry Lee, James Lovell. 4p.	LIII, 57.
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Return to France of the dissatisfied French officers. Their unreasonable demands in America.
(Copy.)

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Summary of the military events of the campaigns just closing. Civil affairs Lifeless condition of commerce owing to British watchfulness. More American ships needed.

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Wildrik, W. Namur to Benjamin Franklin	1777 December 2	A.L.S. 4p.	VII, 125.
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Raves of his devotion to liberty and his intense interest in the present struggle. Wishes Franklin to procure him some position in America, either civil or military.

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(In Latin and French.)

Williams, Jonathan Jr. to The American Commissioners.	1777 December 2	A.L.S. 1p.	XXXVIII, 122.
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Question of detaining Captain Young until the arrival of the despatches or sending him off without them.

Thompson, Thomas. L'Orient to The American Commissioners.	1777 December 2	A.L.S. 3p.	VII, 126.
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Desires the enclosed letter to be delivered to the Minister of Marine; angry at the treatment he and his men have received; insolence of the Commissary at l'Orient; attitude of France in playing this fast and loose game; the inevitable delay none of his doing.

Castrioto, Felix, Antonio. Lisbon to Benjamin Franklin	1777 December 2	A.L.S. 1p.	VII, 127.
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At his arrival in the Capital found the Court was gone to Villa-Vicoza; followed and delivered Franklin's memorial to the Minister, enforcing it with all the reasons he could think of; awaits an answer; will do all in his power to bring this negotiation to a favorable conclusion.

Harold, Edmund de (commission seeker). Dusseldorf to Benjamin Franklin	1777 December 3	A.L.S. 4p.	VII, 128.
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Has received no answer to his letter of October 28th; repeats the contents of this letter.
(VII, 87.)

Jones, Paul, Jno. Nantes to The American Commissioners.	1777 December 4	A.L.S. 2p.	VII, 129.
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Announcing his arrival in the Ranger, having taken two brigantines from Malaga laden with fruit for London; met with few opportunities of making captures; repairs wanted on the Ranger. Affairs in America in the most promising condition.

Carl, Baron von Emerich to Benjamin Franklin	1777 December 4	A.L.S. 4p.	LIX, 83.
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Brandeis, near Prague, Bohemia. Wishes to enter the American army.

Valltravers, Rodolph. Mannheim 1777 December 4 A.L.S. 4p. VII, 130.
to Benjamin Franklin

The bearer is Mr. David, the Elector Palatine's Secretary of the Embassy. Cannot, in a letter, enter into the result of his private inquiries, made in Switzerland and at the Courts of Baden and Mannheim, as to the possibility of their intercession with the King of England in favor of the Colonies, all the Europe cries shame on Great Britain; advisability of some trusted person high in the King's opinion, such as M. du Luc, broaching the subject to him privately; quotes precedents to prove this method a successful one. Concerning the preliminary concessions to be made on both sides.

Gérard de Rayneval, Conrad Alexandre 1777 December 5 L. 1p. VII, 131 1/2.
to The American Commissioners.

Begging Messrs. Franklin, Deane and Lee to name an hour when he may wait upon them.
(In French.)

Duboisviollette, Genevois & Cie. Nantes 1777 December 6 A.L.S. 1p. VII, 132.
to Benjamin Franklin

Their ship bound for Virginia with a cargo of salt; their pilot is Mr. Joseph Price, from Philadelphia, who is returning to America after being a prisoner in England for six months. Desires to know the signals to be used off the coast of America; unknown to Franklin but sends references.

Le Brun, -----. Paris 1777 December 6 A.L.S. 2p. VII, 133.
to Benjamin Franklin

Reminds Franklin that his letters to Messrs. La Goaner, of Corunna, were to be sent under his cover, for fear of interception; uneasy on account of Franklin's silence; begs to know if he has written direct or not at all.

Hammond, John. St Malo 1777 December 6 A.L.S. 2p. VII, 134.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begging Franklin to write M. Duparny to supply him with the money he promised; desires to be paid from the time of his engagement and receive two months' advance.

Moran, W. Dunkirk 1777 December 6 A.L.S. 2p. VII, 135.

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to Benjamin Franklin

Sailed from Philadelphia in February as first lieutenant on board the Hornet, a Continental sloop commanded by John Nicholson, Esq., now in Forton prison; he made his escape from prison with five others; treated with great kindness by Mr. Johnston, in London, who paid his expenses to Dunkirk; since his arrival has received no more attention than if he were a common sailor; his destitute condition; applies to Franklin for aid.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1777 December 6 A.L.S. 4p. XXXVII, 124.
to The American Commissioners.

Unless they can obtain the repeal of certain orders lately issued by the Ministry, none of the vessels at present loading, can sail. Concerning the management of ships of war, prizes etc; empowered by Mr. Morris to act in these matters at his agent; explains his reasons for consenting to this arrangement.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1777 December 6 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVII, 125.
to Benjamin Franklin

Question of a certain bill being accepted. Has sent the pipe of sherry wine.

Goudeman, ----- Paris 1777 December 8 VII, 136
to Benjamin Franklin

Congratulating him on the success of the Americans; lays before Franklin the enclosed memoir at the request of one of his friends.
(In French.)

Walter, Henri. Hildesheim 1777 December 8 A.L.S. 2p. VII, 137.
to Benjamin Franklin

Had the honor of writing Franklin, on October 15th, requesting orders from Congress for linen and cotton fabrics. [See VII, 72.] Repeats the details given in that letter.
(In French.)

McCaulay, Mrs. Catherine. Paris 1777 December 8 A.L.S. 2p. VII, 138.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has some affairs which demand her immediate return to England; danger of seeing or corresponding with her American friends in Paris, owing to the suspension of the Habeas Corpus Act; feels sure

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her imprisonment would greatly distress Franklin; would sacrifice her life to be of any real use to the cause of liberty; at present is nursing her constitution to be able to write the civil wars.

F. and A. Dubbeldemutt. Rotterdam 1777 December 8 A.L.S. 3p. VII, 138 1/2.
to The American Commissioners.

Concerning the aid they have given to Americans, and the money due them for such disbursements.
Prices to tobacco and rice.

Thurston, John. London 1777 December 9 A.L.S. 1p. VII, 139.
to Benjamin Franklin

Recommending Mr. Flower to Franklin; he knows the art of making a powder to stop the blood.

Caffiéri, Jean Jacques 1777 December 9 A.L.S. 1p. VII, 140.
to Benjamin Franklin

Congratulating him on the success of the American arms; trusts they will continue their victories;
sends a bust of Franklin to his grandson; desires that no one may be allowed to copy it.
(In French.)

Blin, -----. Elbeuf 1777 December 10 A.L.S. 2p. VII, 141.
to Benjamin Franklin

Interested in the defense of American vessels; hopes it is not an indiscretion to ask news of the fate of their arms; the newspapers give only contradictory reports.
(In French.)

Du Luc, -----. St. Maixent 1777 December 10 A.L.S. 2p. VII, 142.
to Benjamin Franklin

M. de Reveaux de St. Varran and three of his brothers desire to pass into the service of Congress; will, himself, be responsible for their conduct and talents; being of an ancient, but unfortunate family, they have no money to pay their passage; asks Franklin if he could procure it for them.
(In French.)

La Bedoyère, Marie Corantin, marquis de Rennes 1777 December 12 A.L.S. 2p. VII, 143.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Asking for a place in the American service, for a young man in whom he has a particular interest; his rank, qualities and experience fit him to be a good sailor or soldier; wishes information as to the port he must sail from, the vessel, etc.

(In French.)

Lee, Arthur. Chaillot to Benjamin Franklin	1777 December 13	A.L. in 3d P. VII, 144. 2p.
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Ten thousand blankets ready to be shipped from Bilboa together with a quantity of naval equipments; desires to know whether he may order M. Gardoqui to purchase ships for these articles or freight them at once; question of payment; secrecy and expedition shown by M. Gardoqui.

Priestley, Joseph. Calne to Benjamin Franklin	1777 December 13	A.L.S. 1p. VII, 145.
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Franklin is never long out of his thoughts; hopes to see him once more. Sympathy for America; thinks the war cannot be continued without disgrace and ruin. Sends two volumes of his on metaphysics; hopes he has received his third volume on air.

Babson, James. St Antoine to Benjamin Franklin	1777 December 14	A.L.S. 1p. VII, 147.
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Sailed from Bilboa, with his poor naked crew, by favor of M. Gardoqui who trusted him with £100 Sterling. Account of the capture of six fishing vessels from Newfoundland.

Peuch, C.S. Utrecht to Benjamin Franklin	1777 December 15	A.L.S. 3p. VII, 148.
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His position as editor of the Utrecht Gazette; his sympathies with the Americans; desires to publish prompt and authentic news; difficulty of obtaining accurate reports; applies to Franklin to procure him a correspondent for his paper who can furnish news from America. Congratulates him on their victory over Burgoyne.

(In French.)

O'Donell, Comte. Léopol to Benjamin Franklin	1777 December 15	A.L.S. 3p. LXII, 90.
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His military career; asks for the conditions for entering the American service.

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(In French.)

Boudet, ----- Lyons 1777 December 15 A.L.S. 3p. LX, 97.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begs Franklin to help him to procure a free passage to the United States and employment there.
(In French.)

Young, Jno. Nantes 1777 December 16 A.L.S. 2p. VII, 149.
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging Franklin's favor of the 2d inst. along with the dispatches for Congress, which he will secure ready for sinking in case of danger. Information received of seven sail of English cruisers off Belle Isle; will remain in port until further tidings.

Grand, Henry. Nantes 1777 December 16 A.L.S. 2p. VII, 150.
to Benjamin Franklin

Expressing his keen appreciation of Franklin's kindness in signing himself his "affectionate friend," and thanking him warmly for the letters of recommendation.

Deane, Silas. Paris 1777 December 16 A.L.S. 2p. VII, 151.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has seen Sir George Grand. Begs Franklin to make his excuses to Count Maillebois as he is too pressed with business to go out that afternoon, and tell him that he has not forgotten the case of M. de la Brosse. Desires Franklin and M. Chaumont to call on him on their return from dinner.

Millon, ----- Paris 1777 December 17 [8 p.] A.L.S. VII, 152.
to Benjamin Franklin 4p.

Expressing his sincere appreciation of Franklin's "Constitution of Pennsylvania"; in reading it, thought of several points which he wrote down and sends herewith.
(In French.)

Wright, Elizabeth. London 1777 December 17 A.L.S. 1p. VII, 153.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Thanking him for his kind letter in favor of Mr. Platt who is most grateful for Franklin's offer; a worthy man has paid the money to Mr. Platt and accepted a bill on Franklin.

Webb, John. London 1777 December 17 A.L.S. 1p. VII, 154.
to Benjamin Franklin

Ingratitude he has met with for his past services; reasons for remaining in Dunkirk after receiving Franklin's remittance; obliged to give his clothes to Captain Cunningham's deserters for fear of worse consequences should he refuse; can neither go back nor forward unless Franklin helps him.

A.Y. Ameloo, P. Wittentrin and F. and A. Dubbeldemutt. London 1777 December 18 L.S. 1p. VII, 155.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the ship Chester and her cargo; no one has the least interest in her except the Republic of Holland; begs Franklin to name some one in Charleston to care for their interests; begs for the restitution and compensation due them by incontestable right.
(In French.)

Rivaud, veuve Pageant. Burgundy 1777 December 18 A.L.S. 2p. VII, 156.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begging Franklin to see to the safe delivery of a letter she has written to her son in America.
(In French.)

Doerner,----- Jr. Paris 1777 December 18 A.L.S. 2p. VII, 157.
to Benjamin Franklin

His promise to give him letters of introduction to Congress, and to gentlemen of consequence at Charlestown and other cities; their intention to fix themselves at Charlestown as general merchants; propriety of keeping their design secret.

de Heusch, Baron. Diest, Brabant 1777 December 19 A.L.S. 3p. LXII, 57.
to Benjamin Franklin

Request for authority to form a regiment for service in the United States.
(In French.)

Rihm, ----- Ghent 1777 December 19 A.L.S. 3p. LXII, 106.

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Requests a commission in the American army.
(In French.)

Sowden, Benjamin. Holland 1777 December 19 A.L. 3p. VII, 158.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the quarto bibles wanted for America. Hears that the gentleman who brought the news of Burgoyne's surrender intends to go to England; rashness of this project. Account of a visit from Dr. Ingen Housz. His earnest wishes for the establishment of liberty and peace.

MacMahon, John. At the Military school in Paris 1777 December 19 A.L.S. 1p. VII, 159.
to Benjamin Franklin

The gentlemen of this house all well-wishers to Franklin's cause and delighted with the news of Burgoyne's defeat; opinion of the Prince de Montbarrey; the Commander of the above establishment, M. le Marquis de Tinburne, requests Franklin's company at dinner with his grandson, Mr. Deane or any other friends he thinks proper to bring.

Reynaud, — de. Villeneuve lés Avignon 1777 December 19 A.L.S. 1p. VII, 160.
to Benjamin Franklin

Congratulating Franklin on the defeat of Burgoyne; hopes to hear soon of his brother Howe sharing the same fate.
(In French.)

Morel, Gaspard. Dunkerque 1777 December 19 L.S. 2p. VII, 161.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing list of wines for which he begs Franklin's orders. Congratulating him on the victories of the Americans.
(In French.)

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1777 December 20 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVII, 126.
to The American Commissioners.

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Has just returned from Paimboeuf where he saw as fine a ship as any in the navy. Expects to see Captain Nicholson and if the obstacles are removed, will soon finish the expedition.

Thompson, Thomas. L'Orient 1777 December 20 A.L.S. 2p. VII, 162.
to Benjamin Franklin

Describes the ship, Duras, a great bargain but old and in sad need of repairs; discusses the advisability of purchasing her.

Girandeau. B. La Rochelle 1777 December 20 A.L.S. 2p. VII, 163.
to Benjamin Franklin

His ship destined for Maryland or Virginia; begs Franklin to accord his captain letters of recommendation as he knows no one in that part of America.
(In French.)

Walton, George. Savannah 1777 December 20 A.L.S. 3p. VII, 164.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has lately returned from Congress. Sums up the successes of the American arms; general opinion that Howe's safety depends on his flight; strictness of blockade around Philadelphia where horses are being killed for food. News just received of the capture, by the Americans, of the Syren and two transports off Rhode Island. Georgia in the tolerable state of defense; plundering war carried on by their neighbors in Florida.

Guillaume Jaeger, Jean. Frankfort-on-the-Main 1777 December 20 A.L.S. 3p. VII, 165.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning a powder mill which he desires to erect according to a new plan of construction, a sketch of which he encloses; applies to Franklin, as one of the greatest philosophers and mechanics, for his advice; would offer his services to Congress were he not old and fatigued with many campaigns.
(In French.)

Le Chambrier, ----- Bedaulx née. Neufchâtel 1777 December 21 A.L.S. 2p. VII, 166.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Her son sailed in April with the Marquis de Lafayette; begs Franklin not to lose sight of him.
(In French.)

Hayes, W. Paris 1777 December 22 A.L.S. 2p. VII, 167.
to Benjamin Franklin

Writes on behalf of the orphan son of Mr. Huske whom he once served as the valet de chambre; his apprenticeship to Mr. Hooper, of Wilmington, nearly expired; begs Franklin to recommend the young man to some one of his friends in that part of the world.

Lefebure, Marquis. St. Valery sur Somme 1777 December 23 L.S. 2p. VII, 168.
to Benjamin Franklin

Very uneasy about the bark, Le Dillon, and the captain, François Lefebure, his son; she was captured on July 24th by an American and taken, it was said, to Boston; has had no further news; begs Franklin to give him some information of the matter, if possible.
(In French.)

Defleury, Bertherand. Paris 1777 December 23 A.L.S. 1p. VII, 169.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begging for news of the fate of M. le Chevalier Du Coudray; ties of friendship and relationship make him hope that the public rumors may not be confirmed.
(In French.)

