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Tucker, Samuel. Bordeaux 1778 April 1 A.L.S. 2p. IX, 1.
to The American Commissioners.

His arrival after a fatiguing passage of forty-two days; sends by Captain Richard Palmer a copy of his instructions and signals; desires to know his further destination; busy getting the ship in readiness for sea; captured the ship Marthy from London bound for New York; has only one lieutenant at present; desires advice as to appointing others.

Brillon, Mme 1778? Monday 4 A.L. in 3d XLIII, 117
to Benjamin Franklin P. 2p. (In
French.)

Recommending a friend, M. Hennet, who had furnished some supplies of arms for Congress and who wishes to offer his services to some gentlemen from Virginia.

**Chasseneuil, —, marquise de. Saint Foy-
la-Grande** 1778 April 1 A.L.S. 3p. IX, 2.
to Benjamin Franklin

Reminds Franklin of a half promise to give her the address of a compatriot in America to whom she could send her wines to sell on commission.
(In French.)

Vincent, G. fils. St. Malo 1778 April 1 A.L.S. 1p. IX, 3.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing a letter from one John Johnstone said to be an American but has the misfortune to make one of the crew on board an English cutter, detained for twelve weeks in the harbor; begs to be informed if he is really an American.

Lee, Arthur. Chaillot 1778 April 2 L.S. 4p. IX, 4.

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Expressing great anger and indignation at being kept in ignorance of M. Gérard's mission to America and also of Mr. Deane's departure.

Other Descriptive Information

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Delaire, -----, La Rochelle

1778 April 2

A.L.S. 3p. IX, 5.

to Benjamin Franklin

His joy at the alliance between the United Provinces and France; his knowledge of the theory of commerce; his familiarity with languages; desires to form an establishment at La Rochelle for the instruction of young men in the knowledge of commerce; wishes Franklin to become the patron of the establishment and to recommend it.

(In French.)

de Corcelles, Polier, Lausanne

1778 April 2

A.L.S. 3p. IX, 6.

to Benjamin Franklin

Plan of several Swiss gentlemen to raise a regiment of 1,500 infantry to serve in America. Suggests their being raised in the name of France, the States' new ally; secrecy to be observed; puts himself in Franklin's hands on condition that he is assured a suitable rank in the forthcoming levy.

(In French.)

Lee, Arthur, Chaillot

1778 April 3

A.L.S. 3p. IX, 7.

to Benjamin Franklin

Information received from M. Grand that Mr. Williams continues drawing on the public funds, though he has received no orders to answer his drafts; has not been consulted in this matter, but considers it an irregularity.

Dumas, C.G.F.

1778 April 3

A.L.S. 5p. XXXIX, 27.

to The American Commissioners.

Extracts from foreign letters; war with Austria inevitable; France endeavoring indirectly to keep peace between Russia and the Porte. Rumored withdrawal of Lord Stormont from the French Court. General opinion in Rotterdam that England will be forced to recognize the independence of the Colonies. Desirability of a commercial treaty between Holland and America. Recent agitation in

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Holland over the augmenting of their land forces; attitude of M. de Berkenro[o]de, Dutch Minister to France. Conversation held with M. Van Berkel; assurances of Holland's perfect neutrality; urges the wisdom of profiting by the friendship and commerce of the United States. Advises their writing an official letter to the Grand Pensionnaire announcing the treaty of the United States with France and stating America's friendly attitude towards Holland.

(In French.)

Ridley, Matthew 1778 April 3 A.L.S. 1p. IX, 8.
to The American Commissioners.

Introducing Mr. Ebenezer Platt, whose sufferings in the cause of America are known to Franklin; lately released from prison and married to a daughter of Mrs. Wright; their only mode of returning to America is through France.

Johnson, Gov Thomas. Annapolis 1778 April 3 L.S. 1p. LXI, 24.
to Benjamin Franklin

Notifying him of the appointment of Joshua Johnson as agent for Maryland in soliciting military stores.

Bondfield, John. Bordeaux 1778 April 4 A.L.S. 2p. IX, 9.
to The American Commissioners.

Arrival at Bordeaux of John Adams, Esq., who sets off at once for Paris. News of various vessels. Desirability of France announcing a fixed time when a convoy will attend the ships destined for North America.

Izard, Ralph. Paris 1778 April 4 A.L.S. 2p. IX, 10.
to Benjamin Franklin

Compelled again to request the explanation so often promised him; also the reasons in writing why the alterations in the treaty of commerce were not to be communicated to him.

Jones, Capt. John Paul. "Ranger," 1778 April 4 A.L.S. 3p. IX, 11.
Cameret
to The American Commissioners.

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Is now perfectly ready to proceed with the *Fortunée* of thirty-eight guns and the tender sent by Comte d'Orvilliers; deeply concerned at the time lost; will make the better use of that to come. Concerning the large frigate built for America at Amsterdam; hopes to find her ready to his return. Saluted the French flag at Brest with thirteen guns and received in return two guns less; possible reasons for this.

Sarsfield, Guy-Claude, comte de to Benjamin Franklin	1778 April 4	A.N. in 3d P. LXXI, 58b. 1p.
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Reminds him of his promise to bring Mr. Adams to dine at his house and requests Franklin to return him the Spanish grammar and Gibbons's *History of Rome*.
(In French.)

Dalkerque, De Lattre. Dunkirk to Benjamin Franklin	1778 April 4	L.S. 2p. IX, 12.
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Acknowledging his letter of the 8th of February, enclosing two letters of recommendation for the captain of his frigate, *la Comtesse de Brionne*; she sailed for America on the 2d inst., well armed and richly loaded.
(In French.)

Müller de la Piolotte, —. Lure to Benjamin Franklin	1778 April 4	A.L.S. 4p. IX, 13.
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Has charge of glass works at Champagny; his experience and knowledge of the manufacture of glass; desires to establish glass-works in America; lays this project in detail before Franklin and asks his advice; his reasons for wishing to take this step.
(In French.)

Williams, Jonathan Jr. to Benjamin Franklin	1778 April 5	A.L.S. 1p. XXXVII, 142.
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Introducing Mr. Hawkins of Carolina.

Lee, Arthur. Chaillot to Benjamin Franklin	1778 April 5	A.L.S. 1p. IX, 14.
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Not knowing anything of the transactions referred to him, cannot judge whether it is fit to discharge the enclosed accounts.

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Montgomery, Robert. 1778 April 5 A.L.S. 2p. IX, 15.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has been established in the above port of Spain twelve months and has acquired business and consequence. Afraid if Spain declares war against England, he will be treated as a British subject; begs Franklin to send him a certificate of his identity as an American; encloses a paper to prove his nationality; refers to Mr. Thomas Morris for particulars.

Schönfeld, -----, baron de. c. 1778 April 5 L. in 3d P. 1p.XLI, 182.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sending Franklin a letter from the directors of one of the most reliable manufactories of fire-arms in Germany.
(In French.)

Bondfield, John. Bordeaux 1778 April 6 A.L.S. 2p. IX, 16.
to The American Commissioners.

Concerning repairs, etc., on the ship Boston; Captain Tucker's action in not reporting the arrival to the Admiralty Board; his salute to the Castle not returned, no instructions having been received from the Board of War on that head. English fleet still lying between Capes Ortegal and Finisterre. The Spanish fleet expected shortly from Cuba.

Pommereulle, --, sieur de. Fougères 1778 April 6 A.L.S. 2p. IX, 17.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the hard case of his brother, M. de Martigny, who followed M. du Coudray to America, in hopes of aiding in the defense of liberty; his subsequent disappointment and return to France; expenses incurred; begs Franklin to obtain from M. de Sartine the settlements of his brother's just demands.
(In French.)

Champigny, Jean Bochart de. 1778 April 6 A.L.S. 2p. IX, 19.
Amsterdam
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Reasons for sending his second volume of the History of England before the first one, which will follow later together with the first two volumes of his Translation of the History of Denmark. Congratulates him on his new dignity.
(In French.)

Bondfield, John. Bordeaux 1778 April 7 A.L.S. 1p. IX, 20.
to Benjamin Franklin

On the strength of Mr. Hancock's letter to Franklin in favor of Mr. Cooper, will advance that young gentleman the necessaries he stands in need of.

Brongniart, Antoine Louis. Paris 1778 April 7 A.L.S. 2p. IX, 21.
to Benjamin Franklin

When he will make certain experiments in electricity; hopes Franklin will have sufficient leisure to attend. Successful treatment of certain sick people by means of the electric fluid.
(In French.)

Dumas, C.G.F. 1778 April 7. A.L. 4P. XXXIX, 28.
to The American Commissioners.

Extracts from German letters; warlike preparations throughout the country. Account of a considerable quantity of cannon and arms for sale. Further suggestions for their official letter to the Grand Pensionnaire; desirability of crushing the English party in Holland. Intrigues in Dutch politics.
(In French.)

de Sarsfield, M 1778 April 7 A.N. in 3d P. LXXI, 59a.
to Benjamin Franklin 1P.

Requesting Franklin to be at his house at 2 o'clock for dinner, as Prince de Aingry will be there.
(In French.)

Deane, Silas. Aix 1778 April 8. A.L.S. 2p. IX, 22.
to Benjamin Franklin

Their arrival at Aix, Begs Franklin to make his adicus to certain friends at Paris, which he failed to do from lack of time. Thanking him for the friendship and confidence he has honored him with and for the honorable testimony he has given him to Congress. Wishing him all happiness and prosperity.

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Bibliography

Beugeard, Desegray Jr., St. Malo 1778 April 8 A.L.S. 3p. IX, 23.
to The American Commissioners.

Congratulations on their glorious transactions with the French Ministry. An English frigate seen lately in their neighborhood. Enclosing a letter from Mr. J. D. Schweighauser in which he seems to have been appointed to represent the American agent in Brittany; desires to know if that letter is comfortable to their orders.

[Copy of M. Schweighauser's letter in French, enclosed.]

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1778 April 8 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVII, 143.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the unfortunate condition of Captain Collas, the husband of Jenny Mecom, now a prisoner in England. His late indisposition; expects to set out for Paris shortly.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1778 April 8 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVII, 144.
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing Mr. George Readhead, of South Carolina, and Mr. Craig, of Philadelphia.

Roberdeau, Jacques-Dominique 1778 April 8 A.L.S. 2p. IX, 24.
to Benjamin Franklin

His delay in answering Franklin's favor of February 21st due to the mislaying of General Roberdeau's letter; sends it now. Congratulations on the success of his endeavors for his country.

Farry ?,-----. Chateauneuf 1778 April 8 A.L.S. 2p. IX, 25.
to Benjamin Franklin

His experience as surgeon on his Majesty's ships; desires to be of service to the American people; proposes certain conditions under which he is willing to practice medicine in the Colonies.
(In French.)

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1778 April 9 A.L.S. 3p. XXXVII, 145.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Begging his favorable attention to the request of the American captains for a convoy off the French coast. Constant applications for wages and prize-money, by Frenchmen who served on board the Lexington. Mr. M[orris] sold what was brought in here and the money is the Lord knows where. Wishes the Commissioners had given up what was carried to their credit and taken the loss of Mr. M[orris]'s conduct on themselves, it would have saved an infinity of credit which the service has suffered. Question of Mr. William Lee having given his appointment to Mr. Schweighauser; reasons why he resents this; action he has taken in the matter.

The Captains of American Merchant Vessels at Nantes and Neighboring Ports. 1778 April 9 L.S. 2p. LXI, 12.

Nantes

to The Ministers Plenipotentiary of the United States at the Court of France.

Requesting them to apply to the French Court for a convoy off the coast sufficient to protect the American vessels.

The Navy Board of the Eastern Department. Boston 1778 April 9 L. in 3d P. 1p.LIII, 37.

to The American Commissioners.

Encloses gazettes to date. Cannot risk other packages.

Lee, William. Frankfort-sur-le-Maine 1778 April 9 A.L.S. 2p. IX, 26.
to Benjamin Franklin

The Presence of any one on their part at Berlin will not be of any use. The Vienna scheme will be prosecuted; England will not declare war until Burgoyne and his troops are got safe, lest they should be intercepted. Proposes a plan to send La Motte Picquet with certain ships to be joined at Boston by others, the whole to proceed immediately to Halifax which must fall into their hands with all the naval stores.

Le Clerc de St. Etrain, --, abbé de. Paris 1778 April 10. A.L.S. 1p. IX, 27.
to Benjamin Franklin

Asking for the letters of recommendation he promised to M. Mereau de Mannevan, who has left for Amsterdam.

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(In French.)

Guillaud, Claud. Cadiz 1778 April 10 A.L.S. 4p. IX, 28.
to Benjamin Franklin

England has altered her Mediterranean passports, so that the ones they had before the war rendered useless. Plan of a certain merchant to enter into peace negotiations with the Emperor of Morocco; he has written Franklin more particularly on this subject; it will all tend to the prosperity and happiness of America. Captain Cunningham still at Cadiz.

(In French.)

Toustain, Charles-Gaspard de Toustain- Richebourg, vicomte de. Josselin 1778 April 10 A.L.S. 8p. IX, 29.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning his paper, "A Challenge to Lord Suffolk," and other similar reflections and explanations; his desire to enter the American service under certain conditions.

(In French.)

Gravier, -----. Marseilles 1778 April 10 A.L.S. 2 p. LX, 104.
to Benjamin Franklin

Wishes to settle in America. Inquires as to what assistance he might hope for.

(In French.)

d'Alignac, -----. Clermont-Ferrand 1778 April 11 A.L.S. 2p. IX, 30.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begging for information of one of his relatives, named le Chevalier de Pontgibaut, who left Nantes on October 11th to pass into the service of America with letter to M. de Lafayette and to General Conway; his father's anxiety at receiving no news of him.

(In French.)

Madden, Jean Butler. Nantes 1778 April 11 A.L.S. 3p. IX, 31.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Considerable commerce between France and America; need of an interpreter at Nantes to assist the French and American captains in their business relations; offers himself for the position and begs Franklin to obtain it for him from the French Admiral.

(In French.)

de St Lambert, Aubin. Termonde to Benjamin Franklin	1778 April 11	A.L.S. 3p.	IX, 32.
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Has served in the French navy as captain of various vessels; desires to pass into the service of the Colonies; his knowledge of navigation and acquaintance with several languages; certificates he can furnish.

(In French.)

Hutton, James to Benjamin Franklin	1778 April 11	A.L.S. 1p.	IX, 33.
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Introducing Mr. D'Aguiton, of Geneva; he has an affair of merchandise to settle with a Mr. Heywood, of Paris; announcing the death of Mr. Falconer.

De Gruyere, -----. Paris to Benjamin Franklin	1778 April 11	A.L.S. 2p.	LXII,128.
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A note enclosing the letter from Wyss.

(In French.)

Dumagny, -----. Partenay to Benjamin Franklin	1778 April 12	A.L.S. 2p.	IX, 35.
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His enthusiasm for the American cause; desires to serve in the army of the republic.

(In French.)

Coffyn, Francis. Dunkirk to The American Commissioners.	1778 April 13	A.L.S. 1p.	IX, 36.
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Has just learned that Mr. Deane has left Paris; desires orders as to the providing for American prisoners and seamen who may, in future, arrive at Dunkrik. Congratulating Mr. Adams on his safe arrival in France.

Serrier,-----. Damvillers	1778 April 13	A.L.S. 2p.	IX, 37.
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Desiring to know Franklin's remedy for dropsy, which he has read about in the newspapers; one of his parishoners has been a sufferer from the disease for twenty-eight years. In exchange for this important service, will bestow on Franklin the title of benefactor.

(In French.)

Mostowski, Paul Michael (Pawel Michal), 1778 April 13

L. in 3d P. 1p.IX, 38.

"prince". Paris

to Benjamin Franklin

Desires a personal interview; begs him to name the day and hour.

(In French.)

Döhren, Jacques von. Hamburg

1778 April 13

A.L.S. 3p. IX, 39.

to The American Commissioners.

Offers his services to the Republic in case the Commissioners see fit to establish an agency at Hamburg; advantages resulting from such an office; should this idea meet with their approval, has a plan for the establishment of an American depot at Hamburg.

(In French.)

Williams, Jonathan Jr.

1778 April 14

A.L.S. 3p. XXXVII, 146.

to Messrs. Franklin and Deane

The Duchesse de Grammont set sail on the 7th inst. Question of paying wages to a French sailor who escaped from prison after being taken in the Lexington.

Valltravers, Rodolph. Bienne

1778 April 14

A.L.S. 4p. IX, 40.

to Benjamin Franklin

Desires news of the safe arrival of certain important letters. Trusts the treaty between France and America does not preclude Great Britain forever from proper connection with the States. Suggests an alliance between the thirteen Cantons and the thirteen United States. His plan for eliminating poverty in the United States.

Bondfield, John. Bordeaux

1778 April 14

A.L.S. 2p. IX, 41.

to Messrs. Franklin and Lee.

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Captain Tucker almost ready to sail. Present unsettled state creates great stagnation in trade; many opulent merchants whose operations are suspended until war is declared or peace established.

Penet, P. Paris 1778 April 14 A.L.S. 1p. IX, 42
to Benjamin Franklin

Sends a memoir, forwarded to him by an American captain; desires to know if the Minister of Marine will grant the demands in the aforesaid memoir; advantages to be gained from such concessions, such as the greater safety to their vessels, etc.

(In French.)

Lugny, — de. Bordeaux 1778 April 14 A.L.S. 2p. IX, 43.
to Benjamin Franklin

Is a geographical engineer in the above city; if, by these means he can render himself useful to the States, offers Franklin his services.

(In French.)

Caille, D'audibert. Cadiz 1778 April 14 A.L.S. 2p. LXI, 11.
to The American Commissioners.

Concerning peace between United States and Emperor of Morocco.

(In French.)

Reynolds, John. Paris 1778 April 14 A.L.S. 2p. IX, 44.
to Benjamin Franklin

As recommended by him, he wrote to Mr. Jonathan Williams at Nantes for information as to certain American articles which he had a clear channel of introducing into England; will proceed on his return journey the following night.

La Freté, M. and Mme. de 1778 April 14 L. in 3d P. 1p.XLIII, 178.
to Benjamin Franklin

Hopes that Messrs. Franklin have not forgotten their engagement to dine with them.

(In French.)

Látáche, Jean. Angoulême 1778 April 15 A.L.S. 4p. IX, 45.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

His plan of establishing a manufactory of maps in America; the means to be employed in its formation and the advantages to accrue to the Colonies from such an establishment.

(In French.)

Prat, Antoine F. Lyons 1778 April 15 A.L.S. 2p. LX, 88.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begs Franklin to procure him a position as secretary.

(In French.)

L'Enfant, -----. Paris 1778 April 15 A.L.S. 1p. IX, 46.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begging Franklin to forward the enclosed letter to his son in America; Mlle. Basseporte joins with him in imploring Franklin's favor for this only child.

(In French.)

Le Roy, -----. Cherbourg 1778 April 15 A.L.S. 2p. IX, 47.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning John Burnell, captain of the privateer Montgomery, now in prison at Plymouth. Failure on the part of M. Dulonprey to answer his demands for the money due to Burnell; applies to Franklin for assistance.

(In French.)

Turgot, Anne-Robert-Jacques, baron de l'Aulne. Paris 1778 April 8 L. in 3d P. 1p. IX, 48.
to Benjamin Franklin

Reminding Franklin of his engagement to dine with him; if Mr. Adams, the new Commissioner has arrived, desires his company also.

(In French.)

Sarsfield, Jacques-Hyacinthe, vicomte de (Guy-Claude's brother). Paris 1778 April 16 L.S. 2p. IX, 47 1/2.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Asks Franklin's interest and patronage on behalf of M. Somers, the son of a rich merchant of Lille who wishes to send some goods into America. Prevented from seeing Franklin for some time, owing to illness; is about to leave for the Chateau de Marly where he and Mme. de Sarsfield unite in hoping Franklin will visit them.

(In French.)

Tarteron, ----- Mende to Benjamin Franklin	1778 April 16	A.L.S. 2p.	IX, 49.
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An ode to Franklin; compares him to Solon; the glorious treaty which he arranged with France.

(In French.)

Monts, Chevalier de to Benjamin Franklin	1778 April 16	A.L.S. 6p.	IX, 50.
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Describing an invention of his for writing secret despatches on cotton cloth where it is invisible until made to appear by the use of certain chemicals; desires to make a present of this discovery to America.

(In French.)

Lovell, James. Yorktown to The American Commissioners.	1778 April 16	A.L.S. 1p.	XLVIII, 173; XLVIII, 174.
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Notice of the authorization of William Bingham to draw bills of exchange upon the Commissioners.

(In triplicate.)

Bibliography

Dupont, —, fils (lawyer). Colmar to Benjamin Franklin	1778 April 16	A.L.S. 3p.	IX, 51.
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Has not the honor of being known to Franklin, but M. Voltaire, the genius of France, is an old friend of his father and M. Gérard knows his family well; desires to enter the American army.

(In French.)

The Continental Congress, Committee for Foreign Affairs. Yorktown to The American Commissioners.	1778 April 16	A.L.S. James Lovell. 1p.	IX, 52.
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Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Resolve of Congress, authorizing William Bingham, agent of the United States at Martinique, to draw on the Commissioners for certain sums. An uncommon fatality has attended their despatches; anxious for news.

Deane, Simeon. Falmouth 1778 April 16 A.L.S. 2p. IX, 53.
to the American Commissioners.

Announcing his safe arrival and his immediate departure for Congress. No intelligence received as yet of the Continental fleet which left France in February. The spirits of the people very high; makes us doubt that the good news which he bears will give the greatest satisfaction. Report of the taking of Quebec, though it is not confirmed.

Irwin, J. Marseilles 1778 April 17 L.S. 2p. LX, 72.
to Benjamin Franklin

Is a British subject and an ex-officer in the English army. Wishes to be allowed to remain in France with his family. Offers to act as Consul for the United States at Nantes or Bordeaux.

Moylan, James. L'Orient 1778 April 17 A.L.S. 1p. IX, 54.
to The American Commissioners.

Begging them to procure the enlargement of one, James Wiggins, sailor, a native of America and now detained on board the Hawk, a privateer belonging to London.

d'Amraff, Caetanus. Paris 1778 April 17 A.L.S. 2p. IX, 55.
to Benjamin Franklin

His wife and two children in great distress; applies to Franklin for help; knows eight languages; is versed in art, music and commerce; desires Franklin to procure him some position either in America or Europe.

(In Latin.)

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1778 April 18 A.L.S. 3p. XXXVII, 147.
to Messrs. Franklin and Deane

Questions of repairing arms and shipping them to America. Congratulating Mr. Adams on his safe arrival.

Boeckmann, I. L. Carlsruhe 1778 April 18 A.L.S. 2p. IX, 57.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

to Benjamin Franklin

Asking Franklin's advice about the placing of a lightning conductor which the Margrave of Baden desires to put on his chateau.

(In French.)

Jay, Sir James. Paris	1778 April 18	A.L.S. 1p.	LXI, 61.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Again requests the information he desired.

Le Roy, Louis Gabriel. Paris	1778 April 19	A.L.S. 1p.	LXI, 104.
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to The American Commissioners.

Concerning his invention of a military stretcher.

(In French.)

Tronson-Desjardins, -----. Paris	1778 April 19	A.L.S. 1p.	LXX, 81.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Requesting Franklin to obtain for him a certificate of the death of his brother in America.

(In French.)

Livingston, M. Paris	1778 April 19	L. in 3d P. 1p.	IX, 58.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Asking that the papers may be sent by bearer.

Raudière, J. D. R. de	1778 April 19	A.L.S. 2p.	IX, 59.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Imploring an answer to the poem and letter delivered to Franklin two months before; begs him to forgive the wildness of his thoughts and the disorder of his style, owing to his detention for a very small debt.

(In French.)

Hutton, James	1778 April 19	A.L.S. 2p.	IX, 60.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Denies having given copies to anyone of the two letters of February 1st and 12th, yet has been reproached for these copies by Lord Shelburne. Regrets that spirit of revenge which appears in a brave people who have vindicated their liberties, and which belongs rather to cowards. Independence as great a novelty as taxation without representation; the only wise business is peace-making.

Colston, Rawleigh. Cape Francois 1778 April 20 A.L.S. 4p. IX, 61 and 62.
to Benjamin Franklin

Appointed by the Governor and Council of Virginia their agent at Cape François; begs Franklin to use his influence to procure him an exemption from certain French laws which cripple his trade and most infallibly destroy his credit.
(In duplicate.)

Courtanvaux, François-César Le Tellier, marquis de. Paris 1778 April 20 L. in 3d P. 1p. IX, 63.
to Benjamin Franklin

Regrets that the only day Franklin has to dispose of is the day his family leaves for one of their estates in the country.
(In French.)

Knoepffellius, -----. Nordhausen 1778 April 20 A.L.S. 2p. IX, 64.
to Benjamin Franklin

His earnest desire to go to America, preach the gospel and instruct the youth of that country in Latin, Hebrew, Greek, German, Geography and Economics.
(In Latin.)

Keeling, John. Paris 1778 April 21 A.L.S. 2p. IX, 65.
to Benjamin Franklin

Recommending Mr. Martin Savage who has estranged his relations by his attachment to the American cause; he desires a letter of recommendation to any captain in the American service, that he may obtain employment in the navy.

Luther, John. St. Martin de Ré 1778 April 21 A.L.S. 2p. IX, 66.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Concerning eight French officers who desired him to procure them a passage to America; wishes to be honored with Franklin's commands in case like affairs happen regarding the Continental business.

Lieliendahl, François. Angoulême 1778 April 21 A.L.S. 1p. IX, 67.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sending a memoir with a request to lay it before the illustrious Congress of the United States.
(In French.)

Lieliendahl, François [1778. April 21] Mem. S. 3p. LX, 92.
to Benjamin Franklin

Proposes to plant and grow vines in South Carolina for making wine.
(In French.)

Vaughan, John 1778 April 22 A.L.S. 3p. IX, 68.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has found Mr. B. the warm friend to England he expected but thinks his conduct has been exaggerated; he leaves for England shortly. Is surrounded, unfortunately, by English people and enemies to the good cause. Private opinions on the present outlook. Many neutral vessels are carrying on the trade. Report of Court d'Estaing's squadron having sailed for America.

Feutry, Aimé Ambroise Joseph 1778 April 22 A.L.S. 1p. LXX, 92.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sending a memoir to Franklin and asking him to interest himself in the matter.
(In French.)

Gamba and Archdeacon. Dunkerque 1778 April 22 A.L.S. 2p. LX, 69.
to Benjamin Franklin

Apply for the United States Consulship at Dunkerque for M. Gamba. Advise Franklin of a shipment of forty bottles of rum for him.
(In French.)

Des Rivières, -----. Paris 1778 April 22 A.L.S. 4p. LXII, 107.
to Benjamin Franklin

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He tells of his offer to go Canada with three or four hundred men; of his literary efforts and Voltaire's criticism of them; asks to enter the American service.

(In French.)

Bersoll, -----. Brest 1778 April 22 A.L.S. 2p. IX, 69.
to Benjamin Franklin

The Arrival of the Lord Chatham, a prize taken by Captain Jones of the Ranger; her cargo; desires orders as to her disposition.

(In French.)

Melmoth, Courtney. Paris 1778 April 23 A.L.S. 1p. IX, 70.
to Benjamin Franklin

M. Dubourg having finished the translation of his (Melmoth's) pamphlet, sends the original back with a request that it be despatched amongst the next parcels for America.

Mérault de Monneron, Paul. Amsterdam 1778 April 23 A.L.S. 3p. IX, 71.
to Benjamin Franklin

Failure to receive the letters of recommendation promised him by Franklin; hopes held out to him by M. l'Abbé le Clere and M. le Vicomte de Flavigny. His reasons for wishing to go to America, and also those of his friend M. Pallard, who awaits his letters of introduction.

(In French.)

-----,----- 1778 After April 23 L. 1p. IX, 72.
to Benjamin Franklin

M. Mérault de Monneron and M. Pallard are on the eve of departing for America and only wait for his letters of recommendation that they may not be looked upon as adventues.

(In French.)

Dumas, C.G.F. 1778 April 23 A.L.S. 2p. XXXIX, 29.
to The American Commissioners.

The model for their official letter to the Grand Pensionnaire perfect. Refusal of the Comité d'Hollande to augment the number of troops.

(In French.)

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Flavigny, Madame de [1778] April 23 A.L.S. 3p. XLI, 146.
to Benjamin Franklin

Asks for news of M. de Fleury, one of the French officers in America; his parents anxious concerning him. Her invalid much better; his hope to visit Mme. de Chaumont in June; will have many infidelities to pardon when she sees Franklin in November.

(In French.)

Grand, Sir George. Amsterdam 1778 April 24 A.L.S. 1p. IX, 73.
to Benjamin Franklin

Favorable disposition shown towards the loan the United States desires to negotiate; other money matters.

(In French.)

Bersoll, -----, Brest 1778 April 24 A.L.S. 2p. IX, 75.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the prize-ship, Lord Chatham, and the proper steps for him to take in the matter.

(In French.)

Harriman, James. Florence 1778 April 24 L.S. 3p. LX, 70.
to Benjamin Franklin

Applying for the post of Consul for the United States at Florence and Leghorn.

Boismauger, Lucas de. Caudebec 1778 April 24 A.L.S. 3p. IX, 76.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires some employment in the present war.

(In French.)

Islé (d'Islay) de Lamothe d', —, Brest 1778 April 24 A.L.S. 2p. IX, 77.
to Benjamin Franklin

His brother, having entered the service of the Colonies, was taken prisoner in November and carried to Fort St. Augustine; begs Franklin to procure his exchange as soon as possible.

(In French.)

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Izard, Ralph. Paris 1778 April 25 A.L.S. 3p. IX, 78.
to Benjamin Franklin

Astonished to find himself so often obliged to ask for those assurances that would justify Franklin's conduct to him; the cautious manner in which the departure of Mr. Deane and Mr. Gérard was concealed from those who had a right to know of it. Begs Franklin not to amuse him with further promises or excuses, but either give him the explanation or refuse it outright.

Tilebein, Christian A. Barcelona 1778 April 25 L.S. 4p. LX, 76.
to Benjamin Franklin

Offering his services as Consul for the United States at Barcelona and in Majorca.

Laboureau, Franklin. Paris 1778 April 25 A.L.S. 2p. IX, 79.
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging the gracious reception Franklin wished to tender herself and her husband; desires to know if he can see her on a certain day and hour.
(In French.)

Dariban, ----- Sr. Agen 1778 April 26 A.L.S. 2p. IX, 81.
to Benjamin Franklin

Writes as agent for the royal tannery to solicit orders for shoes for the troops.
(In French.)

de Bérenger, Loiseau 1778 April 26 A.L.S. 2p. IX, 83.
to Benjamin Franklin

Decision of the Director-General allows the forty bottles of tafia to come in free of duty, as it is a remedy; desires to know at what port it will arrive.
(In French.)

Capellen tot den Pol, Joan Derk van der 1778 April 26 A.L.S. 4p. IX, 84.
to Benjamin Franklin

His delight at the surrender of Burgoyne and the treaty between France and America. Concerning a memoir he wrote against the demand of the King of England on the subject of the Scottish brigade in the service of the Netherlands; opposition this met with Translated the observations and additional

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observations of Dr. Price and added to it a preface of his own. His views on the credit of America as contrasted with that of England; proposals Congress might make to induce his compatriots to transfer their funds from England to America.

(In French.)

Julien, Claude. Paris to Benjamin Franklin	1778 April 26	L.S. 2p.	IX, 85.
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Concerning a quantity of pit-coal with which he desires to furnish Franklin for the service of the Colonies. Begging his protection for le Sieur Broche Descombes who desires to enter the American service with the rank of Major; has everything in his favor; twenty-three years old and simply covered with wounds.

(In French.)

Linier, — de. Mans to Benjamin Franklin	1778 April 26	A.L.S. 2p.	IX, 86.
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Has a slight knowledge of surgery and experimental physics; desires Franklin to procure him a lodging in Paris and the means to pursue the study of these sciences; will repay him in time; desires later to settle in America under Franklin's protection.

(In French.)

Aubin de St. Lambert, —. Termonde to Benjamin Franklin	1778 April 26	A.L.S. 3p.	IX, 87.
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Concerning a plan which would be of great service to the Colonies. His desire to enter the service.

(In French.)

Couturier de Versan, —. Bordeaux to Benjamin Franklin	1778 April 26	A.L.S. 3p.	IX, 88.
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Offering his services in the affairs of M. Lemaire who left for Virginia charged with a particular mission. Delighted to have found this occasion to prove his interest in the United States of America.

(In French.)

Moylan, James. L'Orient to Benjamin Franklin	1778 April 27	A.L.S. 1p.	IX, 89.
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Has jut received an account of the arrival, at Brest of the prizeship Lord Chatham, loaded with beer and iron, taken by the Ranger.

Mazurié, Jh. Laderneau to Benjamin Franklin	1778 April 27	A.L.S. 2p. IX, 90.
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Desiring the position of Consul at Brest.

Hawkins, -----. Paris to Benjamin Franklin	1778 April 28	L. in 3d P. 1p.IX, 91.
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Begs the favor of the pass, his Excellency was so kind as to promise.

Aguiton, -----. Paris to Benjamin Franklin	1778 April 28	L. in 3d P. 1p.IX, 92.
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Sending a letter from his friend Hutton. Desires to know whether he may call and pay his respects before he leaves the country.

Vaughan, Benjamin to Benjamin Franklin	1778 April 28	A.L. 15p. IX, 93.
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Illness of Lord Chatham; afraid the great man is dying; quotes all he can recollect in Lord Chatham's short speech of the 7th of April on the subject of independence and the attitude of France. Inaccuracies of the debate-writers for the newspapers. Reply of the Duke of Richmond rather commonplace. Lord Chatham carried out the house in a swoon. Abstract of Lord Shelburne's prodigious speech of April 8th. Irish bills will not pass. Hears Mr. Hartley is the twentieth ambassador Franklin has had. If Lord Chatham had remained well, a change of ministers might have been looked for. Concerning the protection of certain property belonging to his family. Expected publication of a correspondence between Dr. P[ringle]y and Dr. P[riest]y upon the latter's metaphysical writings.

Montell, John. London to Benjamin Franklin	1778 April 28	A.L.S. 2p. IX, 94.
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Has discovered a method of making and refining common salt and using it to preserve flesh and fish; offers to instruct any person in this method, whom Franklin may name, for the small premium of two thousand guineas.

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Dumas, C.G.F. 1778 April 28 A.L.S. 2p. XXXIX, 30.
to The American Commissioners.

Measures taken to insure the publication of their official letter as soon as it is presented. Need of convincing the public that Congress will not make peace with England except as an equal.
(In French.)

Hartwig, Sebastian. Gotha 1778 April 28 A.L.S. 3p. LIX, 80.
to Benjamin Franklin

Wishes loan of 100 Louis d'Ors.

Other Descriptive Information

(See LIX, 68.)

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1778 April 28 A.L.S. 4p. XXXVII, 148.
to The American Commissioners.

Supplies received from Holland; anchors imported from Spain; question of ships to transfer the goods to America.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1778 April 28 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVII, 149.
to Benjamin Franklin

Question of the prize-money. Defends himself against the accusation of showing Franklin's letters.

Izard, Ralph. Paris 1778 April 29 A.L.S. 2p. IX, 95.
to The American Commissioners.

Giving an account of the dreadful fire which broke out in Charlestown on the morning of January 15th; the loss is three millions of dollars. Concerning the possibility of obtaining relief from France either by application to the Government or by private subscription.

Pollock, ----- New Orleans 1778 April 29 A.L.S. 2p. IX, 96.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has been appointed agent for the United States; informing Franklin of various prizes taken by Captain James Willing and Lieutenant McIntyre; desires news from Franklin's part of the world; direction for sending him letters.

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Barker, Thomas 1778 April 29 A.L.S. 1p. IX, 97.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing two packets; begs Franklin to forward them to America and by each conveyance to recommend his case favorably to Congress or to some of Franklin's friends.

Tucker, Samuel. Bordeaux 1778 April 29 A.L.S. 1p. IX, 98.
to The American Commissioners.

Sorry he cannot follow their orders of the 26th inst.; cannot get the ship to sea in less than eighteen days. Has received their recommendation of Mr. Livingston; he will proceed as second lieutenant.

Beaumont, Anne-Louise Elie de. Paris 1778 April 29 A.L.S. 3p. IX, 98 1/2.
to Benjamin Franklin

Writes on behalf of two young persons who desire to pursue their trades in America; they are too poor to pay the required passage money; begs Franklin to procure their passage for them.
(In French.)

Martin, -----. Moscow 1778 April 30 A.L.S. 1p. IX, 148.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begging for news of the Chevalier La Coste de Mezière, who quitted the service of Russia eighteen months before; hears that he saw Franklin in Paris and entered the service of America; his family most anxious about him; begs for news of his whereabouts.

(In French.)

[A. E. by Franklin.] Knows nothing of M. Mezière; America is a large place; he might have arrived there without his having heard of it.

The Continental Congress, Committee of Foreign Affairs. Yorktown 1778 April 30 A.L.S. James IX, 99.
Lovell. 3p.
to The American Commissioners.

Perplexed what steps to take as regards foreign affairs, not having received any despatches since May; aware that the cause for this delay was the loss of Captain Johnston and Captain Wickes and the robbing of John Folgier; advise triplicate despatches. Their anxiety to know the truth before they receive any proposals from Britain in consequence of the scheme in Lord North's speech. The

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necessity of their currency being supported in due credit, after which they can bid defiance to Britain and all her German hirelings.

(In duplicate.)

Berny, Chevalier de to Benjamin Franklin	[1778 April ?]	A.L.S. 2p.	XLI, 88.
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Sending Franklin his essay on the Ministry, the fruit of his residence in various courts.

(In French.)

The Charity Association. Paris to Benjamin Franklin	1778 before April 15	Printed N. 1p.	LXXIII, 56.
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Invitations to meetings of Charity Association for the assistance of poor prisoners and for the liberation of prisoners in debt for the care of their infants.

Cooper, William Jr. Bordeaux to Benjamin Franklin	[1778	A.L.S. 1p.	IX, 100.
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Enclosing certain letters to be forwarded to their respective owners; the letter of recommendation from the Hon. John Hancock, Esq., he sends unsealed.

Malibran, Jh to Benjamin Franklin	[1778 April]	A.L.S. 1p.	XLI, 62.
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Desires to know immediately if Franklin has received a letter from Mr. Tillebein of Barcelona; would be flattered at receiving a breif audience.

(In French.)

Monts, Chevalier de to Benjamin Franklin	1778 April	N. 1p.	XLIV, 294.
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With reference to a secret for writing ink on linen and effacing the writing at will.

(In French.)

Williams, Jonathan Jr. to Benjamin Franklin	[1778	A.L.S. 1p.	XXXVII, 150.
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Arrival of Mr. Hartley.

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Chalut, abbé ----- 1778 May 1 Friday L. in 3d P. 1p.XLIII, 148.
to Benjamin Franklin

Inviting Franklin to dine at his brother's house to meet an Ambassador who desires to see him. Mr. Adams and Franklin's grandson, are also invited.
(In French.)

Condorcet, marquis de [1778 May 1] A.L.S. 1p. XLII, 131.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begging Franklin to recommend to some of his friends, at Philadelphia, M. de Beaulieu, officer in Pulaski's legion.
(In French.)

Ewing, Alexander 1778 May 1 A.L.S. 3p. LXI, 65.
to Benjamin Franklin

Protests against being detained with his vessel in French waters.

Reine, D.E. Versailles 1778 May 1 A.L.S. 9p. XLIX, 27.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sends him some fine rice and bean seed which he brought from the Cape of Good Hope and the coast of Malabar; how to sow these seeds and cultivate the plants. How rice and coffee are prepared for consumption. Deplores the dangerous custom of giving wine and alcoholic drinks to the crew during a battle. Found a refreshing and stimulating drink whilst serving in the French Colonies in India; describes how it is made.
(In French.)

Moylan, James. L'Orient 1778 May 1 A.L.S. 1p. IX, 101.
to Benjamin Franklin

Forsees future trouble from the restrictions Captain Jones has laid the Intendants of Brest under respecting prize-brig Lord Chatham; thinks Franklin may adopt a wiser plan.

Bache, Richard. Manheim 1778 May 1 A.L.S. 1p. IX, 102.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Introducing Dr. Rigger; he visits Europe with a view of improving himself in the profession of medicine. Sally and the children well.

Bonfield, John. Bordeaux 1778 May 2 A.L.S. 2p. IX, 103.
to The American Commissioners.

News of the expected arrival of letters and packets for the Commissioners.

Sarsfield, Guy-Claude, comte de 1778 May 2 A.L. in 3d P. IX, 104.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Announcing the postponement of his visit to Chaillot upon the occasion of Mr. Macaulay's translation. Begs for news.

D'Hargicourt, -----. St. Quentin 1778 May 2 A.L.S. 2p. LX, 86.
to Benjamin Franklin

Offering his services as clerk or secretary.
(In French.)

**The Old Hermit of Bruxüeil. Bar-sum-
Seine** 1778 May 2 2p. LI, 4, a and b.
to Benjamin Franklin

Deploring the fate of Philadelphia in the hands of the English. Complimentary verses to Dr. Franklin.
A Poem.
(In French.)

Des Rivières, -----. Paris 1778 May 2 A.L.S. 3p. LXII, 108.
to Benjamin Franklin

His affairs with women were his only fault, as he is becoming grayhaired he can no longer be reproached with this fault; offers his services again and would like ta decided answer; would send Franklin copies of his works but he has none worthy of him and he is too poor to get any more.
(In French.)

Sarsfield, Guy-Claude, comte de 1778 May 2 A.L.S. 2p. IX, 105.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Introducing a young man who is determined to go to America; asks for him a letter of recommendation; besides his training in architecture he thoroughly understands fortifications.
(In French.)

Bayard, -----. Paris 1778 May 2 A.L.S. 1p. IX, 106.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begging him to lend a favorable ear to the proposals of M. Jolly de la Tour. Hopes Franklin will be satisfied with his treatment of Mr. Platt.
(In French.)

Maucler (Mancler?), —. La Fère 1778 May 2 A.L.S. 2p. IX, 107.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has heard that Franklin intends visiting the Royal School of Artillery established at La Fère; begs him to accept her hospitality; her maternal grandmother was a Franklin of Ireland, therefore hopes she can claim relationship.

Dousset, -----. Paris 1778 May 2 A.L.S. 1p. IX, 108.
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing his nephew, who desires to pass into the service of America; will gladly pay his expenses as far as L'Orient from which port he hears the ship La Jeunesse is about to sail.
(In French.)

Gautier, John Guy. Barcelona 1778 May 2 A.L.S. 3p. IX, 110.
to Benjamin Franklin

His interest in the Colonies and his best wishes for their success. Applies for the position of Consul-General in the province of Catalonia; his knowledge of various languages and his general fitness for the position; refers him to Mr. Grand for his connections and reputation.

Bertier, Père Joseph Etienne. Paris 1778 May 3 A.L.S. 2p. IX, 111.
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging the receipt of Franklin's book. Asking Franklin's protection for a young soldier who desires to serve the republic. Appointment of Mr. Pringle as non-resident member of the Academy.
(In French.)

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Marniquel, ----- Charleville 1778 May 3 A.L.S. 2p. IX, 112.
to Benjamin Franklin

Asking him to refund a certain sum of money which he lent to Lieutenant Selin for his journey to Passy three years before.
(In French.)

Rochette, Beroard. Grenoble 1778 May 3 A.L.S. 3p. IX, 113.
to Benjamin Franklin

Asking that he might be given the management of a printing house in the name and at the expense of the Colonies.
(In French.)

Moylan, James. L'Orient 1778 May 4 A.L.S. 1p. IX, 114.
to Benjamin Franklin

Arrival of the schooner Milford, Captain Blackwell, from Rappahannock river in Virginia, bringing news that the new levies were completed and that they were to march in a few days to General Washington's camp, about sixteen miles from Philadelphia; the people in good spirits and the army pretty well clothed; all ports blocked by English frigates.

Seaward, John. Brest 1778 May 4 A.L.S. 1p. IX, 115.
to Benjamin Franklin

Arrived in port with the ship Lord Chatham; what steps have been taken; if the vessel is to be sold would be glad of Franklin's orders.

Fichet, Jh. St. Malo 1778 May 4 A.L.S. 1p. IX, 116.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing a letter from the commanding officer of his ship, Le Prudent, which was not only seized, but plundered, by an American Privateer called the Lion, and then conducted to Martinique; desires Franklin to give the necessary orders on the subject.
(In French.)

----- Vignier and ----- Bonnet. Rodez 1778 May 4 A.L.S. 3p. LXII, 123.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Request to enter the American army.
(In French.)

Du Plessis, Thomas-Antoine Mauduit. 1778 May 4 A.L.S. 1p. 1p. IX, 117.
Valley Forge, Pennsylvania
to Benjamin Franklin

Franklin's kindness having enabled him to be useful to America, desires to send him the copy of the resolution with which Congress has honored him. The army celebrating the conclusion of the treaty of alliance between France and America; the noise of artillery and cheering will not make the enemy dance at Philadelphia.

(In French.)

Enclosure. Resolve of Congress, bestowing a brevet of lieutenant-colonel of artillery on the Chevalier Duplessis, as a reward for his services and an encouragement to his merit. 1p.

Dupont de Jumeaux, —, abbé. Paris 1778 May 4 A.L.S. 1p. IX, 118.
to Benjamin Franklin

His brother, aged eighteen years, is very desirous of passing into the service of America; wishes to know what means must be employed; can procure him letters to the Marquis de la Fayette.

(In French.)

Grünberger, -----. Munich 1778 May 4 L.S. 4p. LX, 105.
to Benjamin Franklin

Requesting a passport to go to the United States.

(In French.)

Salern, Ignatius. Munich 1778 May 4 D.S. 1p. LX, 106.
to Benjamin Franklin

Certificate testifying to the ability of M. Grünberger as a professor and civil engineer.

(In French.)

Chantereyne, ----- de. Cherbourg 1778 May 4 A.L.S. 3p. IX, 119.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Having aided several Americans in a pecuniary way, desires Franklin's authority to assist other American officers who may come to Cherbourg; will follow orders implicitly and will furnish an account of the different events relative to the ships of the American Colonies.

(In French.)

The Continental Congress to Benjamin Franklin	1778 May 5	D. S. Cha[rle]s Thomson, Sec[retar]y. 1p.	LXXV, 56 and 57.
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Resolution empowering the Commissioners to withdraw the eleventh and twelfth articles in the Treaty of Amity and Commerce.

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Dohrman, Arnold Henry. Lisbon to Benjamin Franklin	1778 May 5	A.L.S. 2p.	IX, 120.
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Account of the foundering of an American ship, named Heart of Oak, off the coasts of Portugal; aid he has given to the officers and sailors who were saved from the wreck; will procure them a passage to America or France; tells this to Franklin to prove his friendship for America and his willingness to render greater services if it is in his power.

(In French.)

Williams, Jonathan Jr. to Benjamin Franklin	1778 May 5	A.L.S. 3p.	XXXVII, 151.
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Assistance rendered Captain Cumstock, who lately escaped from prison; both he and Mr. Chandler in want. Prize sent into Brest by the Ranger, Captain Jones. Desires an apartment near Franklin's taken for him at Passy.

Dowse, Nathaniel. Bordeaux to The American Commissioners.	1778 May 5	A.L.S. 2p.	IX, 121.
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Sailed from Virginia, April 14, 1777, as commander of the ship Mercer; his crew rose against him on the 4th of May and carried the vessel into Whitehaven, whence his escape and final arrival at Bordeaux. Begging to know if they have any employment for him.

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Courter, Harmon. Boston 1778 May 5 A.L.S. 1p. IX, 122.
to Benjamin Franklin

Safe arrival at Boston after a rough passage of fifty-one days, also the arrival of Captain Nicholson at Portsmouth and Mr. Deane at Plymouth.

Genet, [Edme Jacques] 1778 May 6 L. in 3d P. 1p. IX, 123.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sending the enclosed, which have just arrived from London.

Lefebvre de Longeville,-----. Paris 1778 May 6 Mem. 2p. LVII, 15.
to Benjamin Franklin

Proposal to sell a type-founding plant to the United States.
(In French.)

Barre, -----. Merseilles 1778 May 6 A.L.S. 2p. IX, 124.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to serve under the American generals; sends a memoir in which his military services and his request are both set forth.
(In French.)

Lorthe, Gabriel-Antoine de. Bordeaux 1778 May 6 A.L.S. 1p. IX, 125.
to Benjamin Franklin

Had the honor of calling on Franklin in Philadelphia and following with Mr. Roger his experiments in electricity; takes for granted Franklin's knowledge of mathematics; asks his advice therefore on the works enclosed.
(In French.)

Charost, Armand-Joseph de Béthune, duc de Paris 1778 May 6 A.L.S. 1p. IX, 126.
to Benjamin Franklin

Recommending le Sieur Despret who has been employed in the management of the vessels now being built by his house.

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(In French.)

Williams, Jonathan Sr 1778 May 7 A.L.S. 3p. XXXVII, 152.
to Benjamin Franklin

Received the good news of their alliance with France. Opinion in America of Lord North's policy; extreme measures advocated against Great Britain. Thanking him for his kindness to Jonathan. Arrival of Mr. Holker in fine health and spirits. Everybody pleased with the enclosed Resolve of Congress. News of his family and friends.

Arrenberg, Reinier. Rotterdam 1778 May 7 A.L.S. 2p. IX, 127.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desiring an answer upon the affair of the English bibles which Franklin designed to have printed in Holland; begs for authentic news from America as the news in the English Gazette is nearly all false. Congratulates him on the happy change in the affairs of America.
(In French.)

Malibran, Jh. Paris 1778 May 7 A.L.S. 2p. IX, 128.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing a letter from an old friend of his in Barcelona; if Franklin desires an interview relative to this friend's affairs, will wait on him at any appointed time.
(In French.)

Lefebvre de Longeville,-----. Paris 1778 May 7 A.L.S. 1p. IV, 129.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to send him a memoir, showing the advantages to accrue to America from the acquisition of a foundry.
(In French.)

Sarsfield, Guy-Claude, comte de 1778 May 7 A.L.S. 3p. LXII, 121.
to Benjamin Franklin

Recommending Tessier.
(In French.)

The Prevost d'Exmes. Paris 1778 May 8 4p. LI, 67.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

to Benjamin Franklin

Address to Dr. Franklin on his mission to France. A. poem.
(In French.)

Simpson, Thomas. Brest 1778 May 8 A.L.S. 5p. XLVII, 110.
to The American Commissioners.

Account of his conduct which led Commodore Jones to suspend and put him under arrest. Requests a fair and open trial and if his trial cannot be brought on in Brest that they will order him to be sent immediately to America to take his trial there. Refers to a letter written to them by John Langdon, of Portsmouth, for his character.

Simpson, Thomas. Brest 1778 May 8 A.L.S. 4p. IX, 130.
to The American Commissioners.

Narrating in detail his conduct from the time Captain Jones put him in charge of the English man-of-war, Drake, to his arrival in Brest, a prisoner, placed under arrest by Captain Jones for a breach of his orders; denies having disobeyed him; begs for a fair trial, if possible, in America; can never serve his country under the command of Captain Jones.
(Copy.)

----- **Niou, ainé. Brest** 1778 May 8 A.L.S. 1p. IX, 131.
to Benjamin Franklin

Announcing the arrival of John Paul Jones, with an English man-of-war, taken after a bloody fight.
(In French.)

Jones, Capt. John Paul. "Ranger," Brest 1778 May 9 L. 3p. IX, 132.
to The American Commissioners.

Announcing his arrival with the British ship of war, Drake, the English colors inverted under the Amercian stars; has brought in nearly two hundred prisoners; advises their exchange or their being sent back to America on the Drake; has suspended and confined Lieutenant Simpson for disobedience of orders.

Bertin, Madame. Paris 1778 May 9 L. in 3d P. 1p. IX, 133.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Begging Messrs. Franklin and Lee to dine with her on Saturday.

(In French.)

Lafreté, M. and Mme de

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A. L. in 3d P. XLIV, 238.

to Benjamin Franklin

1p.

Inviting Franklin, his grandson, and Mr. Adams to dine with them at Suresnes.

(In French.)

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to Benjamin Franklin

Cha[rle]s 60.

Thomson,

Sec[retar]y.

1p.

Forbidding the American Commissioners to recommend foreign officers for the navy of the United States.

(In duplicate.)

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1778 May 9

L .S. 1p.

IX, 135.

to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing two letters that have arrived for Franklin.

Deucher, Riedy and Co. Nantes

1778 May 9

A.L.S. 3p.

IX, 136.

to Benjamin Franklin

Offering to procure a passage to Virginia for a Member of Congress who he hears desires to return to his country by the first opportunity; begs Franklin to speak to the Minister in order to hasten the sailing of the vessel.

La Blancherie, Claude-Mammès de Pahin 1778 May 9

A.L.S. 1p.

IX, 137.

Champlain de

to Benjamin Franklin

A multitude of occupations has prevented his testifying his gratitude to Franklin; will make amends at his first leisure moment.

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(In French.)

La Porte, ----- de 1778 May 9 A.L.S. 2p. IX, 138.
to Benjamin Franklin

A young French officers desires to enter the service of the Colonies; has all the talents of a brave officer.

(In French.)

Seguin, ----- Lacuepède 1778 May 10 A.L.S. 3p. LX, 83.
to Benjamin Franklin

With reference to Jean Jerome Seguin who wishes to obtain some employment in the United States.

(In French.)

Price, Richard, 1723-1791 [1778.] May 10 L. 2p. IX, 140.
to Benjamin Franklin

Is there any truth in the report that General Washington is grown unpopular, that his army deserts in great number and that the sufferings of the Americans are excessive? The Commissioners feel assured that the terms they are empowered to offer by the Conciliatory Bills, though much short of independence, will be accepted. Messages to Franklin from various friends; Mr. Curtis and Mr. Webb both broken and ruined.

Deux-Ponts, Marianne Camasse 1778 May 10 A.L.S. 4p. IX, 141.
(Gamache), comtesse de Forbach and
duchesse douairière de
to Benjamin Franklin

Her affection for him and her regrets that she will not see him till the following winter. The interest she has in his glory and success and the keen desire she for news of all which concerns him.

(In French.)

Aguiton, ----- Paris 1778 May 10 L. 1p. IX, 142.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sets out for London the next day and offers to execute any commands Franklin may honor him with.

La Grange, ----- de 1778 May 10 A.L.S. 2p.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

to Benjamin Franklin

IX, 143 and
144.

Unable to support his family, consisting of a wife and five children, on the slender pittance he receives; in want of the very necessaries of life; begs assistance; refers him to various people for the truth of these assertions.

(In French, in duplicate.)

Flottes de Raissan, Antoine. Paris

1778 May 10

A.L.S. 1p. IX, 145.

to Benjamin Franklin

His admiration for Franklin; begs for a moment's audience.

(In French.)

Moylan, James. L'Orient

1778 May 11

A.L.S. 1p. IX, 146.

to Benjamin Franklin

Information of the arrival of Captain Jones with a prize of sixteen guns.

Sparre, [J.] de. Strasbourg

1778 May 11

A.L.S. 2p. IX, 147.

to Benjamin Franklin

The plan he addressed to M. de Sartine concerning the United Colonies. Desires Franklin to employ him either in America or in his own town. Proposals he has had to enter the service of England, all of which he has rejected.

(In French.)

Malibrant, Jh. Paris

1778 May 11

A.L.S. 1p. IX, 149.

to Benjamin Franklin

Desiring to know if Franklin received the letter he sent him from M. Tilebein, of Barcelona.

(In French.)

Desportes, Dalmas. Franconville

1778 May 11

A.L.S. 2p. IX, 150.

to Benjamin Franklin

Believes he can be useful to the Colonies in his capacity as a lawyer.

(In French.)

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1778 May 11 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVII, 153.
to The American Commissioners.

Gallent action performed by Captain Jones; his intention to equip the Drake and send the prisoners in her to America; money needed to do this.

Bondfield, John. Bordeaux 1778 May 12 A.L.S. 2p. IX, 151.
to The American Commissioners.

Arrival of the brig Peggy from North Carolina, laden with tobacco; Captain Tucker and himself making all expedition to get the Boston ready for sea. Jersey privateers seen hovering along the coast of Spain and, owing to that country's neutrality, even enter their ports. The Marquis D'Armando named as Spanish Ambassador for the Court of Great Britain; expected at Bordeaux the next day on his way to England.

Melmoth, Courtney. Paris 1778 May 12 A.L.S. 2p. A. IX, 152.
to Benjamin Franklin Dr. of L. 1p.

Asking for the loan of fifteen more guineas and promising to repay the entire debt in a short time; he and Mrs. Melmoth ready to start for England in a day or two; begs him to keep the fact a secret. Franklin's answer enclosed. Inconvenience he experienced in favouring him with the fifty guineas; relies on his honor and punctuality for a speedy repayment; sorry to hear that his trip to England must be kept secret.

Bondfield, John. Bordeaux 1778 May 12 A.L.S. 1p. IX, 153.
to The American Commissioners.

Concerning an offer made to Mr. Livingston of a vessel to be completely fitted out and armed, provided they will grant a commission; advance in rank this will give Mr. Livingston on his arrival in America.

de Milly, Comte. Paris 1778 May 12 A.L.S. 2p. IX, 154.
to Benjamin Franklin

Asking his protection for M. Douson, a surgeon of talent, who desires employment in the armies of the Americans.
(In French.)

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de Cossé, Marquis. Paris 1778 May 12 A.L.S. 1p. IX, 155.
to Benjamin Franklin

Recommending M. de Masson; his knowledge of politics and familiarity with various language.
(In French.)

Bouffé, Gabriel et al 1778 May 12 Mem. 2p. XLII, 100.
to Benjamin Franklin

Requesting Dr. Franklin to purchase land for them, near Philadelphia.
(In French.)

Dumas, C.G.F. 1778 May 12. A.L.S. 1p. XXXIX, 31.
to The American Commissioners.

Has induced certain Dutch merchants, friends of his, to send a vessel directly to America.
(In French.)

Bouffé, Gabriel et al 1778 May 12 Mem. S. 2p. XLII, 100.
to Benjamin Franklin

Wish to purchase lands near Philadelphia and request Dr. Franklin to have the purchase made by
some trustworthy person on the spot.
(In French.)

Le Roux, C.J. Paris 1778 May 12 A.L.S. 1p. IX, 156.
to Benjamin Franklin

While Franklin works for the happiness of men, he occupies himself with that of children; hopes his
writings on the subject may merit Franklin's approbation.
(In French.)

Moylan, James. L'Orient 1778 May 13 A.L.S. 1p. IX, 157.
to The American Commissioners.

Account from Lisbon of the arrival of the Peace and Plenty, privateer from Belfast, bringing in the
brig Dolphin, Captain Turner, from Boston; Captain Turner destroyed the despatches from Congress.

Arnold, George. Maynce 1778 May 13 A.L.S. 3p. IX, 158.

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to Benjamin Franklin

Wishes to know if the General Arnold of whom he reads so often in the newspapers is his son, from whom he has not heard for some years; his name, birth-place and station, as the son of a butcher, tally exactly with his son's history.

(In French.)

Montessuy, D. Paris	1778 May 13	A.L.S. 1p.	IX, 159.
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to Benjamin Franklin

His wish to obtain from the Colonies timber, hemp, resin and tar for the supply of the Royal Marine.
(In French.)

La Corbière, ----- de	1778 May 13	A.L.S. 1p.	IX, 160.
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to Benjamin Franklin

M. le Comte de Maillebois desired to interest Franklin on behalf of their boarding-school for girls.
(In French.)

Hornbostel, J. C. Marseilles	1778 May 13	A.L.S. 2p.	IX, 161.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Requesting the position of Consul at Marseilles.
(In French.)

Montcarel, Jean-Jacques Le Gouëslier de.	1778 May 14	A.L.S. 1p.	IX, 162.
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Marseilles
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing letters from M. de la Radière to his son in America.
(In French.)

The Continental Congress, Committee of Foreign Affairs. Yorktown, Pa	1778 May 14	L.S. Richard Henry Lee, James Lovell.	LIII, 41.
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to The American Commissioners

5p.

Good condition of affairs in America. The low political methods of the English Court. The treaty with France.

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Bibliography

Kéralio, Agathon Guynement, chevalier 1778 May 14 A.L.S. 4p. IX, 163.
de

to Benjamin Franklin

Reminding Franklin of the merchant at Brest who desired to become the representative of Congress at that port. Sends the enclosed note in favor of le Chevalier de Bazantin; sure that a recommendation from Franklin would do much towards procuring liberty to those unfortunate officers. Messages from Mme. la Douairière des Deuxponts.

(In French.)

La Blancherie, Claude-Mammès de Pahin 1778 May 14 A.L.S. 2p. IV, 85.
Champlain de

to Benjamin Franklin

Charged by M. Le Roy to inform Franklin that the members of the Academy of Sciences have appointed him one of four commissioners; names the time of the meeting, which he hopes Franklin will honor with his presence. Sends him a translation of Volta on the inflammable air of swamps.

(In French.)

Lotbinière, Michel-Alain Chartier de. 1778 May 14 A.L.S. 2p. IX, 164.
Paris

to Benjamin Franklin

Begging him to see that the enclosed letter from M. Holquart gets safely to its destination in America and begs him to say a few words in his favor to M. de Vergennes.

(In French.)

Gadsden, Christopher. Charlestown 1778 May 14 A.L.S. 2p. IX, 165.
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing Mr. Thomas Waites who goes to France on business for the common cause.

The Board of War 1778 May 14 A.L.S. LIII, 66.
to The American Commissioners. sam[uel]
Ph[ili]ps
Savage,

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Pres[iden]t.

2p.

Captain Courter has been assisted on his journey to Congress. Captain Senneville has been received with every mark of attention. The improved outlook in America following the treaty with France.

Hubbart, Tuthill. Boston
to Benjamin Franklin

1778 May 14

A.L.S. 1p. IX, 166.

Enclosing a letter from Aunt Mecom to Franklin; account circulated of Franklin's life having been attempted and of his being left in a languishing condition; the real pleasure the news of his welfare gave his friends.

Didelot, Jean-François. Paris
to Benjamin Franklin

1778 May 15

A.L.S. 1p. IX, 167.

Asking his good offices in favor of M. Gellée.