Wright, Patience. London 1777 December 23 A.L.S. 1p. VII, 170.
to Benjamin Franklin

The bearer is Mr. Geo. Searle, who has advanced the twenty guineas for her bill on Franklin, drawn for the use of Mr. Platt.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1777 December 23 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVII, 127.
to The American Commissioners.

Sending a deposition made by Captain Benet, who was lately taken by the English at the entrance of the river.

Walpole, Thomas. London 1777 December 23 A.L.S. 2p. VII, 171.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Thanking Franklin for his valuable present to his son; hopes now that he possesses an impression of Franklin's person, he will study to imitate his conduct. Misplaced confidence shown by the legislative and executive powers in the present ministers; Lord Chatham's views on this subject, as shown by his motion for a cessation of war and a recall of the troops; he and Lord Camden send their best compliments.

Rolandeau, ----- Bordeaux 1777 December 23 A.L.S. 2p. VII, 172.
to Benjamin Franklin

Thanking Franklin for the flattering letter he has been kind enough to give him; begs that he will join to it an order for a free passage; M. Delap, at Bordeaux, the person to write to; his desires to sail at once.

(In French.)

Ballainvilliers, ----- Paris 1777 December 24 A.L.S. 1p. VII, 173.
to Benjamin Franklin

Asking Franklin to take charge of the enclosed letter to his friend, M. de la Fayette.

(In French.)

de Favarez, ----- 1777 December 24 A.L.S. 2p. VII, 174.
to Benjamin Franklin

Use of tobacco ashes in dropsy; desires to know the dose and the method of administering it. His enthusiastic partisanship of the American cause.

(In French.)

Webb, Benjamin. London 1777 December 25 A.L.S. 1p. VII, 175.
to Benjamin Franklin

Recommending Mr. Roegler; his reputation as a scholar at the University of Leipzig.

**Baudouin, ----- Secretary to M. de
Sartine. Paris** 1777 December 25 A.L.S. 1p. VII, 176.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has received the letter Franklin sent; will translate and send it to M. de Sartine by his courier.

(In French.)

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Thompson, Thomas. L'Orient 1777 December 25 A.L.S. 1p. VII, 177.
to Benjamin Franklin

Every matter concerning the Raleigh transacted by M. Bérard to his entire satisfaction; the port of L'Orient a safe harbor and easy of access.

Leopold, Comte Barbo. Fidesch, Hungary 1777 December 25 A.L.S. 2p. VII, 189.
to Benjamin Franklin

His former military services; desires to know how he can reach the headquarters of General Washington, and if, on his arrival, he will be sure to get a position as Major.
(In French.)

Kothkowski, Count. London 1777 December 26 L.S. 2p. VII, 178.
to Benjamin Franklin

Embarked on a Dutch ship bound for Boston with Franklin's letter of recommendation to General Washington; was taken prisoner and brought to Portsmouth; suffered all kinds of bad treatment from the English; his destitute condition; begs Franklin to write a line in his favor to Mr. Benjamin Vaughan, of London, who will then procure him the means of realizing his former intentions.

Lavabre and Doerner. Paris 1777 December 26 L. in 3d P. 1p. VII, 179.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing a letter for Franklin from Amsterdam and asking Franklin to give the bearer the promised letter of recommendation.
(In French.)

Lacepède, Bernard-Germain-Etienne de 1777 December 26 A.L.S. 2p. VII, 180.
La Ville-sur-Ilion, comte de. Paris
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning certain experiments which he invites Franklin to witness.
(In French.)

Lambert, -----. Basle, Switzerland 1777 December 26 A.L.S. 3p. LXII, 62.
to Benjamin Franklin

Congratulates him on the victories in America, and requests a commission in the American army.

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(In French.)

De Norey, Jean Louis Destelan. Rennes 1777 December 27 A.L.S. 3p. LXII, 89.
to Benjamin Franklin

Account of his services and request for a commission in the American navy.

Arnold, George. Mayence 1777 December 27 A.L.S. 3p. LIX, 12.
to Benjamin Franklin

Veneration Germans have for the heroic deeds of General Arnold. Is he the son of a Mayence butcher? Was he a monk of the order of St. Francis? Arnold wrote to Mayence in 1773. Received papal dispensation recently. Thinks General Arnold is his son. A copper print of Arnold, made in London, in 1776, and sold in Mayence, confirms his belief. Others assert that General Arnold was born in New England.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1777 December 27 A.L.S. 1p. VII, 181.
to Benjamin Franklin

Requesting another letter of credit on M. Grand.

Morris, Robert. Manhcim, Pa 1777 December 27 L.S. 2p. VII, 182.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has been entirely undeceived with respect to his brother; being unable to defend him longer, is determined to give him up entirely to his own fate; apologizes profusely to Dr. Franklin and Mr. Deane for his conduct in this affair; his error founded on misinformation.

(In duplicate.)

Platt, Ebenezer Smith. Newgate Prison 1777 December 27 A.L.S. 2p. VII, 183.
to Benjamin Franklin

Thanking Franklin for relieving his sufferings; in case of an exchange, begs that he may be included therein.

Jean Bauchers and Co. Prague 1777 December 27 A.L.S. 3p. VII, 184.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Offering their services as dealers in glass-ware asking for the usual measure of window glass in America.

(In French.)

De Bazantin, Chevalier. St. Augustine 1777 December 27 L.S. 3p. VII, 185.
to Benjamin Franklin

Still another proof of his customary bad luck; sailed for America July 18th; arrived at Charlestown; received a sum of money from the Committee of Carolina to enable him and the other members of the corps to join General Washington; captured on the way by two English frigates; held as prisoners in St. Augustine, Florida; privations and miseries; their united desire to return home; begs Franklin to narrate these facts to anyone who takes an interest in his fate.

(In French.)

Cantini, -----. Paris 1777 December 28 A.L.S. 1p. VII, 186.
to Benjamin Franklin

Encloses a letter and begs Franklin to send the answer to his care.

(In French.)

Monézy, Frère. Bergerac 1777 December 28 A.L.S 2p. VII, 187.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begs Franklin to intercede for him, a carmelite friar, with Father Gautier, in Paris, and to ask that his failings be condoned.

Alexander, William. Dijon 1777 December 28 A.L.S. 3p. VII, 188.
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing Comte de Rostaing a general officer of artillery and a man of great worth. Great victories obtained in America. Reminds Franklin of his promise to give his son an introduction to the Bishop of St. Asaph.

Deux-Ponts, Marianne Camasse, duchesse 1777 December 28 L. 2p. LXII, 46.
La douairière de
to Benjamin Franklin

Requests a commission in the American army, for her nephew, M. de Fontevieux.

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(In French.)

Haudouin, Chevalier. Paris to Benjamin Franklin	1777 December 28	A.L.S. 1p. LXII, 51.
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Recommending a friend who wishes to enter the American service.

(In French.)

de Montels, Laroque. St. Omer to Benjamin Franklin	1777 December 28	A.L.S. 2p. LXII, 65.
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A request to enter the American army.

(In French.)

Lavabre and Doerner. Paris to Benjamin Franklin	1777 December 28	L. in 3d P. 1p. VII, 190.
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Begging Franklin to send, by bearer, the letters of recommendation he promised them.

(In French.)

Gourlade, -----. L'Orient to Benjamin Franklin	1777 December 29	A.L.S. 2p. VII, 191.
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Informing him that the two frigates of Congress, the Raleigh and the Alfred sailed that afternoon, accompanied by the King's frigate which had orders to render them every assistance; during their stay, neglected no opportunity of being useful to them. Arrival of Mr. Moylan.

(In French.)

Moylan, James. L'Orient to Benjamin Franklin	1777 December 29	A.L.S. 2p. VII, 192.
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Departure of the Raleigh and Alfred, accompanied by a French sloop of war; will communicate with him later on the subject of his errand at L'Orient.

Le Francq, François. Montreuil to Benjamin Franklin	1777 December 30	A.L.S. 3p. VII, 193.
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Begging for news of his son, Antoine-Maximilien-César Le Francq, who enlisted under the American flag.

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(In French.)

Washington, I. Le Haye 1777 December 30 A.L.S. 3p. VII, 194.
to Benjamin Franklin

Believes he is related to the famous general of the same name; begs Franklin to forward the enclosed letter to him containing a copy of his coat of arms; ardently desires to go over to America, should this relationship prove to be true.

du Marqués, Ausquer. Rennes 1777 December 30 A.L.S. 1p. LXII, 82.
to Benjamin Franklin

He requests to enter the American army, if in no other way, as a common soldier.
(In French.)

Conway, Françoise-Antoinette-Jeanne [1777?] December 31 A.L.S. 1p. XLI, 30.
Langlois du Bouchet, comtesse de.
Auxerre
to Benjamin Franklin

Congratulating him on the late successes in America; asks if it is true that Mr. Allen has a letter for her from her husband, the General; good wishes for Franklin and America.

Lee, William. Chaillot [1777. December ?] A.L.S. 1p. XLII, 112.
to Benjamin Franklin

News in the London papers of the evacuation of Mud Island.

Thornton, J. London 1777 December ? A.L. 1p. VII, 195.
to Benjamin Franklin

Delivered all the letters, except those of Lord North and Sir Grey Cooper.

Adanson, M [N. in 3d P. LXX, 12.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Sending his address and requesting that it be given to Mr. Deane.
(In French.)

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Amabert, ----- [1777?] Mem. in 3d P.LXII, 2.
to Benjamin Franklin 3p.

Requests a commission in the army.
(In French.)

La Rouërie, Comtesse de [after 1780 October 13] L. 1p. XLIII, 121.
to Benjamin Franklin

Inquiring about her son, Colonel [Charles] Armand [Marquis de la Rouerie], who was serving in the American army under General Gates.
(In French.)

Bancroft, Edward. Paris 1777 A.L.S. 1p. XLI, 124.
to Benjamin Franklin

Arrival of Mr. Hodge from Dunkirk; Mr. Deane entreats Dr. Franklin to come to town immediately on business of very great importance.

Beauteville, Chevalier de [1778 May 24] L.S. 3p. XLIV, 264.
Chevalier de Beauteville

Gives an extract from a letter written to him by Abbé d' Aydie concerning a young nobleman, M. d' Abzac, who wishes to go to America and serve under La Fayette. Asks if Franklin can give this young man a passport and a letter of recommendation.
(In French.)

Lebègue de Presle, Achille-Guillaume [1777 August] A.L.S. 4p. XLIX, 20.
to Benjamin Franklin

Account of how the Board House, at Purfleet, was struck by lightning and what damage was done, mostly to the roof of the building. After the accident the lightning rods on the roof were found to have a round copper knob or cap at the top, instead of being sharply pointed as recommended.
(In French.)

Bertier, Père Joseph Etienne [1777?] A.L.S. 1p. XLI, 131.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desiring to serve in the American army.

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(In French.)

Bertier, Père Joseph Etienne to Benjamin Franklin	[1778?]	A.N. in 3d P. LXX, 27a. 1p.
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Inquires if he has any news of M. de Fleury a French officer in the service of the United States.

de Brétigny, ----- to The American Commissioners.	[After 1777 May 18]	Mem. 1p. LXII, 13a.
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Is a captain of infantry with rank of lieutenant colonel; proposes to bring to America, at his own expense, ten officers, also to fit out a troop to be commanded by these officers. M. de Beaumarchais endorses him.

(In French.)

Brisson, ----- to Benjamin Franklin	[1777.]	L. 1p. XLII, 97.
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Offers to supply Congress with flint stones for use by the American troops.

A.E. by Franklin thanking him for his offer and promising to send it to Congress.

(In French.)

Carmichael, William, d. 1795 to Benjamin Franklin	[1777?] Wednesday ---	A.L.S 1p. XLIII, 153.
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Sends substance of Lord Chatham's motion.

de Chanteclair, ----- to Benjamin Franklin	[1777?]	Mem. in 3d P.LXII, 24. 1p.
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Request to enter the service of America.

(In French.)

Chaulnes, Duc de to Benjamin Franklin	[A.L.S 3p. XLIV, 241.
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Has been to see Abbé Rochon who showed him an experiment in electricity with a metal jar on a glass base. Thinks he has found the explanation of the phenomena which takes place in this experiment. Asks Franklin's opinion of his theory.

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(In French.)

Chaulnes, Duc de to Benjamin Franklin	1777	A.L.S. 3p.	XLI, 23.
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Urged by one of his friends to recommend to Franklin, de Neuville, a French officer who desires to fight in the army of the insurgents; has a high opinion of the gentleman's bravery, but considers a recommendation of this kind indiscreet and useless.

(In French.)

Chaumont, Jacques-Donatien Le Ray de to Benjamin Franklin	[1777?]	Mem. 1p.	LXI, 52.
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Proposal for sending weekly packet boats to the United States.

(In French.)

Coder, ----- to Benjamin Franklin	[1777.]	L.S. 1p.	XLII, 77.
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Proposes to furnish uniforms for the American troops. Describes and gives cost of each article, which compares favorably with similar articles supplied to the French troops.

(In French.)

Coder, ----- to Benjamin Franklin	[1777.]	L.S. 1p.	XLII, 76.
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Reports on the clothing and equipment proposed for the American troops. Recommends a certain type of uniform and makes several suggestions.

(In French.)

Coder, ----- to Benjamin Franklin	[1777.]	A.L. 2p.	XLII, 79.
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Urges Franklin to accept his proposals to furnish supplies for the American troops and to send skilled workmen to repair and keep the equipments and clothing in good condition. Observations on the political situation in England as viewed with relation to the colonies in America.

(In French.)

Coder, -----	[1777?]	L.S. 2p.	XLII, 78.
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Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

to Benjamin Franklin

Claims that the uniforms and clothing, supplied by him for the American troops, are much superior to those previously supplied by others. Requests Dr. Franklin and Deane not to delay their orders, as otherwise he would be at considerable loss.

(In French.)

Coder, Henry	[1777]	A.L.S 2p.	XLI, 26.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the advisability of sending the material to America and having the uniforms made there rather than pay such exorbitant prices for them in France.

(In French.)

Coder, Henry	[1777]	L.S. 1p.	XLII, 75.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Makes a report to Franklin on the 12,000 rifles which Dubourg and Dalibard propose to furnish to the United States. Approves the model. Suggests a few changes.

(In French.)

Coder, Henry	Before 1780 March	L.S. 3p.	XLII, 59.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Describes different plans for destroying England's commerce on the sea, making raids on the English coast, seizing the channel islands and forcing England to come to terms with the United States.

Submitted his plans to M. de Sartine. Deplores that they were not adopted by the latter.

(In French.)

The Compiler of the book "Affaires de l'Amérique"	[1777?]	L. in 3d P. 1p.	XLIII, 158.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Recommending a young surgeon to the Deputies of Congress.

Conway, Françoise-Antoinette-Jeanne Langlois du Bouchet, comtesse de. Paris	[1777]	A.L.S. 1p.	XLI, 56.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Report of a battle in America, six hundred English lost, and General Washington wounded; desires to know whether her husband and brother arrived in time to aid their friends; reminds him of his promise to tell her the news, whether good or ill.

De Dangeuil, ----- [N.S. 1p. LXX, 77.
to Benjamin Franklin

Inquires if Dr. Franklin will be able to come to see him as promised.
(In French.)

de Dangeuil, ----- [N. in 3d P. 1 LXX, 78.
to Benjamin Franklin p.

Has called to see Dr. Franklin. Was acquainted with him in London in 1768 and a frequent visitor to him and Sir John Pringle.

d'Arget, ----- 1773 December 2 L. in 3d P. 2p.LXII, 130.
to Benjamin Franklin

Request to enter the service of America.
(In French.)

Deane, Silas. Paris [1777] Monday A.L.S. 1p. XL, 116 1/2.
to Benjamin Franklin

Before the express leaves for Nantes, desires to know what sum must be paid Captain Bell.