Carmier, Andrew. Calais
to Benjamin Franklin

1778 May 15

A.L.S. 2p. IX, 168.

Offering his services for the position of Consul at Calais; refers him to M. Grand for further particulars.

Livingston, Abraham. Charlestown
to Messrs. Franklin and Deane.

1778 May 15

A.L.S. 1p. IX, 169.

Requesting his advice and assistance for Mr. Jos. Brown who is on a tour of Europe.

The Continental Congress, Committee for Foreign Affairs. Yorktown
to The American Commissioners.

1778 May 15

A.L.S. IX, 170.
Richard Henry
Lee and James
Lovell. 3p.

Amount of tobacco lost in the attempt to send it to France; advantage of France opening the trade from her own ports. Reasons why Congress think it best to expunge Articles 11 and 12 from the treaty with France. Doubtful which to wonder at more, the folly of the English in making themselves so hated or their scandalous barbarity in the expression of their resentment. Concerning the contract which the Commercial Committee has signed with the agent of Mr. Beaumarchais.

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O'Gorman, Thomas, chevalier 1778 May 15. L. in 3d P. 1p.IX, 171.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has returned from Burgundy and desires to pay his respects to Franklin.
(In French.)

Hutton, James 1778 May 15 A.L.S. 2p. IX, 172.
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging his favor of the 10th inst. Concerning passports to insure the safety of the sloop, Good Intent, which goes from London to Labrador with articles for the use of the Indians and missionaries. Does not even yet despair of peace.

Hodge, William. Cadiz 1778 May 15 A.L.S. 6p. IX, 56.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing copies of two letters sent to the Governor of Cadiz, one relative to the English Consul claiming three sailors belonging to Captain Conyngham; the other concerning three American prisoners who swam ashore from an English frigate, but were retaken and probably suffered death for desertion. The number of prisoners who make their escape and arrive at Cadiz in the most destitute condition.

Wharton, Samuel 1778 May 15 A.L. 1p. XLVII, 113.
to Edward Bancroft

General Burgoyne arrived in London to get the convention confirmed; but this will not be done. Mr. Hartley told Lord Camden that he was sure the Commissioners, and particularly Dr. Franklin, were much discontented with their situation at Paris, for they might as well, he said, live at the Bastille as be exposed, as they were, to the perpetual observaton of the French Ministerial spies. Lord Camden says he has good reasons to believe another ministerial negotiator went to have a talk with the Commissioners.

(In cipher.)

Paine, Thomas. Yorktown 1778 May 16 A.L. 14p. IX, 173.
to Benjamin Franklin

Gives a detailed history of military affairs since the 11th of September, including the actions at Brandywine and Germantown and some minor expeditions; his final arrival n Yorktown; his

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publication of the Crisis No. 5 to General Howe; has begun No. 6 which he intends addressing to Lord North. Lord Howe's contemptible affair of December 4th; his report to Lord Germain, representing Washington's camp as a strongly fortified place, is absolutely false. Description of the camp at Valley Forge; thinks the fighting is nearly over; England has done her utmost. Desires to consult Franklin about the History of the American Revolution. News of the Commissioners having sailed from England. Message to William Temple Franklin.

Paine, Thomas. Yorktown to Benjamin Franklin	1778 May 16	A.L.S. 1p. IX, 174.
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Has sent him a long letter [IX, 173], but in case it should not come to hand, mentions certain of its contents.

The Sailors put on the Drake. Brest to Benjamin Franklin	1778 May 16	Mem. S. LXI, 99. Benj. Hill and twenty-four others. 3p.
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Testifying in favor of Lieutenant Simpson's conduct on board the Drake.

The Continental Congress, Committee of Commerce. York, Pa to The American Commissioners.	1778 May 16	A.L.S. IX, 175. William Ellery, Richard Hutson, Thomas Adam. 2p.
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Concerning the contract between the house of Roderique, Hortalez and Co., and the Committee of Commerce; instructions on that head. The obstructions of the bays and harbors to the southward has prevented the intended shipping of tobacco. Congratulates them on the treaties.

(Copy.)

Sutaine de Bourez, —. Paris to Benjamin Franklin	1778 May 16	A.L.S. 2p. IX, 176.
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Concerning the papers of his nephew Du Coudray.

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(In French.)

Lee, Authur. Chaillot 1778 May 17 A.L.S. 1p. IX, 177.
to Franklin and Adams

Enclosing certain important papers; they will make such alterations as they judge proper; dreadful consequences to be expected from the disobedience and extravagance of certain subordinate servants.

Valtravers, Rodolph. Bienne 1778 May 17 A.L.S. 4p. IX, 178.
to Benjamin Franklin

Afraid Franklin's letters are subject to inspection; directions in case their correspondence should be more regularly established in favor of both the American and Swiss Cantons by the mediation of France. Manner in which a mutual, sincere friendship between the two republics might be brought about; suggests several particular considerations of true interest on both sides; offers his services to promote such an alliance; for this he would need credentials and some pecuniary assistance.

Penet, P. Paris 1778 May 17 A.L.S. 1p. IX, 179.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the sale of the two vessels, Le Lion and le Duc de Choiseul.
(In French.)

Christian Stenger and William Stragham. 1778 May 18 A.L.S. 1p. IX, 180.
Brest
to The American Commissioners.

A petition from the captains of the Dolphin and Lord Chatham, captured by Captain Jones, begging Franklin to procure their deliverance; their families entirely dependent on their industry; the best means to adopt, in order to secure their liberty.

Ruault, -----. Paris 1778 May 18 N. in 3d P. LXXI, 52.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Sending the large dictionary of the Academy and nine volumes of Abbé de Mably's works.
(In French.)

Dupuy, Ferrand. Paris 1778 May 18 A.L.S. 2p. LX, 35.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Requesting his intervention and assistance for a young man who had volunteered his services to the United States and was taken prisoner when his vessel was captured by the English on the voyage to Boston.

(In French.)

Defrancq, J.J. Orchimont	1778 May 18	L.S. 4p.	LX, 102.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Begs Franklin to procure him some civil or military employment.

(In French.)

Williams, Jonathan Jr.	1778 May 18	A.L.S. 4p.	XXXVIII, 154.
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to Messrs. Franklin and Deane

Captain Jones has received a letter from Mr. Schweighauser who, in consequence of one from Mr. Lee, claims the disposal of the prizes sent into this port by the "Ranger." He informs Captain Jones that he has the management of public business and that Mr. Williams pretends to what he alone has authority for. Mr. Williams came hither with the sole view of assisting Captain Jones in his affairs and has not attempted to alter the channel the commercial part of the business has taken. The sale of the "Lord Chatham" will probably be made by the Admiralty, if not, it will fall into the hands of Mr. Bersoll, by whom the "Ranger" was furnished and to whom Captain Jones has applied for his present wants. The "Drake" is fitting to convey the prisoners to America. Captain Jones's great object to secure the release of two hundred American prisoners in exchange for those he captured; possibility of effecting this exchange in France; in that case suggests their purchasing the "Drake" to carry their supplies to America.

Le Fort, Marc. Marseilles	1778 May 18	A.L.S. 5p.	IX, 182.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing an extract from a letter from Antoine Gautier, with information of the capture of the vessel, L'Elégante, Captain Collineau; begs Franklin to write to the General Counsel or the Congress, at Williamsburg, for a detailed account of what happened and whether any part of the cargo or its value can be recovered.

(In French.)

Vaughan, John	1778 May 19	A.L.S. 3p.	IX, 183.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Reasons why it would be more prudent for him to obtain an approved certificate of his nationality as an American. Departure of the Boston. Report from Martinique of an American frigate being blown up in an engagement with a sixty-four-gun ship; only four lives saved. News of the French, English and Spanish squadrons.

de Bongars, Chevalier. Traillet par Eu 1778 May 19 A.L.S. 2p. LXII, 9.
to Benjamin Franklin

Asking for a commission in the army for a French gentleman of noble birth.
(In French.)

du Buat, -----. St. Malo 1778 May 19 A.L.S. 1p. IX, 184.
to Benjamin Franklin

Anxious for new of his vessel, le Vicomte de Veaux, which left L'Orient, December 31st, in company with Le Lyon, commanded by his brother-in-law.
(In French.)

Hutton, James 1778 May 19 A.L.S. IX, 185.
to Benjamin Franklin "Cassander."
3p.

Reasons for England sending the Commissioners to America; the delegates in France would not speak any other language than that of independence; England's fear of French influence; threatening attitude of France towards England; the Toulon squadron; the effect of M. de Noaille's papers, delivered on March 13th; shed tears over it; prophesies that the French connection with America will be a ruinous one.

Mesny, -----. Paris 1778 May 20 A.L.S. 1p. IX, 186.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing a hundred copies of a work by M. de la Faye, on the Roman method for preparing lime; begs Franklin to add a recommendation to them and forward them to America; leaves him to fix the price.
(In French.)

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Dupuy, Ferrand. Paris 1778 May 20 A.L.S. 3p. LX, 36.
to Benjamin Franklin

Surprised at the reply that was made to the young man in question. Renews his appeal in behalf of the latter who seeks assistance to go to Boston having lost all his effects when he was taken prisoner during the previous voyage.

(In French.)

Caillé, -----. Paris 1778 May 20 A.L.S. 1p. IX, 187.
to Benjamin Franklin

Asking for particulars concerning the remedy for dropsy, published by Franklin in the Paris newspapers; such kindness on his part will win the eternal gratitude of a sufferer from the disease at Frankfort.

(In French.)

Leveux, Jacques. Calais 1778 May 20 A.L.S. 2p. IX, 188.
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging Franklin's letter of the 15th inst. authorizing him to help all the subjects of the United States who stand in need of assistance.

(In French.)

Dumas, C.G.F. 1778 May 22 A.L.S. 4p. XXXIX, 32.
to The American Commissioners.

Difficulty experienced by the Grand Pensionnaire in responding to their letter; his wish to send a verbal reply. Desires information as to the reception given by the United States to the British Commissioners. Refusal of Holland to increase the number of their troops. Reports that all the French volunteers have orders to quit the German army. Asks for confirmation of the report that Quebec is in the hands of the Americans.

(In French.)

Simpson, Thomas. Brest 1778 May 25 A.L.S. 5p. IX, 189.
to The American Commissioner.

His treatment since he was placed under arrest by Captain Jones; is detained now in the common gaol at Brest; no one allowed to see him; his ignorance of French, and general miserable situation; thinks

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this treatment of a lieutenant in the American navy, for an imaginary fault, unwarranted and unjust in the highest degree; begs them to intercede in his behalf or at least get him a passage to America, where he may undergo a fair trial.

Aurthur and William Bryan, Jr. Dublin 1778 May 25 A.L.S. 1p.. IX, 190.
to Benjamin Franklin

Recommending Captain Joy Castle, of Philadelphia, who, with his family, was driven away by the calamities attending on war, but now, upon the prospects of peace, is anxious to return.

Taverne Demont Dhiver, —. Dunkirk 1778 May 25 L.S. 2p. IX, 191.
to Benjamin Franklin

Recommending the commercial house of Poreau, Mackenzie and Co., who desire to enter into business relations with Franklin; their attachment to the good cause.
(In French.)

Girardot, Haller and Co. Paris 1778 May 25 L.S. 1p. IX, 192.
to Benjamin Franklin

Their correspondents, Messrs, F. and A. Dubbeldemutt, of Rotterdam, anxious for a speedy answer to their letter of the 18th inst., concerning their visit to establish a correspondence in America.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1778 May 26 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVII, 155.
to Benjamin Franklin

Avoided doing the Ranger's business through fear of disagreeable consequences; in spite of this has received a letter from Mr. A. Lee in which he is distinctly censured; sends copies of his correspondence with Mr. Lee; hopes to prove to Franklin, personally, the entire honesty of his conduct.

Jones, Capt. John Paul. Brest 1778 May 27 A.L.S. 12p. IX, 193.
to The American Commissioners.

Account of his late expedition, since leaving Brest on April 10th; capture and sinking of various prizes; a detailed description of his attempt on Whitehaven on the 22d; spiked their guns and burnt many of their vessels; account of the engagement between the Ranger and the Drake, ending in the capture of the latter. Events leading up to Lieutenant Simpson's suspension and arrest for

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disobedience. His present dilemma for want of money; his draft on M. Bersoll has not been honored and even the daily provisions for his men are not forthcoming; complains of such a reception.

Le Fort, Marc. Marseilles 1778 May 27 A.L.S. 3p. IX, 194.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing an extract from a letter of Antoine Gautier, containing news of the capture of the ship L'Élégante commanded by Captain Collineau; begs Franklin to take the matter into consideration. (In French.)

The Continental Congress, Committee of Commerce. York 1778 May 28 L.S. William IX, 195.
to The American Commissioners. Ellery,
Richard
Hutson,
Thomas
Adams. 2p.

Orders relative to the arrival of the brigantine Baltimore, laden with a cargo of tobacco; news of the arrival at Boston of various vessels.

Berny, Chevalier de 1778 May 28 A.L.S. 2p. IX, 196.
to Benjamin Franklin

Reminding Franklin that he had the honor to dedicate and address to him a manuscript entitled "L'Œil du Maître ou Essai sur le Ministère"; desires to know if it came safely to hand. (In French.)

d'Abadie, -----. Bordeaux 1778 May 28 A.L.S. 3p. IX, 181.
to Benjamin Franklin

About to embark for America with M. De la Plai[g]ne; at M. Turgot's solicitation he obtained a letter to Mr. Williams, at Boston; his destination changed; desires a letter now to some one in Georgia.

Bingham, William. St Pierre 1778 May 29 A.L.S. 4p. IX, 197 and
to The American Commissioners. 198.

Has written several letters to Congress on the subject of remittances for several debts he has contracted on the public account; should these fail to come, must draw on Franklin for the desired

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sum. Mercantile operations almost suspended owing to the appearance of an approaching war. News of the loss of the Randolph, Captain [Nicholas] Biddle; due to his intemperate courage and the cowardice of Captain Thomspson of the Raleigh, who refused to give him any assistance; out of three hundred and five persons, only four were saved.

(In duplicate.)

Vaughan, Benjamin. London 1778 May 29 A.L. 3p. LVIII, 69.
to Benjamin Franklin

Doings of Parliament; Burgoyne's speech. Lord Chatham's debts unpaid. Desires Jamaica given to the French, not to the Spaniards. Lord Sandwich a coarse and vulgar liar; torn to pieces and laughed at on all sides.

(First part missing.)

Trumbull, Jonathan. Hartford 1778 May 29 A.L.S. 1p. IX, 199.
to The American Commisioners.

The bearer is Captain Niles, commander of the schooner Spy, who has in charge despatches from Congress. The article of lead much needed in Connecticut; desires a certain quantity put on board the Spy; question of paying Captain Niles's expenses while in France.

Henri, Serre. Geneva 1778 May 29 A.L.S. 2p. IX, 200.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the electrophore of M. Volta; discusses the possibility of explaining this invention by Franklin's method of electricity.

(In French.)

Boirargues, — Louvel de. Paris 1778 May 29 A.L.S. 2p. IX, 201.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has endeavored, in the enclosed verses, to place Franklin's wellknown attainments in such a light as to reflect credit on a reign, already glorious.

(In French.)

Boirargues, — Louvel de. Paris 1778 May 29 A. Sonnet S. LI, 44.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

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To Dr. Franklin.
(In French.)

Harding, Ralph. Calais	1778 May 30	A.L.S. 4p.	LXII, 50.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Request to enter the American army.
(In French.)

Trumbull, Jonathan. Hartford	1778 May 30	A.L.S. 1p.	IX, 202.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Asking Franklin's advice and assistance for the bearer, who is commissioned to buy a small font of letters for the use of printers in Connecticut.

Sparre, [J.] de. Strasbourg	1778 May 30	A.L.S. 1p.	IX, 203.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Wrote Franklin some time before, enclosing letters from M. de Sartine and M. de Villevault, in the hope that Franklin would employ him in the affairs of America; having received no answer, begs for the return of the letters of introduction.
(In French.)

de Choiseul, Comtesse. L'Abbaye St. Antoine	1778 May 30	A.L.S. 1p.	IX, 204.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Asking for a letter of recommendation for an officer who desires to enter the service of America.
(In French.)

Peters, Richard. York	1778 May 31	A.L.S. 2p.	IX, 205.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Writes again for news of his father; hopes he is still alive; wishes him to be informed of the state of American affairs and also of various family matters; wishes his father to come and spend his last days with them; desires Franklin to advance him a supply of cash which he will repay. British tyranny departing at a rapid rate; the English covered with disgrace, are preparing to leave Philadelphia; brilliant prospects for America. News of the Bache family.

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Babcock, Joshua. Westerly R. I 1778 May 31 A.L.S. 4p. IX, 206.
to Benjamin Franklin

Means taken for the defense of Rhode Island against the enemy; slaves emancipated to serve in battalions. General Spenser's abortive attempts against the enemy. Exorbitant prices charged for the necessaries of life. Does Franklin know any better expedient for mending the currency than severe taxation? Congratulates him on the negotiation of the treaties with France. The King and Queen of France and his Excellency daily toasted in the political circles of America. Concerning Franklin's address to Lord North of behalf of his captive countrymen. Pays him many compliments.

Whipple, Abraham. Paimboeuf Harbor 1778 May 31 L.S. 4p. IX, 207.
to Benjamin Franklin

His arrival; enclosing his orders from Congress and from the Navy Board. His departure from Providence and his running the blockade; details of his trip; has twelve prisoners with him; desires orders relative to them. Enclosing a draft of the bill for reconciling measures between Great Britain and America, published by General Pigot, Commander at Rhode Island; it was received with all the marks of indignity and burnt by the common hangman.

Neate, Mrs C. London 1778 May 31 A.L.S. 2p. IX, 208.
to Benjamin Franklin

Three years since she lost her husband; begs Franklin's advice as to the best means to take to procure the payment of the debts justly due him, amounting at his death to £140,000, of which £30,000 have since been paid.

Debout, -----. Paris 1778 May 10 D. 3p. LVII, 16.
to Benjamin Franklin

Petition for the release of Chevalier de Bazantin, a prisoner in the hands of the English at St. Augustin, Fla.
(In French.)

Le Roy, Jean Baptiste [1778 After July 18] A.L.S. 2p. XLIV, 170.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Sends him a letter wherein will be seen that M. Lalande Robinot is a good and honest merchant, and him to give Mr. Robinot a letter of recommendation to America.

Le Roy, Jean Baptiste [1778 After July 18] A.L.S. 3p. XLIV, 169.
to Benjamin Franklin

Reminds him about the letter of introduction for M. Lalande-Robinot of Nantes, who was going on his own vessel with a valuable cargo to America. Mme. de Marunay intends to go to see Franklin on Sunday and dine with him. Encloses a paper containing a request on behalf of Baron de Wimpfen. (In French.)

Montgomery, Robert. [1778 c. May] A.L.S. 3p. XLI, 60.
to Benjamin Franklin

Repeating his former request that Franklin would confirm his certificate of allegiance and so save him from further persecution; claims his protection as head of the first American business house established in Spain.

Cooper, Samuel. Boston 1778 June 1 A.L.S. 4p. X, 1.
to Benjamin Franklin

The treaty between France and America; Britain dare not engage in a war with both France and the United States. Reception given to the conciliatory bills. Prospect of the English leaving Philadelphia. Difficulty of recruiting the American army. Anecdote showing the cowardice of Lord Percy at Dorchester Heights. Enclosing the proceedings of the court martial in which Colonel Henley was tried and General Burgoyne showed himself in the most contemptible light; justification of Colonel Henley. Encloses a printed copy of the proposed Constitution. Desires any news of public significance.

Jones, Capt. John Paul. Brest 1778 June 1 A.L.S. 4p. X, 2.
to Benjamin Franklin

Encloses papers to prove that his roses are not without thorns. Plans for keeping his present crew; should their home-sickness continue, suggests the advisability of certain exchanges. Willingness of the Due de Chartres to aid him in obtaining the ship built at Amsterdam; disadvantages of the Ranger. Splendid results which might be obtained with the aid of two or three fast-sailing ships. Repairs needed on the Ranger and Drake. The people murmuring at not receiving their prize-money.

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Sowden, Benjamin. Rotterdam 1778 June 1 A.L. 3p. X, 3.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the proposals of Mr. Arrenberg on the question of printing the bibles for America. Franklin's splendid work; hopes it will bring the besotted, pur-blind Ministry of England to their senses. Concerning the proposition in the States-General of the Netherlands to declare America independent.

Wharton, Samuel. London. 1778 June 2 A.L.S. 2p. X, 4.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sends various papers, by Mr. Pringle, also copies of letters which have passed between Mr. Williams and himself on the subject of an aspersion of his (Wharton's) character; denies these accusations. The arrival of the Andromeda man-of-war at New York, carrying a copy of the proposed Bill of Concession; the treaty with France ratified eight days before her arrival. General Clinton assumed the command of the army April 24th; Sir William Howe, the Guards, and Burgoyne's regiment of dragoons expected to embark for England, May 7th. Resignation of Lord Suffolk. Negotiations with the Rockinghams and Lord Shelburne entirely broken off; all parties angry with Lord Sandwich for his imposing on them as regards the navy.

Castrioto, Felix Antonio. Lisbon 1778 June 2 A.L.S. 2p. X, 5.
to Benjamin Franklin

Complains bitterly of receiving no answer to his letters; congratulates Franklin on the treaty with France.

Girardot, Haller and Co. Paris 1778 June 2 A.L.S. 1p. X, 6.
to Benjamin Franklin

Refers Franklin to their last letter concerning the request of Messrs. Dubbledemutt, at Rotterdam.

De Bout, -----. Paris 1778 June 2 A.L.S. 1p. X, 6 1/2.
to Benjamin Franklin

Repeating his request for the letter of the Chevalier de Bazantin, prisoner at st. Augustine, together with that written him on the Chevalier's behalf, by the Comtesse de Lameth.
(In French.)

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Dumas, C.G.F. 1778 June 2 A.L.S. 2p. XXXIX, 33.
to The American Commissioners.

Return of the French Ambassador. Waits only for a copy of the treaty to pay his respects to the Grand Pensionnaire. Anecdotes of the Duchesse de Chartres and the Princesse de Lamballe, who are making a tour Holland. Approves thoroughly of the Latin quotation to be placed under Franklin's portrait. (In French.)

Jones, Capt. John Paul. Brest 1778 June 3 A.L.S. 4p. X, 7.
to The American Commissioner.

Acknowledging his favor of the 25th ult.; craves pardon for signing a draft on Franklin in order to supply his people with necessary clothing, etc., has never touched a dollar of public money for any private purpose of his own. Disposition made of the prizes he captured. Inconvenience of finding no Continental agent at Brest. If Franklin is in possession of any resolution of Congress which will authorize the sending of Lieutenant Simpson to America, should be obliged for a copy of it.

Fautrel, V.C. Havre 1778 June 3 A.L.S. 2p. X, 8.
to Benjamin Franklin

Thanks Franklin for using his influence with M. de Sartine to obtain for him the rank of lieutenant in the Royal Marine. (In French.)

de Pouteney, Madame. Besancon 1778 June 3 A.L.S. 2p. X, 9.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing samples of merchandise that her husband can furnish. (In French.)

A. E. by Franklin. Having discontinued the purchase of goods for America, will deliver the samples to some of their merchants; would give him pleasure to be of service to M. or Mme. de Pouteney.

Hall, Elijah. On board the Ranger 1778 June 3 L.S. 3p. X, 10.
to The American Commissioners.

Begs them to point out some method to bring the prizes to sale, that the men may get their share; their families at home in a distressed condition; have been seven months from America, and not two of them at sea. Considers the treatment of Mr. Simpson most unfair; complains of Captain Jones;

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no American of spirit can ever serve with cheerfulness under him; asserts the courage and good behaviour of the men on the Ranger, Captain Jones to the contrary, notwithstanding. Mr. Bersoll has denied them all supplies; the beef they get very bad.

Moucherele, ----- Nancy 1778 June 4 A.L.S. 3p. X, 11.
to Benjamin Franklin

Ready to give to the public two works on law; practicability of adopting this new code to the laws and customs in use in America.
(In French.)

Hartley, David. London 1778 June 5 A.L.S. 2p. X, 12.
to Benjamin Franklin

Authorized by the Administration and the Board of Admiralty to make certain propositions concerning the exchange of the poor prisoners; the port of Calais chosen as the most suitable for this exchange.

Bibliography

Fairholme and Luther. St. Martin 1778 June 5 L.S. 2p. X, 13.
to Benjamin Franklin

Reminding Franklin of their letter of some weeks before, concerning their refusal to answer for the passage of some French officers without Franklin's orders; desires an answer to this. Requesting Franklin to empower them to act for Congress in the event of prizes arriving at St. Martin. In need of assistance.

Barry, Amelia. Tuois 1778 June 5 A.L.S. 7p. X, 14 and 15.
to Benjamin Franklin

Feliciates him on the glorious results of his labors; her husband's failure to make a success of his business; begs Franklin to secure for him a consulship in whatever port he can most easily obtain it.
(In duplicate.)

Bond, Thomas Jr. Bethlehem 1778 June 5 A.L.S. 1p. X, 16.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Europe without supplying provisions or necessaries of life; the loss of money this occasioned him; applies to Franklin for compensation.

(In French.)

Hupsch, Johann Wilhelm Karl Adolph, 1778 June 7 A.L.S. 4p. X, 22.
baron von. Cologne
 to Benjamin Franklin

A zealous defender of liberty; has charge of the Universal Gazette published in Cologne; the interest with which he has always printed anything of note concerning the Americans; discredit thrown on America by the Protestant gazettes of Germany; begs Franklin to make contributions from time to time to his paper on those subjects which concern the glory and credit of America. His own work in natural history, economy, and mineralogy; believes he could be useful to Congress.

(In French.)

The Navy Board of the Eastern 1778 June 8 L.S. J[ames] X, 23.
Department. Boston Warren,
 to The American Commissioners. J[ohn]
 Desbon. 1p.

Agreeable to the directions of the Marine Committee, they have provided the schooner Despatch for the purpose of conveying to the Commissioners some packets of great importance; orders relative to supplying the captain and crew with provisions and money.

Meinert and Co. Nantes 1778 June 9 L.S. 1p. LX, 123.
 to Benjamin Franklin

Forwarding a petition from a poor prisoner at Brest.

(In French.)

The Council of Massachusetts Bay . 1778 June 9 A.L.S. LIII, 68.
Watertown Jer[emiah]
 to The American Commissioners. Powell,
 Pres[iden]t 1p.

Packets from the Secret Committee of Congress to the Commissioners are transmitted by Corbin Barnes, Captain of the Despatch. Packets may be returned the same way.

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Dumas, C.G.F. 1778 June 9 A.L.S. 5p. XXXIX, 34.
to Benjamin Franklin

Extracts from German letters showing the imminence of war with Austria. Increased sympathy in Holland for the America cause. Delighted with Mr. A. Lee's approbation. Prophecies that the Belgian lion will soon be snatched from the teeth and claws of the British lion.
(In French.)

Jones, Capt. John Paul. Brest 1778 June 10 A.L.S. 2p. X, 25.
to The American Commissioners.

Sale of one of the Ranger's prizes by Messrs. Delap; wrote to them requesting that the captor's part of the prize might be remitted to Mr. Williams; no attention paid to this request; begs Dr. Franklin to give the necessary orders that the uneasiness of his officers and men may be removed.

Colston, Rawleigh. Cape Francois 1778 June 10 A.L.S. 2p. X, 26.
to Benjamin Franklin

The bearer, Major du Bouchett, was taken prisoner on his passage home and sent from New York to Martinique; honored his draft for a certain amount in order to defray the expenses of his passage; the Major's honorable service in America.

Maubailarcy, Pierre. Brest 1778 June 10 Mem. 1p. LX, 74.
to Benjamin Franklin

Applying for the commission of Consul for the United States at Brest.
(In French.)

Leveux, Jacques. Calais 1778 June 10 A.L.S. 2p. X, 27.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the case of Ralph Harding, a retired officer in the service of India, who wrote Franklin a letter with a detailed account of his experiences in attempting to join the English army in America and at the same time offering his services to Franklin; has received no answer to this letter; begs Franklin to relive Mr. Harding's anxiety.
(In French.)

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The Continental Congress, Marine Committee. York, Pa to The American Commissioners	1778 June 10	A.L.S. X, 27 1/2. Richard Henry Lee, Chairman. 1p.
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Requesting them to purchase twenty-eight cannon and ship them to Portsmouth or Boston.

Sikes, -----. Paris to Benjamin Franklin	1778 June 11	A.L.S. 1p. X, 28.
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Like Franklin, he has made great progress in science; sends him a prospectus of an instrument, invented by himself and approved by the Royal Academy of Sciences; desires to show him this invention.
(In French.)

Massieu, -----. Caen to Benjamin Franklin	1778 June 11	A.L.S. 4p. X, 29.
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Wrote to Mr. Deane in the beginning of April concerning M. Dumesnil de St. Pierre who was killed three years before in the service of Congress and of whose death some authentic certificate is wanted; encloses an extract of his letter to Mr. Deane as the best way to explain the affair; begs for an answer.

Dumas, C.G.F. to The American Commissioners.	1778 June 11	A.L.S. 3p. XXXIX, 35.
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His interviews with the Grand Facteur à propos of the advisability of presenting to the Grand Pensionnaire a copy of the treaty with France. Has just seen the fine, spirited Resolution of Congress on the subject of the Conciliatory Bill.
(In French.)

Georgelin du Cosquer, Barthélemy-Pélage. Paris to Benjamin Franklin	1778 June 11	A.L.S. 1p. X, 30. Enclosing a sketch of this plan (3 p.). 1p.
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His project for duration of law-suits in France; hopes Franklin will second his undertaking; Article 25 of the wise Constitution of Pennsylvania is the model which he intends to propose to France for imitation.

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(In French.)

Copy of Franklin's answer. Avows his attachment to France; praises M. du Cosquer's laudable intention, but pleads his ignorance of French law as a reason for his being unable to judge of the work. 1p.

(In French.)

Brillon, Mme [1780?] [May?] 11 A.L.S. 2p. XLIII, 93.
to Benjamin Franklin

Assuring franklin of her friendship. Advantages of friendship over love. Places implicit trust and confidence in Franklin.

(In French.)

Moylan, James. L'Orient 1778 June 12 A.L.S. 1p. X, 31.
to Benjamin Franklin

Arrival of the frigate Boston, Captain Tucker, from Bordeaux; she will sail the next day in company with the frigate L'Oiseau.

Bondfield, John. Bordeaux 1778 June 13 A.L.S. 2p. X, 32.
to The American Commissioners.

Acknowledging the punctuality with which his drafts have been honored. Causes for the high price of fresh beef.

Bondfield, John. Bordeaux 1778 June 13 A.L.S. 1p. X, 33.
to The American Commissioners.

Acknowledging their favor of the 25th ult. Will transmit every month whatever disbursements his department may receive and will communicate any occurrences meriting attention.

Bondfield, John. Bordeaux 1778 June 14 A.L.S. 2p. X, 34.
to The American Commissioners.

Introducing the bearer, Captain Casstle; he and his wife desire to return to Philadelphia; the Captain's business in Paris is to obtain the restitution of a ship belonging to him and his brother; if he succeeds, will make her American property and proceed at once to America.

Bache, Richard. Manheim 1778 June 14 A.L.S. 1p. X, 35.