Deane, Silas. Paris [1777] Thursday A.L.S. 1p. XL, 117.
to Benjamin Franklin

Advises that a copy of a contract with M. de Chaumont be sent to Mr. Williams and also to the Secret Committee.

Deane, Silas, 1737-1789 [1777?] Friday A.L.S. 1p. XL, 129.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sending letters, etc., received that evening from London; congratulating him on their important contents. Appointing a time to see him on business, relating in part to Captain Hynson.

Deane, Silas, 1737-1789 [1777?] A.L.S. 1p. XL, 199.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing a letter from Mr. Bingham with news of the safe arrival, at Martinique, of the cargo from Havre.

Dampierre, -- Lemaire de	[1777?]	Mem. in 3d P.LXII, 30.
to Benjamin Franklin		1p.

Request to enter the American service.
(In French.)

Deane, Silas, 1737-1789	[1777.] Saturday morning	A.L.S. 1p. XLIII, 164.
to Benjamin Franklin		

Wishes to see Franklin, in Paris that morning, as early as possible.

Deane, Silas, 1737-1789	[1777.] Monday	A.L. in 3d P. XLIII, 165.
to Benjamin Franklin		1p.

Inquiring if Dr. Franklin is going to Versailles and if he could give him a place.

Denombe, André François Broche	[1777?]	Mem. in 3d P.LXII, 32 and
to Benjamin Franklin		2p. 33.

Request for himself and his nephew, Jean Baptiste de Belgarée, to enter the American service.
(In French.)

Donjeux, Antoine de	[1777]	L. 2p. XLII, 82.
to Benjamin Franklin		

Petitions for a military appointment in America, where he intends to settle with his family.
(In French.)

D'Ornesan, ----- Gascony	[1777]	A.L.S. 2p. XL, 46.
to Benjamin Franklin		

Desires to enter the American army.
(In French.)

Dubocage, Mme	[1777?]	L. in 3d P. 1p.XLIII, 131.
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Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

to Benjamin Franklin

Thanking Franklin for sending her a poetical work entitled the "Vision of Columbus."
(In French.)

Dubourgneuf, ----- Pont-Croix [1777] A.L.S. 2p. XLI, 13.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begs Franklin to procure him a passage to America and the rank of officer in the army there.
(In French.)

Dumas, Charles-Guillaume-Frédéric 1777? A.L.S. 4p. XXXIX, 1.
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing M. Michel Rey, bookseller of Amsterdam. Books sent to Franklin; anxious for news of America; prophesies a great future for the country. Admiration for Robertson's histories.
(Incomplete.)
(In French.)

Dumont, -----. [1777] A.L.S. 2p. XLI, 4.
to Benjamin Franklin

Entrusted by Mr. Sayre with certain letters to be sent by the first two ships bound for America; desires to know when the next ship will sail.

Erenatius, Baron. Paris [1777?] Mem. in 3d P.LXII, 41.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Request to enter the American service.
(In French.)

Ewing, Alexander [1777] A.L.S. 2p. XLII, 101.
to Benjamin Franklin

Asks Dr. Franklin's assistance to obtain the release of his ship from Dunkirk.

Faurines, Jean Baptiste Alexandre [L. in 3d P. 1p.LXII, 43.
to Benjamin Franklin

Request to enter the American army.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

(In French.)

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[1778?]

A.L. 2p. XLI, 199.

to Benjamin Franklin

Desiring, with several of his friends, to serve in the American army.

(In French.)

Fergusson, W. Paris

[1777.]

L. in 3d P. 1p.XLI, 196.

to Benjamin Franklin

Announcing the arrival of an express at Lord Stormont's with news of an American defeat on October 24th.

Feutry, Aimé Ambroise Joseph

[Circa 1777]

A.L. in 3d P. XL, 120.

to Benjamin Franklin

1p.

Sending a new translation of Richard, lent by M. Quétant. Will let him know as soon as his cannon are in prime condition.

(In French.)

Feutry, Aimé Ambroise Joseph

c. 1777

A.L. in 3d P. XLIII, 177.

to Benjamin Franklin

1p.

Asking Franklin to accept a gift of some story books which may amuse his grandchildren.

(In French.)

de Forestier

[C.1777 May 25]

Mem. 9p. LXI, 111-113.

to Benjamin Franklin

Offers his services to the United States if given the rank of Major General; would raise and train a regiment of dragoons in America to serve during the war with England. Describes how they should be armed and equipped.

(In French.)

Franquelin, -----

[1777.]

L. 1p. XLI, 153.

to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Offering to supply him with all the information concerning their family and their possible relationship.

(In French.)

Garanger, Captain to Benjamin Franklin	[1777?]	A.L.S. 3p. XLIV, 269.
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Was to have sailed as an officer with M. Du Coudray for America. Could not reach Havre in time. Wishes to be included in the list of officers enrolled by M. Du Coudray and be given the means to leave for America without delay.

(In French.)

Grand, Ferdinand To Benjamin Franklin	[1777?]	N. in 3d P. 1 LXX, 109. p.
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Proposes, to Franklin, to send the list of articles which Congress needs to Holland to get the prices thereof for comparison.

(In French.)

Grand, Ferdinand to Messrs. Franklin and Deane.	[1777 ?]	A.L. 2 p. XLII, 185.
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Enclosing a warning against a man in Morlaix called Walker. Invitation to dine with him the following day.

(In French.)

Grand, Ferdinand To Benjamin Franklin	[1777.] Tuesday evening	L. in 3d P. 1 XLIII, 184. p.
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Inquiring at what hour he can get Franklin's instructions for Versailles and if the latter could lend him his carriage.

(In French.)

Greenwood, -----. Paris To Benjamin Franklin	[1777.] Friday Morning.	A.L. in 3d P. XL, 31. 1 p.
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Will wait on Franklin to learn if he has any commands as he leaves Paris Sunday.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Hennet, ----. Paris [Circa 1777] L. In 3d P. 1 XL, 157.
To Benjamin Franklin p.

Offering to supply America with arms.
(In French.)

Hutchinson, James. on board the ship [1777?] A.L.S. 1p. XL, 165.
Sally
To Benjamin Franklin

Promising to deliver Franklin's dispatches in Philadelphia, or to destroy them, should he fall into the hands of the piratical cruisers of Britain.

Kermorvan, Chevalier de [1777?] A.L.S. 2p. XL, 197.
to Benjamin Franklin

Asking for news of his brother who was reported to have sailed for America.
(In French.)

Kermorvan, Chevalier de [1777] A.L.S. 4 p. XLII, 103.
To Benjamin Franklin

Writes from America where he is erecting batteries and fortifying certain points on the coast. Deplores the lack of unity and activity amongst the Americans. Are averse to making any defensive preparations requiring labor until the enemy is upon them. Explains the difficulties he has to contend with; engineering skill not appreciated. Learned with regret of M. de Woedtke's death in Canada. Solicits promotion to the latter's rank so as to have the right to take part in the Councils of War.
(In French.)

Lacombe, Etienne Rousseaux June 18 D.S. 1p. LVII, 17.
to Benjamin Franklin

Petition concerning his son, Jean Rousseaux, who was taken prisoner on the brig Lexington after a battle with English warships.
(In French.)

de Lafarge, Francis Marc Antoine [1777?] L. in 3d P. 2p.LXII, 42.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Military history; requests to enter the American service.

(In French.)

Lafayette, Madame de [1777] A.L.S 2p. XLII, 149.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desiring confirmation of her good news from America. Enclosing a letter for a poor prisoner from his mother; begs that it may be forwarded safely. Wishes to know the first favorable opportunity for sending letters to her husband.

(In French.)

Le Marège, François [L. 4p. LX, 46.
to Benjamin Franklin

Induced by Captain de la Plaigne to enlist in a corps for service in the United States. Captured by an English privateer at sea. Lost all his money and effects. Appeals to Franklin for assistance.

(In French.)

La Plaigne, Emmanuel-Pierre de A.L.S. 1p. LXI, 145.
to Benjamin Franklin

Is captain in the 1st Georgia regiment; sent to France by the State of Georgia on a military mission; petitions the American Commissioners to indemnify him, and his companions, for losses incurred through their capture by an English privateer and imprisonment in England.

(In French.)

Le Clerc de St. Etrain, --, abbé de [1777.] [June 2?] A.L.S. 1p. LXII, 13b.
to Benjamin Franklin

He asks for the appointment of a day to see him and M. de Brétigny. Incloses a letter from M. Martin fils to whom Mr. Deane promised a letter and who has returned to Sedan to await his recommendation.

(In French.)

Le Roy, Jean Baptiste [1777] A.L.S. 1p. XLII, 171.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Desiring to know if a young French gendarme can hope for the commission of officer in the American service.

(Partly in French.)

Le Roy, Jean Baptiste to Benjamin Franklin	[1777]	A.L.S. 1p.	XLII, 176.
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Writes on behalf of a young French officer who desires to enter the American army; notable persons who are interested in the young man.

(In French.)

Le Roy, Jean Baptiste to Benjamin Franklin	[1777.]	A.L.S. 2p.	XLII, 177.
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Asking the exact date Franklin expects them all for dinner. Sends the last proof of his memoir on the form to be given to conductors; desires Franklin's observations thereupon.

Le Roy, Jean Baptiste to Benjamin Franklin	[1777.]	A.N.S. 1p.	LXXI, 48.
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Inquires about Franklin's cold and hopes that Mr. Deane is better.

(In French.)

de Ligonier, ----- to Benjamin Franklin	[1777?]	L. in 3d P. 1p.	LXII, 71.
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Gives his qualifications and request to go to the United States.

(In French.)

de Lismore, Comte to the American Commissioners.	[Mem. 1p.	LXII, 72.
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Requests a grant of land in one of the provinces of South America.

(In French).

Loudeyx, Chevalier to Benjamin Franklin	[1777?]	Mem. 1p.	LXII, 73.
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Request to enter the service of the United States.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

to Benjamin Franklin

Forwards a package to Franklin from AbbéRosier. Asks if there is any truth in the report of the capture of Mud Island and Red Bank forts.

(In French.)

La Rochefoucauld, Louis Alexandre, duc de	[1777?] April 4,5	N. in 3d P.	LXXI, 31.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Requesting the address of Chevalier de Varaigne.

(In French.)

La Malmaison, ----- de	[1777]	A.L.S. 3p.	XLI, 75.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Desiring to enter the American army.

(In French.)

de Mazancourt, Chevalier	[L. in 3d P. 1p.	LXII, 78.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Requests to enter the American service, with suitable rank.

(In French.)

de Lucé, Chevalier de Marolles. Paris	[A.L.S. 1p.	LXII, 81.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Offers his services to the United States.

(In French.)

Marquigny, -----	[1777]	A.L.S. 2p.	XLI, 66.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Desire of two French officers of cavalry to enter the American army.

(In French.)

Maudit, T A de, Chevalier	[1777.]	A.L.S. 1 p.	XLI, 57.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Expressing an ardent desire to enter the American army; asks for the same treatment as that already accorded officers of his rank.

(In French.)

McCormick, Nicholas to Benjamin Franklin	[1777 ?]	A.L.S. 2 p.	XLI, 77.
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A begging letter from an Irish Franciscan friar.

MacCreery, William to The American Commissioners.	[1777-1778?]	A.L.S. 4 p.	XLI, 81.
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Circumstantial account of the prize "Portsmouth" captured by the Swallow; expects to be censured as the owner of this vessel; is in no way responsible for the affair.

de Molerés, ----- to Benjamin Franklin	[Mem. 2 p.	LXII, 116.
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The record of his campaigns.

(In French.)

de Mondrecourt, Hocquet Delulain to Benjamin Franklin	[Mem. 1p.	LXII, 83.
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Wishes to enter the American service.

(In French.)

Mons, Samuel Stanley, Baron de to Benjamin Franklin	[1779 March 5]	L.S. 4p.	XLII, 85.
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Explains the straits to which he and his family have been reduced by the pillage of his plantations near Boston and Charlestown by both armies in America. Begg Franklin to help him secure possession of his property.

(In French.)

De la Mothe, François Henry Hervée to Benjamin Franklin	[Mem. 3p.	LXII, 53.
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Statement of his military career.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

(In French.)

de Courtois, Joseph Gabriel Mounier to Benjamin Franklin	[1777 ?]	L. in 3d P. 1p.LXII, 26a.
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Request to enter the American service.

(In French.)

Parker, Joseph to Benjamin Franklin	[1777?]	A.L.S. 1p. XLII, 122.
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Concerning his mercantile affairs; desires Franklin's kind interference on his behalf.

Captain Pock, of the Ship Benjamin to The American Commissioners.	[1777.]	Mem. 2p. LVII, 55.
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Applies for permission to arm and fit out his vessel as a privateer to wage war on English shipping.

(In French.)

de Ried, Baron to Benjamin Franklin	[before March 2]	L. in 3d P. 1p.LXII, 105.
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Gives his qualifications and requests a commission in the army.

(In French.)

du Rosan, Baltazard Romand to Benjamin Franklin	[1777?]	Mem. 3p. LXII, 110.
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Request to enter the army.

(In French.)

Rullecourt, Baron de to Benjamin Franklin	[1777]	L. and Mem. XLII, 86. 9p.
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Sends a letter from Abbé Bandeau. Offers to raise a corps of troops and seize the Zafarimes Islands for the United States and to wage war on English shipping.

(In French.)

Rousseaux, Jean. Calais to Benjamin Franklin	[1777?]	A.L.S. 3p. XL, 69.
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Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

His capture on the frigate "Lexington," and arrival in France, destitute of everything; applies for aid.
(In French.)

Rumsey, Nathan	[1777]	A.L.S. 1p.	XL, 73.
to Benjamin Franklin			

Excusing himself and M. Penet from dining with him owing to a previous engagement.

Chevalier De Saillian, François Louis	[	Mem. 6p.	LXII, 115.
to Benjamin Franklin			

Gives his war record and copies of nine letters from different persons about him.
(In French.)

de St. Jean, Sieur de Barre	[	L. in 3d P. 1p.	LXII, 4.
to Benjamin Franklin			

Asks for a commission of lieutenant-colonel in the army.
(In French.)

Saint-Lambert, Marquis de	c. 1777	A.L.S. 2p.	XLI, 176.
to Benjamin Franklin			

Chevalier Villepré sailing for America to serve as Lieutenant-colonel in the service of the United States; asks permission for his nephew to accompany him.
(In French.)

Teissier, Le Sieur	[1778 June]	L. in 3d P. 1p.	LVII, 98, and LXII, 120.
to Benjamin Franklin			

Is a surgeon of the Salpêtrière Hospital at Paris; offers his services to the United States.
(In French, In duplicate.)

Vaquier, -----	[1777?]	Mem. S. 3p.	LX, 93.
to Benjamin Franklin			

Offers to produce in the United States, and furnish to the Government all the saltpetre it may need to make powder.
(In French.)

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Vicq d' Azyr, Félix [1777?] A.L.S. 2p. XL, 127.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sending copies of the letters patent granted to the Royal Society of Medicine, also a list of its members; desiring his presence at the next meeting of the Society.

(In French.)

De Vatteville, memo: x, ----- [C. 1779May 20] Mem. 3p. LXII, 122.
to Benjamin Franklin

Request to enter the service of the United States.

(In French.)

de Verin, Chalut [N. in 3d P. LXII, 45a.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Inviting Messrs. Franklin, Deane and Lee to dine with him.

Wuybert, Antoine-Félix [1777?] Mem. 1p. LVII, 52.
to Benjamin Franklin

Is Licutenant-Colonel of Engineers in the service of the United States; taken prisoner on the fall of Fort Washington and confined in Forton prison in England.

(In French.)

-----, ----- [1777] L. 1p. XLIV, 286.
to Benjamin Franklin

Jean Conrad Zollicoffer, formerly with Schweighauser of Nantes, is going to Philadelphia to begin business. Asks him to recommend him to some people there.

(In French.)

-----, ----- [1777.] A.L. 1p. XLIV, 113.
to Benjamin Franklin

Recommending an officer of artillery who wishes to go to America to seek a career there.

(In French.)

-----, ----- [1777.] 1p. XLIV, 236.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

To Benjamin Franklin

Memorandum giving names of two French firms who could supply flour, clothing, etc.
(In French.)

----, ----	[1777?]	L. 1p.	XLIV, 119.
to Benjamin Franklin			

Has been requested, by the Marquis of Courtauvaux, to speak to Franklin about another artillery officer who is as highly recommended as M. Mauduir Duplessis. Asks if it would be profitable to send silk and other fabrics made at Lyons and Tours to North America.
(In French.)

----, ----	[1777]	4p.	LI, 43.
to Benjamin Franklin			

"Epistle to the United States and to Franklin". Poem.
(In French.)

----, ----	[	13p.	LI, 75.
to Benjamin Franklin			

"To Dr. Franklin delegate from the United Provinces of America" and " to General Washington".
Poem.
(In Latin.)

----, ----	[1777]	3p.	LI, 77.
to Benjamin Franklin			

"Epistle to the Insurgents". Verses.
(In French.)

----, ----	[1777]	1p.	LI, 82.
to Benjamin Franklin			

On King George and pointed and blunt lightning conductors. Verses.

----, ----	[	Mem. 4p.	LVI(i), 47.
to Benjamin Franklin			

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

With reference to a proposed agreement between a Company in France and the United States Congress for the sale of tobacco to the former.

(In French.)

-----, -----	[1778?]	Mem. 3p.	LVI(i), 55.
to Benjamin Franklin			

A plan for secretly attacking and setting fire to the English fleet in New York Harbor.

(In French.)

-----, -----	[1777?]	Mem. 2p.	LVI(i), 67.
to Benjamin Franklin			

Proposal to sell a newly built frigate mounted with thirty-six guns.

(In French.)

-----, -----	[1777.]	L. 4p.	LVII, 40.
to Benjamin Franklin			

Petition from unknown against ----- Penet, agent for the State of Virginia.

(In French.)

-----, -----	[	Diss. 5 p.	LXI, 5, 6.
to Benjamin Franklin			

Outline of a project for raising, in the name of the King of France, a Regiment of Foreigners to be employed as auxiliaries in the service of the United States of America.

(In French.)

-----, -----	1777 before July 9	Mem. 3p.	LXI, 85.
to Benjamin Franklin			

List of stores on board of the privateer "Dolphin".

-----, -----	[	Mem. 3p.	LXI, 114.
to Benjamin Franklin			

Giving particulars of cannon which have been delivered at Havre and Dunkerque.

(In French.)

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

-----, ----- [1777 c. July 2] L. 1p. LXII, 56.
to The American Commissioners.

Requests that Chevalier de la Mothe be put at the head of the Engineers because of his great experience and that he be allowed 10,000 livres for his expenses.
(In French.)

-----, ----- [L. in 3d P. 4p.LXII, 129.
to Benjamin Franklin

A young man asking to serve in America.
(In French.)

-----, ----- [N. 1p. LXXI, 101b.
to Benjamin Franklin

Asks him, on behalf of a Boston printer, whether type for printing English and printing ink can be purchased in France.

-----, ----- [1777.] Mem. 1p. LXXI, 105a.
to Benjamin Franklin

M. de Gimat, who went to America with Lafayette, has been appointed Captain in the Regiment de Viennois at Martinique.
(In French.)

-----, ----- [N. in 3d P. LXXI, 130b.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Advice about business transactions with foreigners.

Goudar, ----- Aubenas 1778 January 1 A.L.S. 1p. VIII, 2.
to Benjamin Franklin

Charged by a number of persons to offer him and General Washington the homage of their admiration. If among the manufacturers of Languedoc any article would be useful to Franklin, they will execute his orders gratis; begs in return for a portrait of General Washington.
(In French.)

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Le Roy, Pétronille (Jean-Baptiste's wife). 1778 January 1 A.L. 3p. VIII, 2 1/2.

Paris

to Benjamin Franklin

In Paris a whole month and has not yet seen Franklin; expresses an enthusiastic attachment to him; will always glory in having such "a papa" as Franklin; invites him to dine with her father, the Comte de Milly.

(In French.)

Julien, Claude. Paris 1778 January 1 A.L.S. 1p. VIII, 3.

to Benjamin Franklin

Sends New Year greetings.

(In French.)

Izard, Ralph. Paris 1778 January 1 A.L.S. 1p. VIII, 4.

to Benjamin Franklin

Desiring a little conversation with him that evening or the next; the gout prevents his leaving the house.

Le Blanc, -----. Paris 1778 January 1 A.L.S. 1p. LXII, 7.

to The American Commissioners.

Wishing them all good wishes for the New Year. (In French.)

de Lucé, Chevalier de Marolles. Paris 1778 January 1 A.L.S. 1p. LXXI, 6.

to Benjamin Franklin

Congratulating him on the reported surrender of General Howe. Hopes Franklin will soon receive word from Congress respecting the offer of his services as Captain of Engineers.

(In French.)

Chase, Joseph. Paris 1778 January 1 A.L.S. 2p. LX, 8.

to Benjamin Franklin

Requests the Commissioners, from the United States, to assist several American prisoners detained at Dinan, Mayenne, etc., and obtain their release.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Delassau, Lambert. Chateau Thierry 1778 January 2 A.L.S. 2p. LXII, 63.
to Benjamin Franklin

Not content with his position; wishes a commission in the American army.
(In French.)

Izard, Ralph. Paris 1778 January 2 A.L.S. 1p. VIII, 5.
to The American Commissioners.

The credit he received from the Commissioners on the public banker is exhausted; desires further instruction.

Melmoth, Courtney. Paris 1778 January 20 A.L.S. 1p. VIII, 6.
to Benjamin Franklin

Requesting interviews for two persons; the one desires to go to America on the saltpetre and power scheme; the other, a person who has been imprisoned in London for trading in the American service, and who has just lost a large cargo of tobacco, but is ready to venture forth again.

Moylan, James. L'Orient 1778 January 2 A.L.S. 3p. VIII, 7.
to The American Commissioners.

Desiring to know whether he is to accept certain proposals of M. Gourolade or procure a different connection; necessity of having a letter from Franklin addressed to the captains of vessels from America with certain instructions.

Casani, Xavier. Florence 1778 January 2 A.L.S. 3p. VIII, 8.
to Benjamin Franklin

Is at work on a periodical encyclopaedia, for which a universal correspondence is necessary; Franklin's reputation as the most amiable, the wisest of men; applies to him, therefore, to furnish some political reflections, etc.
(In French)

Chief-Justice Welleb. Basel 1778 January 3 A.L.S. 1p. VIII, 9.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Reflections induced by having seen certain intended reforms of the penal laws in "The Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania"

-----, -----, **Wurtzbourg** 1778 January 3 A.L. 4p. LVIII, 108.
to Benjamin Franklin

Determined to emigrate to America with his family, in spite of his proposition having been refused; asks numerous questions about the country.
(In French. Final part missing.)

MacMahon, John. At the Military school in Paris 1778 January 4 A.L.S. 1p. VIII, 10.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing news received from the Chevalier de Keralio. Notwithstanding all the boasting of Lord Sandwich, he has not chased the American privateers from the coast of Europe.

Cooper, Samuel. Boston 1779 January 4 A.L.S. 1p. VIII, 11.
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing Mr. Bradford whose father is the agent for continental prizes in Boston. The rapid depreciation of paper money their greatest difficulty.

Gibbes, Sir Philip. Paris 1778 January 4. L. in 3d P. 1p. VIII, 12.
to Benjamin Franklin

Asking Franklin to appoint an hour when he may call.

Hutton, James 1778 January 4 A.L.S. 1p. VIII, 13.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing a letter for Mr. Nathaniel Seidel, in Bethlehem, which, if Franklin approves, he desires sent on.

Conyngnam, Captain Gustavus. St. Sebastian 1778 January 4 A.L.S. 3p. XLVIII, 149.
to The American Commissioners.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Brig "Grecieux" captured by him; refutes the report that an insult was thereby given to the French Flag.

MacMahon, John. At the Military school 1778 January 5 A.L.S. 1p. VIII, 14.
in Paris
 to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing an invitation from the Duchesses de Mortemart for Franklin and his son to dinner. Report of the English having taken Mud Island, and having had seventy of their officers wounded; put the garrison of four hundred men to the sword.

Gibbes, Sir Philip. Paris 1778 January 5 A.L.S. 2p. VIII, 15.
 to Benjamin Franklin

Presses upon him to devise the means whereby and honorable negotiation may be opened between Great Britain and America.

Sparre, [J.] de. Strasbourg 1778 January 6 A.L.S. 1p. VIII, 16.
 to Benjamin Franklin

Has written many letters, but has received no answer to his offers; his interest in the Colonies. (In French.)

Dumas, C.G.F. 1778 January 6 A.L.S. 3p. XXXIX, 20.
 to The American Commissioners.

Extract from a dispatch of the Comte de Degenfeld, Dutch Minister at Vienna, and a copy of a note from the Prince de Kaunitz, concerning the termination of the differences between the Austrian and Palatine Courts. Publication in the London Evening Post of a pretended Resolution of Congress of December 30th, 1776; desires to know if there is any truth in it; in the same paper, read with admiration their letter to Lord North with his pitiable reply. (In French.)

Doerner,----- Jr. Bordeaux 1778 January 6 A.L.S. 3p. VIII, 17.
 to Benjamin Franklin

Thanking Franklin for certain letters of introduction; his desire to render himself in some manner useful to them.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Kerlenguy, ---- Rogon de. Lamballe 1778 January 6 A.L.S. 2p. VIII, 18.
to Benjamin Franklin

His tenth letter to Franklin but has not received a line of response; his earnest desire to enter the service of America.

(In French.)

Galevon, ----- Ivry-la-Bataille 1778 January 6 A.L.S. 1p. VIII, 19.
to Benjamin Franklin

Applies to Franklin for details of the new remedy, tobacco ashes.

(In French.)

Watson, Marston. Bilbao 1778 January 6. A.L.S. 1p. VIII, 20.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the schooner Hawk's prize Britannia, which was seized by the Marquis de Basecourt, General of St. Sebastian, with a design of confiscation on a spurious pretense of piracy, the vessel unrigged, the cargo unloaded and disposed of, and the crew confined in prison; entreats Franklin's intercession.

Lee, Arthur. Chaillot 1778 January 7 A.L.S. 4p. VIII, 21.
to Benjamin Franklin

Indignant that the despatches to Congress are to be sent under the care of Mr. Carmichael; with Deane's and Franklin's sanction, had promised them to Mr. Stevenson; this promise is flatly contradicted in a letter written to Mr. Stevenson by the Commissioners; objects to being kept in the dark and resents the deepest insult that can be offered a gentleman:—a direct and unjust impeachment of his veracity.

Moylan, James. L'Orient 1778 January 7 A.L.S. 3p. VIII, 22.
to Benjamin Franklin

The ships, Duras, for sale at L'Orient, would be a cheap purchase; suggestions in case she is bought. News of Captain Butler of the privateer ship Molly who left Boston November 15th; took four prizes and is headed for some port in Spain.

De Père Meilhan, —. Mezin 1778 January 8 A.L.S. 2p. VIII, 23.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

to Benjamin Franklin

A friend of America; has a strong desire to adopt that country for his own; law is his profession; desires Franklin's advice as to how he could best invest his money.

(In French.)

Oberleithner, Jacobus. Vienna

1778 January 9

A.L.S. 2p. VIII, 24.

to Benjamin Franklin

Offering his services to the Americans as a physician, provided some fixed salary be assured him.

(In French.)

Blakey, W. Liège

1778 January 9

A.L.S. 2p. VIII, 25.

to Benjamin Franklin

Congratulating him on the capture of Burgoyne; angry with the American Council for not scalping him. Hurt at M. Morand's mention of him in the former's stuff about pit-coal; encloses letters on the subject. Will soon have his "Art of Watch and Clock Making" in print; will send it when finished.

Rails against the tyranny of England and enthuses over the defenders of liberty.

MacMahon, John. At the Military school

1778 January 9

A.L.S. 1p. VIII, 26.

in Paris

to Benjamin Franklin

Sends another paper of American news; the sea fight between the privateers seems true; very different accounts given by the English frigate. Expects to dine with him at the Duchesse de Mortemart's.

Harmanson, John S. Bordeaux

1778 January 9

A.L.S. 3p. VIII, 27.

to The American Commissioners.

Requesting to know if any resolve of Congress has been passed in the state of Virginia, which would require a person who has property there to return after a certain time or forfeit his rights to it. Reasons why he has been detained in Europe; his devotion to the American cause; only came over to serve his country.

Valltravers, Rodolph. Lyon

1778 January 10

A.L.S. 4p. VIII, 29.

to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

England will listen to no intercession. Congratulates him on the successes in America. His plan for establishing a public bank in France impracticable. Has to retrieve his private fortune which has been much impaired during his ten years' public services. Sends Franklin an electrical pistol which discharges inflammable air with great force.

Melmoth, Courtney. Paris 1778 January 11. A.L.S. 1p. VIII, 30.
to Benjamin Franklin

M. Dubourg and M. Jeuneux very anxious for Franklin to inspect some electrical instruments.

Gosum, I. Liège 1778 January 11 A.L.S. 1p. VIII, 32.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begging Franklin to honor him with his orders for arms.
(In French.)

De Lor, -----. à La Flèche 1778 January 11 A.L.S. 2p. V, 12.
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing the Lieutenant-General of the Presidial of La Flèche, where for the last three months he has been working in experimental physics. His pleasure at the success of the American arms.
(In French.)

Izard, Ralph. Paris 1778 January 13 A.L. in 3d P. VIII, 34.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Enclosing the Gazette Extraordinary which gives an account of the evacuation of Mud Island and Red Bank; expects news of great importance from the tenor of Howe's letter.

Desparbéz, -----. Luneville 1778 January 13 A.L.S. 2p. LXII, 34.
to Benjamin Franklin

Request for employment in Boston.
(In French.)

De Baris, Lt General Forget. Burgonville 1778 January 13 A.L.S. 2p. LXII, 3.
to Benjamin Franklin

Introduces Monsieur Gillot, of German Lorraine, who wishes a commission in the army.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

(In French.)

du Pugieu, Cullet. Lyon	1778 January 13	L.S. 3p.	LX, 109.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Intends to go to America with his small fortune. Asks how to get there, etc.

(In French.)

Arnold, ----- Metz	1778 January 14	A.L.S. 2p.	VIII, 35.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Asking for news of his brother, Francois Arnold, who went to America during the war between France and England; afterward remained there as Secretary to the Commissary at Quebec; a soldier of his name is serving in the American army; if it be his brother, desires to join him.

(In French.)

Valltravers, Rodolph. Lyon	1778 January 15	A.L.S. 1p.	VIII, 36.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Informing Franklin that he has forwarded him a book entitled "*Simlerus de Rebus publicis Helvetiorum.*"

Bresillac, De Marion. Castelnaudary	1778 January 15	A.L.S. 2p.	VIII, 37.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to enter the American army.

(In French.)

De Moussefat, Duc. Paris	1778 January 15	A.L.S. 1p.	LXII, 86.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Recommending M. Esckhout, a young surgeon.

(In French.)

Hennet, ----- Paris	1778 January 16	A.L.S. 3p.	VIII, 38.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Has received no notice of the arrival of the sabres at Nantes, where they were sent at Franklin's request; desires payment for the rifles. Proposition of the manager of a foundry to furnish cannon, etc., or to send his son to America to conduct the business.

(In French.)

de Belsague, -----. Saint Omer 1778 January 16 A.L.S. 1p. VIII, 39.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to make other arrangements in case Franklin cannot procure him employment suitable to his rank.

(In French.)

Taboureau de Villepatour, Louis-Philippe. Paris 1778 January 16 L.S. 2p. VIII, 40.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desiring to know if Chevalier Duplessis distinguished himself during the late victories in America in such a manner that he received a present of two horses from Congress in recognition of his bravery; if true, will endeavor to procure "La Croix de St. Louis" for this young man.