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to Benjamin Franklin

At Franklin's request made inquiries about Richard Cooke, a native of Rotterdam; he has been living in North Carolina, but starts for Europe with letters to Franklin, with the intention of looking after the legacy, said to have been left him. Acknowledging Franklin's letters.

Archer, H. Paris 1778 June 14 A.L.S. 3p. X, 36.
to The American Commissioners.

Though a native of England, it is his wish to go to America and enter into one of the regiments of horse; will be glad to serve at first as a volunteer at his own expense. Inveighs against Great Britain; expresses the greatest admiration for America. Proposes to wait on Franklin in company with Baron de Ridberg.

Harcken, Johann Wilhelm. Hamburg 1778 June 15 A.L.S. 2p. LIX, 62.
to Benjamin Franklin

Offers his services as clergyman. Asks free passage to America for himself and family.

Whipple, Abraham. Paimboeuf 1778 June 15 L.S. 1p. X, 37.
to The American Commissioners.

Acknowledging their favor per Captain Jones; desires orders relative to his prisoners; his masts being prepared; offers to carry arms and clothing to the United States.

Dumas, C.G.F. 1778 June 16 A.L.S. 1p. XXXIX, 36.
to The American Commissioners.

Question of presenting the treaty still pending; attitude of the Grand Facteur.
(In French.)

Bingham, William. St Pierre 1778 June 16 A.L.S. 2p. X, 38.
to Messrs. Franklin and Lee.

Surprised at receiving no information of the Treaty of Commerce concluded between France and America. As agent for the United States in the West Indies, cannot discharge his duties with any credit to himself or his country, if he is to be kept in ignorance of such important information.

Bondfield, John. Bordeaux 1778 June 16 A.L.S. 1p. X, 39.

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to The American Commissioners.

Captain Conyngham's arrival at Corunna from Cadiz, having captured four prizes on the way. The Jersey privateers still continue on the coast of Spain; news of other vessels.

Salvator, Antoine. Cadiz 1778 June 16 A.L.S. 5p. X, 40.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begging his acceptance of a small work (poem) as a proof of his ardent and active interest in America. His intense admiration for Franklin, Washington and the new Republic. Certain rumors current as to why the Spanish fleet has not arrived.

(In French.)

Hartley, David. London 1778 June 16 A.L.S. 1p. X, 41.
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging Franklin's favor of June 5th, relative to the exchange of prisoners; transcribes his own letter of June 5th on the same subject, for fear it may have miscarried.

Izard, Ralph. Paris 1778 June 17 L.S. 8p. X, 43.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the account Mr. Pringle gave him of his interview with Franklin; takes great offense at some of Franklin's expressions. No attention has ever been paid to his repeated requests to be told why all knowledge of the treaty with France was withheld from him; considers Franklin's reasons for his conduct are not the true ones; tells him what he thinks were his real motives. Arthur Lee's chivalrous defense of Franklin in the day of his tribulation and his ungrateful return. Wishes to know if it is true that the French ministry desired that Mr. Arthur Lee and himself should be kept in ignorance of certain matters.

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to Benjamin Franklin

Remarks on the political situation in England during the war with the American Colonies. The interests of the other European powers will impel them to oppose England in this war. Sees no prospect of England being able to subdue the Colonies and thinks she should attend to her affairs at home. Would be folly for her to declare war against France or Spain in the present state of her affairs.
(In French.)

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Barbeau-Dubourg, Jacques. Paris 1778 June 18 A.L.S. 4p. X, 44.
to The American Commissioners.

Astonished at their refusal of offers on the part of certain vessels to cruise against the English, at their own expense and under the laws of the American navy; the principal promoter of this enterprise is an old associate of the Marquis Roux of Corsica, well-known for his audacity and courage.

Coffyn, Francis. Dunkirk 1778 June 18 A.L.S. 3p. X, 45.
to The American Commissioners.

Desires an answer to his letter of the 8th inst. Concerning the two vessels now being fitted out for America, which will carry letters and any news they may care to send. Contradictory reports as to the whereabouts of the English squadron. Certain American seamen who are in distress and claim protection; advises their being helped, otherwise they are sure to go over to Great Britain.

Laubertie, Victoire. Brunswick 1778 June 18 A.L.S. 3p. X, 46.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning Colonel de Donup who, before his death, sent to one of his friends at Kassel, 8,000 #cus to be placed to the credit of his children, who are also hers and whom he legitimized before his departure for America; this sum of money detained by the Council of War at Kassel; begs Franklin to find out if Colonel de Donap did not leave a will in America in favor of his children, in order that they may not be deprived of all his effects.
(In French.)

Coffyn, Francis. Dunkirk 1778 June 19 A.L.S. 2p. X, 47.
to The American Commissioners.

From certain reports, believes that Admiral Keppel's squadron was seen off Portland the 15th inst. Rumor that Lord Byron's squadron sailed from Plymouth the 10th inst. Refusal of a French vessel to carry to America, as passenger, James Bearus who was wounded while on board the Lexington.

Lovell, James. Yorktown 1778 June 20 A.L.S. 2p. X, 48.
to Benjamin Franklin

Forgot to forward the Resolve of May 5th with the ratifications of the treaties. The American troops entered Philadelphia on the 18th; the intention of the enemy in evacuating it not yet explained.

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Commissioners will be particularly nominated to transact affairs at Lisbon and The Hague, if those courts are well-disposed toward America.

The Continental Congress, Committee of Foreign Affairs. Yorktown to The American Commissioners.	1778 June 21	A.L.S. X, 49. Richard Henry Lee, Tho[ma]s Heyward, James Lovell. 2p.
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Arrival of the British Commissioners; an answer to their propositions is printed in the Pennsylvania Gazette of the 20th inst. General Clinton's evacuation of Philadelphia on the 18th; General Washington is pursuing the enemy into Jersey. Desire the most exact information concerning the authenticity of Mr. Holker's mission to Congress, touching their treaty with Great Britain.

Moore, William. Paris to The American Commissioners.	1778 June 21	A.L.S. 2p. LXXIV, 117.
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Petition for a pass.

Joy Castle and William Castle, of Philadelphia. Passy to The American Commissioners.	1778 June 22	A.D.S. 1p. LXI, 31, 32.
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Petition for papers to permit them to proceed to America with a cargo.
(In duplicate.)

Powers, Peirce. Brest Hospital to The American Commissioners.	1778 June 22	A.L.S. 1p. X, 50.
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Was midshipman on board the Ranger in her action with the Drake; lost his right arm and received a bad wound in his left hand; being unable any longer to serve his country, desires to be proved with a passage to America.

Masson, -----. Paris to Benjamin Franklin	1778 June 22	A.L.S. 2p. X, 51.
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Saw with pleasure in the Courier de l'Europe, a translation of the famous latin verse, which so truly applies to Franklin; thinks the translation, though good, lacks the brevity of the original; his rendering is:

"Il arracha par ses rares talents
La foudre aux dieux, le sceptre aux tyrans."

Bondfield, John. Bordeaux 1778 June 23 A.L.S. 1p. X, 52.
to Benjamin Franklin

Eclat with which the Marquis d'Almadora is received by the chief officers of Bordeaux; expects his residence in London will be a short one.

Montresor, Sir Francis. Bordeaux 1778 June 23 X, 53.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has been very busy fitting out the Vengeance; account of her guns, crew, etc. His attachment to the United States.

Veuve Lalanne et fils. Bayonne 1778 June 23 A.L.S. 3p. X, 54.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning one of their vessels, L'Esp"érance, which was captured in a manifestly illegal manner by the Captain of the Nottingham and whose cargo they hope to be able to recover with Franklin's assistance.

(In French.)

Boylston, John. London 1778 June 24 A.L.S. 1p. X, 55.
to Benjamin Franklin

Pictures Franklin at the helm in these stormy times, the thunder rattling round his head and securely shrouded under his own intellectual rod of fortitude and truth. Hopes the enclosed will be of some service to their unhappy townfolk.

Mather, Samuel. Boston 1778 June 24 A.L.S. 2p. X, 56.
to Benjamin Franklin

Congratulating Franklin on the success of his prudent and faithful negotiation. Promising aspect of things in the New World; the success of General Gates against " the pompous, histrionical Burgoyne"

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has communicated no small terror to the enemy. His experiences in Boston during the siege. Is seventy-two years old; hopes before his death to see his country peacefully established in the happy state of liberty and independence.

Gaulay, -----. Strasbourg 1778 June 24 A.L.S. 1p. X, 57.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to enter the service of America in the capacity of surgeon; his past experience.
(In French.)

A.E. by Franklin. Has no orders to send surgeons to America and can therefore give him no encouragement.

Ford, Hezekiah. Nantes 1778 June 25 A.L.S. 4p. X, 59.
to The American Commissioners.

Reasons why he has decided to take passage on board Mr. Ross's schooner bound to Virginia. Thanking him for the letter of recommendation. His indignation at the cruelty which has lately marked General Howe's conduct in wantonly destroying the property of individuals up the Delaware. Anathematizes George III.

Droüet, -----. Paris 1778 June 26 A.L.S. 2p. X, 60.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has been occupied for forty-two years on a plan, which, while it assures the growth of power to a nation, promises at the same time a real and lasting well-being to its people; the work has been immense, but the summary is finished; desires to read it to Franklin in order to obtain his opinion.
(In French.)

La Plaigne, Emmanuel-Pierre de. 1778 June 26 A.L.S. 3p. X, 61.
Plymouth
to Benjamin Franklin

An account of their being attacked, on May 1st, by the corsair Lively and obliged, after a sharp fight, to surrender; treated like savages, ironed and imprisoned; his relations and domestics dependent on his aid while he is reduced to the lowest misery; begs for assistance.
(In French.)

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to Benjamin Franklin

In praise of Dr. Franklin and M. Dubourg. Verses.
(In French.)

Girardot, Haller and Co. Paris	1778 June 26	L.S. 1p.	X, 62.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Begging for letters of recommendation on behalf of Mr. Solomon Kitt, a gentleman of good family in Germany, who desires some protection in America, for which country he has the sincerest attachment. Entreats him to answer their repeated letters for Messrs. Dubbeldemutt, of Rotterdam.

Bondfield, John. Bordeaux	1778 June 27	A.L.S. 2p.	X, 63.
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to The American Commissioners.

Concerning the engagement of "La Belle Poule" and its possible consequences. America does not appear to be Admiral Byron's destination. Hopes the arrival of good news in America may promote the recruiting service.

Forestier, — de. Hesdin	1778 June 27	A.L.S. 2p.	X, 64.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning a man in town who calls himself de Bonne and who professes to be a captain in the service of the United States; his past unsavory record; thinks he will throw discredit on the service, therefore writes Franklin this warning.
(In French.)

Thompson, John. Brest	1778 June 27	L.S. 2p.	LX, 44.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Was wounded in an engagement with an English vessel whilst gunner on the Lexington. Lost his leg and is in the hospital at Brest. Appeals to Franklin for money and clothing.

Dumas, C.G.F.	1778 June 27	A.L.S. 3p.	XXXIX, 37.
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to The American Commissioners.

Account of his presenting the treaty to the Grand Pensionnaire. Expected arrival of M. Van Berkel. Reported loan of three million florins raised by Holland.
(In French.)

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Poreau and Co. Dunkirk 1778 June 27 L.S. 2p. X, 65.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning a bond which they are to sign and which they hear is to be presented to them by Mr. Coffyn; sorry to tell Franklin that he is a most improper person for such a trust; begs that the bond may be sent by another hand.

Whipple, Abraham. Nantes 1778 June 27 A.L.S. 3p. X, 66.
to The American Commissioners.

Expects to be able to sail by the 20th of July; if he is to take any goods on board, would be glad to know of it.

de Romas, -----. Agen 1778 June 27 A.L.S. 2p. X, 67.
to Benjamin Franklin

Remembering the correspondence that Franklin had with his brother, takes the liberty to ask his influence with M. le Prince de Montbarrey to obtain letters exempting his nephew from examinations at the school of Mezières; wishes to bring his nephew to call on Franklin.
(In French.)

Teissier, Le Sieur 1778 June 27 L. in 3d P. 1p. X, 68.
to Benjamin Franklin

Reminds Franklin that he was presented to him by the Comte de Sarsfield; is about to sail for America to offer his services as surgeon to the United States; begs for the promised letter of recommendation.
(In French.)

Parson, Samuel 1778 June 28 D.S. 1p. LIII, 69b.
to Benjamin Franklin

Certificate as to the diligence, skill, and modesty of Chevalier de La Neuville, and his brother Major Normont de La Neuville, Inspector and Deputy Inspector of the army under General Gates.

Moylan, James. L'Orient 1778 June 29 A.L.S. 1p. X, 69.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Account of the arrival of the frigate Oiseau with the prize Hope, a privateer, which had taken the brig Sally, of Massachusetts; gives the names of the sailors from Marblehead who were prisoners on board; procured their liberty and sent them to join Captain Jones of the Ranger.

Amiel, Peter. Nantes 1779 June 29 A.L.S. 1p. X, 70.
to Benjamin Franklin

Captain Jones has granted him leave to stay at L'Orient to settle his private affairs; since then, has been offered apartments in the the chateau of M. de Chaumont; begs for an extension of leave.

Lalanne, -----. Paris 1778 June 29 A.L.S. 1p. X, 71.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to know if the two propositions made to Franklin have met with any success.

(In French.)

A.E. by Dr. Franklin. The Commissioners have no authority to purchase wine for America, nor, as yet, to appoint consuls.

Hiriart, -----. St. Sebastian 1778 June 29 A.L.S. 1p. X, 72.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has read in the papers a latin verse which ought to be put at the foot of Franklin's portrait; suggests a slight emendation; this is his first attempt in poetry.

(In French.)

Ford, Hezekiah. Paimboeuf 1778 June 30 A.L.S. 3p. X, 73.
to Benjamin Franklin

Account of an engagement between two privateers belonging to the state of Connecticut, and two British men-of-war, ending in a victory for the Americans. Fears to return to Virginia in Mr. Ross's schooner on account of the numerous cruisers now on the coast.

Bondfield, John. Bordeaux 1778 June 30 A.L.S. 1p. X, 74.
to The American Commissioners.

A vessel from Louisiana reports the seizure, by the back settlers of Georgia and Carolina, of all British posts on the banks of the Mississippi, together with two valuable vessels laden for London.

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Other captures reported. Count d'Aranda's passage through Bordeaux on his return journey from Madrid to Paris.

Coffyn, Francis. Dunkirk 1778 June 30 A.L.S. 1p. X, 75.
to The American Commissioners.

Information received of the arrival in England of six Russian ships-of-war and the expected advent of six more; the captains and officers on board are English and Scotch and the sailors Russian.

-----, ----- [1778. June ?] Verses. 1p. LI, 85.
to Benjamin Franklin

Lines on the refusal by the Church authorities to hold a religious service over Voltaire's remains. (In French.)

The Sailors on board "The Ranger" [1778. June. 3?] 3p. LXI, 97.
to The American Commissioners.

Petitions for relief from their grievances at the hands of Captain [John Paul] Jones. Praise of Lieutenant Simpson. Mem. S. Ebenezer Watson and seventy-seven others.

Christian Stenger and William Stragham. 1778 June L. 1p. LX, 21.
Brest
to Benjamin Franklin

Two captains of merchant vessels hailing from Ireland, captured by the Continental ship "Ranger," petition the American Commissioners to be released and allowed to return to their families.

Comyn, Michel. Marsilles 1778 July 1 A.L.S. 3p. X, 77.
to Benjamin Franklin

Offering his services in the capacity of Consul for the City of Marseilles and requesting Franklin's protection and recommendation to Congress; his experience in trade and his knowledge of French and English. Was instrumental in procuring for the Continental army some officers of distinguished merit, such as the Count Pulaski, and M. le Chevalier de la Baume.

Cooper, Samuel. Boston 1778 July 1 A.L.S. 2p. X, 78.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Proceedings of the British Commissioners; they stumbled at the very threshold and in their first communication to Congress advanced a palpable falsehood; if they have nothing further to offer, they have come upon a fool's errand. The cry everywhere is "Independence and fidelity to our treaties." News of the army; General Washington, with 20,000 men, not far from Princeton; General Clinton, with 12 to 15,000, at Mt. Holly. No authentic report of Comte d'Estaing's arrival on the American coast; Boston harbor alive with French vessels and their prizes. Bright prospects for America.

Billon, Mme. Passy [1778?] July 1 A.L. 2p. XLIII, 26.
to Benjamin Franklin

Witty and bantering reply to Franklin who had compared himself to a beggar asking alms from a bishop. Declines to give Franklin the kind of charity he asks for. Is willing to give him her friendship, considers him as her father but cannot entertain his proposals of love.

(In French.)

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Genet, [Edme Jacques] 1778 July 2 A.L.S. 3p. X, 79.
to Benjamin Franklin

Glad that Franklin approves of the use he has made of his letters; only waiting for the news from America promised him by Franklin, to publish it to all Paris. Will do his best to send him the London Evening Post and Chronicle but in the present state of affairs cannot guarantee their arriving regularly.

Epp, Charles. Altdorf 1778 July 2 A.L.S. 4p. X, 80.
to Benjamin Franklin

His opinion concerning the strength of the Americans to fight any foreign power; the difficulties that overtake a commonwealth after the enemy has been driven out; the evils to be avoided in a republican government.

**The Navy Board of the Eastern
Department. Boston** 1778 July 2 L.S. J[ames] X, 81.
to The American Commissioners. Warren. 1p.

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Sends by the bearer, Captain Ayres, four packets from the Honorable Committee for Foreign Affairs, and the Gazettes of Boston. Recommends Captain Ayres to Franklin's notice as an officer ready upon all occasions to render his best services to his country.

Whipple, Abraham. Nantes 1778 July 2 L.S. 3p. X, 82.
to The American Commissioners.

Acknowledging his favor of the 23d ult. with the agreeable contents. Nearly ready for sea; desires that the necessary merchandise might be put on board as soon as possible. Encloses an exact return of prisoners.

Godet, Henricus. Amsterdam 1778 July 2 A.L.S. 1p. X, 83.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has been applied to for assistance by one David Welsh, who says he was second lieutenant on board the Lexington, was subsequently taken prisoner, and carried to Plymouth; desires Franklin's orders before he takes any steps in the matter.

Simpson, Thomas. Brest 1778 July 3 A.L.S. 3p. X, 84.
to The American Commissioners.

Acknowledging the receipt of their favor of the 3d ult. and thanking them for their interposition on his behalf. Has been released from prison by Captain Jones on his signing the enclosed parole. Discusses the question of his passage home; his lack of funds, having received no money since the winter before.

Moylan, James. L'Orient 1778 July 3 A.L.S. 1p. X, 85.
to The American Commissioners.

Arrival of the frigate Boston, Captain Tucker, having taken four prizes; Mr. Livingston has set out for Paris to inform them of the disagreeable cause of this vessel's quick return; has undertaken to supply his wants, as Mr. Schweighauser has not had time.

Vaughan, Benjamin 1778 July 3 A.L. 4p. X, 86.
to Benjamin Franklin

Thinks it right to keep up the characters of the men in power, though their conduct has in general seemed unintelligible and to have no bottom but courtiership and pride. Believes America will

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feel with England in her distress and not let France and Spain push her to the wall; acknowledges England's weakness and believes it probable that the French will land and even stay for a season. Lord Bute's desire to come into power with Lord Chatham and the latter's repudiation of him. Franklin's opinion of Lord Chatham erroneous. Private business matters. Messages to Mr. Williams.

Fairholme and Luther. Isle de Ré 1778 July 3 A.L.S. 1p. X, 87.
to Benjamin Franklin

No answer received to their two letters, announcing the arrival at Isle de Ré of an English prize, and offering to act for Congress in this and similar matters; desire the necessary orders.

Dumas, C.G.F. 1778 July 3 A.L.S. 2p. XXXIX, 38.
to The American Commissioners.

Account of loan greatly exaggerated. Communicated the treaty to M. Van Berkel and to the Chief Burgomaster of Amsterdam; their high opinion of it. Has made good use of the papers they sent as shown by the enclosed newspaper cuttings. Delighted at the safe arrival of the Deane as his dear friend Mr. Carmichael is on board.

(In French.)

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1778 July 3 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVII, 157.
to Messrs. Franklin and Deane

According to their orders has stopped the reparation of the arms at Nantes.

Perrot and Boyer. Paris 1778 July 3 A.L.S. 3p. X, 88.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begging Franklin's acceptance of a dozen bottles of wine as a feeble token of their regard and admiration; hopes they will prolong Franklin's days. A short poem, representing America as resting, after their struggle, under the shadow of the lilies of France.

(In French.)

Tucker, Samuel. L'Orient 1778 July 3 A.L.S. 3p. X, 89.
to The American Commissioners.

Announcing his arrival in port; took four prizes; gives his reasons for returning so soon; the bearer, Lieutenant Livingston, will give them a detailed account of the whole affair; disposition to be made

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of the prisoners on board; regrets that, owing to ill health, Mr. Livingston will not be able to remain with him. Sighted the English fleet on June 16th.

Heathcote, Harriott. St. Omer 1778 July 3 A.L.S. 1p. X, 90.
to Benjamin Franklin

Recalls to Franklin's memory the great civility her mother received, when in Philadelphia, from the late Mrs. Franklin; desires some news of the welfare of Miss Franklin.

Bondfield, John. Bordeaux 1778 July 4 A.L.S. 3p. X, 91.
to The American Commissioners.

Arrival of Captain Barry, in the Union, from Edenton, Wilful misconduct of the pilots situated at the passes on the Carolina coast. M. de Sartine's offer to aid in the fitting out of armed vessels. Mr. James Willing headed the party which cut off the English settlements on the Mississippi. News of other arrivals.

Middleton, Arthur. Charleston 1778 July 4 A.L.S. 1p. X, 93.
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing Alexander Gillon, Esq., a gentleman who has accepted the commission of commodore to oblige the state of South Carolina; he needs no other recommendation than the fact of his having given up his own independence to assist in establishing that of America.

Junker, Censeur Royal. Paris 1778 July 4 A.L.S. 1p. X, 94.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desire on the part of le Sieur Gross to enter the service of the United States in the capacity of surgeon; his past experience; his refusal of other offers in order to serve America; he has a sister living in Philadelphia.

(In French.)

Lafreté, Jean-Jacques de. Magnauville 1778 July 5 L.S. 2p. X, 95.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the affairs of Messrs. Veuve Lalanne et fils, relative to the ship *Espérance*, unlawfully captured and conducted to New York; has an interest in this vessel, therefore joins in begging Franklin's counsel and protection. Courteous messages from his wife.

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(In French.)

La Faye, Julien-Pierre de. Rocquencourt 1778 July 6 A.L.S. 2p. X, 96.
to Benjamin Franklin

The nephew of Abbé Tailhié, desires exceedingly to make a voyage to America, and for this purpose, desires letters of introduction, that he may not arrive there quite unknown. Messages from Monsieur and Madame de Boisroger and Mlle. de Pontenil and their wish to have him visit them in the summer.
(In French.)

Le Roy, Jean Baptiste 1778 July 6 A.L.S. 1p. X, 97.
to Benjamin Franklin

Asking for letters to people of consequence in the Carolinas, on behalf of an honest merchant.
(In French.)

Bondfield, John. Bordeaux 1778 July 7 A.L.S. 3p. X, 98.
to The American Commissioners.

Arrival of news from Edenton in sloop, Sally; capture of the entire fourth regiment. Advantages America would reap from having consuls or agents established at different places, to transmit monthly returns of the imports and exports.

Coffyn, Francis. Dunkirk 1778 July 7 A.L.S. 3p. X, 99.
to The American Commissioners.

Extraordinary conduct of Poreau, MacKenzie and Co. who have endeavored to wrong him in Franklin's estimation [see X, 65]; wants nothing better than a chance to justify himself; returns the commission, instructions and bond. News of the capture of several French vessels; their crews conducted to prison at Plymouth. Admiral Keppel's squadron ready to proceed to sea to meet the French squadron. Disposition to be made of American seamen.

Poreau and Co. Dunkirk 1778 July 7 L.S. 3p. X, 100.
to The American Commissioners.

Certain Americans held back in their desire to distinguish themselves, from lack of opportunity and funds; Franklin's willingness to grant them a commission, provided their captain should be a man whom he could trust; Captain Amiel answers this description, but he wants a larger vessel than they

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are willing to provide. Mortified at discovering that their letter to the Commissioners was shown to Coffyn. Begg that the commission may be sent in spite of Captain Amiel's withdrawal.

(In French.)

Powers, Peirce. Brest 1778 July 7 A.L.S. 1p. X, 101.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begg that Franklin will not forget him; recalls the fact that he was midshipman on board the Ranger, where he lost his arm in the engagement with the Drake; desires to return home as he is not fit for sea-service.

Moylan, James. L'Orient 1778 July 8 A.L.S. 2p. X, 102.
to The American Commissioners.

Steps he has taken relative to Captain Tucker's prizes. The jealousy subsisting between Captain Tucker's officers and the French part of the crew has reached such a pitch that it is to be brought before the Admiralty.

Coffyn, Francis. Dunkirk 1778 July 9 A.L.S. 1p. X, 103.
to The American Commissioners.

Enclosing a certificate, in French, from the officers of the Admiralty Court at Dunkirk which he hopes will obviate, in some measure, the bad impression made by Poreau's false insinuations; will send other vouchers of his character and conduct.

Amiel, Peter. Dunkirk 1778 July 9 A.L.S. 1p. X, 104.
to The American Commissioners.

Hearing that Messrs. Porcau, MacKenzie and Co. have written a letter to Franklin attempting to injure Mr. Coffyn's character, begs that they will suspend judgement until he can lay all the particulars before them.

Champigny, Chevalier de. Amsterdam 1778 July 9 A.L.S. 2p. XLV, 128a.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sends third volume of his translation of the History of Denmark. Hopes Franklin will remit balance due on his subscription to his works.

(In French.)

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Deplaine, -----. Verdun 1778 July 9 A.L.S. 2p. XLI, 10.
to Benjamin Franklin

Quotes some Latin lines of his own composition which he begs may be written under Franklin's bust in the salon.

(In French.)

Berny, Chevalier de 1778 July 9 A.L.S. 3p. X, 105.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has received no answer to his letter enclosing a manuscript, bearing the title "L'Œil du Maître ou Essai sur le Ministère"; begs to know if Franklin received it and if his opinion of it was favorable.

(In French.)

Gouvion, Y 1778 July 9 L. S. 1p. XXXIII, 158.
to Messrs. Franklin and Deane

Is about to leave for Germany; sorry that he is too much pressed for time to make Franklin his adieu; begs him to take charge of the enclosed letter which is destined for America.

(In French.)

Grinnell, Richard. Dunkirk 1778 July 9 A.L.S. 2p. X, 107.
to Benjamin Franklin

Detailing his movements since he obtained his discharge from the Belle Isle where he had been impressed without his leave; his desire to obtain a commission, go to the Brazils and destroy all the London fleet. Voyage he made in the employ of Captain Coffyn who desires to engage him again; waits however to hear from Franklin. Has heard that his brother, Wm. Grinnell, was lieutenant on board the Columbus in her engagement with the Glasgow.

Hartley, David. London 1778 July 10 A.L.S. 1p. X, 108.
to Benjamin Franklin

No answer received from the Admiralty relative to Franklin's letter of June 16th concerning the exchange of prisoners.

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Coffyn, Francis. Dunkirk 1778 July 10 A.L.S. 2p. X, 109.

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to The American Commissioners.

Sending three other certificates in order to convince Franklin of his trustworthiness. Congratulates him and every American and Frenchman on the arrival at Brest of the vessel bearing the ratification by Congress of the treaties so gloriously concluded.

La Plaigne, Emmanuel-Pierre de. 1778 July 11 A.L. 2p. X, 110.
Plymouth

to Benjamin Franklin

Ordered to repair to Okehampton in Devon, a prisoner on Parole, with his family and fellow passengers; had the honor to write Franklin of his destitute condition; begs that he may at least receive the salary due him since May, 1777. Kindness of the United States Consul, who alone knows his real name and station.

(In French.)

Lallement, -----. Paris 1778 July 11 A.L.S. 2p. X, 111.

to Benjamin Franklin

If jealousy could enter into the hearts of Free Masons, all the Lodges in Paris would envy "Des Neuf Soeurs" who enjoy the honor of possessing Franklin as a member. Invites him to a fête given by the head of his Lodge on the 18th at three o'clock in the Bois de Boulogne.

(In French.)

Benjamin Reed and Benjamin Bates, 1778 July 11 L.S. 2p. LXI, 94.
Officers on Ship Boston. Port Louis

to The American Commissioners.

Complaining of the desertion of French sailors and their falsehoods concerning the conduct of the officers of the Boston.

Conway, Françoise-Antoinette-Jeanne 1778 July 12 A.L.S. 1p. X, 112.
Langlois du Bouchet, comtesse de.

Auxerre

to Benjamin Franklin

Sending Franklin a letter for her husband [General Thomas Conway], which she begs him to forward.

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Reine, D.E. Versailles 1778 July 12 A.L.S. 2p. X, 113.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning various specimens of rice and beans cultivated by him. Advising the use of coffee on board the vessels instead of intoxicating drinks; encloses a receipt for orange wine.
(In French.)

Tucker, Samuel. Port Lewis 1778 July 12 A.L.S. 3p. X, 114.
to Benjamin Franklin

Detailing the quarrel between the French part of his crew and the other sailors; unjustifiable attitude of the Frenchmen; General La Touche's conduct in interfering in the matter and ordering the Frenchmen on shore; justifies the behaviour of his officers. Waiting for Franklin's orders to put to sea in hopes of joining Captain Whipple.

Baër, Frédéric-Charles de. Paris 1778 July 13 A.L.S. 3p. X, 115.
to Benjamin Franklin

Asking Franklin's good offices on behalf of the bearer, Mr. Meyer, who served with distinction on board the Ranger; he is anxious to return to Brest but does not possess one sou; begs Franklin to obtain from Captain Jones an advance of ten louis d'or as part of the debt due Mr. Meyer from the sale of prizes.
(In French.)

Colleton, James Nassau 1778 July 13 D. 2p. X, 116.
to Benjamin Franklin

Is descended from one of the first proprietors of the Province of South Carolina; his claim to an estate there; begs Franklin to represent his case favorably to Congress and the Assembly of South Carolina in order that he may repair thither and take possession of his estate.

Hartley, David. London 1778 July 14 A.L.S. 2p. X, 117 and
to Benjamin Franklin 118.

Recounting the answers of the Board of Admiralty, relative to the exchange of prisoners; proposed terms of this exchange. His conviction that an ultimate reconciliation will take place between the two countries.

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Strahan, William. London 1778 July 14 A.L.S. 3p. X, 119.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has received no answer to his letter of March 13th, possibly on account of its contents. Quotes from a letter from Franklin dated March 28th, 1763, in which America is spoken of as England's strongest ally, and France referred to as "that perfidious nation"; laments the change in affairs since that time; hears that Franklin's son was imprisoned in a common jail and his wife died of a broken heart. Mr. Hall's failure to pay the debt due him. News of his family; his son George happily married; all the others single; believes that connections of the kind, to be happy, should be quite voluntary. Sir John Pringle in perfect health.

Fournier, Simon-Pierre, la jeune 1778 July 14 A.L.S. 1p. X, 120.
to Benjamin Franklin

Ready to commence work on the font of type Franklin ordered.
(In French.)