(In French.)

Graffenried, Karl Emanuel. Berne 1778 January 16 A.L.S. 4p. VIII, 41.
to Benjamin Franklin

Is the possessor of some valuable papers dated in the early part of the century concerning the American Colonies; will send them to Franklin and desires his opinion of their value, etc.

(In French.)

Lee, Arthur. Chaillot 1778 January 17 A.L.S. 1p. VIII, 42.
to The American Commissioners.

Sorry that the things to which he objected have been continued in the instructions for Captain Jones; prevented thereby from giving his signature to them except in the manner which he has the honor to send.

Bouvier, -----. Paris 1778 January 18 A.L.S. 1p. VIII, 43.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Writes for Messrs. de Gonault and Co. Who offer their services to purchase a supply of shirts for America.

(In French.)

Carroll, John. Rock Creek, near Georgetown, Md	1778 January 18	A.L.S. 4p.	VII, 44.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Congratulates Franklin on his health, position and opportunities for meeting interesting people; sees in many ways that Franklin is much in mode in Paris. The feeling in America is that France delays too long. Sad death of M. Pliarne; foul play suspected. News of General Schuyler's family; the treatment of the General universally considered cruel. His friendship and interest in L'Abbé Brotier. Hopes Franklin will soon return to the western world where he will be received with transports.

Romas, -- Moursan de	1778 January 18	L.S. 4p.	VIII, 45.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Is the widow of M. de Romas, member of the Academy of Sciences and a worker in electricity. Enclosing a memoir concerning a work of his on the invention of a new rudder for vessels; offers this work to America.

(In French.)

De Ricard, Chevalier. Toulon	1778 January 18	A.L.S. 4p.	LXII, 111.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Request, for himself and his brother, to enter the army.

(In French.)

de Carn, ----- Amboise	1778 January 18	A.L.S. 2p.	LXII, 17.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to go to Boston to fight for America.

(In French.)

Weyl, August Wilhelm. Bonn on the Rhine	1778 January 18	A.L.S. 2p.	LIX, 89.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Wishes to espouse the American patriots' cause. Is deterred because of unfavorable newspaper reports.

Ponylarmont, Degimat 1778 January 19 A.L.S. 2p. LXI, 70.
to Benjamin Franklin

Inquiring about De Gimat, an officer in la Fayette's army.
(In French.)

Rutledge, Js Bt. Paris 1778 January 20 A.L.S. 1p. LX, 82.
to Benjamin Franklin

With reference to an English family who wish to set up in trade in the United States.

Purtchaires, ----- Toul 1778 January 20 L.S. 2p. LX, 110.
to Benjamin Franklin

Wishes to settle in the United States.
(In French.)

Coffyn, Francis. Dunkirk 1778 January 20 A.L.S. 2p. VIII, 46.
to Benjamin Franklin

Arrival of two wounded seamen taken in the Lexington. Capture of the brigantine, L'Amiable Reine. News from New York of the defeat of Cornwallis and 6,000 royalists by General Gates; Cornwallis with 1,500 of his men taken prisoner; 900 left dead on the field. German troops deserted and joined the American army. Seventy-six pieces of brass cannon captured by the Continental troops.

Emery, Jno. Bilbao 1778 January 20 A.L.S. 1p. VIII, 47.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing two newspapers brought from Newburyport by the Captain of a small schooner.

Arnoux, Abbé Lyon 1778 January 20 A.L.S. 2p. VIII, 48.
to Benjamin Franklin

Future alliance of France and America. Expects to be in Paris next month when he hopes to embrace Franklin; what America owes to him. His pleasure in the good news from the Colonies marred by the anticipation that Franklin will return to his own country.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

(In French.)

Rogler, J. B. Paris 1778 January 20 A.L.S. 1p. VIII, 49.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begging Franklin to name a time when he may pay him a short visit.

MacMahon, John. At the Military school in Paris 1778 January 21 A.L.S. 1p. VIII, 50.
to Benjamin Franklin

His promise to dine with him to meet M. de Bussy, formerly Plenipotentiary Minister at the Court of England. The taking of some French ships, by the English, on the very coast of France must at least rouse the spirit of the Premier.

The Continental Congress, Committee on Secret Correspondence. Yorktown ,Pa 1778 January 21 A.L.S. Jno. VIII, 51.
to The American Commissioners. Witherspoon,
James Lovell.
3p.

The state of military affairs; evacuation of Triconderoga and Mt. Independence; Indians perfectly quiet; General Burgoyne and his troops near Boston; the General will not be suffered to depart until the Convention of Saratoga is ratified by the Court of London; enemy is possession of Rhode Island; respective positions of General Howe and General Washington.

Gourlade, Bérard frères & Monplaisir. L'Orient 1778 January 21 A.L.S. 3p. VIII, 52.
to The American Commissioners.

Informed Mr. Beaumarchais that they are ready to account with him for the whole proceeds of the cargo of the Amphitrite; sorry that the accounts of their disbursements for the two frigates exceeded Franklin's expectations; consider Franklin's expressions disagreeable; their disappointment at receiving such treatment.

Hutton, James. Passy 1778 January 21 A.L.S. 1p. VIII, 53.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Desires that his brethren's settlements on the coasts of Labrador may not be molested by any of the American armed vessels; every year supplies are sent to the missionaries on that coasts, who would starve should the vessel be taken.

Shore, Thomas. Cape François 1778 January 22 A.L.S. 1p. VIII, 55.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sending Franklin some introductory letters received from his friends in Virginia. Begs Franklin's assistance in the choice of correspondents and his influence in recommending their firm.

Wildrik, W. Namur 1778 January 22 A.L.S. 1p. VIII, 56.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begs for a letter, favorable or otherwise.
(In French.)

Pigou, -----. Paris 1778 January 23 A.L.S. 2p. XLIX, 22.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has discovered a new way of using gun powder, by which it is possible to fire twelve shots a minute from cannon and with increased velocity and effect. Wishes an interview.
(In French.)

Moylan, James. L'Orient 1778 January 23 A.L.S. 2p. VIII, 57.
to Benjamin Franklin

Report brought by a vessel from Baltimore of the capture of New York and Rhode Island by the American troops; this spur needed to enliven the merchants of L'Orient and St. Malo. The ship Duras too old for any profitable purpose.

de La Crespiniere, Comte. Gacé 1778 January 23 A.L.S. 3p. LXII, 26b.
to Benjamin Franklin

Request to enter the American service.
(In French.)

d'Eon, Chevalier. Versailles 1778 January 24 A.L.S. 2p. VIII, 58.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Called to congratulate him on the latest events in America; drank his health at the house of his friend M. Le Ray de Chaumont. Invitation from his brother-in-law, le Chevalier O'Gorman, for Franklin to visit him.

(In French.)

Olivier Baronne Demahuet. Pont-à-Mousson 1778 January 24 A.L.S. 1p. VIII, 59.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires the enclosed letter to be sent to a relative of hers at Salem, M. André Olivier.

(In French.)

Villiers, Louis-Pierre Dufourny de 1778 January 24 A.L.S. 3p. VIII, 60.
to Benjamin Franklin

Encloses a memoir to be forwarded to Congress if Franklin approves; his desire to become a citizen of Philadelphia.

(In French.)

Hechtfisher, Rev. Erhard Christien. Ickelheim, near Windsheim 1778 January 25 A.L.S. 2p. LIX, 87.
to Benjamin Franklin

Rejoices at the success of the American arms; his countrymen of Anspach unwilling to fight against the Americans. Desires to emigrate to the United States.

Franval (Francval), Capt. —. Paris 1778 January 25 A.L.S. 2p. VIII, 61.
to Benjamin Franklin

His brother uneasy at receiving no answer to his letter to Franklin written three weeks before, inclosing an important receipt; begs that it may be returned to him at once.

(In French.)

Junck, J. B. Luxembourg 1778 January 25 A.L.S. 4p. VIII, 62.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Desire on the part of certain iron founders and workmen skilled in every trade, to settle in America, and pursue their various callings; concerning a grant of land and privileges; being Catholics, they wish to know if their religion may be practiced openly.

(In Latin.)

Gain de Montagnac, Louis-Laurent-Joseph de. Nevers to Benjamin Franklin	1778 January 26	A.L.S. 2p.	VIII, 63.
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Enclosing a prospectus of a history of the Maréchal de Turenne, which he expects to publish shortly; desires to dedicate it to General Washington; wishes to know how many copies he shall retain for the United States.

(In French.)

Dedication and prospectus of a new history of the Maréchal de Turenne. 7p.

Van den Yver and Co. Amsterdam to Benjamin Franklin	1778 January 26	A.L.S. 2p.	VIII, 64.
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Desires to open a business connection with Franklin.

(In French.)

Lee, Arthur. Chaillot to Benjamin Franklin	1778 January 27	A.L. in 3d P. 1p.	VIII, 65.
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Begging Franklin to revise and certify the enclosed state of facts in order to prevent painful disputes. Color of roots of trees and plants when deprives of light.

Regnier, ----- Vannes to Benjamin Franklin	1778 January 27	L.S. 2p.	LX, 111.
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Asking for advice and information on the question of settling in America.

(In French.)

Coffyn, Francis. Dunkirk to The American Commissioners.	1778 January 27	A.L.S. 3p.	VIII, 66.
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Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Afraid that the account of the action between General Gates and General Cornwallis was premature; condition of the English in New York. The wounded men from the Lexington given every attention; the cutter which took the Lexington has been captured by an American armed ship.

Edrobal, -----. 1778 January 27 A.L.S. 2p. VIII, 67.
to Benjamin Franklin

Report of a proposition made by Lord Chatham for a suspension of arms in America during the winter; question of freedom of trade with various countries.
(In French.)

d'Attems, Comte. Nantes 1778 January 27 A.L.S. 1p. VIII, 68.
to Benjamin Franklin

Asking that the bearer be given his gold watch; mortified to have inconvenienced Franklin thus.
(In French.)

Hutton, James. London 1778 January 27 A.L. 1p. VIII, 69.
to Benjamin Franklin

His ardent desire for reconciliation between Great Britain and America; believes anything short of absolute independence would be practicable.

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Duhattoy, Joseph. Ivry 1778 January 28 A.L.S. 2p. LXII, 35.
to Benjamin Franklin

Requests to enter the American army.
(In French.)

Maiguien, B. Paris 1778 January 28 A.L.S. 3p. LXII, 77.
to Benjamin Franklin

He asks permission for his brother, a surgeon, to enter the service of the United States.
(In French.)

Melmoth, Courtney. Paris 1778 ----- 28 A.L.S. 2p. VIII, 70.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Sends him a copy of his last work, with an impromptu poem, by his wife, addressed to Franklin on his presenting his portrait to a lady.

Izard, Ralph. Paris 1778 January 28 A.L.S. 4p. VIII, 71.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning, the Article under consideration by the Commissioners as to whether an exemption from duty on molasses is an equivalent for a total exemption of all the exports of North America to the French West Indies; bitterly opposed to the execution of this article; his reasons for this; complains of not having been consulted earlier on this point.

Emmery Père et fils. Dunkirk 1778 January 29 A.L.S. 2p. 2p. VIII, 72.
to Benjamin Franklin

Pressure of business prevented them from informing Franklin of the arrival of Captain Berthelot from New York; enclosing an abstract in French of the Captain's report of that unhappy town. Abstract of Captain Paul Berthelot's account of affairs in New York. (In French.)

Melmoth, Courtney. Paris 1778 January 29 A.L.S. 3p. VIII, 73.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has sustained the loss of a large fortune; no longer able to support his family with his pen; disappointed in obtaining a secretaryship with the Commissioners; in immediate need of £60; desires Franklin either to put him in the way of earning this sum by writing, or advance it to him as a loan.

Inglesina, Davies. Paris 1778 January 29 A.L.S. 1p. VIII, 74.
to Benjamin Franklin

Visiting Paris; desires to wait on the ingenious inventor of the "Divine Armonica."

Izard Ralph, Paris 1778 January 30 A.L.S. 3p. VIII, 75.
to Benjamin Franklin

The extraordinary neglect with which he has been treated; forced to complain to Franklin; begs him again to reconsider the Article, which was the subject of his last letter, or at least to make the Treaty for a term of years only.

Lee, Arthur. Chaillot 1778 January 30 A.L.S. 4p. VIII, 76.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

to Benjamin Franklin

Stating his objections to the admissibility of the 12th Article concerning the duty upon molasses in the proposed commercial Treaty.

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Moylan, James. L'Orient	1778 January 30	A.L.S. 1p.	VIII, 77.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Informed that the Government has ordered 2,000 seamen to be raised in Nantes and 2,500 in St. Malo, besides a number of bakers who are all to proceed at once to Brest; no fishing vessels bound for New Foundland are to be admitted into the seaports.

Inglesina, Davies. Paris	1778 January 30	A.L.S. 1p.	VIII, 78.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Regretting their inability to dine with Franklin owing to his sister's late illness, but hopes to have the honor of waiting on him.

Melmoth, Courtney. Paris	1778 January 30	A.L.S. 1p.	VIII, 80.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Dr. Franklin and Mr. Deane indifferent to his labors. Mrs. Melmoth ill of a fever.

Gérard, Conrad Alexandre. Versailles	1778 [March] 30	A.L.S. 1p.	VIII, 81.
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to The American Commissioners.

Acknowledging their letter; will examine the translation.
(In French.)

Quemizet, -----	1778 January 31	L.S. 1p.	VIII, 79.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to emigrate to America and obtain a position as a masterdyer; wishes to know if this plan is practicable.
(In French.)

Deane, Silas, 1737-1789	1778 January	Mem. 1p.	VIII, 85a.
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to The American Commissioners.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Concerning the opening of Mr. Lee's despatches by Mr. Carmichael and the latter's intention of taking the book, in which they were written, to America; Mr. Deane has written for a copy of them. They contain a libel on two of the best men in America.

Millin de la Brosse, Claude-Valentin. [Mem. 4p. LXI, 142 and
Paris 143.
 to Benjamin Franklin

Urges Franklin and Deane to indemnify him for the losses he incurred whilst serving in the United States as Lieutenant-Colonel and during his imprisonment in England. Offers his services again if reimbursed for his losses.
 (In French.) (In duplicate.)

Carmichael, William. Nantes 1778 February 1 A.L.S. 5p. VIII, 82.
 to Benjamin Franklin

Unexpected attack on his character made by Mr. Arthur Lee; gives a detailed account of his conduct since his residence with Mr. Deane; his means of support, etc. Informs Dr. Franklin of the death of Mr. Thoman Morris. Expects to sail in eight days.

Genet, [Edme Jacques] [1779] February 1. A.L.S. 3p. VIII, 83.
 to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing M. Bordot, one of the first victims of England's resentment; his zeal for the American cause; begs Franklin to make him their agent in the town of La Rochelle.
 (In French.)

Lee, Arthur. Chaillot 1778 February 1 A.L.S. 1p. VIII, 84.
 to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing a note, sent by the Baron Schulenberg, with information of the price of arms in the King of Prussia's manufactory with permission to let the Commissioners have whatever they order.
 Note of the Prices of arms. 1p.
 (In French.)

Gérard, Conrad Alexandre. Versailles 1778 Febryary 1 A.L.S. 1p. VIII, 85.
 to Franklin and Deane

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Acknowledging Franklin's letter, in regard to Article 12 of the Treaty of Commerce; afraid it is too late to take notice of Franklin's request to have Articles, 11 and 12 omitted.

(In French.)

Tartivot, -----. Courcelles to Benjamin Franklin	1778 February 1	L.S. 3p.	LX, 113.
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Recommending two young men who propose to go to the United States.

(In French.)

Johnson, Henry. Rotterdam to The American Commissioners.	1778 February 2	A.L.S. 1p.	LIII, 61.
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Escaped from Mill Prison, England, in company with Captain Eleazer Johnson. Shocking condition of prisoners at Mill Prison.