Geraud, -----. Bordeaux 1778 July 14 A.L.S. 3p. X, 121.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has studied mathematics, physics, mineralogy and chemistry; his interest in metallurgy and in powder and saltpetre; desires to obtain employment in the service of the United States.
(In French.)

Tucker, Samuel. On board the Boston, 1778 July 14 A.L.S. 2p. X, 122.
Port Louis
to The American Commissioners.

Concerning the proposed exchange of prisoners; sends a list of those he has on board; mentions certain men in Mill Prison whom he is anxious to have exchanged. Treatment the Frenchmen received on board his vessel; assures Franklin their story is false; their present anxiety to return to the ship; if only he could man his vessel with Americans he would deem himself a happy man. Desires to join Captain Whipple on the 20th.

des Sombres, Mme Brouttin-Mollien. 1778 July 15 A.L.S. 2p. LX, 87.
Calais
to Benjamin Franklin

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Requests Franklin to procure a position in the United States for her brother.
(In French.)

Libertati, Pierre. Geneva 1778 July 15 A.L.S. 4p. LXII, 70.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to know the conditions requisite for a young man to enter the service of the American Congress. He writes under an assumed name and will give his true name when Franklin answers his letter.
(In French.)

Gadsden, Christopher. Charlestown 1778 July 15 A.L.S. 1p. X, 124.
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing the bearer, Commodore Gillon, to Franklin's notice; his great services to the American cause; has been appointed Commodore by the Assembly of South Carolina, and in that capacity goes to Europe to build or purchase three frigates for the State; his knowledge of affairs.

Bondfield, John. Bordeaux 1778 July 16 A.L.S. 3p. X, 125.
to The American Commissioners.

Encloses a statement in French concerning different duties on salt; the smallness of the tax at L'île de Ré or Nantes and the excessive charges at Bordeaux; hopes their Honors can effect a change in this state of affairs.

Veuve Mathurin Cornic & fils. Morlaix 1778 July 16 L.S. 2p. X, 126.
to Benjamin Franklin

Informed that a citizen of Nantes has been made agent for Congress at Morlaix; extremely hurt at this appointment; reminds Franklin of the zeal and attachment with which their house has attended to the affairs of the United States which will certainly suffer if this unknown person interferes.
(In French.)

Levent, -----. Paris 1778 July 16 A.L.S. 2p. X, 127.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Concerning a general commercial directory which is in the course of preparation; has written to different trade-centers for information as to their productions, industries, etc.; desires Franklin to give him some account of the principal places in America.

(In French.)

Le Roy, Jean Baptiste to Benjamin Franklin	1778 July 16	A.L.S. 2P.	X, 128.
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Reminding Franklin of a previous request for letters of introduction on behalf of M. Lalande Robinot, merchant at St. Brieuc, who is lading a rich vessel for America. Begging for news of one, M. Ganot, captain in the service of the United States; his father and mother a prey to the cruellest fears, having received no word from him for some time.

(In French.)

Pigault de Lepinoy, President ---- to Benjamin Franklin	1778 July 16	L.S. 2p.	LX, 75.
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Offering his services as Commissioner for the United States at Calais.

(In French.)

Laureau, ----- Paris to Benjamin Franklin	1778 July 16	A.L.S. 3p.	LXII, 66.
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Having had so much to do he was not able to send him the memoir before. If this is to be translated in France, he requests that it be done by some one who will regard it as confidential. He also introduces a friend who wishes to enter the American navy. He congratulates Franklin on the success of his work in Europe.

(In French.)

Jones, Capt. John Paul. Passy to The American Commissioners.	1778 July 16	L. 2p.	X, 24.
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Enclosing a copy of Thomas Simpson's parole, dated June 10th, promising, though released from prison, to consider himself under arrest until called upon to meet Captain Jones face to face before a court-martial. Is willing to let the dispute between Lieutenant Simpson and himself drop forever by returning him his parole, an act which will entitle him to command the Ranger; bears no malice, and if he has done him any injury, this will make amends.

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(Copy.)

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1778 July 16 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVII, 158.
to Messrs. Franklin and Deane

Submits the enclosed letter to the officers and men of the Ranger for approval.

Dumas, C.G.F. 1778 July 17 A.L.S. 4p. XXXIX, 39.
to The American Commissioners.

Concerning the rejection by Amsterdam, of the proposition to increase the number of troops. Sketches the character of the Grand Pensionnaire; his opinion of him should he fail to answer their letter; his fear of compromising himself with the Court; good results produced by the presentation of the letter. Further proof that war between Austria and Germany is inevitable. Asking for the remittance due him, according to the compensation previously arranged. Begs for letter of recommendation for his brave Dutch merchants who sail shortly for America.

(In French.)

Simpson, Thomas. Nantes 1778 July 18. A.L.S. 1p. X, 129.
to The American Commissioners.

Announcing his arrival at Nantes and his expected departure in the Providence for America, where he hopes to be brought to an immediate trial.

Sargeant, William Hill. Bordeaux 1778 July 18 A.L.S. 2p. X, 130.
to The American Commissioners.

Announcing his arrival, from Virginia, in the Despatch, whose owners desire to have her armed in France; begs Franklin to grant him a commission for that purpose; his references; will carry back any freight or despatches they may care to send. Difficulty of keeping a crew of American sailors in order in a French port.

S. and J.H. Delap. Bordeaux 1778 July 18 A.L.S. 1p. X, 131.
to The American Commissioners.

Forwarding a letter from Captain Wm. Hill Sargeant (X, 130); offers their house as security that he will make no improper use of the desired letters of marque.

Lowndes, Rawlins. Charleston 1778 July 18 A.L.S. 2p. X, 132.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

to Benjamin Franklin

Commodore Gillon commissioned to procure ships-of-war in Europe for the State of South Carolina.

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Richelet, -----, Dormans 1778 July 18 A.L.S. 3p. X, 133.

to Benjamin Franklin

Has heard of the union of the thirteen Provinces of America; a strange coincidence that his own little manor is also cut up into thirteen cantons; encloses a colored plan of his estates, showing the divisions and vineyards; desires Franklin to visit him at the Hermitage; has heard of the extreme simplicity which characterizes his mode of life, therefore does not hesitate to offer him lodgings merely for himself, his private secretary, valet de chambre and two lackies, also promises him a good soup and two entrées.

(In French.)

D'herime, -----, Ath ?, Austria 1778 July 18 A.L.S. 3p. X, 134 1/2.

to Benjamin Franklin

The orders from his Court, in hastening his departure, deprive him of the precious advantage of seeing Franklin once again; desires confirmation of the news that Count d'Estaing has arrived in Boston, and that Philadelphia is evacuated. The sincere attachment which he and his wife have vowed to Franklin. Encloses the extract of a letter, giving an account of the movements of Frederick the Great and M. de Laudon [the war of the Bavarian succession].

(In French.)

Kendall, Joseph. Nantes 1778 July 19 A.L.S. 4p. X, 135.

to Benjamin Franklin

Offers himself to Franklin to serve in any capacity of which he may think him competent; by profession is a surgeon, but will exert himself in any other line. The number of privateers fitted out at the islands of Guernsey and Jersey and their success in destroying the American trade. Lays before Franklin a plan to land a small body of men there by night and destroy the shipping; knows an American prisoner there who will co-operate in any plan they may decide on; will make one of thirty men in this attempt, if Franklin approves. His desire to go to America; needs clothes and money.

Leleu, N., l'aîné 1778 July 19 A.L.S. 2p. X, 136.

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to Benjamin Franklin

No news received of the vessel Benjamin, commanded by Captain Ricot, which sailed from Carolina on April 20th; no doubt of her being captured and taken to America; begs Franklin, for the sake of M. Ricot's family, to find out the whereabouts, and to procure favorable treatment and a prompt exchange for the Captain.

(In French.)

Spencer, John. Nantes	1778 July 19	A.L.S. 1p.	X, 137.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing a letter delivered to him at Plymouth by a captain first battalion of the Georgia Continental troops; begs Franklin to aid him in his present unhappy situation.

Ford, Hezekiah. Jersey	1778 July 21	A.L.S. 2p.	X, 138.
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to The American Commissioners.

On his passage to Virginia on board a small cutter, was taken prisoner and carried to Jersey; names the passengers who are fellow-sufferers with him; they are obliged to go to England, from which place they will take the first opportunity to return.

Dumas, C.G.F.	1778 July 21	A.L.S. 1p.	XXXIX, 40.
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to The American Commissioners.

Dissolution of the Holland Assembly; affair of the two Dutch vessels taken by the English. English frigate Digby captured by the French fleet; news of a naval battle hourly expected.

(In French.)

Livingston, M. Nantes	1778 July 21	A.L.S. 2p.	X, 139.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Delivered his letter to Captain Whipple; will set out at once for L'Orient with instructions to Captain Tucker. Begs Franklin for two or three lines to the President of Congress, mentioning Captain Tucker's report of his conduct while on the Boston; expects to take passage for America in a few days.

McCall, George. Glasgow	1778 July 22	A.L.S. 2p.	X, 140.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Introducing Messrs. Lawrence and Robert Brooke, sons of Richard Brooke, of Virginia, who have finished their education under his care and are now desirous to return to America via France; these young gentlemen will be a comfort and credit to their parents and friends and an honor to their country; begs Franklin to promote their safe return.

Genet, [Edme Jacques] 1778 July 23 A.L.S. 1p. X, 141.
to Benjamin Franklin

The letter Franklin sent him will be printed in No. 47 [Affaires d' Angleterre], which appears in two days; the following number is ready to receive any news which may have arrived from America. (In French.)

Ferrier, James. London 1778 July 24 A.L.S. 2p. X, 142.
to Benjamin Franklin

His cousin-german, Mr. Samuel Johnston, is one of the delegates in the General Congress of the United States. Considers the acknowledgment of America's independence only a question of time; in such a case they will need officers to regulate their branch of the military service; offers himself in that capacity to take charge of the artillery; his rank of brigadier-general; his experience; offers various evidences of his capacity for the work; refers Franklin to his superior officers for proof.

Dumas, C.G.F. 1778 July 24 A.L.S. 4p. XXXIX, 41.
to The American Commissioners.

Rumored war between France and England. Acknowledging the receipt of the packet from the Committee of Secret Correspondence. Likens his efforts to those of David against Goliath. Enclosing extracts from Ministerial despatches concerning foreign affairs. (In French.)

de Wiebel, C.F. Erbai 1778 July 24 A.L.S. 4p. LXII, 124.
to Benjamin Franklin

Request to enter the American army. (In French.)

Paschke, Martin. Potsdam 1778 July 24 A.L.S. 2p. X, 143.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Begs Franklin to forward the enclosed letter to his son, who is an assistant quarter-master general in the American army.

(In French.)

Conway, -----, Paris to Benjamin Franklin	1778 July 24	A.L.S. 2p. X, 144.
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Concerning the weight and price of two brass cannon and where they are to be seen. Wishes to know if there is any recent news from America, especially if there are any tidings of his son [General Thomas Conway].

Lutterloh, Major Henry Emanuel. Brunswick to Benjamin Franklin	1778 July 24	A.L.S. 2p. X, 145.
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Begging Franklin to send the enclosed to his brother and permit the answer to be addressed to his care.

(In French.)

Reine, D.E. Versailles to Benjamin Franklin	1778 July 24	A.L.S. 2p. X, 146.
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Mr. Willing despatched by Congress with a ship and thirty men to raid the left bank of the Mississippi; damage he inflicted.

(In French.)

Guichard,-----, aîné. Marennes to Benjamin Franklin	1778 July 25	A.L.S. 2p. X, 147.
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Claims a certain sum due his brother, Augustin Guichard, now in prison, who was officer on board the Lexington for a year and whose salary for that time and his share of the prizes are still due him; mentions various people who will endorse his brother's application.

(In French.)

Genet, [Edme Jacques] to Benjamin Franklin	1778 July 26	A.L.S. 4p. L. X, 149. 4p.
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Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Sorry No. 49 appeared before he received Dr. Cooper's letter; it shall be published in No. 50 [Affaires d'Angleterre] with an account of the arrival of the Duchesse de Grammont. The intention of two printers to establish a Gazette in Boston composed principally of articles from France, likely to promote the union and welfare of both countries; suggests a similar enterprise of which he desires to be the head; sketches his ideas on this point.

(In French.)

P. S. Question of the probability of a large sale of these papers in America.

(In English.)

Valltravers, Rodolph. Bienne to Benjamin Franklin	1778 July 26	A.L.S. 3p. X, 150.
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Ignorant of the fate of his last two letters. Sends by M. de Gruffly, the bearer, a sketch of a few principles wheron to build a lasting foundation of friendship between the thirteen republican states of America and of Switzerland; if Franklin approves it, desires that it may be conveyed to Congress, after submitting it to the Minister of His Most Christian Majesty and through his ambassador, to the several cantons; offers his services in case of a similar alliance between the United States and the naval republics of Venice and Genoa; begs for the promised copy of the treaty with France.

Veillard, Louis Guillaume to Benjamin Franklin	1778 July 26	A.L.S. 1p. X, 151.
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Declines the invitation on the plea that his affairs do not permit him to quit Paris.

(In French.)

Berny, Chevalier de to Benjamin Franklin	1778 July 27	A.L.S. 2p. X, 148.
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Five months have elapsed since he took the liberty of dedicating and sending to Franklin a pamphlet entitled "L'oeil de Maritre ou Essaisur le Ministère"; this work was kindly received by le Comte de Vergennes to whom his services and talents are known; begs Franklin to acknowledge its receipt.

(In French.)

Simpson, Thomas. Brest to The American Commissioners.	1778 July 27	A.L.S. 3p. X, 152.
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Has received his appointment and taken command of the Ranger; disposition to be made of his prisoners; the prizes not yet sold.

Moreau, Nicolas. Cadiz 1778 July 28 A.L.S. 3p. X, 153.
to Benjamin Franklin

Since the treaty between the United States and France, supposed that all merchandise loaded in England on French ships would be safe; this was not the case with the ship Fortune on her passage from London to Cadiz; she was taken by the Americans and carried to Boston; the cargo was owned by him and he begs Franklin to aid him in recovering its value.

(In French.)

Iselin, Isaac. Basel 1778 July 28 A.L.S. 3p. X, 154.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has been engaged for years on a periodical publication destined to enlighten his fellow-citizens on the needs and rights of humanity; believes there is a germ of perfection in mankind that can be developed by cultivation; for this purpose desires to know those facts which are worthy of imitation; America can furnish a great number of these; begs Franklin to point out to him at Philadelphia or elsewhere, a correspondent who will furnish him, from time to time, with papers of this kind.

(In French.)

Ayres, John. Bordeaux 1778 July 29 A.L.S. 1p. X, 155.
to The American Commissioners.

Announcing his arrival from Boston with a packet for their Excellencies; unable to deliver it himself owing to illness, so sends it by a trust-worthy hand. Has a commission as captain in the Continental navy if his services are desired.

Pelletier, ----. Paris 1778 July 29 A.L.S. 2p. XLIX, 15.
to Benjamin Franklin and Diss. 15p.

Enclosing a plan for founding alms houses or state institutions for the indigent and homeless.

(In French.)

Holker, Jean. Rouen 1778 July 30 L.S. 1p. X, 156.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

At M. Lalanne's request, recommends the bearer, M. le Baron de Reuschenberg to Franklin's kind notice.

(In French.)

Sieulanne, -----. Santa Cruz de Teneriffe 1778 July 30 L. 8p. X, 1561/2.
to Benjamin Franklin

Copies of his letters to and from M. Cologan and to Franklin, concerning the arrest of his vessel by order of the Governor of the Canaries; this vessel was the English brigantine, the Countess of Moreton, which he was conducting to Martinique by order of Captain Cunningham; reasons given for the detention of this vessel; desires Franklin to use his influence with the Court of Spain to obtain indemnity for his enforced delay and satisfaction for the insults offered to Captain Cunningham and to the flag.

(In French.)

Hancock, Philip. Amsterdam 1778 July 30 A.L.S. 1p. X, 157.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has come to Paris to inform him of past proceedings and to procure instructions for the future; has information to impart that was judged imprudent to be sent by letter.

Whipple, Abraham. Paimboeuf 1778 July 31 L.S. 2p. X, 159.
to Benjamin Franklin

Reasons for his delay in sailing; acknowledging Franklin's favors of the 13th and 16th insts.; has written Captain Tucker to join him with the Boston and to Captain Simpson to fit the Ranger for sea with all possible despatch. His cargo and provisions on board and his men in good health and high spirits; hopes to pay his respects to the Guernsey and Jersey privateers.

Dumas, C.G.F. 1778 July 31 A.L.S. 2p. XXXIX, 42.
to The American Commissioners.

Quoting extracts from ministerial despatches. Frequent desertions in the Dutch army.

(In French.)

Ogden, Titus. L'Orient 1778 July A.L.S. 2p. X, 76.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Account of his former arrival in Nantes and the despatch and economy with which Mr. Moylan repaired and loaded his ship; contrasts him with Mr. Puchelberg, a foreigner, appointed by Mr. Schweighauser, who does not speak English, but knows very well how to charge.

Moylan, James. L'Orient 1778 August 1 A.L.S. 1p. XI, 1.
to The American Commissioners.

The frigate Boston sailed that morning with her three prizes. Offering to freight certain goods which were left behind by Captain Tucker.

Barbeu-Dubourg, Jacques. 1778 August 1 A.L.S. 2p. XI, 2.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing letters which he begs to have forwarded to M. d'Arcel, at Boston; begs that twelve Louis d'or may be sent to M. Bresson's brother-in-law, now in prison at Okehampton, and also five Louis d'or to his companion in captivity, the writer's nephew, Dubourg de la Blanchardière; counts on Franklin to procure their exchange as soon as possible.
(In French.)

Vaughan, Benjamin 1778 August 1 A.L.S. 3p. XI, 3.
to Benjamin Franklin

His letter filled him with utmost transports; dares not tell him what he had feared. The leaves Franklin wrote for are sent, directed to M. de Chaumont. Concerning the accounts with Johnson.

Smets, Veuve Jean Martin. Anvers 1778 August 1 L.S. 1p. XI, 4.
to Benjamin Franklin

A packet has been expressed to him received from Mr. Aychmayer of Rotterdam.
(In French.)

Bussy-Dagoneau, comte de. Enclos du Temple 1778 August 1 A.L.S. 1p. XI, 5.
to Benjamin Franklin

His desire to fight the enemies of America; illness and law-suits keep him in France; some day he will arrive in Boston, too late for his own glory, but in time to admire that of America.
(In French.)

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Collas, Peter. Passy 1778 August 1 A.L.S. 2p. LXI, 64.
to The American Commissioners.

Empowering the commissioners to act on his behalf with regard to indemnity for his vessel Triton.

Pezerat, -----. Dijon 1778 August 1 L.S. 4p. LX, 108.
to Benjamin Franklin

Wishes to settle in the United States with his family.
(In French.)

Patrick Clear or Cleary. Lisbon 1778 August 1 A.L.S. 2p. XI, 6.
to Benjamin Franklin

His brother, Timothy, resided in Newburn, North Carolina, and on dying, bequeathed a considerable fortune; prevented by illness from going at once to America with full power of attorney; informed of an act whereby the lands and effects of all those who did not appear before a certain time were confiscated; begs Franklin's advice and assistance.

O'Gorman, Thomas, chevalier 1778 August 1 A.L.S. 1p. XI, 7.
to Benjamin Franklin

Including Franklin's nephew, Mr. Williams, in an invitation for the following Monday.
(In French.)

Grove, Leslie. London 1778 August 1 A.L.S. 2p. XI, 8.
to Benjamin Franklin

Writes on behalf of Thomas Truman, a passenger on the Lord Chatham, who was taken prisoner and is now at Brest; has a wife and three little children; begs that Franklin will give orders to set him at liberty.

Ischiffely, -----. Berne 1778 August 1 A.L.S. 2p. XI, 9.
to Benjamin Franklin

Wishes to devote his remaining days to the political welfare of society; nothing could better contribute to this end than the diffusion among all peoples of the new constitutions of America; proposes to translate them for his own country, Germany and Italy; finds fault with the partial collection translated by M. Regnier.

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(In French.)

Barbeu-Dubourg, Jacques. Paris 1778 August 2 A.L.S. 1p. XI, 10.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the memoir from M. Poissionier, recommending M. Maubailon for the office of Consul at Calais.

(In French.)

Sowden, Hannah. Rotterdam 1778 August 2 A.L.S. 2p. XI, 11.
to Benjamin Franklin

Announcing the death of her father; begs Franklin to communicate the fact to Mr. Gordon.

Hancock, Philip?. Paris 1778 August 2 A. Dr. by L(i), 45.
to The American Commissioners. Benjamin
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Has assisted many subjects of the United States imprisoned at Plymouth Dock, England, to escape. Came to Paris to confer with the Commissioners and was robbed by a companion. Begs for assistance to return home.

Genet, [Edme Jacques] 1778 August 3 A.L.S. 1p. XI, 12.
to Benjamin Franklin

Is hard at work translating the interesting Gazettes of Pennsylvania of May 30th and June 20th; is hourly expecting the English accounts of the battle of the 27th; begs Franklin to send at once certain articles for the affaires d'Angleterre, No. 50.

(In French.)

Fyot, ----- 1778 August 3 A.L.S. 4p. XI, 13.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has long desired to show him certain discoveries, useful to humanity; concerning his own invention of a mechanical pulley, shown at the last meeting of the Society of Emulation; it received the approval of M. Millon; to this discovery he adds that of the trisection of the angle and other mathematical inventions.

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(In French.)

Borel, -----. Pierefitte to Benjamin Franklin	1778 August 3	A.L.S. 1p.	XI, 14.
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The plate engraved according to the design is well-advanced; begs Franklin to give him an to make certain chages.

(In French.)

Clouet, -----. Paris to Benjamin Franklin	1778 August 3	A.L.S. 2p.	XI, 15.
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Concerning a letter he received from le Sieur Fouquet, Master Gunpowder Maker at Yorktown, Pa., enclosing three bills of exchange on Franklin; desires to know where he can receive the amount; begs Franklin to forward him certain important letters.

(In French.)

White, James to Benjamin Franklin	1778 August 3	A.L.S. 1p.	XI, 16.
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Desires to go to America with his family; begs Franklin to assist him in this project. Has made a most valuable discovery for which England, France and Spain have offered him 10,000 pounds each, but they shall never get it, provided Franklin will aid him to go to America.

Tessier, -----. Bordeaux to Benjamin Franklin	1778 August 3	L.S. 3p.	LX, 114.
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Proposes to emigrate to the United States with six farmers. Inquires about concession granted to emigrants.

(In French.)

de Grandchamp, Person. Senoncourt to Benjamin Franklin	1778 August 4	A.L.S. 2p.	LXII, 48.
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Request for his son to enter the American army.

(In French.)

Parsons, William. London to Benjamin Franklin	1778 August 4	L.S. 2p.	XI, 17.
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His journey to Paris with his wife to offer his services to the United States, which were rejected; his friends and family in England turned against him and his money was soon exhausted; returned to London, leaving his wife in Paris, but has been so threatened that he dares not stir out of his room; Chevalier Hickey will inform Franklin of his wife's wretched situation; hopes he will aid her to join him.

de Goyon, Chevalier Carré, Lisbon 1778 August 4 A.L.S. 2p. XI, 18.
to Benjamin Franklin

Recommending M. Boniface, of Lisbon, for the position of consul.
(In French.)

Bingham, William. St Pierre 1778 August 5 A.L.S. 1p. XI, 19 and 20.
to The American Commissioners.

Drawing upon them for a certain sum of money.
(In French.)
(In duplicate.)

Lee, William 1778 August 5 A.L.S. 2p. XI, 21.
to Benjamin Franklin

Authorizing him to deliver to Mr. Ross all the papers of the late Mr. Thomas Morris either of a private nature or relating to the house of Messrs. Willing, Morris and Co.; those that relate to public business, Franklin will doubtless continue to keep.

Tristan-Brison, — abbé de. 1778 August 5 A.L.S. 2p. XI, 22.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning an important letter, addressed to Franklin, which he begs him to send for.
(In French.)

Genet, [Edme Jacques] 1778 August 6 A.L.S. 1p. XI, 23.
to Benjamin Franklin

Returns Dr. Cooper's letter together with some English Gazettes just arrived; No. 50 [Affaires d'Angleterre] will appear in two days.
(In French.)

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Jones, Capt. John Paul. Passy 1778 August 6 A.L.S. 2p. XI, 24.
to The American Commissioners.

Terms on which the Ranger's seamen were engaged; advances he made them out of his own pocket; begs Franklin to order receipts to be given him for his indemnification and also for his stores, furniture, etc.; asks also that the men who landed with him at Whitehaven may be recommended to the bounty of Congress.

Bingham, William. St Pierre 1778 August 6 A.L.S. 1p. XI, 25.
to The American Commissioners.

According to the instructions of Congress, has drawn a bill on them for a certain amount, payable at a given time.
(In French.)

de Grandchamp, Person. Senoncourt 1778 August 6 A.L.S. 1p. LXII, 49.
to Benjamin Franklin

Apologizing for having forgotten his address in his former letter.
(In French.)

Stadel, -----. Paris 1778 August 6 A.L.S. 2p. XI, 26.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires him to state what style of knives and forks he wishes.
(In French.)

Suavelier, -----. Caen 1778 August 6 A.L.S. 2p. XI, 27.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning three sailors who claim to be Americans; made prisoners by the English but effected their escape; writes to Franklin at their request to procure them the means of returning to their country.
(In French.)

Fowler, Alexander. London 1778 August 6 A.L.S. 7p. XI, 28.
to The American Commissioners.

Served in the British army for eighteen years; the harsh treatment he received from Generals Gage and Howe, owing to his well-known sympathy with the Sons of Liberty; returned to England with

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his wife and brought an action against General Gage for damages; the trial was quashed and a hearing denied him; begs them to procure him and his wife a passage to any part of the United States. Encloses testimonials of his conduct and character, also an extract from an English officer's letter, showing the prejudice held against him.

Brongniart, Antoine Louis 1778 August 6 A.L.S. 3p. XI, 29.
to Benjamin Franklin

The new experiments he has made in electricity have excited quite a sensation among the physicists; invites Franklin to witness certain experiments which he proposes to attempt at his own house. (In French.)

Niles, Robert. Nantes 1778 August 6 A.L.S. 1p. XI, 30.
to Benjamin Franklin

His arrival at Paimboeuf; will proceed at once on his voyage; enclosing a bill for the purchase of type.

de Reuschenberg, Baron F.E. Paris 1778 August 7 A.L.S. 11p. XI, 44a.
to Benjamin Franklin

Having experienced domestic troubles and the loss of a considerable fortune, is determined to expatriate himself; desires to enter the army of the United States, provided he receives the rank of officer. His wish to raise a legion, to be formed according to the ideas of the later Marshal de Saxe; if his services are rejected, desires still to live and die in America, preferably in Pennsylvania, because that Province produced a Franklin. (In French.)

John Atwood, Jacob Vere and Nathan Chadwick 1778 August 7 L.S. 1p. LX, 5.
to Benjamin Franklin

American prisoners who have escaped to France; appeal for assistance.

De St Martin, -----. Versailles 1778 August 8 A.L.S. 4p. LXII, 117b.
to Benjamin Franklin

Request to enter the army.

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(In French.)

Barbeu-Dubourg, Jacques. 1778 August 8 A.L.S. 1p. XI, 31.
to Benjamin Franklin

Recommends the enclosed memoir to Franklin's notice, although he does not expect a favorable reply, but the sender would have taken it ill if he had refused; begs for at least a few lines he can show the applicant.

(In French.)

Sharp, Granville. Old Jewry 1778 August 8 A.L.S. 1p. XI, 32.
to Benjamin Franklin

Recommending Mr. Lawrence Brooke, of Virginia, to Franklin's friendship; the object of his residence in Europe was to pursue his education, but he has not imbibed the least prejudice against his native land; he desires to return to America with his brother, Mr. Robert Brooke, and Mr. Robert Nicholson; requests Franklin to favor them with his advice and good offices to forward their intended voyage.

John Gibson, Auditor-General. 1778 August 8 A.L.S. 1p. XI, 33.
Philadelphia
to The American Commissioners.

Informing them that the Treasury Board has made certain resolutions as regards the bills of exchange.

Tarteron, ----- Montpellier 1778 August 9 A.L.S. 1p. XI, 34.
to Benjamin Franklin

Addressed an ode to Franklin, some time in April, composed in honor of the insurgents; having received no answer, fears his letter miscarried.

(In French.)

Katz, Philipp Conrad. B#dingen near 1778 August 9 A.L.S. 2p. LIX, 85.
Hanau on the Mayn
to Benjamin Franklin

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Desires information concerning his brother, Georg Theobald Katz, who went to Philadelphia, in June, 1774, with his wife and three children. Has heard that his brother resided for a time with a wheelwright, Johannes Hrubacher, near Lancaster. Encloses letter to Brubacher and to his brother.

Bingham, William. St Pierre 1778 August 10 A.L.S. 1p. XI, 35.
to Benjamin Franklin

Repeats his announcement made in letter 25, concerning a bill drawn by him on the Commissioners. (In French.)

Murphy, John. Boulogne 1778 August 10 A.L.S. 1p. XI, 36.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sailed from Rhode Island the 26th of August, 1777, in the sloop Swallow; had the misfortune to be taken and sent to Jamaica, thence in irons to England, where he made his escape from prison and arrived in Boulogne; begs for a line.

de Champigny, Col Chevalier 1778 August 10 A.L.S. 1 p. XI, 37.
to Benjamin Franklin

Fragment of a letter, concerning the payment of a subscription. (In French.)

Leveux, Jacques. Calais 1778 August 10 A.L.S. 2p. XI, 38.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning two Americans who escaped from an English prison, and whose expenses to Paris he defrayed; one is Edward Leger, lieutenant on the Hornet, the other, Thomas Barnes, surgeon on the Hampden. (In French.)

The Continental Congress 1778 August 11 D.S. Cha[rle]sLXXV, 65 and
to Benjamin Franklin Thomson, 66.
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Consigning the cargoes of several vessels to the American Commissioners at Paris. (In duplicate.)

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Parsons, ----- (William's wife). Paris 1778 August 12 A.L.S. 3p. XI, 39.
to Benjamin Franklin

Her astonishment that Franklin denied having given Mr. Parsons the least encouragement to go to America; protests against this view of the case. Details her miserable condition, alone in a foreign land, and in hourly expectation of being sent to prison for debts; begs Franklin to render her some assistance.

Moylan, James. L'Orient 1778 August 12 A.L.S. 1p. XI, 40.
to The American Commissioners.

Containing an extract of a letter received from Lisbon, announcing the arrival there of the Albion, a seventy-four gun ship and one of Admiral Byron's squadron.

de Champigny, Col Chevalier. 1778 August 12 A.L.S. 2p. XI, 41.
Amsterdam
to Benjamin Franklin

Asking for a certain sum still due on his subscription to the History of England; desires him also to subscribe to the History of Denmark or if he does not care to, to return the volumes.
(In French.)

Guichard, —, aîné. Marennes 1778 August 12 A.L.S. 2p. XI, 42.
to Benjamin Franklin

Calling Franklin's attention once again to the affair of his brother, Augustin Guichard, to whom a certain sum of money is due for his service on board the Lexington.
(In French.)

Perronet, ----- 1778 August 13 N. in 3d P. LXX, 80a.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Sending a plan of the battle between the "English fleet and the King's army."
(In French.)

Peters, Richard. Philadelphia 1778 August 13 A.L.S. 1p. XI, 43.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Begging Franklin to forward the enclosed important letter to his father; repeats his request to Franklin to supply his father with money. The recovery of Rhode Island and the capture of the British troops there daily expected. General Clinton besieged in New York by General Washington; the former's misfortune at Monmouth has taught him not to be adventurous.

de Reuschenberg, Baron F.E. Paris 1778 August 14 A.L.S. 4p. XI, 44.
to Benjamin Franklin

Lays before Franklin the advantages of the legion as a military formation and the extreme usefulness both on land and sea of amusettes, a small piece of artillery; ardently desires to fight for America. (In French.)

Hartley, David. London 1778 August 14 A.L.S. 3p. XI, 45.
to Benjamin Franklin

Exchange of prisoners. Remarks concerning peace, suggested by the report of the late negotiation between the Congress and the English Commissioners.

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Clairbois, Vial du. Brest 1778 August 14 A.L.S. 1p. XI, 48.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begging Franklin to accept a copy of his book on naval architecture. (In French.)

Jones, Capt. John Paul. Brest 1778 August 15 A.L.S. 3p. XI, 49.
to The American Commissioners.

Concerning a general report on the Ranger and through it to the French fleet, that he is turned out of the service and his place, with a captain's commissions given to Mr. Simpson, and that his letter of July 16th releasing Mr. Simpson from parole was forced from him; demands that he be afforded immediate redress by a court-martial. Compares his heart-whole devotion to America with the conduct of Simpson.

Cochran, Robert. Charlestown, S.C 1778 August 16 A.L.S. 2p. XI, 50.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Acknowledging Franklin's kindness to his little son, whose behavior he trusts is such as to merit Franklin's approbation.

Hutton, James. Zeist 1778 August 16 A.L.S. 3p. XI, 51.
to Benjamin Franklin

The passport for the vessel going to Labrador failed to arrive and the ship had to sail without it. Wishes to know if a French officer, M. Gaiault de Boisbertrand, got safely to France; he broke prison in England, having in vain attempted to procure an exchange. Desires passports for some of the Moravians who are going soon to Bethlehem. News of English friends.

Durand, -----. Paris 1778 August 16 A.L.S. 3p. LX, 68.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has just been appointed Consul for France in Sardinia. Applies for the Consulship of the United States at Barcelona for his father, Gabriel Durand, a resident of the latter city.
(In French.)

Hinman, E. Brest 1778 August 19 L.S. 1p. XI, 63.
to Benjamin Franklin

Arrived at Brest on the 17th and embarked on board the Providence, frigate, Captain Whipple; expects a speedy and safe passage.

Grand, Sir George. Amsterdam 1778 August 20 A.L.S. 3p. XI, 64.
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging his favor of the 7th inst.; sums he has paid out at Franklin's request; praises Mr. Hancock as the most honest man he ever knew. Concerning the purchase of cannon and the difficulty of transporting them. Sends a letter from the good Hutton, that angel of peace; number of Franklin's friends at Amsterdam.
(In French.)

Bérenger, Jean-Pierre. Lausanne 1778 August 20 A.L.S. 3p. XI, 65.
to Benjamin Franklin

Franklin's approval of his History of Geneva and his offer to aid him in his project of writing a History of the Thirteen United States; sent him a letter on this subject but received no answer. The

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books of reference he has at his disposal; begs for any manuscripts which may assist his purpose; his plan to send his work to Franklin from time to time and receive his advise and criticisms; desires information about the best maps. Encloses, two printed letters showing the reasons why he was banished from his country.

(In French.)

Dobrée, Peter Frederick. Nantes to The American Commissioners.	1778 August 20	A.L.S. 2p.	XI, 46.
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Hears that he is accused of being a spy; desires to meet his accuser face to face and refute the falsehood.

Charrière, -----. Cossonay to Benjamin Franklin	1778 August 21	L.S. 3p.	XI, 66.
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Desires to know what inducements are held out to people who want to settle in the United States.
(In French.)

Tasink, G. Plymouth to Benjamin Franklin	1778 August 21	A.L.S. 2p.	XI, 67.
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Sending a letter to Franklin from his friend M. Gambié de la Plaigne. Begs Franklin to honor him with his protection and confidence and recommend him at the French Court.
(In French.)

Mailhe, Jean-Baptiste. Castel-Nau de Magroae to Benjamin Franklin	1778 August 21	A.L.S. 2p.	XI, 68.
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His horror of England's tyranny and the justice of the American cause have inspired the enclosed poem.
(In French.)

Simon, Jean Daniel. Vieux Linange to Benjamin Franklin	1778 August 22	A.L.S. 7p.	XI, 69.
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Plan on the part of six or eight German men of letters, holding prominent public positions, to go to America and found a college for the education of young gentlemen of every religion; at first it

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would be destined only for Germans until their mastery of English should be sufficient to justify their teaching in that tongue.

(In French.)

Delahaulsse, Chevalier. Metz to Benjamin Franklin	1778 August 22	A.L.S. 2p.	LXII, 52.
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Offers his services to the United States.

(In French.)

George Finlay, et al., Ancenis to The American Commissioners.	1778 August 22	L.S. 1p.	LX, 9.
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Four prisoners, who claim to be American masters of vessels seized by the privateer, Boston, appeal to be released and allowed to go home.

Bondfield, John. Bordeaux to The American Commissioners.	1778 August 23	A.L.S. 2p.	XI, 70.
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Report received from Edenton of the arrival of the French fleet. Captain Ayres unable to proceed to sea; recommends Captain Hatch as his substitute.

Richemond, Meschinot de, —, fils. Rochelle to Benjamin Franklin	1778 August 23	A.L.S. 1p.	XI, 71.
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Announcing that the privateer, General Mifflin, has taken and sent to Rochelle, the ship, Hunter; this makes their eleventh prize.

Jones, Capt. John Paul. Brest to Benjamin Franklin	1778 August 24	A.L.S. 2p.	XI, 72.
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Wishes not to be thought impatient, but considers the moment is ripe when he ought either to be in search of marine knowledge with Count d'Orvilliers, or in search of honor in some private enterprise. Hopes Franklin will send the enclosed letter to the Prince de Nassau if he approves of it. In spite of all his disappointments, is persuaded that the Court still has intentions in his favor.

de Paneboeuf M. Bordeaux to Benjamin Franklin	1778 August 24	A.L.S. 1p.	LX, 81.
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Offering his services to serve in the United States.
(In French.)

Channing, John. London	1778 August 24	A.L.S. 1p.	XI, 75.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Recommending to his kindness, Captain Tristram Barnard, an American who has distinguished himself by his generous behavior towards many unhappy prisoners.

Berubé de Costentin, —. Brest	1778 August 24	A.L.S. 4p.	XI, 76.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Charged by Mr. Schweighauser with the direction of the vessels and their prizes belonging to the United States. Desires Franklin's orders as regards the 150 prisoners now on board the prize-ship *Patience*; since the *Ranger's* departure the prisoners have been guarded by a very few soldiers; their attempts to escape; the constant menace they prove to the community; the expense of keeping them; begs Franklin to devise a remedy.
(In French.)

Smith, Dr. James. Paris	1778 August 24	A.L.S. 7p.	XI, 74.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Complains of his treatment by the custom-house officers, at Calais, in detaining part of his baggage, on the pretext that it was contraband; is an American returning to his native land by way of France; applied consecutively to Mr. Lee, M. Grand, and Dr. Franklin for redress but without result.

Livingston M. Nantes	1778 August 24	A.L.S. 2p.	XI, 77.
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to The American Commissioners.

Concerning the three prizes sold by Captain Tucker to M. Puchelberg and Co., of L'Orient, and certain duties on them, which, if paid, ought to be returned.

Puchelberg and Co. L'Orient	1778 August 24	A.L.S. 3p.	XI, 78.
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to The American Commissioners.

Enclosing a letter for them from Mr. Lee. Associated with Mr. Schweighauser, and therefore offers his services to the Commissioners.
(In French.)

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Williams, G. London 1778 August 24 A.L.S. 1p. XI, 79.
to Benjamin Franklin

State of affairs in London; all men agree that the conquest of America is now utterly impracticable. Refers him to Captain Channing for particulars.

Thiard, Henry-Charles, comte de. 1778 August 24 A.L.S. 2p. XI, 80.
Boulogne
to Benjamin Franklin

Recommending an Englishman whom he encountered at Boulogne and who desires to go to Boston; his total ignorance of the French language.
(In French.)

Hutton, James. The Hague 1778 August 24 L. 2p. XI, 81.
to Benjamin Franklin

The passport came too late, as the Labrador ship had sailed. Desires to know the name of the vessel in which General Montgomery's monument has gone to America; loves the man's memory and would do anything in his power to have the monument restored, should the vessel be taken.

Valltravers, Rodolph. Bienne 1778 August 25 A.L.S. 3p. XI, 82.
to Benjamin Franklin

Thinks the reason he has received no answers to his last three letters is owing to their not having been freed at Paris. Solicited by his good old neighbor, Baron de Graffenried, to obtain some information concerning his inheritance in America as explained in the enclosed memorial (4 p.)

Izard, Ralph. Paris 1778 August 25 A.L.S. 3p. XI, 84.
to The American Commissioners.

The necessity of interesting the ministry in favor of any loan that may be attempted in Genoa, as the Genoese may require the security of the Court of France. Americans deterred from entering into the Mediterranean trade through fear of meeting the cruisers belonging to the states of Africa; provisions relative to this danger stated in the 8th Article of the French Treaty of Commerce.

Berny, Chevalier de 1778 August 25 A.L.S. 2p. XI, 85.
to Benjamin Franklin

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The sixth letter he has written, begging to know if Franklin received his book, entitled "L'ceil du Maître."

(In French.)

Clouet, ----- Paris	1778 August 25	A.L.S. 1p.	XI, 86.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing a packet for M. Fouquet, employed in America in the manufacture of powders and saltpetre; encloses six pamphlets on the method of making saltpetre.

Collas, Peter. Nantes	1778 August 25	A.L.S. 1p.	XI, 87.
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to Benjamin Franklin

His immediate departure to Boston, where he hopes to meet with Franklin's worthy sister and her amiable daughter. His gratitude for numberless favors shown him by Franklin with whose family he has the honor to be connected by marriage.

Read, Thomas. Nantes	1778 August 25	A.L.S. 2p.	XI, 88.
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to The American Commissioners.

His vessel cleaned and nearly fitted out; if there is no urgent need of his returning home at once, desires to cruise for three months in the Mediterranean; believes he could cover expenses and something over; his knowledge of those waters; would need a French or English pass.

Mollier, Poincheval et Brulley. Rouen	1778 August 25	A.L.S. 4p.	XI, 83.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Destined by their parents for the law; their enthusiasm for America; their earnest wish to become her citizens they feel that the chances of succeeding there would be greater if Franklin would grant them his protection.

(In French.)

Trottier, ----- Tours	1778 August 25	A.L.S. 4p.	XI, 89.
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to Benjamin Franklin

If it is the intention of the United States to establish commercial agencies in the principal cities of France, they could not find a more suitable person than himself.

(In French.)

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Bondfield, John. Bordeaux 1778 August 26 A.L.S. 2p. XI, 90.
to The American Commissioners.

Announcing the arrival of a prize-brig, the Archangel, taken by the privateer General Mifflin; the American arms may be said to extend to the poles; patriotism shown by such a cruise which can afford no other object than to destroy the British whale fishery. Has placed Captain Ayres in the country to try if change of air will do him good; the doctor's opinion unfavorable.

Bingham, William. St Pierre, Martinique 1778 August 26 and Mem. 2p. LXIV, 18 and
to Benjamin Franklin September 6 32.

Lists of exchange drawn by William Bingham on the American Commissioners under the Resolve of Congress of April 16, 1778.

Moylan, James. L'Orient 1778 August 26 A.L.S. 2p. XI, 91.
to Benjamin Franklin

The arrival of the privateer General Mifflin, Captain McNeill, who has been cruising for two months in the North Seas; has taken thirteen prizes; has about fifty English prisoners on board; desires to know if they would not procure the liberty of an equal number of his suffering countrymen now in England.

Puchelberg and Co. L'Orient 1778 August 26 L.S. 3p. XI, 92.
to The American Commissioners.

The arrival of the privateer General Mifflin, with a French vessel recaptured from a Guernsey Corsair; Captain McNeill's wish to have it sold on his own account; desires Franklin's orders in the matter.

(In French.)

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1778 August 26 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVII, 159.
to Benjamin Franklin

Monies advanced to Mr. Porter, of Connecticut. Assistance requested by Mr. Leger, Captain Nicholson's first lieutenant; begs Franklin to limit the term.

Leveux, Jacques. Calais 1778 August 26 A.L.S. 2p. XI, 93.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Concerning the arrival, at Calais, of two Americans escaped from prison in England; furnished them with eight Louis d'or to pay their expenses to Paris; since then has assisted John Marsey, late Captain of the Swallow, and also M. Rolandeau, officer in the fifth regiment from Charleston, who was captured on his way back to America; desires to know if he is to continue to furnish assistance on the same footing.

(In French.)

Grand, Sir George. Amsterdam to Benjamin Franklin	1778 August 27	A.L.S. 1p.	XI, 94.
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Mr. Hancock, having waited in vain for the three trunks arrived from England, has decided to go to Paris; money he has advanced him for the journey. Sends a letter from the good Mr. Hutton.

(In French.)

Reine, D.E. Versailles to Benjamin Franklin	1778 August 27	A.L.S. 2p.	XI, 95.
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Concerning a new invention which reunites bones in all cases of fractures.

(In French.)

Jones, Capt. John Paul. Brest to The American Commissioners.	1778 August 28	A.L.S. 2p.	XI, 96.
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Has just heard from M. de la Privalaye that he can no longer furnish a guard for the prisoners taken by the Ranger and now on board the prize-brigantine, Patience; will do all in his power to have the guard prolonged until this reaches Franklin's hand. Begg him to apply at once to the French Minister that his favorite object, a cartel, may not be lost.

Dumas, C.G.F. to Benjamin Franklin	1778 August 28	A.L.S. 3p.	XXXIX, 44.
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Presence at the Hague of Mr. Hutton; his avowed purpose is to attend the wedding of his friend, M. de Salgas; possibility of some secret negotiation being at the bottom of his trip.

(In French.)

de Chaisinet, Mme. Paris to Benjamin Franklin	1778 August 28	A.L.S. 3p.	XI, 97.
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Emboldened to confide her misfortunes to him and implore his assistance.

(In French.)

Guigon, -----. d'Agde to Benjamin Franklin	1778 August 29	A.L.S. 2p.	XI, 97 1/2.
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Sends a small work on engineering.

(In French.)

Bondfield, John. Bordeaux to The American Commissioners.	1778 August 29	A.L.S. 3p.	XI, 98.
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The immediate purchase of fifty-six pieces of cannon; desires to know to what part of the United States he shall forward them. Advices concerning vessels and their prizes. Alarm in the trading interest caused by the misconduct of the convoy who forsook the French ships from the West Indies, off Bermudas.

Hill, -----. Paris to Benjamin Franklin	1778 August 29	A.L.S. 1p.	XLIII, 192.
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Has received, from Franklin, the sum of 500 pounds on account.

(In French.)

Jones, Capt. John Paul. Brest to The American Commissioners.	1778 August 30	A.L.S. 2p.	XI, 99.
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A generous offer on the part of his good friend, M. de la Porte, the Intendant, to furnish a vessel, place on board the prisoners from the Patience and send them with a flag to England; urges them to accept this offer at once; advantages of such a direct exchange.

Fleury, Joly de to Benjamin Franklin	1778 August 30	A.L.S. 4p.	XI, 100.
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Begs for news of his only son, who, report says, was made prisoner with other French officers on the Delaware and conducted to St. Augustine.

(In French.)

Ferrier, James. Lisbon to Benjamin Franklin	1778 August 30	A.L.S. 2p.	XI, 101.
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Inviting Franklin to assist at the funeral services for M. Le Roy's deceased son.
(In French.)

Barbeu-Dubourg, Jacques. Paris 1778 September 1 A.L.S. 1p. XI, 104.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begging for information as to the value in Boston of 4,000 piastres in paper and the interest obtainable from investing such a sum. Desires Franklin to recommend to Mr. Williams, at Boston, M. Jean Darcel, who is at present in that town.
(In French.)

Guichard, aîné. Marennes 1778 September 1 A.L. 3p. XI, 105.
to Benjamin Franklin

Writes again to request the payment of a certain sum due his brother for Continental service; desires to soothe his brother's captivity and also to pay himself back for the sums he has advanced.
(In French.)

Deux-Ponts, Marianne Camasse, duchesse 1778 September 1 A.N. in 3d P. LXX, 95.
La douairière de 1p.
to Benjamin Franklin

Will expect Dr. Franklin to-morrow. Was unable to go to see him owing to many urgent affairs.

Bingham, William. Martinique 1778 September 1 L.S. 1p. XI, 103.
to The American Commissioners.

In accordance with the Resolution of Congress of April 6th last, he has drawn on them, to the order of Dr. [Arthur] Lee, for the sum of 2,200 livres tournois.

Bondfield, John. Bordeaux 1778 September 2 A.L.S. 1p. XI, 106.
to Benjamin Franklin

Does not like to decline the repeated requests of the Marquise de la Fayette that she might deliver to Franklin in person some despatches or packets; the kindness and consideration he has received as Franklin's agent from the Marquise and other families of distinction.

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Deane, Silas. Philadelphia 1778 September 2 A.L.S. 2p. XI, 107.
to Benjamin Franklin

General Sullivan's attempt to make good his retreat from Rhode Island. Deplorable situation of the currency. General irritation at the conduct of Comte d'Estaing; first in going to the southward which caused him to miss the Jamaica fleet and allowed the enemy to escape from the Delaware; and, second, his quitting Newport to follow Lord Howe after an express agreement with General Sullivan to attack that town. Has not settled any measures as yet with Congress but hopes to rejoin Franklin early in the following winter.

D'Urbainville, -----. Toulouse 1778 September 2 A.L.S. with LI, 27.
to Benjamin Franklin Poem. 6p.

Sends Franklin a "Diatribes in Verse on England and the English" in which he speak of their declining power and the defeats and disasters they have recently suffered in different parts of the world.
(In French.)

de Lucé, Chevalier de Marolles. Paris 1778 September 2 A.L.S. 1p. XI, 108.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begging him to be present at a meeting of scholars to be held at "L'ancien Collège de Bayeux."
(In French.)

Cavendish, Margaret. Calais 1778 September 2 A.L.S. 1p. XI, 109.
to Benjamin Franklin

Surprised at receiving no answers to her letters, especially as Franklin promised his protection for a work which cannot be brought over until the Court grants her permission; has been detained in Calais with regard to some business of the Duchess of Kingston, which is now finished.

La Blancherie, Claude-Mammès de Pahin 1778 September 2 A.L.S. 1p. XI, 110.
Champlain de
to Benjamin Franklin

Requesting Franklin's presence at his house for a meeting of scholars; promises him a view of some interesting objects.
(In French.)

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Dumas, C.G.F. 1778 September 3 A.L.S. 3p. XXXIX, 47.
to Benjamin Franklin

Account of the meeting, at Frankfort, between an Amsterdam merchant and Mr. [Wm.] Lee, who said he was empowered to negotiate a loan at Amsterdam of 700,000 Follrins on behalf of the United States; willingness of the town council to authorize this loan; question of Mr. Lee's being the proper channel for such a negotiation.

(In French.)

Grand, Sir George. Amsterdam 1778 September 3 A.L.S. 1p. XI, 112.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning certain negotiations of Mr. W[illiam] L[ee] which would be contrary to the interests of the United States and prejudicial to their credit.

(In French.)

Penet, D'Acosta frères and Cie. Nantes 1778 September 3 L.S. 1p. XI, 113.
to The American Commissioners.

Enclosing a letter arrived from Boston, and offering their services in any capacity.

(In French.)

Perygnon, — de. Paris 1778 September 3 A.L.S. 5p. XI, 114.
to Benjamin Franklin

Asking for information about the legality of a marriage celebrated in the Catholic church at Philadelphia.

(In French.)

Mante, Thomas. Au Fort L'Éveque 1778 September 3 A.L.S. 2p. XI, 115.
to Benjamin Franklin

His wretched situation in prison; suffers torments from the stone, without the smallest means of procuring alleviation; accuses le Comte de Boisgelin of being his persecutor and at the same time his debtor for a large sum of money; implores assistance.

Berubé de Costentin, —. Brest 1778 September 4 A.L.S. 1p. XI, 116.
to The American Commissioners.

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In conformity with their orders, Mr. Thomas Wilkinson has left for the town of St. Paul de Léon, where he will live in peace; has taken every precaution for his personal safety. Is awaiting orders, relative to the prisoners who cause him much annoyance and anxiety.

(In French.)

Dumas, C.G.F. 1778 September 4 A.L.S. 2p. XXXIX, 48.
to The American Commissioners.

Begs them to write him a letter enclosing either a plan for a general treaty of friendship or commerce with the United States, or a declaration that the Republic wishes to conclude with the United States, a treaty similar to that with France; no time to be lost in getting this affair in train.

(In French.)

Fouché, Louis. Romegoux 1778 Dec. 4 L. 6p. LX, 103.
to Benjamin Franklin

Requests Franklin to help him to obtain some employment in business in the United States.

(In French.)

Beaumarchais, Pierre-Augustin Caron de. 1778 September 5 L. in 3d P. 1p. XI, 117.
Paris
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to know when he can confer with him and Mr. Lee on the subject of the ship "La Thérèse as he is being urged to sell her at once.

(In French.)

Vaughan, Benjamin. Essex 1778 September 6 A.L. 12p. XI, 118.
to Benjamin Franklin

Public opinion in England hard to describe; a strong inclination for peace with America but war with France; lack of confidence in the Ministry. The people shocked at the duplicity of Lord North and Lord George Germain in disavowing their former intentions respecting America, and have burned them in effigy. Crisis in the spring when a surrender looked imminent, but Lord Sandwich won the King by his review and sights in the dockyards and by his flummery. Inactivity of the French and Spaniards. The financial condition. Prodigious effect of the accounts of America lately printed in the newspapers; the people grown almost callous to National honor. Condition of manufacturers and

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merchants; probabilities of trade being shortly opened to America. His opinions concerning d'Estaing and Clinton. His reasons for indignation against the Rockinghams.

Capellen tot den Pol, Joan Derk van der 1778 September 6 L.S. 3p. XI, 119.
to Benjamin Franklin

Announcing his receipt of a letter from Jonathan Trumbull, Governor of Connecticut, in which he finds ample compensation for all the hardships incident to his connections with the affairs of America.

(In French.)

Horneca, Fizeaux and Co. Amsterdam 1778 September 7 A.L.S. 2p. XI, 120.
to The American Commissioners

In receipt, by Mr. Whitehall, of the book containing the promissory notes of Congress; nothing needed now to commence negotiations but certain orders and instructions from the Commissioners.

(In French.)

Bondfield, John. Bordeaux 1778 September 8 A.L.S. 2p. XI, 121.
to The American Commissioners.

Announcing the arrival of the privateer schooner, Success, from Virginia, with news that the Comte d'Estaing left the Bay of Chesapeake for New York on the 9th of July, leaving five French frigates in the Bay. English prisoners brought into Bordeaux by American privateers. Frequent alterations betwixt masters and their seamen. Advantageous results to be expected, should all American vessels report first to the agents of the Commissioners.

Heitz, -----. Strasbourg 1778 September 8 A.L.S. 4p. XI, 122.
to Benjamin Franklin

Strong desire on the part of himself and two friends to establish themselves in America; encloses a list of twenty-one questions which he begs Franklin to answer.

(In French.)

Dumas, C.G.F. 1778 September 8 A.L.S. 1p. XXXIX, 49.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Concerning the affair of the projected loan; the merchant and Mr. Lee together at Aix-la-Chapelle. The Grand Facteur's suggestion that they should delicately insinuate, in their letter, that the United States may grant some privilege to the English and French for the sake of peace, if the Republic continues so backward in meeting their advances.

(In French.)

Ellison, Robert. London to Benjamin Franklin	1778 September 8	A.L.S. 2p.	XI, 123.
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Desires authentic proof of the exact date of the treaty between France and the United States.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. to Messrs. Franklin and Deane	1778 September 10	A.L.S. 1p.	XXXVII, 160.
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Informed that the Jersey and Guernsey privateeres obtain provisions at Bilbao under the flag of the United States.

Le Maire de Gimel, Jacques. Nantes to Benjamin Franklin	1778 September 10	A.L.S. 5p.	XI, 126.
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Encloses the official report of his inspection of rifles to prove that he has procured the best possible quality of arms for Virginia.

Gadd, Charles. Marstrand to Benjamin Franklin	1778 September 10	A.L.S. 4P.	XI, 127.
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The above port is the only safe and convenient one for bringing the American products to the markets of Sweden, Denmark, Russia and Poland and a part of Germany; begs Franklin to appoint a consul or agent there to take charge of the American interests; such a commission must be authorized by the King of Sweden; offers himself for the position.

Dumas, C.G.F. to Benjamin Franklin	1778 September 11	A.L.S. 3p.	XXXIX, 50.
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Affair of the projected loan; Mr. Lee's concealment from the merchant of the negotiation at present in the hands of Messrs. Horneca, Fiseaux and Co.; his assumption of the title of Commissioner of Congress; his own correspondence with Mr. Lee.

(In French.)

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Bondfield, John. Bordeaux 1778 September 12 A.L.S. 2p. XI, 128.
to The American Commissioners.

Impossibility of having the cannon completed before February; has concluded to close with the forges of Petigore.

Scott, George. Leeds 1778 September 12 A.L.S. 1p. XI, 129.
to Benjamin Franklin

Went to London and delivered the messages committed to his care; necessity of settling his affairs in England before pursuing his project; asks Franklin's permission for this indulgence.

Saint Sauveur, fils aîné. Trieste 1778 September 12 A.L.S. 4p. XI, 130.
to Benjamin Franklin

Account of his descent from a maternal grandfather named Franquelin and of the fortunes of the family; trusts that the similarity in names will give him some right to Franklin's esteem and kindness. (In French.)

Sauveur, Saint. Trieste 1778 September 12 A.L.S. 2p. XI, 131.
to Benjamin Franklin

Expressing the same sentiments of esteem and veneration for Franklin as his son does; possibility of his being known to Franklin as he had the honor of serving in Canada as Secretary of the Government. (In French.)

Fournier, Simon-Pierre, la jeune 1778 September 12 A.L.S. 2p. XI, 132.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning a font of type ordered by Franklin. (In French.)

Branche, -----. Paris 1778 September 12 A.L.S. 2p. XI, 133.
to Benjamin Franklin

Recommended to Franklin by le Comte de Vergennes, as engraver of medals, seals, stamps, etc., for the new republic.

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(In French.)

d'Ossun, Comte. Bordeaux 1778 September 12 A.L.S. 1p. XI, 134.
to Benjamin Franklin

Writes on behalf of M. Rolandean to whom, the winter before, Franklin granted a letter of recommendation; his capture by the enemy and loss of all he possessed; his unchangeable resolve to return to America with two of his brothers; begs for them a second letter of recommendation.

(In French.)

Dumas, C.G.F. 1778 September 13 A.L.S. 4p. XXXIX, 51.
to The American Commissioners.

Account of affairs in Holland; strong feeling against England owing to the seizure of certain Dutch vessels; resolution passed in the Holland Assembly to protest vigorously against the violation of their rights.

(In French.)

Seyffertit, baron de. Cologne 1778 September 13 A.L.S. 6p. XI, 135.
to Benjamin Franklin

Is about to set sail for Virginia with all his family; begs Franklin for letters to the Governor of that Province and to certain other gentlemen; has sufficient fortune not to be a charge on anyone, and also the ability and desire to serve America either in a military or commercial line; offers to come to Paris and receive any orders Franklin may have for America, his reward being the acquaintance of a man, whom all Germany reveres as well as France; necessity of secrecy.

(In French.)

Mouchere, -----. Nancy 1778 September 13 A.L.S. 1p. XI, 136.
to Benjamin Franklin

Since the letter he wrote announcing his work on the Civil and Criminal Code, has received orders from the Keeper of the Seals, to forward the work to him; presumes he owes this to Franklin having spoken to the Minister, and that work has delivered over to the Censors.

(In French.)

Grasset, François & Cie. Lausanne 1778 September 13 A.L.S. 1p. XI, 137.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Sends catalogue of their library; solicits his orders.
(In French.)

Jones, Capt. John Paul. Brest 1778 September 14 A.L.S. 3p. XI, 138.
to Benjamin Franklin

Encloses two letters, one, written by him on the 9th to the Prince of Nassau, the other to the Minister (M. de Sartine). Reasons why he mentioned his rank. Has written the Marine Committee his reasons for remaining in Europe. However great the mortification, would prefer to return to America, though unemployed, before the winter, than to remain in France amused by unmeaning promises until the spring—and then be disappointed. Knows positively that the Minister has ships to bestow, if he wishes; if he was worth his notice at the beginning is not less so now.

La Blancherie, Claude-Mammès de Pahin 1778 september 14 A.L.S. 3p. LX, 79.
Champlain de
to Benjamin Franklin

Offering his seviles to be employed in the United States.

Bernard, Dom. Chalon-sur-Saone 1778 September 14 A.L.S. 3p. XI, 139.
to Benjamin Franklin

Is a Benedictine monk and has been prior for five years at the Abbey of St. Pierre de Chalon; towards the end of his term he lost a considerable sum at play which he is unable to repay. Begg Franklin to assit him and save his reputation, that being his only treasure, and above all, to keep his secret.
(In French.)

A. E. by Franklin. "Wants me to pay his gaming debts and he will pray for success to our cause."

Bondfield, John 1778 September 15 A.L.S. 1p. XI, 140.
to The American Commissioners.

Arrival from Virginia of the cutter Tartar which left York River the 29th of July, bringing a report that Comte d'Estaing had taken five English frigates, that New York was closely blockaded and the ultimate surrender of the English forces expected. Attended the last earthly services of Captain Aryes.

de Kerguelen, ----- Saumur 1778 September 15 A.L.S 1p. LXII, 60.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Requests the command of one of the frigates being built in Holland.

(In French.)

Deane, Silas. Philadelphia 1778 September 15 A.L.S. 3p. XI, 141.
to Benjamin Franklin

General Sullivan made a good retreat from Rhode Island; General Clinton's arrival with a strong force the morning after he left. Lord Byron's fleet reported at Newport. Comte D'Estaing repairing damages at Boston. The enemy's superiority at sea; damage they did at Bedford; their evacuation of New York hourly expected; conjectures as to their destination. Congress, the day before, made choice of Franklin as the Minister Plenpotentiary to the Court of France; unanimity with which it was carried. The foolish game the Commissioners are playing. For many reasons is impatient to rejoin Franklin; has received no letters from him since leaving France.

McNeill, Daniel. Paris 1778 September 15 A.L.S. 3p. XI, 142.
to The American Commissioners.

Concerning the brig, L'Isabelle, from Guadeloupe, recaptured by him from the English privateer; hears that the former owners are going to lay claim to her; begs them to apply to the French Ministry that said vessel may be tried according to the laws of the country.