The Navy Board of the Eastern Department. Boston to The American Commissioners.	1778 February 2	A.L.S. W[illiam] Vernon, Ja[me]s Warren. 2p.	LIII, 60.
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Bills of exchange for £100 have been drawn upon the Commissioners in favor of William Dennie, of Boston, in order to procure money for John Adams, about to embark to join the Commissioners.

Goudar, -----. Aubenas to Benjamin Franklin	1778 February 2	A.L.S. 2p.	V, 49.
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Hopes that he will accord him an answer to his former letter, and at the same time send him the portrait printed on paper of General Washington. Desires to send him a box of truffles, an article celebrated in his Canton.

(In French.)

Lee, Arthur. Chaillot to Benjamin Franklin	1778 February 2	A.L. 1p.	VIII, 86.
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Desiring the loan of two Boston papers and wishing to know if anything has been decided relative to supplying him with the necessary funds for his appointment in Germany.

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Hartley, S. London 1778 February 3 A.L.S. 1p. VIII, 87.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desired by his friend, D[avid] H[artley], to forward the enclosed letter.

Santoux, -----, Bordeaux 1778 February 3 A.L.S. 2p. VIII, 88.
to Benjamin Franklin

Asking for information concerning the use of tobacco ashes in dropsical complaints. His method of treating venereal diseases.

(In French.)

Franval (Francval), Capt. —, Versailles 1778 February 3 A.L.S. 2p. VIII, 89.
to Benjamin Franklin

No answer to his or his brother's letter; begs Franklin to return his brother's note and the letter of Congress.

(In French.)

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1778 February 3 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVII, 128.
to The American Commissioners.

Left the Lion at St. Nazare; has done with both French ships; afraid the Brune will be left. Death of Mr. Morris in his absence.

Fournier, Simon-Pierre, la jeune 1778 February 3 A.L.S. 1p. VIII, 90.
to Benjamin Franklin

The type is ready to be sent.

(In French.)

Butot, Lucas. Bodegraven 1778 February 3 A.L.S. 3p. VIII, 91.
to Benjamin Franklin

His zeal for the American cause; encloses a memoir concerning a new process of making bullets.

(In French.)

Hirschberg, Charles de. Strasbourg 1778 February 3 A.L.S. 1p. VIII, 92.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Sent some time ago a copy of Franklin's Interrogation which he had translated into French.

Gruner, [A.] Rodolph. Paris 1778 February 4 A.L.S. 2p. VIII, 93.
to The American Commissioners.

Presenting them with a picture which he has composed, and begging permission to dedicate it to them.
(In French.)

Izard, Ralph. Paris 1778 February 5 A.L.S. 1p. VIII, 94.
to The American Commissioners.

When Congress sent him a commission for the Court of Tuscany they did not inform him to whom he must apply for money; desires to know if they can furnish him with a letter of credit.

La Radière, — (Louis' father). Orbec 1778 February 5 A.L.S. 2p. VIII, 95.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begging Franklin to forward the enclosed letter to his son, an officer [colonel] in the American army.
(In French.)

Sarsfield, Guy-Claude, comte de 1778 February 7 A.L.S. 1p. VIII, 96.
to Benjamin Franklin

Accepting an invitation to dine with Franklin provided he can be released from a previous engagement.
(In French.)

Turin, —, comte de. La Ferté-Bernard 1778 February 7 A.L.S. 3p. VIII, 97.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begs Franklin's advice and assistance, in procuring from America, various animals and birds, that they may be introduced into France. His desire to visit America; hopes that his only son will take up arms for that country.
(In French.)

DuMont, -----. Paris 1778 February 8 A.L.S. 3p. VIII, 98.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Published years before a History of the English settlements in America; the new interest attaching to this subject makes him desirous of remodelling his work and continuing it up to the present time; M. Dubourg has assured him of Franklin's interest and his wish to see the History; encloses a copy. (In French.)

Tackoen, G. Mechlin to Benjamin Franklin	1778 February 9	A.L.S. 2p. XI, 125.
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Desires information as to some printer or postmaster in America to whom he can apply for a newspaper containing authentic accounts of actions in America.

The Continental Congress, Commercial Committee. York, Pa to The American Commissioners.	1778 February 9	L.S. William VIII, 99. Ellery, James Forbes, Fra[ncis] Lewis. 1p.
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Announcing William Lee's appointment as Commissioner to the Court of Prussia and the removal of Thomas Morris from the Commercial Agency; directed by Congress to desire Franklin to appoint one or more suitable persons as Commercial Agents in France.

The Continental Congress, Commercial Committee. York, Pa to Benjamin Franklin	1778 February 9	2p. LXXV, 46.
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The same in duplicate with resolution of Congress. (Copy.)

Ceronia, Joseph. Genoa to Benjamin Franklin	1778 February 9	A.L.S. 2p. VIII, 100.
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Asks for tidings of his son; last news of him was from St. Domingo.

Hancock, John. Boston to Benjamin Franklin	1778 February 9	A.L.S. 1p. VIII, 101.
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His ill health obliged him to leave Congress for a time. Recommending a young gentleman, Mr. Wm. Vernon, to his particular notice; he desires to enter some mercantile house.

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Deane, Barnabas. Boston 1778 February 10 A.L.S. 1p. VIII, 102.
to Benjamin Franklin

Recommending to Franklin's protection a son of his brother, Silas Deane, who may be absent from Paris when the child arrives; desires that he may be placed in a good school.

Jones, Capt. John Paul. Paimboeuf 1778 February 10 L.S. 2p. VIII, 103.
to The American Commissioners.

The affair of Quiberon in every broker's mouth. Were any continental marine power in Europe disposed to avail themselves of the present situation of affairs in America, a single blow would finish everything; explains how the enemies' fleet could be surprised and crushed.

Dumas, C.G.F. 1778 February 10 A.L.S. 2p. XXXIX, 21.
to The American Commissioners.

Extract from the despatch of M. Berkenro[o]de, Dutch Minister at Paris, concerning certain warlike preparations in France; extract from a German letter concerning the arrival of General Rewitzki from the Court of Vienna, à propos of the trouble with Bavaria. Possibility of a war between England and France.

(In French.)

Weisheim, Ferdinand. Cologne 1778 February 10 A.L.S. 3p. LX, 84.
to Benjamin Franklin

Offering his services.

(In French.)

----- Cambon and ----- Massart. Dunkirk 1778 February 10 A.L.S. 3p. LXII, 18.
to Benjamin Franklin

Have studied medicine under the best masters and have had experience in the army; they wish to enter the American service as surgeons.

(In French.)

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1778 February 11 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVII, 129.
to The American Commissioners.

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Arrival of Captain Jenkins from Nantucket; reports that General Lee was exchanged for General Prescott; the army in high spirits and in want of nothing; the English driven within Kingsbridge by General Gates, who, it is thought, will attack New York before he joins General Washington.

Hellfriedt, —. Marseilles 1778 Februray 11 A.L.S. 3p. VIII, 104.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desiring Franklin to appoint a time and place for an interview; willing to come all the way to Paris to lay before Franklin certain propositions of very great consequence to North American commerce; drops certain hints of the intended proposals but dares not speak further in writing; the need of absolute secrecy.

Barbeau-Dubourg, Jacques. 1778 February 12 A.L.S. 1p. VIII, 105.
to Benjamin Franklin

Asking why he failed to appear at dinner at the house of Mesdames, les princesses de Sapieha and de Sangusko; the ladies were inconsolable. Sending two memoirs from Mlle. Basseporte and messages from Messrs. Reignier and Coder.

(In French.)

Montcairel, Jean-Jacques Le Goüeslier de. 1778 February 12 A.L.S. 2p. VIII, 106.
Versailles
to Benjamin Franklin

Begging Franklin to forward the enclosed letter from M. de la Radière to his son in America.

(In French.)

Kaum, Phiip Jacq. Strasbourg 1778 Febraury 12 A.L.S. 1p. VIII, 107.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sending Franklin a letter from George Michel Bishoff in Sonnenburg.

Teylingen, Isaac van. Rotterdam 1778 Febraury 12 L.S. 4p. VIII, 109.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the ship Chester, captured by an American privateer and taken to Charlestown; entreats Franklin to consider the circumstances and procure for the losers some indemnification.

(In French.)

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Lee, Arthur. Chaillot 1778 February 13 A.L.S. 1p. VIII, 110.
to Franklin and Deane.

Acknowledging Messrs. Franklin and Deane's letter acquainting him with their purpose to send away the public despatches on Monday next; desires to know if this is to be done without consultation upon them or upon the person (unknown to him), to whom they are to be confided.

Cooper, Samuel. Boston 1778 February 13 A.L.S. 1p. VIII, 111.
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing the bearer, William Cooper, the son of his eldest brother.

Strahan, William 1778 February 13 A.L.S. 1p. XLIV, 21.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sends to Dr. Franklin and Mr. Deane a stilton cheese.

Gentzkow,-----. Paris 1778 February 15 A.L.S. 1p. LXII, 47.
to Benjamin Franklin

An officer of the English army, forced to leave England for killing another officer, requests service in the American army.
(In French.)

Lee, Arthur. Chaillot 1778 February 15 A.L.S. 3p. VIII, 113.
to Franklin and Deane.

Complains of a want of consideration for him relative to the sending away of the public despatches; has not been consulted about this matter at all; desires to know why he should be placed in the light of an incapable or suspected person; his close attention to all public business; desires to wait on them with several proposals of importance concerning the public despatches.

Colston, Rawleigh. Cape Francois 1778 February 15 A.L.S. 3p. VIII, 114.
to Benjamin Franklin

Is the agent for the Commonwealth of Virginia in the island of Martinique; has been denied the privilege of buying and selling in his own name and compelled to connect himself with a French merchant at the expense of half his commissions; applies to Franklin to have these restrictions

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suspended in the case of American agents; mentions another French law, the Droit d' Aubainc, which is sufficient to destroy the credit of any foreigners.

Roberdeau, Jacques-Dominique. 1778 February 15 L.S. 1p. VIII, 115.

Haguenau

to Benjamin Franklin

Begging Franklin to forward the enclosed letter to General Roberdeau whom he is persuaded is related to him.

de Franval, Chevalier. Orbec 1778 February 16 A.L.S. 2p. VIII, 116.

to Benjamin Franklin

Surprised that Franklin has paid no attention to his or his brother's repeated requests; trusts that only a pressure of affairs causes this neglect and begs that the desired papers may be returned.

(In French.)

Mostowski, Prince. Près de Paris 1778 February 16 L. in 3d P. 1p. VIII, 117.

to Benjamin Franklin

Having read Franklin's interrogation and having examined the beautiful Constitutions, has entirely changed his sentiments; desires an interview with Franklin.

(In French.)

Le Blanc, -----. Paris 1778 February 16 A.L.S. 2p. LXI, 63.

to Benjamin Franklin

Complaining of unfair treatment by Mr. Deane.

(In French.)

Nicholson, Samuel. Quiberon Bay 1778 February 18 A.L.S. 2p. VIII, 118.

to Benjamin Franklin

Account of a small difference between Captain Vorvisca and himself; confusion this created; timely arrival of Mr. Williams to whom he refers Franklin for an unprejudiced account of the affair; convinced he has been ill-treated.

Geusau, —, baron de. Paris 1778 February 18 A.L.S. 1p. VIII, 119.

to Benjamin Franklin

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Came from Vienna expressly to offer his services to America; is travelling strictly incognito.
(In French.)

Melmoth, Courtney. Paris 1778 February 19 A.L.S. 1p. VIII, 120.
to Benjamin Franklin

Understands that the Abbé Condillac has just come to town; asks Franklin for the letter of recommendation to him which he left in Franklin's hands; a plan which is not yet fit for Franklin's observation.

Parsons, William. Dieppe 1778 February 19 A.L.S. 3p. VIII, 121.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has a wish to help America; his brother's position in the English army; his unexceptional family connections; his military services.

Delagrangé, ----- St. Quentin 1778 February 19 A.L.S. 4p. VIII, 122.
to Benjamin Franklin

Unable to feed and clothe his wife and five children on his small salary; applies to Franklin for money.
(In French.)

Wilbraham, Roger. Paris 1778 February 19 A.L.S. 1p. VIII, 123.
to Benjamin Franklin

Applies to Franklin for a remedy for dropsy, on behalf of a lady at Vienna.

Risdel, John. St. Malo 1778 February 19 A.L.S. 1p. VIII, 124.
to Benjamin Franklin

Served on Captain Wickes's ship, the Reprisal, for a space of twenty months; has been in the hospital three months; is now well again but greatly in need of clothes and money; wages and prize money due him from the ship; desires Franklin to send him a certain sum.

Hartley, David. London 1778 February 20 A.L.S. 2p. VIII, 125.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Concerning Lord North's plan of reconciliation; admires the spirit of Franklin's sentiments to Lord Howe; urges the arrest of any fatal treaty with the House of Bourbon. Danger of reporting things said in public counsel.

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Millin de la Brosse, Claude-Valentin.	1778 February 20	L.S. 2p.	LXI, 141.
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Paris

to Benjamin Franklin

Renews his request for a settlement of his claim for expenses incurred in America and England whilst in the service of the United States as a military officer.

(In French.)

Michel Bonniot and Eymas Labate.	1778 February 21	L.S. 1p.	VIII, 126.
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Bordeaux

to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing a letter just arrived on the ship Bordelais; cause of the delay; offer their services to Franklin.

(In French.)

La Goaner and Co. La Corunna	1778 February 21	L.S. 3p.	VIII, 127.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing the desired accounts. Concerning the seizure by the commanding general of the Province, of certain funds proceeding from prizes taken by Captain Conyngham; also a letter of Arthur Lee's as Commissioner, desiring them to retain at his disposal the half of the net profits of prizes, which belong, in his opinion, to Congress.

Lee, Arthur. Chaillot	1778 February 23	A.L.S. 1p.	VIII, 128.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Mentioning the titles of the bills moved by Lord North; his opinion that Mr. Hartley gave in too much to the King's and Lord North's temporizing policy.

Count of Kothkowski. London	1778 February 24	L.S. 4p.	VIII, 129.
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to Benjamin Franklin

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Wrote to Franklin in an earlier letter of his being taken prisoner, deprived of everything and brought to Portsmouth whence he proceeded to London. Messrs. Vaughan and Towgood promise him help if Franklin will write them a letter on his behalf; desires to join the brave defenders of liberty.

Hillegas, Michael. Yorktown 1778 February 24 A.L.S. 1p. VIII, 130.
to Benjamin Franklin

The bearer, the Baron de Holtzendorff, not having obtained the service he expected is returning to France. Acknowledging Franklin's favors of January 23d, 1777, per Mr. Lutterloh to whom he will show all the civilities in his power.

Lee, Arthur. Chaillot 1778 February 25 L. in 3d P. 1p. VIII, 131.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desiring Franklin's presence, the next day, to superintend the examination of the public papers of the late Thomas Morris; desires to get away to Germany as soon as possible.

La Goaner and Co. La Coruña 1778 February 25 A.L.S. 4p. VIII, 132.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the seizure of the funds by the Commander-General of the Province; enclosing a copy of all their accounts with Captain Conyngham; news of the cargo of the Black Prince; feasibility of selling prizes in the above port.
(In French.)

Lee, Arthur. Chaillot 1778 February 26 A.L.S. 2p. VIII, 133.
to Franklin and Deane.

The return of their despatches by Mr. Simeon Deane is an event from which great public consequences may flow; hurt at not being consulted in the matter; points out unpleasant results of this step; desires a consultation on the subject.

Lee, Arthur. Chaillot 1778 February 26 A.L. in 3d P. VIII, 134.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Making an appointment to meet Dr. Franklin and Mr. Deane the following day.

Boux, Jangués. Nantes 1778 February 26 A.L.S. 2p. VIII, 135.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Difficulties in the way of his taking passage at once; little difference he has had with Captain Nicholson; kindness of Mr. Williams who wrote Dr. Franklin the enclosed letter on his behalf. Desires a small advance of the amount due him to pay his current expenses.
(In French.)