Aprece, John. St. Germain-en-Laye 1778 September 15 A.L.S. 3p. LXX, 16.
to Benjamin Franklin

A former officer in the English army who resigned his commission, rather than fight against the United States, appeals to Franklin for assistance.

Coder, Henry 1778 September 15 A.L.S. 1p. XI, 143.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing the Minister's answer to the note he spoke about to Franklin; begs him also to take notice of the enclosed memoir and if he approves, speak of it to M. de Sartine.

(In French.)

Grinnell, Richard. Guernsey 1778 September 15 A.L.S. 1p. XI, 144.
to The American Commissioners.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Sailed with Captain Barnes from Paimboeuf on August 29th, but was captured by an English cutter whose captain treated them more like brothers than prisoners; Captain Barnes destroyed all his papers, as did also Captain Niles who was likewise captured by a Jersey privateer.

Gérard, Conrad Alexandre. Passy 1778 September 15 A.L.S. 1p. XI, 145.
to Benjamin Franklin

Invitation to attend a reception of the Free Masons, to be followed by a banquet and a ball.
(In French.)

Perygnon, — de. Paris 1778 September 16 A.L.S. 2p. XI, 146.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires him to send Congress the decision of the Counsel of St. Domingo which demands a notarial document from Philadelphia.
(In French.)

Bingham, William. St Pierre 1778 September 17 A.L.S. 1p. XI, 147.
to The American Commissioners.

Drawing upon them for a certain sum of money.
(In French.)

Lee, William. Paris 1778 September 17 A.L.S. 1p. XI, 148.
to The American Commissioners.

Requests a conference on an important subject concerning which profound secrecy must be preserved.

Croiset, -----. Paris 1778 September 17 A.L.S. 2p. XI, 149.
to Benjamin Franklin

Request by a merchant of La Rochelle to forward the enclosed to Franklin and beg his interest in the contents; his friend desires to render himself useful in the new alliance between France and the United States.
(In French.)

La Louelle, Elizabeth Angelique Faucon 1778 September 18 D. 2p. LVII, 22.
Veuve. St. Malo

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

to Benjamin Franklin

Petition from the relatives of Bernard La Louelle who was surgeon on the frigate Reprisal, Captain Lambert Wickes.

(In French.)

The Treasurer of Loans. Philadelphia	1778 September 18	A.L.S.	LIII, 72.
to The American Commissioners.		Fra[nci]s Hopkinson.	
		3p.	

Transmits lists of the numbers which the bills of exchange are to bear, in order that the Commissioners may detect counterfeits. Accompanied by an invoice of the bills furnished to each state up to date.

(In triplicate.)

Jones, Capt. John Paul. Brest	1778 September 18	A.L.S. 2p.	XI, 150.
to Benjamin Franklin			

Announces the return of the fleet, having been absent a month and accomplished nothing. Arrival of the frigate Juno with the English frigate Fox; if the minister will give him nothing better, would rather accept the Fox and the Alert as a tender, than remain idle. His letter of the 13th to the Minister, approved of by the Duke de la Rochefoucauld.

Nethard, -----. Strasbourg	1778 September 18	A.L.S. 4p.	XI, 150 1/2.
to Benjamin Franklin			

Desires Franklin to procure him a position; thinks his talents will do credit to any place.

(In French.)

Emery, John. Bilbao	1778 September 19	A.L.S. 1p.	XI, 151.
to Benjamin Franklin			

Desires instructions relative to the prize-money due to the owners and captors of the two prizes taken by Captain Babson.

Austin, Jonathan Loring. Passy	1778 September 19	A.L.S. 3p.	XI, 152a.
to The American Commissioners.			

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

His intention of going to Holland and thence to America. Asking for letters to Congress and to the Council of the State of Massachusetts Bay from whom he was despatched with the important news of Burgoyne's surrender. His reasons for requesting a small advance necessary for his expenses to Holland and back.

S. and J.H. Delap. Bordeaux 1778 September 19 L.S. 1p. XI, 153.
to The American Commissioners.

Acknowledging their letter of the 18th of July, with one for Captain Wm. Hill Sargeant, and a blank bond for him of fill up and sign; enclosed is the said bond.

Christiu, -----. Carlsruhe 1778 September 19 A.L.S. 4p. XI, 154.
to Benjamin Franklin

His curious works in clock and watch-making; his marine inventions; if Franklin judges his works worthy of attention, hopes he will write to him.

(In French.)

Le Maire de Gimel, Jacques. Nantes 1778 September 19 A.L.S. 3p. XI, 155a
to Benjamin Franklin

Encloses a copy of a letter he wrote to [Arthur] Lee, as well as a propositions on M. Gruel's part to ship all the articles ordered by the government of Virginia. Has written several times to Mr. Lee, concerning his want of necessary money to meet expenses; applies to Franklin for a sufficient sum to meet these debts.

(In French.)

Guiot, -----. Nantes 1778 September 20 L.S. 2p. LX, 107.
to Benjamin Franklin

Wishes to settle in America with his family.

(In French.)

Vauquelin de Boisroger, François-Pierre 1778 September 20 A.L.S. 2p. XI, 156.
de. Menars
to Benjamin Franklin

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Desires to purchase a plantation in South Carolina belonging at one time M. St. Pierre, who was killed two years before by the Indians; wishes to know if the United States will allow the title of fellow-citizen to a Frenchman, if he might serve in the army, and if Franklin will grant him his protection. Only thirty-three years old, yet has long been acquainted with Franklin's theory of electricity.

Barry, Amelia. Tunis 1778 September 20 A.L.S. 3p. XI, 157.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has received no answer to her last three letters; fears they may have miscarried; puts all her hopes in Franklin; could bear poverty alone but cannot endure to think of Mr. Barry and the children suffering from privations.

Jones, Capt. John Paul. Brest 1778 September 21 A.L.S. 1p. XI, 158.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing letters to the Duke de Chartres which he begs Franklin to suppress, should he disapprove of them; if they are delivered, begs him to write a line to the Duke about the same time. Wishes to accept of the ship Fox with the Alert, unless something is immediately offered and bestowed. Fear of losing the Fox, too, unless application is immediately made.

Pine, Joseph. Josselin 1778 September 21 A.L.S. 1p. XI, 159.
to Benjamin Franklin

Was captured by an American privateer while on his way to New Foundland; ransomed his vessel and was on his passage to England, when he was taken by a French frigate and has been kept prisoner ever since; hopes it is in Franklin's power to procure him his liberty.

Livingston, M. Bordeaux 1778 September 21 A.L.S. 1p. XI, 161.
to The Americian Commissioners.

Will have a very fine ship ready for sea immediately; desires advice as to the quantity of freight, etc.

Rolandeau, -----, Paris 1778 September 21 A.L.S. 2p. XI, 162.
to Benjamin Franklin

Owing to illness, has been unable to wait on Franklin and deliver two letters to him; begs for an early audience; his impatience to rejoin his regiment.

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(In French.)

Le Roy, Jean Baptiste 1778 September 21 A.L.S. 2p. XI, 163.
to Benjamin Franklin

In the midst of their affliction, they have not forgotten Franklin's promise to visit them at Viry, one of the loveliest spots near Paris.

(In French.)

Anderson, George. Lisbon 1778 September 22 A.L.S. 2p. XI, 164.
to Benjamin Franklin

Was to have been the bearer of the Ratification of the Treaty between France and America, together with letters and papers from Congress and from the Governor and Council of Virginia; was taken prisoner near the Bay of Biscay, when he destroyed all his papers; is now at liberty, and owing to the kindness of Mr. Dohrman, is promised a passage to France or America.

de Kerguelen, Madame Bonte. Paris 1778 September 22 A.L.S. 2p. LXII, 61.
to Benjamin Franklin

Owing to her poor health she cannot present her husband's letter, so sends it by one of M. de Kerguelen's relatives.

(In French.)

Le Maire de Gimel, Jacques. Nantes 1778 September 22 A.L.S. 2p. XI, 165a
to Benjamin Franklin

Sorry to annoy Franklin again, but he must have 600 livres to meet his expenses; encloses a copy of [Arthur] Lee's letter, refusing to furnish him with certain sums, as well as his answer and the prospectus (c and d. 2p. In French) of the equipment of the ship which is to carry the articles to Virginia; begs Franklin's aid in the fulfillment of his mission.

(In French.)

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1778 September 22 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVII, 162.
to Messrs. Franklin and Deane

Concerning certain of his accounts which he encloses. The Despatch, Captain Barnes, taken and carried into Germany.

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Dohrman, Arnold Henry. Lisbon 1778 September 22 A.L.S. 2p. XLIV, 23.
to Benjamin Franklin

Capture of an American schooner, "Sally," by the British packet boat, "King George." Captain, crew and passengers of the "Sally" were landed at Lisbon. He received them in his house, provided for their wants and will send them home at the first opportunity. Encloses letter from Mr. Anderson, owner of the schooner.

(In French.)

de Ville, -----. Nantes 1778 September 22 A.L.S. 3p. XI, 166.
to Benjamin Franklin

Was formerly Commissary to the Baron de Benowsky, General of Madagascar; at present is without employ; begs Franklin to intercede with M. Lemaire on his behalf, who otherwise can do nothing for him.

(In French.)

Jones, Capt. John Paul. Brest 1778 September 24 A.L.S. 3p. XI, 167.
to Benjamin Franklin

His desire to obtain the "Fox" and the "Alert" which are both well calculated for an object he has in view; the Minister has here an opportunity to give him a small command; trusts the ship and tender may be reserved for him. The Prince of Nassau has not answered his letter; considers it unkind to leave him in the torment of indolence and suspense.

Inglesina, Davies. Paris 1778 September 24 A.L.S. 1p. XI, 168.
to Benjamin Franklin

Expressing the keenest appreciation of Franklin's friendship on behalf of his mother, sister and himself.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1778 September 24 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVII, 163.
to The American Commissioners.

Concerning the inventory of the Magazines of Arms.

----- Deuersiné, et al. Paris 1778 September 24 L.S. 1p. LX, 101.
to Benjamin Franklin

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A confectioner, a distiller and a restaurant keeper beg Franklin to procure them a free passage to the United States where they wish to engage in their respective occupations.

(In French.)

Medel, Carl. Neunkirchen near Cüsel 1778 September 24 A.L.S. 2p. LIX, 86.
to Benjamin Franklin

Wishes to emigrate to the United States with his family.

Lindau, —, baronne de. Near Eisenach 1778 September 25 A.L.S. 2p. XI, 169.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begging Franklin to interest himself in favor of her son, a lieutenant in the battalion of the Prince of Hesse-Hanau in the service of England, and now a prisoner in Boston.

(In French.)

Aprece, John. St. Germain-en-Laye 1778 September 25 A.L.S. 2p. LXX, 17.
to Benjamin Franklin

Is in distressed circumstances. Renews his appeal for assistance.

Wharton, Joseph Jr. Paris 1778 September 26 A.L.S. 2p. XI, 170.
to The American Commissioners.

Proposes to send several cargoes of salt from Portugal to America; desires passports for these vessels in order to insure the protection of American ships-of-war and privateers, who might otherwise hold that mistaken belief in the unfriendliness of Portugal and the United States.

Alexander, William. Auteuil 1778 September 26 A.L.S. 1p. XI, 171.
to Benjamin Franklin

Encloses a paper containing a short sketch of Dr. Black's Doctrine of Latent Heat; refers Franklin to his brother for the whole extent of the doctrine.

Montaudouin de la Touche, Jean-Gabriel. 1778 September 26 A.L.S. 3p. XI, 172.
Nantes
to Benjamin Franklin

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Sends this letter by M. Blanchet. Many English corsairs, sailing under the American flag, buy their provisions at Bilboa.

(In French.)

Desplaces, Machillot. Paris 1778 September 26 A.L.S. 2p. XI, 173.
to Benjamin Franklin

Is the valet de chambre to the Marquis de la Fayette; begs Dr. Franklin to return him the sum of 400 livres which he lent to M. Le Maire of July 30th for one month only and which is still unpaid.

(In French.)

Laurens, James Jr. Le Vigan 1778 September 27 A.L.S. 2p. XI, 174.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires a passport for himself and family to enable them to travel through France without difficulty; his home is in Charleston, South carolina, and he came abroad in search of health; his brother is Henry Laurens, President of the General Congress in America.

Henessienne, Dr. -----. Vienna. 1778 September 28 A.L.S. 2p. XLIX, 21.
to Benjamin Franklin

Claims to have discovered a secret by which he can render gunpowder non-inflammable and non-explosive and to restore, at will, its natural properties. Offers to dislose his secret for a reward and to demonstrate his discovery before duly appointed delegates.

(In French.)

Le Cordier, -----. Port Louis 1778 September 28 L.S. 3p. LX, 62.
to Benjamin Franklin

Offers his services as commercial and shipping agent for the United States at Port Louis.

(In French.)

Genet, [Edme Jacques] 1779 September 29 A.L.S. 1p. XI, 175.
to Benjamin Franklin

Requested by his friend, Ed[ward] Bridgen, to forward Franklin the enclosed packet.

(In French.)

Sarsfield, Guy-Claude, comte de 1778 September 29 A.L.S. 2p. XI, 176.

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to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing a letter written by him to Madame Macaulay which will show Franklin how the matter stands; she confided the books to one Brown, who was taken prisoner by a Jersey privateer; if Franklin has any plan for recovering these books, begs him to write her of it.

(In French.)

Ridley, Matthew. Paris 1778 September 29 L.S. 2p. XI, 177.

to The American Commissioners.

Met accidentally in London with a manuscript book of the Commissioners of the English Navy a few years back, containing an accurate description of ships then in commission; begs leave to present this find through Franklin to Congress, and hopes it will prove of some small advantage. Owns property in Maryland and wishes to derive his only security therein from the joint powers of the United States.

Gruffy, — de. Paris 1778 September 29 A.L.S. 3p. XI, 178.

to Benjamin Franklin

Has just received a letter from the Comtesse de Conway who is suffering from the most acute anxiety respecting her husband from whom she has had no news whatever; the Gazettes say he has been wounded in an affair with Colonel Cadwalader; begs Franklin to relieve this cruel uncertainty. Offers to procure America a loan from Switzerland.

(In French.)

Borel, -----. Paris 1778 September 30 A.L.S. 1p. XI, 179.

to Benjamin Franklin

Reminding Franklin of his promise to send him the arms and standards of the independent States of America.

(In French.)

Lalande, Joseph-Jérôme Le François de. 1778 September 30 A.L.S. 1p. XI, 180.

All Collège Royal

to Benjamin Franklin

Addresses Franklin as the "Eagle of the West." His friend's M. Cerisier's work, "Un Tableau des Provinces Unies," whose dedication Franklin has accepted on behalf of the thirteen United States.

(In French.)

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de Coux, Chevalier. Paris 1778 September 30 A.L.S. 2p. XI, 181.
to Benjamin Franklin

Is commissioned to offer Franklin a vessel for the use of the Colonies; begs for an interview on the subject.

(In French.)

Bancroft, Edward. Chaillot [1778 September] ? A.L.S. 1p. XLI, 93.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing a letter from Captain Jones, at Brest, and an English newspaper. Mr. Walpole's information that the British Ministry contemplates applying for terms of peace. Mr. Coffyn's message concerning the three American prisoners.

Teylingen, Isaac van. Rotterdam 1778 October 1 A.L.S. 3p. XII, 2.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the ship Chester, which was seized by the Americans; Franklin's promise to place the matter before Congress and obtain redress for the owners, who are Dutch merchants; over a year has passed and nothing has been done.

(In French.)

Parsons, ----- (William's wife). Paris 1778 October 2 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 3.
to Benjamin Franklin

Is compelled by dire necessity to appeal to him once more; begs for the loan of twenty pounds to prevent her landlord turning her out of doors.

Dumas, C.G.F. 1778 October 2 A.L.S. 3p. XXXIX, 52.
to The American Commissioners.

England's indifferent attitude toward the representations made by Holland. Urges them to enclose him a declaration concerning the desired commercial treaty between the two Republics; explains what they had better say; good purpose it will serve; enclosing copies of two letters (5 p.) from M. Van Berkel concerning the projected treaty.

(In French.)

de Servouilles, Chevalier. Turin 1778 October 2 A.L.S. 2p. LXII, 118.

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to Benjamin Franklin

Request to have his debts paid and to be given an appointment in the army.
(In French.)

Wuybert, Antoine-Félix, Joseph Lunt 1778 October 2 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 4.
and Edward Mackellar. Forton Prison
Gosport

to Benjamin Franklin

Inquiring why the exchange of prisoners has been so long delayed, and asking Franklin's interposition in the matter.

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Williams, G. London 1778 October 2 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 5.
to Benjamin Franklin

Captain Barnard has shown much kindness to unfortunate Americans; asks Franklin to grant him any favor in his power.

A. E. by Franklin. Praising Mr. Williams, a surgeon, for his kindness to the American prisoners.

Bondfield, John. Bordeaux 1778 October 3 A.L.S. 3p. XII, 6.
to The American Commissioners.

Concerning the sale of a vessel belonging to Mr. Ross, whose agent refuses to pay the seamen, who shipped on her, their due wages; refers the matter to the Commissioners. Sends them two hogsheads of wine of Medoc.

Thomas Grant and Joses Hill. Bordeaux 1778 October 3 L.S. 3p. LXI, 69.
to The American Commissioners.

Crew of the vessel Nancy, of Edenton, North Carolina, at Bordeaux, petition them to adjust their claims with the French Admiralty.

Le Maire de Gimel, Jacques. Nantes 1778 October 3 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 9.
to Benjamin Franklin

M. Gruel's vessel the safest means of sending the various articels to Virginia. As [Arthur] Lee refuses to advance him another sou begs Franklin to let him have the necessary sum.

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(In French.)

Rolandeau, -----. Paris to Benjamin Franklin	1778 October 3	A.L. in 3d P. XII, 10. 1p.
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Asks if there is a letter for him in Franklin's keeping; desires certificate of his service in the American army, of his imprisonment and subsequent arrival in England.

Hartley, David to Benjamin Franklin	1778 October 4	A.L.S. 3p. XII, 12.
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Proposition concerning a treaty of peace.

Bibliography

Williams, Jonathan Sr to Benjamin Franklin	1778 October 4	A.L.S. 1p. XXXXVII, 164.
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Introducing Mr. Henry Bromfield, of Boston.

Hartley, David to Benjamin Franklin	1778 October 4	A.L.S. 1p. XII, 13.
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Peace and friendship between the two nations still practicable; his plan for getting over the chief stumbling block.

Herault, Mrs Robert. Calais to Benjamin Franklin	1778 October 4	A.L.S. 2p. XII, 14.
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Begging for news of the cutter Benjamin, commanded by Captain Pierre Ricot, which sailed for the United States a year before; her husband was second in command and she is in the deepest anxiety about his fate.

(In French.)

Ingenhousz, Jan to Benjamin Franklin	1778 October 5	A.L.S. 2p. XII, 15.
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Prevented from coming over to Paris by his undertaking a work on the subject of smallpox and inoculation. Promises to show him certain experiment he has made with inflammable air. Hears that Dr. Mesmer is in Paris and has been presented to the Royal Academy, also that his stuff about

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magnetical effluvia, too insipid to gain the ear of an old woman, is believed in by M. Le Roy, who protects him and will recommend him in London.

Marcenay, Madame Herbaut de 1778 October 5 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 16.
to Benjamin Franklin

On what day would Franklin do her sister and herself the honor of dining with them; as not until he has honored them by his presence can they enjoy the pleasure of dining with him at passy.
(In French.)

Morand, Dr Jean François Clément. Paris 1778 October 5 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 17.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to use an illustration of the Franklin stove in his book and begs Franklin to write a brief explanation if it to accompany the engraving.
(In French.)

Moreau, -----. Versailles 1778 October 5 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 18.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sending Franklin two letters delivered for him to the porter of the cornte de Vergennes.
(In French.)

The Continental Congress 1778 October 6 D.S. Cha[rls]sLXXV, 67,68.
to Benjamin Franklin
Thompson,
Sec[retary].
1p.

Directing the American Commissioners to inform Dr. Price that it is the desire of Congress to consider him as a citizen and to receive his assistance in regulating thier finances.

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Bondfield, John. Bordeaux 1778 October 6 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 19.
to The American Commissioners.

The arrival of a small cutter from Baltimore; no word of Comte d' Estaing's operations. News of other vessels.

Amiel, Charlotte. Auteuil 1778 October 6 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 20.

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to Benjamin Franklin

Begging to know what prospect there is of Mr. Amiel's succeeding at Brest, and praying him to push the matter on; hopes the disappointment he experienced at Dunkirk will not be repeated.

Galbert, Gaspard, vicomte de. Brest 1778 October 6 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 21.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning sugar belonging to him on board the Isabella, which was captured by a Guernsey corsair and delivered by an American frigate.

(In French.)

Grinnell, Richard. Passy 1778 October 7 L.S. 6p. LX, 11.
to Benjamin Franklin

With reference to the English whaling vessels manned by Americans sailing from London and protected by the British fleets.

Harrison, Robert. Dinan 1778 October 7 L.S. 2p. LX, 13.
to Benjamin Franklin

An American seaman, taken prisoner on an English privateer, asks to be sent home.

Emery, John. Bilbao 1778 October 7 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 22.
to Benjamin Franklin

Arrival of the schooner. Lively, Captain Dupuy, from Newburyport, with the enclosed papers; therein Franklin will see the dispositions made to attack Rhode Island, and their probable failure owing to Comte d'Estaing's conduct in refusing to wait twenty-four hours and assist General Sullivan.

Tournelle, — de (consul). La Corogne 1778 October 7 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 23.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing a packet for the Canary Islands.

(In French.)

Luet de Biscontin, —. Venice 1778 October 3 L.S. 4p. XII, 7.
to Benjamin Franklin

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In case America establishes consulships in foreign countries, offers himself for the position at Venice.

(In French.)

Cotière, Cathallet. St. Sulpice de la Pointe 1778 October 3 A.L.S. 4p. XII, 8.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires information concerning the remedy of tobacco ashes in cases of dropsy.

(In French.)

Merlet, -----. Paris 1778 October 8 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 24.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing a copy of a letter (1 p.) received from his two nephews, M. de La Neuville, general of division under General Gates, and his brother, aide-de-camp to General Conway; begs Franklin to forward the enclosed letters to them.

(In French.)

Cadet, -----. Paris 1778 October 8 A.L.S. 3p. XII, 25.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sends him some bread made out of potatoes; a discovery by himself and his friend, M. Parmentier; its advantages as compared with flour bread.

(In French.)

Collas, Peter. Passy 1778 October 8 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 26.
to The American Commissioners.

Having bought certain articles in France, he was carrying them to America when he was captured by a Guernsey frigate and after making his way back to Calais, his trunk was searched and his possessions taken from him as English manufacture; begs them to help him recover these articles.

Keating, William. Dinnant Castle 1778 October 8 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 27.
to Benjamin Franklin

Is a native of Virginia to which country he is desirous of returning; the various vicissitudes he has encountered; begs Franklin to obtain his release from prison and a passage on board some American vessel.

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Henemer, Abbé Jacob. Mannheim 1778 October 8 A.L. 7p. XII, 28.
to Benjamin Franklin

The Palatinate Academy of Sciences, wishing to show its admiration for Franklin, desires to present him with five books, dealing with history and philosophy; the fourth volume contains four papers by himself on electricity. Regrets his ignorance of English and Franklin's lack of acquaintance with German. Suggestions for rendering the works of the various Societies more widely known. Urges the desirability of establishing a German Society in Philadelphia; encloses a catalogue of the books necessary to carry out such a project.

(In Latin.)

Douglass, Andrew. Senlis jail 1778 October 8 A.L.S. 3p. XII, 32.
to Benjamin Franklin

His misfortunes since he sailed from Boston in April; his miserable situation in a French prison; begs Franklin to obtain his release and promises to serve America in any capacity he may suggest.

Barnard, Tristram [1778.] October 9 A.L.S. 4p. XLI, 104 and
to The American Commissioners. 105.

Absent from America four years; employed in the English service; desires to return home and share his country's fate; asks for papers which will protect him against American vessels. Full account of a most valuable whale-fishery discovered by England since the present contest opened; details the movements of the ships employed therein.

Hartley, David 1778 October 9 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 29.
to Benjamin Franklin

Quotes the answer from the Admiralty Office to his letters concerning an exchange of prisoners; their refusal to make any exchange except man for man.

Berny, Chevalier de 1778 October 9 A.L.S. 3p. XII, 30.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has received no answer to the five or six letters he has written Franklin, though it is a year since he sent him a pamphlet entitled "L'Œ du Maitre." The King, Queen and other sovereigns have honored him with kind acknowledgments; claims a similar courtesy from Franklin.

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(In French.)

Buffot de Millery, — de. Santenay 1778 October 9 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 31.
to Benjamin Franklin

Franklin's promise to obtain news from America of M. le Vicomte de Mauroy, whose affairs were left in his hands.

(In French.)

Izard, Ralph. Paris 1778 October 10 A.L.S. 3p. XII, 34.
to The American Commissioners.

Indignant at M. de Sartine's letter of the 7th inst., in which he is referred to a course of law for the recovery of his baggage on board the ship Nile, carried into Marscilles by a French privateer; founds his claim upon an article in the treaty; begs that they will speak of it to M. de Sartine.

Bailly, —, aîné. Nantes 1778 October 10 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 35.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning a bill of exchange drawn by Mr. Bingham on Messrs. Franklin and Adams.

(In French.)

Bondfield, John. Bordeaux 1778 October 10 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 36.
to The American Commissioner.

Applying for a letter of marque for Mr. Livingston's new ship, named after that respectable family. The case of Louis Lizete, a citizen of Quebec who desires to become a subject of France.

Lesguillon, ----- 1778 October 10 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 37.
to Benjamin Franklin

Writes on behalf of one of his old domestics, who left his service to enter that of Captain Jameson, an American, who has paid him no wages.

(In French.)

Le Maire de Gimel, Jacques. Nantes 1778 October 10 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 38.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Implores Franklin, once again, to advance him sufficient money to fulfil his orders from the Government of Virginia.

(In French.)

Niehaus, Alexander. Haselünne in Münster	1778 October 10	A.L.S. 4p.	LIX, 84.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Wishes to supply the American army with Osnabrück linen and with stockings.

de la Prade, Chevalier. Souillac	1778 October 10	A.L.S. 2p.	XII, 39.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to serve in the army of the United States; his former military experience; offers to raise a troop of deserters, a course which has before proved very successful.

(In French.)

Williams, Jonathan Jr.	1778 October 10	A.L.S. 5p.	XXXVII, 165.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning a dispute between Mr. Schweighauser and himself relative to the ship Drake; explains the affair in detail.

Rieger, Jacob. Heidelberg	1778 October 10	A.L.S. 5p.	XII, 40.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Begging Franklin to enclose certain letters in his next packet to America. While travelling in Germany, has worn his uniform of an American officer and, from the lord to the peasant, has found only friends to the cause. Discontent among the Protestants in Germany owing to their rulers being chiefly Catholics. Opinions expressed as to the present war between the Emperor and King of Prussia.

Moylan, James. L'Orient	1778 October 12	A.L.S. 2p.	XII, 41.
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to The American Commissioners.

Difficulty in disposing of Captain McNeill's prisoners. Concerning proposals received from the original proprietors of the French Reprisal, to allow Captain McNeill a third thereof for his protection.

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Stettenhoven, — de. Geneva 1778 October 12 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 42.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has a great desire to serve America and believes he can be useful either through his talents or his bravery; his former military experience.

Pattulls, -----. St. Germain-en-Laye 1778 October 12 A.L.S. 3p. XII, 43.
to Benjamin Franklin

Laying before Franklin certain plans for the future welfare of America, after her independence is assured.

McNeill, Daniel. L'Orient 1778 October 12 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 44.
to The American Commissioners.

Desires to know what is to be done with his prisoners; wishes their opinion on the law-suit in regard to the Isabella, whose former proprietors are doing all in their power to delay the course of justice.

Douglass, Andrew. Saint Denis 1778 October 12 A.L.S. 3p. XII, 45.
to Benjamin Franklin

Setting forth the same grievances as those in his letter of the 8th inst., only with more detail, and begging to be put un board some American privateer.

Lovell, James. Philadelphia 1778 October 12 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 46.
to The American Commissioners.

Sending the last prints of Dunlap with the Boston papers; will not pretend to unravel the designs of the enemy.
(In duplicate.)

Dumas, C.G.F. 1778 October [12?] A.L.S. 3p. XXXIX, 53.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning a certain passage in the Declaration made by the Burgomasters of Amsterdam. Makes some excuses for the attitude of the Grand Pensionnaire. His intention to present Mr. Austin to the French Ambassador.
(In French.)

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John Lemon, Edward Driver and John Nichols. Dinan 1778 October 12 L. XII, 47.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begging Franklin to obtain their release from prison.

Bondfield, John. Bordeaux 1778 October 13 A.L.S. 3p. XII, 48.
to Benjamin Franklin

Number of prizes taken. An engagement between a Spainard and an English privateer which has occasioned the sending out of two Spanish frigates in pursuit. Offers to send a load of woolens and such seasonable articles to the states without delay.

Valltravers, Rodolph. Bienne 1778 October 14 A.L.S. 3p. XII, 49.
to Benjamin Franklin

Having received no answer to his last four letters will cease troubling Franklin. His regret at the failure of his plans for the union of Switzerland and the United States. The enclosed letter on behalf of Colonel Minning he hopes will be graciously received by Franklin and President Laurens.

Poissonnier, Pierre. Paris 1778 October 15 XII, 49 1/2.
to Benjamin Franklin

Commissioned by the Royal Society of Medicine to renew Franklin's invitation to attend their public meeting on the 20th of that month.
(In French.)

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1778 October 15 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVII, 166.
to Benjamin Franklin

Hard treatment meted out to Captain Lemaire, the officer appointed by Virginia for the inspection of military stores.

Grand, Ferdinand [1778 October 15] A.L. 2p. XLV, 132c.
to Benjamin Franklin

Note on a letter by Franklin to the Court of Spain. Thinks it should be more specific, and he might add that he is going to lay the complaint before Congress with a view of obtaining satisfaction for Captain Conyngham's misconduct.

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(In French.)

Dumas, C.G.F. 1778 October 16 A.L.S. 3p. XXXIX, 54.
to Benjamin Franklin

Wishes to know the truth of the report that Rhode Island is taken and vessels of Byron's fleet captured. Promises him a great reception when he shall visit Holland as the United States Minister; time not yet ripe.

(In French.)

de Razetti, Baron. Paris 1778 Dec. 16 A.L.S. 3p. XII, 50.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to serve in the American army; his military experience; at present, owing to debts, is hiding in Paris.

(In French.)

Buchoz, -----. Paris 1778 October 17 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 51.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing two catalogues of his library, which he is willing to sell on advantageous terms.

(In French.)

Dumas, C.G.F. 1778 October 18 A.L.S. 1p. XXXIX, 55.
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing M. Huet Du Plessis.

(In French.)

Robert Harrison and John Lemon. Dinan 1778 October 18 L.S. 2p. LX, 14.
to Benjamin Franklin

Two American prisoners taken into British vessels petition for their release and for means to return to the United States.