Melfort, Marie de Berenger, duchesse 1778 February 26 L.S. 3p. VIII, 136.
douairière de. Paris
to Benjamin Franklin

Stating her claim to certain settlements in New Jersey and New York through her cousin, Lord Drummond, of Perth; desires an audience with Dr. Franklin.
(In French.)

Godet, Henricus. Paris 1778 February 26 A.L.S. 1p. VIII, 137.
to Benjamin Franklin

Wishing to know Franklin's address in case he should have occasion to write him from Holland, and giving his own address there.

Keay, -----. Paris [1778.] February 27 A.L.S. 1p. XL, 198.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sends him a political pamphlet, by the author's desire.

Becker, G. Bayonn 1778 February 27 A.L.S. 4p. VIII, 139.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to go to America and there pursue his commercial career.

Lee, Arthur. Chaillot 1778 February 28 A.L.S. 1p. VIII, 140.
to Franklin and Deane.

The propriety of postponing his proposition. The necessity of sending the treaties in French; offers to copy them himself. Advises the immediate sailing of the convoy.

Gaudini, Carolus. Genoa 1778 Dec. 13 L.S. 1p. VIII, 138.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Discusses the present methods of investigation in medicine; encloses a printed statement composed by himself, of physiological problems deduced from the teachings of Hippocrates.

(In Latin.)

Bérenger, Jean-Pierre. Lausanne 1778 March 1 L.S. 4p. VIII, 141.
to Benjamin Franklin

His plan for writing a history of the United States; Lord Clives offered him the materials, but the work was to be done under his direction and he preferred to remain free; aid given him by M. Le Sage; asks Franklin's advice as to various books and maps to be consulted. Enclosed letters concerning his exile. Sends his "History of Geneva" desires "Le Bonhomme Richard" in return.
(In French.)

Lee, William. Chaillot 1778 March 2 A.L.S. 1p. VIII, 142.
to Benjamin Franklin

Willing to submit his judgement to Franklin's and deliver to him the trunk containing the late Mr. Thomas Morris's papers; desires an important letter for America to reach Mr. Deane before he sails.

Coffyn, Francis. Dunkirk 1778 March 2 A.L.S. 2p. VIII, 143.
to Benjamin Franklin

Announcing the arrival, at Dunkirk, of Captain Henry Johnson, late commander of the Lexington, and Eliazad [sic] Johnson, captain of the Dalton; both made their escape from Plymouth prison; desires Franklin's orders relative to Captain Henry Johnson. Total loss of the cargo of the brigantine, l'Hirondelle.

Whitechurch, ----. Paris 1778 March 2 A.L.S. 1p. VIII, 144.
to Benjamin Franklin

Reminding Franklin of the letters of recommendation he brought him last October from Messrs. Raspe and Dalrymple; reasons for his long absence. Will return to Paris later, and wishes to consult Franklin before proceeding to America.

Hutton, James 1778 March 2 A.L.S. 2p. VIII, 145.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Acknowledging letters of February 1st and 12th. Franklin's advice such that little use can be made of it; as a peace-wisher, not being tall enough to be a peace-maker, he cannot propose the points Franklin hinted at. Always grieved at the treatment Franklin met, with in England. Hopes the past may be forgotten and that both sides may embrace cordially.

Raudière, J.-D. Ramier de 1778 March 3 Poem. 3 p. LI, 58.
to Benjamin Franklin

The "Ameriquiade." On the war between England and the American Colonies. Predicting its disastrous results for England. Dedicated to Benjamin Franklin, Silas Deane and Arthur Lee, American Commissioners in France.
(In French.)

Hartley, David. London 1778 March 3 A.L.S. 1p. VIII, 146.
to Benjamin Franklin

Lord North's conciliatory bill; Lord George Germain's hearty concurrence with it and strong desire for peace.

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Wharton, Samuel. London. 1778 March 3 A.L.S. 1p. VIII, 147.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sends by Captain All, the Parliamentary Register, the Remonstrance, newspapers, etc; the captain a sincere well-wisher to America.

Henry, Patrick. Williamsburg 1778 March 3 A.L.S. 2p. VIII, 148.
to Benjamin Franklin

Captain Lemaire has agreed to procure, for Virginia, such articles as are absolutely necessary for her defense; he carries an invoice to William Lee; question of paying for the articles with tobacco; begs Franklin to render aid in this matter. Chesapeake Bay guarded by English ships; no hope of facing Britain on the water unless assisted by France.

Lee, Arthur. Chaillot 1778 March 3 L. in 3d P. VIII, 149.
to Benjamin Franklin

Postponing the meeting till the following day at Passy; begs for the Committee's letters.

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Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1778 March 3 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVII, 130.
to Benjamin Franklin

Question of the 50,000 livres being paid.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1778 March 5 A.L.S. 6p. XXXVII, 131.
to Benjamin Franklin

Rejoiced at M. Chaumont's success. If the 50,000 livres are paid in America, asks how he is to be reimbursed for his expenses and commissisons. Reasons why he does not wish to take his powers form Mr. Lee; Mr. Morris's failure to keep his part of the agreement made between them; refers Franklin to the enclosed extracts [4 p.] for his entire connection with the *Lion*. His brother Jack to sail in a day or two.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1778 March 3 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVII, 132.
to The American Commissioners.

Duchesse de Grammont still at St. Nazare; question of a new convoy. Arrival of Captain Chapman, from Boston, in the brig Nantes; no further news from America.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1778 March 3 A.L.S. 4p. XXXVII, 133.
to The American Commissioners.

Affair of the prizes. Concerning the acceptance of the bill for 50,000 livres; disposition of the effects of Mr. Josiah Crosby, who died of smallpox.

Bingham, William. St Pierre 1778 March 5 A.L.S. 4p. VIII, 150.
to Benjamin Franklin

Unhappy at having his letters neglected; his reasons for desiring to be informed of anything of importance; protection the Americans meet with in the ports of Martinique; their prizes sold openly. No attention paid to the violent clamor of the English governors; daring behavior of an English frigate in capturing an American privateer under the very guns of a French fort.

Peters, Richard. York, Pennsylvania 1778 March 5 A.L.S. 1p. VIII, 151.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Honored with several letters by the hands of foreign gentlemen, desirous of serving the cause; impossible, owing to their ignorance of the language, to find places for them. Very anxious to obtain some news of his father whom he fears is prevented from communicating with him.

Izard, Ralph. Paris 1778 March 5 A.L.S. 1p. VIII, 152.
to The American Commissioners

Intends setting out as soon as his gout and the weather permit, for the Court of Tuscany to which Congress has appointed him; desires to be informed of any proceedings entered into with the Court of France, also wishes copies of any treaties concluded with that Court.

Vaughan, Samuel. London 1778 March 5 A.L.S. 2p. VIII, 153.
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing his son John who is about to become an inmate in the house of Messrs. Barton and Co., at Bordeaux; requesting Franklin to give him any necessary advice.

Vaughan, Benjamin 1778 March 5 A.L.S. 8p. VIII, 154.
to Benjamin Franklin

Great variety of opinions concerning America. Description of a debate in Parliament concerning a peace in America; opinions of the Dukes of Grafton and Richmond and Lords Weymoth, Radnor, Hillsborough, Suffolk and Temple.

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Lee, William. Chaillot 1778 March 6 A.L.S. 1p. VIII, 155.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sending the keys of the trunk containing Mr. Thomas Morris's papers; desires an answer that night to his letters to the Commissioners relative to the commercial agents.

Dumas, C.G.F. 1778 March 6 A.L.S. 4p. XXXIX, 22.
to The American Commissioners.

Enclosing extracts from ministerial despatches; trouble caused by the arrival at Lisbon of the English vessel the Hero, suspected of being a privateer. Possible rupture between France and England. Conversation held with the Grand Pensionnaire of Amsterdam showing the attitude of Holland

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towards America. Lawsuit in Amsterdam owing to the purchase of sugar from American vessels by the French who loaded it on Dutch vessels.

(In French.)

Jacques Rocquette, T.A. Elsevier, and Frères Rocquette. Rotterdam 1778 March 6 A.L.S. 2p. VIII, 156.

to The American Commissioners.

Two vessels are ready to depart, one to Curaçan and the other to St. Eustatia; will take charge of any letters they may have to those places. Prices of tobacco and rice; glad to receive consignments of these articles.

Ross, John. Nantes 1778 March 7 L.S. 3p. VIII, 157.

to Benjamin Franklin

The abuse of power by Mr. William Lee as Commercial Agent, in seizing, privately searching and carrying off the books, papers, etc., of Messrs. Willing Morris and Co. and the private correspondence of Robert Morris with his deceased brother; considers it an arbitrary insult to the laws of their country; in need of Franklin's advice and opinion as to his future conduct in this matter.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1778 March 7 A.L.S. 3p. XXXVII, 134.

to The American Commissioners.

The Duchesse de Grammont still waiting their permission to proceed to sea. Attempt made to procure a ship to carry the remaining goods.

Ganseford, G. Bordeaux 1778 March 7 A.L.S. 2p. VIII, 158.

to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to ship a cargo of tobacco but the custom's officer in Bordeaux refuses to give him the necessary clearance papers; begs Franklin to speak to M. Necker in order that the edict of the King of 1721 may be enforced.

(In French.)

Dalet, Comte. Venice 1778 March 7 A.L.S. 4p. LXII, 1.

to Benjamin Franklin

Asks for a commission in the army.

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(In French.)

Brillon, Mme d'Hardancourt . Passy [1778.] March 7 A.L.S. 2p. XLIII, 19.
to Benjamin Franklin

A jesting pretense of being his spiritual adviser; absolves him of all sins past and present provided he loves God, America and herself; acquits him of all the seven cardinal sins, except a weakness for women.

(In French.)

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Butot, Lucas. Amsterdam 1778 March 8 A.L.S. 2p. VIII, 159.
to Benjamin Franklin

Is absolutely convinced of the effect of the bullets; desires only two hundred guineas for his secret.

(In French.)

de la Pleignière, Chevalier. Cacn 1778 March 8 A.L.S. 1p. VIII, 160.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sends with this letter a package of his printed papers; trusts the papers may be useful to Franklin's young compatriots.

(In French.)

Becker, -----. Madrid 1778 March 10 L.S. 4p. VIII, 161.
to Benjamin Franklin

Writes on behalf of his brother, who desires to pursue his commercial career in America [see VIII, 139].

(In French.)

Lee, William. Chaillot 1778 March 11 A.L.S. 3p. VIII, 162.
to Benjamin Franklin

Complains of the delay in placing before the Commissioners his proposition about appointing agents in the ports. An account of his journey to Nantes to take possession of Mr. Thomas Morris's papers and the unjustifiable behaviour of Mr. Ross in that matter; resents the letter [see VIII, 157] Mr. Ross wrote to the Commissioners concerning him, and their attitude in approving it.

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Emery, Jno. Bilbao 1778 March 11 A.L.S. 1p. VIII, 163.
to Benjamin Franklin

The case of Captain James Babson; his prizes were restored by the French; injustice of this; will compensation be made Captain Babson for his loss?

Le Poole, Peter. Amsterdam 1778 March 12 A.L.S. 2p. VIII, 164.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sends a copy of two commissions delivered to him by the respective Governors of Virginia and North Carolina, as their agent for receiving and selling. Begg to be allowed to forward his letters under Franklin's care to friends in America. Desires new of two brigantines, in which he has an interest.

Gruffy, — de. Paris 1778 March 12 A.L.S. 2p. VIII, 165.
to Benjamin Franklin

His proposed visit to America. Takes advantage of the Comte de Conway's recommendation to offer his services to Franklin.
(In French.)

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1778 March 12 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVII, 135.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sending two of Franklin's banker's books, which he found among his papers.

Dumas, C.G.F. 1778 March 13 A.L.S. 3p. XXXIX, 23.
to The American Commissioners.

Extracts from ministerial despatches concerning European affairs; trouble between Austria and Bavaria; war-like preparations; rumored war between Turkey and Russia. Desires to know what he must say if questioned concerning Mr. J. P. Merkle and his enterprise. Acknowledging Mr. Wm. Lee's favor of the 8th inst.; will publish his good news in the Gazette.
(In French.)

Valltravers, Rodolph. Bienne 1778 March 13 A.L.S. 4p. VIII, 166.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Has received no intimation that his six previous letters to Franklin arrived safely. Warns him against the five bribed and bribing emissaries sent by England to make a show of transacting peace; results to be expected should America reject proposals of reconciliation. Sketches the indemnification England ought to grant. Laughs at the dreaded alliance between France and America; no ally in need of protection was ever benefitted by France.

Courter, Harmon. Coruña 1778 March 13 A.L.S. 2p. VIII, 167.
to Benjamin Franklin

Account of his journey to Coruna and the difficulties of weather, roads, etc. Curiosity of the people as to his business. Will embark that evening in disguise. News of Captain Conyngham.

Martin, Samuel. Whitehaven 1778 March 14 A.L.S. 1p. VIII, 168.
to Benjamin Franklin

Hopes to shake off the gout soon and pay Franklin a visit; refers him to the bearer, Mr. Nathaniel Dowse, for all particulars.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1778 March 14 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVII, 136.
to Benjamin Franklin

Recommending M. de Fontevieux; his wish to embark on the Duchesse de Grammont. News of Mr. Deane's recall; slanders which may arise from this circumstance.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1778 March 14 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVII, 137.
to The American Commissioners.

Informed by Mr. Grand that his bills still remain unapproved; fears such delay may hurt the credit of his paper.

Du Jardin, Egidius. Gand 1778 March 14 A.L.S. 2p. VIII, 169.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begs for information concerning the principal houses dealing in tobacco, rice, sugar, etc., the sort of merchandise it is expedient to send to America, the safest route for his ships to take, and the difference of money, etc.
(In French.)

O'Gorman, Thomas, chevalier 1778 March 14 A.L.S. 1p. VIII, 170.

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to Benjamin Franklin

Has sent the wine Franklin ordered; the bottle of white wine is a small mark of his attachment; encloses the accounts for the other bottles.

(In French.)

Melmoth, Courtney. Paris	1778 March 15	A.L.S. 1p.	VIII, 171.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing M. Monié, a painter of portraits, to Franklin's notice.

Godet, Henricus. Amsterdam	1778 March 16	A.L.S. 1p.	VIII, 172.
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to Benjamin Franklin

His desire, and that of other merchants, to see Franklin in Holland; would take that opportunity to introduce him to the principal leaders at Court; thinks it would tend to the mutual service and public good.

Melmoth, Courtney. Paris	1778 March 16	N.S. 1p.	LXXI, 7a.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Card of introduction.

Brillon, Mme d'Hardancourt . Passy	[1778. March] 16	A.L.S. 2p.	XLIII, 20.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Declines to engage in a discussion with Franklin on the Ten Commandments. Points out the reserve and discretion in conduct which women are obliged to observe and the liberty allowed to men in their relations with the opposite sex.

Postscript about a collection of Scotch airs received from Mr. Alexander.

(In French.)

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Melmoth, Courtney. Paris	1778 March 16	A.N.S. 1p.	LXXI, 7b.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing a gentleman who wishes to see Franklin about a discovery relating to powder and saltpetre.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Clough, Elizabeth. London 1778 March 17 A.L.S. 1p. VIII, 173.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosed letter for her only son in America.

Walke, Jno. Bordeaux 1778 March 17 A.L.S. 1p. VIII, 174.
to The American Commissioners.

Announcing the conclusion of the dispute between Mr. Bond and himself; verdict of the court gives him leave to depart from Bordeaux with his vessel; each party to pay their own costs; advisability of carrying on the suit.

The Governor of Georgia. Savannah 1778 March 17 A.L.S. John VIII, 175.
to Benjamin Franklin Houstoun. 2p.

The son of a Georgian, Mr. O'Brien, who was sent to school at Smith's Academy near London, the report prevails that he has been trepanned on board a British man-of-war in the Thames and detained as a prisoner; begs Franklin to inquire into this matter and if it is true, effect exchange of prisoners.

Bridgen, Edward 1778 March 18 A.L.S. 1p. VIII, 176.
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing M. Garnier, Secretary to the French Embassy, who desires the honor of being known to the greatest man living.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1778 March 18 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVII, 138.
to Benjamin Franklin

Recommending Captain Dunn and Mr. Curtis, lately arrived from Georgia.

Melmoth, Courtney. Paris [1778.] March 19 A.L.S. XL, 106.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sending the promised pamphlet on American affairs.

Gébelin, Antoine Court de. Paris 1778 March 19 A.L.S. 2p. VIII, 179.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing a letter from Mr. Hutton. Disappointed at not meeting him at the house of the Marquis of Mirabeau. Will send him the 5th volume of the "Monde Primitif" for which he subscribed.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

(In French.)

Lee, William. Chaillot 1778 March 19 A.L.S. 1p. VIII, 180.
to The American Commissioners.

Asking for a copy of the treaties they have entered into with the Court of France, that he may not propose anything inconsistent therewith to the Courts of Vienna and Berlin.

Poop, Jonathan. Paris 1778 March 19 L.S. 4p. LXXI, 126.
to Benjamin Franklin

With reference to a fatal quarrel between a civilian and some officers and to a court trial resulting therefrom.

(In French and English.)

Dumas, C.G.F. 1778 March 20 A.L. 3p. XXXIX, 24.
to The American Commissioners.

Congratulating them on the union of America and France; the reception of the news and the rumors afloat. Quotes his own letter to the Grand Factor. Offer of protection for himself just received.

(In French.)

Roches de Condormes, —. St. Nicolas-de-la-Grave 1778 March 20 A.L.S. 3p. VIII, 181.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning a work of his, which sets forth an admirable method of learning the French language.

(In French.)

Montaudouin de la Touche, Jean-Gabriel. Nantes 1778 March 21 A.L.S. 3p. VIII, 182.
to Benjamin Franklin

Delighted at the commercial treaty between America and France. Has a Medallion of Franklin in terra cotta, very well executed; quotes the latin motto to be inscribed thereon. Sends messages to various friends. Expresses, for Franklin, the greatest admiration and affection. A commercial proposition of one of his friends, which he desires Franklin to communicate to Mr. William Lee.

(In French.)

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1778 March 21 3p. XXXVII, 139.
to The American Commissioners.

Matters concerning the Duchesse de Grammont. The Dolphin's seizure and the sentence of the Admiralty on it; encloses Tonnyay's account.
(In French.)

MacMahon, John. At the Military school in Paris 1778 March 22 A.L.S. 1p. VIII, 183.
to Benjamin Franklin

Congratulating him on the results of the negotiations with France; thinks America's independence is assured—when will poor Ireland's turn come? Concerning a fine poem inscribed to Franklin by a lawyer of Avignon.

Raudière, J. D. R. de 1778 March 22 A.L.S. 3p. VIII, 184.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has written Franklin a poem entitled "The Ameriquiade" which he sends with other papers; promises never to offend in this manner again.
(In French.)

Raudière, J.-D. Ramier de 1778 March 22 Verscs. 1p. LI, 60.
to The American Commissioners.

Addressing his poem "The Ameriquiade" to Franklin, Deane and Lee. Hope they will do something to alleviate his distress.
(In French.)

Lee, William. Chaillot 1778 March 23 A.L. in 3d P. VIII, 185.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Will wait on Franklin the next day to take leave of him and hopes the copy of the treaties will be ready for him.

Wharton, Samuel. London. 1778 March 23 L. 1p. VIII, 186.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Several of his friends disposed to lend money to the United States; desired by one of them to find out the manner in which the loans are made and the amount of interest.

Coffyn, Francis. Dunkirk 1778 March 23 A.L.S. 3p. VIII, 187.
to Benjamin Franklin

Congratulating him on the glorious conclusion of the treaty with France. His devotion to the cause of America. All the English ships in the harbor have been stopped by order of the Court; the captains of the French vessels fearing a retaliation, dare not proceed to sea. Recommends Captain Chandler as an able pilot.

Bertier, Père Joseph Etienne. l'Oratoire 1778 March 23 L. in 3d P. 1p. VIII, 188.
to Benjamin Franklin

Expressing the greatest interest on the part of himself and his confrères in Franklin's success; trusts that the affair which Franklin has charge of will come to a successful issue.
(In French.)

Hore, F Dilkes. St. Omer 1778 March 24 A.L.S. 2p. VIII, 189.
to Benjamin Franklin

A declaration of war on the part of Great Britain makes it necessary for him to apply to Franklin for permission to remain at St. Omer with his family; has endeavored for many months to get to Boston but without success; has offered his services, through General Gates, to the Congress. Has written Franklin many letters under a disguised name; Colonel Mercer will inform Franklin who he is.

Adams, John. Brest 1779 March 24 A.L.S. 2p. VIII, 190.
to Benjamin Franklin

His advice to Captain Landais was to apply to the Intendant of Marine for such materials and workmen as were needed to repair the ship; disposition to be made of the prisoners. Applies to Franklin for clothes on behalf of the midshipmen and other petty officers.

Dumas, C.G.F. 1778 March 24 A.L.S. 2p. XXXIX, 25.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Rumors of war between England and France. Foreign news; war decided upon between Turkey and Russia. Amusing dialogue between the French Ambassador, M. de Bérenger, and Sir Joseph Yorke. Is longer laughed at for his chimerical views, but is spied upon worse than ever.

(In French.)

Nicephore, P to Benjamin Franklin	1778 March 24	A.L.S. 2p.	VIII, 191.
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Is a Capuchin monk, therefore cannot aid the Americans in the capacity of a soldier but is extremely anxious to go over as chaplain to the regiment in which two of his brothers serve; with some difficulty has obtained permission from his Superior; begs Franklin to intercede with M. de Sartine in his behalf.

(In French.)

Gruffy, — de. Paris to Benjamin Franklin	1778 March 24	A.L.S. 1p.	VIII, 192.
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As he has decided to live in America, begs Franklin's permission to call on him as compatriot; has a letter for him from the Comtesse de Conway.

(In French.)

Brillon, Mme to Benjamin Franklin	[1778. March]? 25th	A.L.S. 1p.	XLIII, 97.
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Cannot give Franklin a list of his sins, as it would be too long; they all spring from one source, however, Cannot approve or tolerate the dangerous principle, which Franklin seems to have adopted; that love and friendship can be divided up *ad infinitum* and distributed amongst any number of persons.

(In French.)

Du Mont, ----- to Benjamin Franklin	1778 March 25	A.L.S. 2p.	VIII, 194.
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Reminding Franklin of his promise to aid him in his design of continuing his History of the English Colonies in America.

(In French.)

Genet, Edme Jacques , d.1781	1778 March 25	L. 1p.	VIII, 194a.
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Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the manufacture and purchase of various cannon. Proposition of M. Hannet to establish an iron foundry in America.

(In French.)

Hennet, ----. Paris

1778 March 25

A.L.S. 1p. VIII, 195.

to Benjamin Franklin.

Very anxious to know when he may pay his respects to Franklin and talk with him on certain matters of importance.

(In French.)

Gastellier, René-Georges. Montargis

1778 March 26

A.L.S. 1p. VIII, 196.

to Benjamin Franklin

Overjoyed at Franklin's triumph over his enemies; congratulates him on the intrepidity with which he has upheld the cause of liberty.

(In French.)

Merckle, Joh Ph. Amsterdam

1778 March 26

A.L.S. 1p. VIII, 197.

to Messrs. Franklin and Deane.

Forms with his friends a considerable expedition, which is almost ready to sail. The person from whom he purchased arms, conformable to the Commissioners' list, insists upon his taking them on board; impossible to place such an article in the cargo; begs them to interfere.

A. E dated April 13, by Franklin. The Commissioners have done everything incumbent on them relative to Mr. Merckle's affairs, and do not incline to have any further concern with them.

de Laval, -----. Paris

1778 March 26

A.L.S. 2p. VIII, 198.

to Benjamin Franklin.

Desires to ask Franklin's advice on certain matters.

(In French.)

Montécot, -----. Paris

1778 March 26

Mem. 2p. LIII, 62 1/2a.

to Benjamin Franklin.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

M. Baillot has invented a new metal of a whitish gray color suitable for coins of small denomination. Offers to disclose his secret and to send a sample of the metal made by him.

(In French.)

Desgianières, -----. Chaillot to Benjamin Franklin.	1778 March 27	L. and Diss. LVII, 65. S. 11p.
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Sending Franklin an article on the love of liberty, and proposing a system of revenue for the United States instead of the ruinous and un-just taxation in force in most countries.

(In French.)

Dumas, C.G.F. to The American Commissioners	1778 March 27	A.L.S. 2p. XXXIX, 26.
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Arrival of their good friend, the Factor. Awaits only an important letter from them before setting out for Amsterdam; explains the several preliminary steps before the proper moment arrives for Franklin to appear on the scene; impossible to push affairs further without important instructions from them.

(In French.)

La Rochefoucauld, Louis-Alexandre, duc de La Roche-Guyon et de. to Benjamin Franklin	1778 March 27	A.L.S. 2p. VIII, 199.
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At last America and France are declared friends, and Franklin, Minister Plenipotentiary. Anxious to know if Mr. Deane is really returning to America; desires to see him before he sails. Expects to dine with Captain Jones in a day or two on board one of the French frigates. Begs for news.

(In French.)

Lee, Arthur. Chaillot to Benjamin Franklin	1778 March 27	A.L.S. 1p. VIII, 1991/2.
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Decided that, owing to his connection with the Spanish Court, he could not venture as far as Germany; his brother has therefore set out. Concerning the business of the loan bills.

Johnstone, John. St. Malo to Benjamin Franklin	1778 March 27	A.L.S. 1p. VIII, 200.
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Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Narrating a series of misfortunes befallen him since he sailed from Dartmouth on the 27th of June. Is now at St. Malo, in France; begs Franklin to obtain his freedom that he may return to his native country.

de Basmarin et Raimbaux, Recules. 1778 March 28 L.S. 2p. VIII, 201.

Bordeaux

to Benjamin Franklin

The close bonds between France and America. The admiration due to Franklin's talents and the homage due his character.

(In French.)

La Plaigne, Emmanuel-Pierre de. 1778 March 28 L.S. 3p. VIII, 202.

Bordeaux

to Benjamin Franklin

Difficulties and discussions he has had with Messrs. Bayard and Co. on the score of passengers; fears that they will not keep to their agreement. Expects to leave for l'Isle de Réthe following Monday.

(In French.)

Ross, John. Nantes 1778 March 28 A.L.S. 2p. VIII, 203.

to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing Mr. John B. Paschen, a native of Hamburg, who desires the honor of meeting the first Ambassador of the United States of America; assistance he has received from Mr. Paschen in his claim against the city of Hamburg.

Du Mont, ----- Paris 1778 March 28 A.L.S. 2p. VIII, 177.

to Benjamin Franklin

Thanking Franklin for the information he has given him; if he continues his "History of the English Colonies," will make use of it.

(In French.)

Izard, Ralph. Paris 1778 March 29 A.L.S. 2p. VIII, 204.

to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Concerning the desirability of granting, to a certain man, a passport to Italy. Disappointed at receiving no explanation on certain points mentioned in his letter of January 30th, wherein he thought himself injured. Desires to know if he is to expect any answer from the Commissioners to his letter of the 5th inst.

Wyss, -----. Longwy to Benjamin Franklin	1778 March 29	A.L.S. 7p.	LXII, 126 and 127.
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Request to enter the American army.
(In French.)

de la Genetière. -----. Paris to Benjamin Franklin	1778 March 29	A.L.S. 4p.	VIII, 205.
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A long account of misfortunes. To Franklin alone could he confide his sorrow without shame, and beg for assistance.
(In French.)

Bondfield, John. Bordeaux to The American Commissioners.	1778 March 30	A.L.S. 1p.	VIII, 206.
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Acknowledging his appointment as commercial agent for the Secret Committee of Congress at the ports of Bayonne, Bordeaux, Rochefort and La Rochelle; will observe all orders implicitly.

Moylan, James. L'Orient to Benjamin Franklin	1778 March 30	A.L.S. 1p.	VIII, 207.
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Capture by the frigate Oiseau of a privateer brig of sixteen guns belonging to London. Arrival of the ship Harmony Hall, loaded with tobacco, rice, slaves, etc., from Newbern, North Carolina.

Lambert, -----. Paris to Benjamin Franklin	1778 March 30	A.L.S. 1p.	VIII, 208.
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Hopes Franklin will find in the enclosed letter enough to justify his troubling him.
(In French.)

Lambert, ----- to Benjamin Franklin	1778 March 30	L. 4p.	VIII, 208a.
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Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Copy of a letter sent to M. Sabbathier, Secretary of the Academy of Chalons, on the suppression of mendicancy together with his answer.

(In French.)

Rochemure, —, abbé de. Paris to Benjamin Franklin	1778 March 30	A.L.S. 1p.	VIII, 209.
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Begs for the honor of a moment's audience.

(In French.)

Goudar, ----- Aubenas to Benjamin Franklin	1778 March 30	A.L.S. 1p.	VIII, 210.
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Begs Franklin to procure him an engraving of General Washington.

(In French.)

Izard, Ralph. Paris to Benjamin Franklin	1778 March 31	A.L.S. 1p.	VIII, 211.
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Considers that he has acted justifiably.

Williams, Jno. Nantes to Benjamin Franklin	1778 Dec. 31	A.L.S. 1p.	XXXVII, 171.
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His nephew (Jonathan's) departure for Bordeaux. Sends the public papers. Gives extract from a letter (1 p.) concerning the probable destination of the English fleet, which left New York on October 19th.

Lee, Arthur. Chaillot Messrs. Franklin and Deane	1778 March 31	L.S. 1p.	VIII, 212.
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The report of Mr. Deane's intending departure from Paris obliges him to repeat the request that the public accounts should be settled; reasons for this demand.

O'Gorman, Thomas, chevalier to Benjamin Franklin	1778 March 31	A.L.S. 2p.	VIII, 214.
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Concerning the wines he sent Franklin; reason for their dearness; desires the account settled as soon as possible.

Williams, Jonathan Jr.	1778 March 31	A.L.S. 3p.	XXXVII, 141.
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Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

to The American Commissioners.

Cargo of the Duchesse de Grammont; certain claims made by one of the workmen; attitude of their cheif, M. Merchier. [Dr. of answer on back of L. in handwriting of Arthur Lee.]

Hodge, William. Cadiz	1778 March 31	A.L.S. 3p.	VIII, 215.
to Benjamin Franklin			

Account of his cruize since leaving Bilboa; number of prizes captured; chased by two English frigates; final arrival at Cadiz; desires advice and orders.

Melmoth, Courtney. Paris	[1778 March] Sunday.	A.L.S. 2p.	XL, 108.
to Benjamin Franklin			

Reason why the salt-petre man failed to keep his engagement. Question of his obtaining the promised small appointment from Mr. Deane of Dr. Franklin.

dechamolle	[1778 March]	L. in 3d P. 1p.	XLI, 98.
to Benjamin Franklin			

Went to America in 1777 with a troop of Chasseurs; captured by the English and imprisoned at St. Augustine in Florida; cruel treatment; request for his release or exchange.
(In French.)

-----, -----	1778 March	Poem. 7p.	LI, 9.
to Benjamin Franklin			

Ode to King Louis XVI entitled "The Awakening of France."
(In French.)

Lovell, Patience [Wright]	1778 March	A.L.S. 3p.	XLII, 46.
to Benjamin Franklin			

Relations between England and America. Political information.

Feutry, Aimé Ambroise Joseph	1777 August 12	A.L.S. 1p.	VI, 187
to W.T. Franklin			

Sends a packet for his grandfather; bids him goodbye; asks to be remembered to Mr. [Silas] Deane, who must appoint a day to see his cannon at the arsenal. (in French)