Patriot, A Sincere. Joshua Steele. London 1778 October 18 A.L.S. 3p. XII, 53.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Dares not put his name to a mere philosophic letter while his country is under the sway of ignorance and malevolence. Sending him a publication of the Society of Arts and a pamphlet, just out, entitled *The West India Merchant*. The injuries done to those defenceless islands by American privateers have failed in their purpose of wounding England; the desire of many planters, if not for peace, for neutrality; plead the Islanders' cause.

Mané, -----. Paris 1778 October 18 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 54.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has made a medallion of Franklin, in ivory, for the Royal Academy of Sciences, and takes great pleasure in sending a duplicate to Franklin.
(In French.)

-----, ----- 1778 October 19 L. 2p. XLIV, 24.
to Benjamin Franklin

A wealthy person residing at Liège makes an offer to Franklin to supply the free states of America with all kinds of arms, at a much lower price than they are now paying and payment to be made only on delivery. Reply to this offer to be sent to M. Montecot, attorney in Parliament at Paris.
(In French.)

Jones, Capt. John Paul. Brest 1778 October 19 A.L.S. 3p. XII, 55.
to Benjamin Franklin

Is disgraced in the eyes of Brest and the French fleet; his indignation against M. de Sartine who has done him such dishonor. Concerning his letter to the King and the best means of delivering it. His filial veneration for Franklin and his earnest desire to hear from him.

Girardot, Haller and Co. Paris 1778 October 19 L.S. XII, 56.
to Benjamin Franklin

Recommending to Franklin's protection, Mr. Foache, bookseller of Neufchatel.

Penn, Richard. London 1778 October 20 A.L.S. 4p. XII, 57.
to Benjamin Franklin

Through his marriage to Franklin's late ward, Miss Masters, as well as by inheritance, he owns great property in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, yet for more than two years has been unable to procure a

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shilling from that country; probably by this time, his agent, Mr. Tench Francis, has a considerable sum in hand for him; desires Franklin to point out the best way for him to procure a temporary subsistence.

Cadet-le-jeune, M 1778 October 20 A.L.S. 2p. LXX, 40.
to Benjamin Franklin

The Lieutenant-General of Police accepts the appointment made for their meeting at the Hotel Royal des Invalides. Will discuss the question of bread made from potatoes and bread-making in general. M. Parmentier, the celebrated chemist, will present a work of his to Franklin on the subject.
(In French.)

Livingston, Abraham. Charleston 1778 October 20 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 58.
to The American Commissioners.

Explaining why his hopes of sending remittances to France on the public account have been frustrated.

Marolles de Lucé, Alexandre-Louis, 1778 October 21 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 59.
chevalier de. Paris
to Benjamin Franklin

Describes his cruel situation; his wife ill, and he himself suffering intensely from a wound in his thigh, without proper food, medicines or money; begs for two or three Louis d'or to help him regain his health; M. Elié de Beaumont has spoken to Franklin in his favor.
(In French.)

Barbeau-Dubourg, Jacques. Paris 1778 October 21 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 60.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begging for a letter of recommendation on behalf of a friend's nephew, who is about to sail for Charleston.
(In French.)

Keating, William et al. Dinan 1778 October 21 L.S. 1p. LX, 15.
to The American Commissioners.

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Ten American prisoners confined in Dinan Castel renew thier appeal to be released and employed in the service of the United States.

Deane, Silas. Philadelphia 1778 October 21 A.L.S. 3p. 6p. XII, 61.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing a translation of certain letters and despatches of Mr. Izard which, through written to a private friend, were introduced into Congress, read and filed; was too modest to follow literally some of the most abusive parts. The enemy about to make an expedition of some consequence. Mr. Lee's estimate of a suitable salary for himself and Mr. Adams.

Enclosure. A translation of the letters of Ralph Izard to Henry Laurens. Giving an account of his situation, expressing his hatred of Franklin and Deane, his desire to see them stripped of all honors, and his own overwhelming ambition.

Moylan, James. L'Orient 1778 October 21 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 62.
to The American Commissioners.

Arrival of Captain Thomas Bell with despatches for them. Captain McNeill's uneasiness over the presence of the prisoners on board his vessel.

Swaller, George. Dinan 1778 October 21 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 63.
to Benjamin Franklin

Account of his capture, first by the English and then by the French, and his present imprisonment at Dinan; begs that he may be sent home to serve his country.

**Stockton, Samuel W. Frankfort-on-the-
Main** 1778 October 21 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 64.
to Benjamin Franklin

A ship arrived at Bordeaux reports Rhode Island taken and the British troops made prisoners; hopes it is authentic. Rumors afloat that the Court of Spain has resolved to take an immediate and open part in favor of America. Reports in the English papers of the discontent in France against M. de Sartine and Franklin, who (they say) had to take refuge at Versailles from the resentment of the mob.

Langdon, John. Portsmouth. N.H 1778 October 21 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 65.
to The American Commissioners.

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Offering to furnish the navy of France with masts if any gentlemen there will take the contract; his terms.

de Pellizer Abbè. Paris 1778 October 21 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 66.
to Benjamin Franklin

At work on a Spanish, French and Latin dictionary; it has just occurred to him to add to these the English and so make the work useful to the United States; begs Franklin's interest and protection in this design.

(In French.)

Witel, Jérémie (S. Fauche's son-in-law). 1778 October 21 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 67.
Paris
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing himself as a member of the Société Typographique de Lausanne, and begs for an interview.

Bache, Richard. Philadelphia 1778 October 22 A.L.S. 4p. XII, 68.
to Benjamin Franklin

Their removal into town a month before. News of Captain Frederick de Wernecke being alive and well. Mr. Lutterloh's answer to the Count de Wiltgerstein's demand. Will inquire into the Duchesse de Melfort's business in the Jersey's. Desires to know the value of certain types which he has sold to the State of Virginia. Congratulates him on his appointment as Minister Plenipotentiary; Pennsylvania the only state which voted against him; the openly expressed enmity of Lee and Izard; strong feeling expressed against his having his grandson as secretary, owing to his father's principles; exchange of Governor Franklin has been effected. Hopes the bearer of this will be the Marquis de Lafayette, who returns to his own country crowned with laurels. Reminds Franklin of a hint in a former letter of certain commercial advantages he promised to throw in his way.

-----, Borel. Paris 1778 October 22 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 69.
to Benjamin Franklin

Reminding Franklin of his promise to send him the coat of arms of the United States; impossible to finish his work without this mark of a brave and free nation.

(In French.)

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de Champigny, Col. Amsterdam 1778 October 22 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 70.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has received no answer to his two letters written two months before; begs Franklin not to forget the contract they entered into and to forward him the twelve ducats.

(In French.)

Kéralio-Luxembourg, Louis-Félix 1778 October 22 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 71.
Guynement de.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begging for news from America on behalf of Madame la Comtesse de Deux-ports, and to his brother le Chevalier de Keralio.

(In French.)

Hopkinson, Francis. Philadelphia 1778 October 22 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 72.
to Benjamin Franklin

Was obliged to fly with his family from Bordentown where the savages plundered his house to their heart's content; esteems it an honor to have suffered in his country's cause; the assistance he has endeavored to render with his pen. Has been appointed, by Congress, Treasurer of Loans with a salary of \$2,000, a bare subsistence in the present state of the currency. Mrs. Bache has lent him Franklin's electrical apparatus and he desires to borrow his little air pump; promises to take great care of them.

Izard, Ralph. Paris 1778 October 23 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 73.
to The American Commissioners.

Acknowledging the trouble they have taken in endeavoring to recover his baggage.

The General Assembly of Massachusetts. 1778 October 23 A.L.S. XII, 74.
Boston
to The American Commissioners. John Avery,
D[eput]y
Sec'y. 1p.

Agreeable to directions, transmits copies of an "Act to prevent the return to Massachusetts of certain persons . . . who have left the state to join our inveterate and cruel enemies."

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Dumoulin, -----. Paris 1778 October 23 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 75.
to Benjamin Franklin.

Madame la Comtesse de Chateaurenault, mother-in-law of the Comte d'Estaing desires to wait on Franklin at an appointed hour.

Nuttle, Samuel. Havre-de-Grace 1778 October 23 A.L.S. 3p. XII, 76.
to Benjamin Franklin

Owing to Franklin's influence the Court of France has ordered the Customs Officers to deliver up the guns, seized on board the "Two Brothers"; question of whether he is to pay the charges; cannot go on arming the vessel without a positive order from M. Necker.

Grinnell, Richard. On board "Gen. Mifflin." 1778 October 23 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 77.
to Benjamin Franklin

Arrival of three English prizes taken by French frigates.

D'Albert de Riou aîné. Brest 1778 October 23 A.L.S. 3p. XII, 11.
to The American Commissioners.

Concerning the arrival of the American privateer, Hamden, with an English prize in tow; desires instructions as to various point concerning the disposition of the prize.
(In French.)

Dumas, C.G.F. 1778 October 23 A.L.S. 2p. XXXIX, 56.
to Benjamin Franklin

English intrigue, delaying the departure of certain merchant vessels. Letter received from Mr. Austin; pleased with his reception in Holland; promised by him, Franklin's portrait in relief.
(In French.)

Hirschberg, Charles de. Paris 1778 October 23 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 78.
to Benjamin Franklin

Owing to the desire of some of his old scholars proposes to spend the winter in Paris; if Franklin will send him his political papers, will continue the translation of them.

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Fournier, Jean-François. Paris 1778 October 24 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 79.
to Benjamin Franklin

The type ordered by Franklin is finished; desires to know when and how he shall send them.
(In French.)

Demolon, -----. Moulins 1778 October 25 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 80.
to Benjamin Franklin

His brother's desire to go to Virginia with M. Le Maire, and serve in the army with the rank of captain. His hope of procuring letters of recommendation from Franklin; writes to ascertain exactly what his brother may count upon if he decides to expatriate himself.
(In French.)

Schedel, ----- 1778 October 25 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 81.
to Benjamin Franklin

Is a manufacturer at Rouen, and desires to lay before Franklin certain propositions.
(In French.)

Stralenheim, —, comte de. Near Saarlouis 1778 October 25 A.L.S. 4p. XII, 82.
to Benjamin Franklin

Recommending Baron de Ried for military preferment in America, but especially as head of a military school. His knowledge and attainments; encloses a statement of his past services.
(In French.)

Desdodière, Felix. Nantes 1778 October 26 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 83.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning a letter of exchange drawn on Franklin.
(In French.)

The Continental Congress 1778 October 26 D.S. Henry LIII, 74.
to Benjamin Franklin
Laurens,
President,
and Cha[rl]e[s]
Thomson,

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Sec[retary].

4p.

Instructions upon his appointment as Minister Plenipotentiary to the Court of France.

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de Zinnern, Jean Charles. Buda	1778 October 26	A.L.S. 3p.	XII, 84.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Has composed a work in Latin on the American Revolution and has started another on the Illustrious Men of America; desires certain details in the lives of American heroes; went to Vienna on purpose to consult Mr. Arthur Lee, but failed to find him.

(In French.)

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Jones, Capt. John Paul. Brest	1778 October 27 1778 Nov.	A.L.S. 3p.	XII, 85.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Expresses overwhelming surprise at Franklin's advising Mr. Amiel to return with his wife to America, on the score of employment in Europe being so doubtful; if this advice applies also to himself, would rather lay down his life than return to America before his honor is made perfectly whole. The heart-ache and sorrow he has experienced since his return to Brest; offers to find a ship and men, if they will only give him powers.

Dumas, C.G.F.	1778 October 27	A.L.S. 2p.	XXXIX, 57.
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to The American Commissioners.

Lord Suffolk's singular reply to Holland's protest on the subject of the captured vessels. Occupied in translating an important paper (Resolutions of Amsterdam à propos of the proposed increase of the army); thinks it will prove most useful to the United States; suggests sending copies to Congress.

(In French.)

Austin, Jonathan Loring. Amsterdam	1778 October 27	A.L.S. 3p.	XII, 86.
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to The American Commissioners.

The route to America he has determined to take. The various sentiments of the coffee-house commentators on Comte d'Estaing's probable fate and General Clinton's movements; different

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opinions as to the conduct of Congress respecting the outlawry of Governor Johnson. Hopes that Britain will consider her true interest before it is too late.

Potter, Thomas. Havre de Grace Prison 1778 October 27 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 87.
to Benjamin Franklin

Account of his capture first by the English and then by the French, and his present imprisonment; begs to be freed and put on board an American privateer. His father, Captain James Potter, is well known to Congress.

Busaray, -----. Mont St. Vincent 1778 October 27 A.L.S. 3p. XII, 88.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to settle in America with his wife, six children and six farm laborers; desires Franklin's influence with Congress to procure a tract of land near Philadelphia large enough to support twenty persons; his wife's connections and his own.
(In French.)

Cadet, -----. Paris 1778 October 27 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 52.
to Benjamin Franklin

Reminding him of the day appointed for his promised opinion on a certain experiment.
(In French.)

Niles, Robert. Bordeaux 1778 October 27 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 89.
to Benjamin Franklin

Narrating his and Captain Barnes's capture by a Jersey privateer; consigned his papers and despatches to the sea; has been treated better than he expected; was put on a Dutch vessel bound for Bordeaux; will seek for a passage to America at once; must apply to Mr. Bondfield for money.

Du Belair, -----. Paris 1778 October 28 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 91.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sending Franklin a manuscript work which he begs him to read and criticize; any use Franklin pleases to make of it will satisfy the author.
(In French.)

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Adolph Behrends, Joann. Frankfort-on-the-Main 1778 October 28 A.L.S. 3p. XII, 92.
to Benjamin Franklin

Expressing the great admiration for Franklin and an ardent desire to make his acquaintance; congratulates him on his election to the French Medical Society.
(In Latin.)

de Courtanvaux, Marquis 1778 October 29 A.N. in 3d P. LXX, 72.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Invites Dr. Franklin to bring any American friend he may wish to dinner at his house.
(In French.)

Gridley, Richard. Boston 1778 October 29 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 93.
to Benjamin Franklin

Reminding him of a conversation they had at General Washington's quarters, at Cambridge, relative to mines; his son has a number of samples of mines which he desires Franklin to examine; if the French mineralogists should find them valuable, thinks it would prove of infinite service to America.

Fairholme and Luther. St. Martin, Isle of Ré 1778 October 30 A.L.S. 4p. XII, 94.
to The American Commissioners.

Concerning the disposal of a cargo of fish taken by Captain Whipple and brought to the island.

Dumas, C.G.F. 1778 October 30 A.L.S. 3p. XXXIX, 58.
to The American Commissioners.

The Grand Pensionnaire displeased with Lord Suffolk's reply; account of the steps he has taken to force the Grand Pensionnaire into some sort of action; account of their interview; extracts from Franklin's letter on the subject of Holland's attitude towards America (2 p). Received Mr. Lee's interesting papers of the 22d inst.; and sent them to the Leyden Gazette.
(In French.)

Williams, G. London 1778 October 30 A.L.S. 3p. XII, 176a.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Asking indulgence on behalf of Captain Elisha Clark and his crew, who are confined in Havre de Grace, having been captured while engaged in the southern whale fishery.

Carmichael, William. Philadelphia 1778 October 30 A.L.S. 3p. XII, 95.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sends this letter by the Marquis de Lafayette; praises him as a man of character and discretion; suggests that the ministry in France be first informed by Franklin of the high opinion entertained of the Marquis in America; suggestions as to the best devices of be engraved on the sword presented him by Congress. Astonished at the small results accomplished by Congress; dangerous parties both there and in the army. Alludes to the cabal against General Washington.

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to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing a price-list of wines, and desiring Franklin's orders.
(In French.)

Berny, Chevalier de 1778 October 31 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 97.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to know if he is never to receive an answer to his eight letters concerning the arrival of his manuscript "L'Œil du Maître."
(In French.)

Babut and Labouchere. Nantes 1778 October 31 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 98.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing two packets for Franklin, the vessel which brought them left the Delaware on September 20th.
(In French.)

Le Roy, Jean Baptiste March 23,19 A.L. 3p. LXXI, 44a.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Inquires about the truth of the report that Franklin has been officially appointed Minister from the United States. Wishes to appoint a committee from the Academy to visit and congratulate him. Franklin's wearing of a white hat going to Court remarked and commented on.
(In French.)

La Morliere du Tillet, Alexis-Charles 1778 October A.L.S. 2p. XII, 99.
Magallon de. St. Germain-en-Laie
to Benjamin Franklin

His son desires to enter the service of the United States; begs Franklin to grant him an interview.
(In French.)

Jones, Capt. John Paul. Brest 1778 November 1 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 100.
to Benjamin Franklin

Hopes the enclosed letter for M. de Chaumont will have Franklin's approbation; wishes he could be assured of the command of the "Indian." Cannot wish to offend M. de Sartine but would be glad to have some mark of the King's approbation.

Dumas, C.G.F. 1778 November 1 A.L.S. 1p. XXXIX, 59.
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing Mr. Walter Pollard.
(In French.)

Bryan, Arthur and William Jr. Dublin 1778 November 1 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 101.
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging Franklin's kindness on behalf of Captain Joy Castle. Introducing their relative, Mr. George Hunter, who is a warm friend to the liberties of America; if Franklin can serve him in his present views, the benefit will be widespread.

Parsons, ----- (William's wife). Paris 1778 November 2 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 102.
to Benjamin Franklin

Owing to her declining health, her landlord has consented to let her depart for England only holding her clothes as security for his money; unable therefore to raise a trifle for her journey. Applies again to Franklin to assist her.

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Brillon, Mme d'Hardancourt. Thuillerie 1778 November 2 A.L.S. 2p. XLIII, 1.
to Benjamin Franklin

The pleasures of anticipation; wisdom of living in the present; her efforts to become a philosopher; her adoration of her friends; delights in his letters; promises to write him once a week.

(In French.)

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to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing for Franklin's perusal a privateering scheme for which he begs his protection.

In French.

O'Reilly, Edward. Montpelier 1778 November 2 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 104.
to Benjamin Franklin

Offering to procure a large amount of cotton stockings at reasonable terms, for the soldiers in America.

Williams, Jonathan Sr 1778 November 2 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVII, 167.
to Benjamin Franklin

Civilities and assistance rendered Mr. Holker. Prophesies liberty for America. His son John to marry Colonel Chandler's daughter. Hears that Jonathan has resigned the public employ.

Dumas, C.G.F. 1778 November 3 (1 p.) A.L.S. XXXIX, 60.
to Benjamin Franklin 3p.

Account of the services rendered by Mr. Pollard, who was there upon obliged to leave England; his present wish to live in Philadelphia; Mr. Stockton's letter on the subject of Mr. Pollard.

(In French.)

Dumas, C.G.F. 1778 November 3 A.L.S. 1p. XXXIX, 61.
to The American Commissioners.

Account of a visit paid to M. Van Berkel by the Secretary of the Admiralty of Amsterdam; strong warning administered by M. Van Berkel against encouraging England's insolent attitude.

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(In French.)

Roberdeau, Daniel. Philadelphia 1778 November 3 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 106.
to Benjamin Franklin

The bearer is Chevalier Mauduit Duplessis whose brave conduct needs no other endorsement than the repeated acts of Congress in his favor.

Dumas, C.G.F. 1778 November 4 A.L.S. 2p. XXXIX, 62.
to The American Commissioners.

Memoir presented by Sir Joseph Yorke on behalf of his Court; formidable opponents to it in Amsterdam; determination of the Burgomasters not to allow their future conduct to depend on the will of Great Britain. Impossibility of Holland' every being America's enemy, if she cannot be her friend. Mr. A. Lee's two letters inserted in the Leyden Gazette.

(In French.)

Peters, Richard. Philadelphia 1778 November 4 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 107.
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing Colonel Duplessis who has distinguished himself as a brave and gallant officer; many foreigners have higher rank but few have seen harder service. Begg for an answer to his inquiries concerning his father's whereabouts.

Bell, Thomas. L'Orient 1778 November 4 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 108.
to Benjamin Franklin

Offering to carry letters to Philadelphia. News of the Bache family whom he saw in July; begs Franklin to make Mrs. Bache's son write to her.

Gilbank, John. Nantes 1778 November 4 A.L.S. 3p. XII, 109.
to Benjamin Franklin

His request for money to pay his expenses to America; without it, he cannot fulfill his duty to the Congress.

**Nierhausen, Herr. Prussian Postal
Officer. Breslau, Silesia** 1778 November 4 A.L.S. 1p. LIX, 4.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Asks a second time, whether he should send to Franklin a collection of European mail regulations. Would gratefully accept *douceur*.

Girardot, Haller and Co. Paris to Benjamin Franklin	1778 November 4	N. in 3d P. 1p.	LXX, 104.
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Request Dr. Franklin to forward a letter to Silas Deane.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. to Benjamin Franklin	1778 November 5	A.L.S. 4p.	XXXVII, 168.
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His affair with Mr. Schweighauser settled without a law-suit. Flattering prospects opened to him by M. Montieu, entailing a trip to America; several adventures he has sent to America; his obligations to Franklin; begs for letters to Franklin's friends in America; would like a public one if it is not an indiscreet request.

Dutartre, Madame Melin. Paris to Benjamin Franklin	1778 November 5	A.L.S. 3p.	XII, 110.
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Desires an answer to the memoir she sent him. Reproaches him gaily for not coming to see her and begs him to come some day to dinner and bring his grandson. Wishes to know who constructed the little fire-place in his bed room and how much it cost.
(In French.)

Chasseneuil, —, marquise de. Bourgognade to Benjamin Franklin	1778 November 5	A.L.S. 2p.	XII, 111.
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Desires one of Franklin's friends to taste her wines and enter into a contract for them.
(In French.)

Byrne, Bartholomew et al to Benjamin Franklin	1778 November 5	L.S. 1p.	LX, 7.
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Four American sailors confined at Dinan petition Franklin for relief and means to return to America.

White, William. Dinan to Benjamin Franklin	1778 November 5	L.S. 2p.	LX, 25.
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Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

An American seaman who was taken prisoner on an English privateer appeals for his release.

Tressan, Louis-Elisabeth de La Vergne, comte de. Franconville 1778 November 6 A.L.S. 4p. XII, 112.
to Benjamin Franklin

M. Borel desire an engraving of the seal of the United States to add to his work. Concerning his own "Traité sur l'Electricité" written thirty years before; the subsequent experiments in this science made by Franklin: his admiration for him.
(In French.)

Harriman, James. Florence 1778 November 6 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 113.
to Benjamin Franklin.

Writes again to request a consulship either at Leghorn or Florence on the termination of the present troubles with great Britain; assistance promised him by M. Necker.

Genet, [Edme Jacques] 1778 November 7 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 114.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the papers Franklin was kind enough to send him; also the translation and publication of Mr. W. H. Drayton's letter of July 18th to the Commissioners.

Sayre, Stephen. Copenhagen 1778 November 7 A.L.S. 6p. XII, 115.
to Benjamin Franklin

Proposal of some eminent Danish merchants to supply Congress with ships, cordage, hemp, etc., by way of the North Seas; concerning the best means of paying for these cargoes. The ship intended to carry the first cargo, will sail under his care as super-cargo; his intention to enter the American navy.

Schweighauser, John D et al., Merchants at Nantes. Nantes 1778 November 7 L.S. 2p LXI, 13.
to The American Commissioners.

Asking for a French convoy for American vessels.

Zollicoffer, Jean de Jean. Janville 1778 November 7 A.L.S. 3p. XII, 116.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Desires to devote himself to the service of America.

(In French.)

Zollickoffer (Sollicoffre, Zollicoffer), 1778 November 7 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 116 1/2.
Father — (relative of J. de J. Zollicoffer).
Janville
 to Benjamin Franklin

Writes on behalf of his young relative, who desires to go to the United States under Franklin's protection and enter into commerce there.

(In French.)

Williams, Jonathan Sr 1778 November 7 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVII, 169.
 to Benjamin Franklin

Loss of the English ship " Somerset " in a storm. Arrival of General Gates in Boston to replace General Heath. News of his family and friends.

Piers, John et al. Dinan 1778 November 8 L.S. 1p. LX, 18.
 to Benjamin Franklin

Four American seamen held as prisoners beg to be given an opportunity to return home to their families in America.

The Treasurer of Loans. Philadelphia 1778 November 9 A.L.S. LIII, 76.
 to The American Commmissioners. Fra[nci]s
 Hopkinson 1p.

Notification of bills of exchange furnished to the States of New Jersey and Massachusetts Bay.
 (In triplicate.)

Girard, -----. Quimper 1778 November 2 A.L.S. 4p. XII, 105.
 to Benjamin Franklin

Explaining the advantages to American trade of having a separate port, without commerce and far from any large city, which they could use as a kind of warehouse or emporium; suggests Benandct as the most suitable; begs him to talk it over with M. de Sartine.

(In French.)

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Desgranges and Co. Paris 1778 November 10 L.S. 1p. XII, 117.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to furnish the American soldiers with shirts.
(In French.)

Deuborne, -----. Liège 1778 November 10 A.L.S. 5p. XII, 118.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to supply the Americans with arms.
(In French.)

Dumas, C.G.F. 1778 November 10 A.L.S. 3p. XXXIX, 63.
to Benjamin Franklin

Report of the Admitalty on Sir Joseph Yorke's memoir; consequences of such servile submission to England; encloses copy of his letter on this subject to M. Van Berkel. protesting against such an arrangement.
(In French.)

Atkin, Jonathan. Granville 1778 November 10 A.L.S. 2p. LX, 3.
to Benjamin Franklin

Appeal by an American prisoner for assistance to get home.

Locke, John. Grand Saintmuan, Britane 1778 November 10 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 119.
to Benjamin Franklin

His unhappy situation as a prisoner with a wife and family in America; his desire to return home.

Le Maire de Gimel, Jacques. Nantes 1778 November 10 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 120.
to Benjamin Franklin

Arrangements for transporting the articles to Virginia are made; asks for letters of recommendation to the Governor of Virginia, testifying to his zeal in the service of the United States; desires favorable mention for M. Dumolon, who wishes to return with him to Virginia, and obtain employment as coast surveyor and engineer.
(In French.)

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Emery, John. Bilbao 1778 November 11 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 121.
to Benjamin Franklin

Arrival of his schooner, "Success," from Newburyport, with a prize, also that of Captain Bartler's ship with a Guernsey cutter. Obligated to let the prisoners go at large. A French vessel captured by mistake and afterwards released.

Bell, Thomas. L'Orient 1778 November 11 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 122.
to The American Commissioners.

Sailed from Philadelphia on September 6th; no letter from the Committee of Congress; private letters he received; offers to carry any despatches for Congress.

**Sartine, Antoine-Raymond-Gualbert-
Gabriel de. Paris** 1778 November 11 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 122 1/2.
to Benjamin Franklin

Asking Franklin to listen to M. Domuer who wishes to speak on an affair in which he (M. de Sartine) takes an interest.
(In French.)

Kentisbear, William. Marseilles Prison 1778 November 11 A.L.S. 3p. XLIV, 25.
to Benjamin Franklin

As an American from Marblehead, Massachusetts, having been captured by the "Ambuscade" frigate, he implores Dr. Franklin to mediate for his release.

Veuve Morel et fils. Dunkirk 1778 November 11 L.S. 2p. XII, 123.
to Benjamin Franklin

Offering their services in a commercial way; the petition to Congress of Morel Dufaux for the position of consul; begs Franklin to take it into favorable consideration.

Dantoine, -----. Paris 1778 November 11 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 124.
to Benjamin Franklin

His desire to serve on board an American privateer; his military record and references.
(In French.)

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Collas, Peter. Nantes 1778 November 11 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 125.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has been given the command of a brig Mr. John Johnson and Mr. Ridley, with orders to proceed to Virginia; offers his services to Franklin. Reminding Franklin of his promise to inquire about certain articles of his, which were stopped at Calais.

Bondfield, John. La Rochelle 1778 November 12 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 126.
to The American Commissioners.

Concerning two valuable vessels will soon be ready to sail; has applied for a convoy; begs Franklin's influence to obtain it.

Bérenger, Jean-Pierre. Lausanne 1778 November 12 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 127.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desire of five young Genevese to settle in America; requests Franklin to aid them in this project, though they are provided for in a pecuniary way; considers the feasibility of establishing a Genoese clock and watch factory at Boston or Philadelphia. Hopes his opinion of the "Histoire de Genève" will coincide with Voltaire's which he quotes.

(In French.)

Laurens, James Jr. Le Vigan 1778 November 12 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 128.
to The American Commissioners.

Acknowledging a former pass and applying for another.

Ray, A. Rath 1778 November 12 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 129.
to Benjamin Franklin

Her sojourn in America in the year 1770, and her love for that country; on her return she addressed the enclosed letter to Lord North, printed first in the "Daily Advertiser" and in the "Gentlemen's Magazine"; is about to publish three volumes of letters written from America and requests Franklin's influence to procure her subscriptions in Paris.

Dumas, C.G.F. 1778 November 13 A.L.S. 2p. XXXIX, 64.
to The American Commissioners.

Conjectures as to the outcome of the struggle; attitude of the French Ambassador.

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(In French.)

Ingenhouz, Jan 1778 November 14 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 130.
to Benjamin Franklin

Anticipates a winter in London with much pleasure. Suggestions concerning the trade carried on for his brother.

Smith, Dr. James. Paris 1778 November 15 A.L.S. 3p. XII, 131.
to The American Commissioners.

A list of his possessions detained at Calais; it depends upon the Commissioners whether the custom house officers shall be allowed to defraud him; desires a pass for himself and family in England, and hopes his frank expression of opinion will not influence their refusal.

Brillon, Monsieur 1778 November 15 A.N. in 3d P. LXX, 35b.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Sends Dr. Franklin the "Eripuit coelo fulmen, sceptrumque tyrannis," a new composition in his honor.

(In French.)

Berry, William et al 1778 November 15 L.S. 2p. LX, 6.
to Benjamin Franklin

Appeal of seven American prisoners confined at Dinan, France, asking Franklin to obtain their release.

de Beze,-----. Tannay 1778 November 16 A.L.S. 3p. XII, 132.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begging for news of M. de Fleury, who entered the American service, and, according to the published accounts, has greatly distinguished himself; for two years his family have heard nothing from him; begs for any news of him he may possess.

(In French.)

La Plaigne, Emmanuel-Pierre de. 1778 November 16 L.S. 2p. XII, 133.
Dunkirk
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Will arrive in Paris with his brother and servant; his brother-in-law, his nephew and two of his relatives have already set out; his brother given a lieutenantcy by the Congress of Georgia; the others go as volunteers; acknowledges the sum received from Mr. Coffyn to defray their expenses to Plymouth; very anxious to get back to his regiment.

(In French.)

Gilbank, John. Nantes 1778 November 16 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 134.
to The American Commissioners.

No answer to his letters, is obliged to trouble him a third time for money to enable him to rejoin his regiment; his deplorable situation should Franklin refuse.

Jullian, Charles Nicolas. Cette 1778 November 17 L.S. 2p. XII, 135.
to Benjamin Franklin

His strong desire to go to America, a step which he hesitates to take without the assurance of Franklin's recommendation and protection.

(In French.)

Gilbank, John. Nantes 1778 November 17 A.L.S. 3p. XII, 136.
to The American Commissioners.

Takes exception to the statement that it would be blameable partiality to lend more to him than to others of the same rank; makes certain claims as a Continental Commissioned Officer, and begs again for the desired sum.

Prince, Job. "The Concord," off Dieppe 1778 November 18 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 137.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has been appointed by Congress to the command of the "Concord"; desires advice as to his intended cruise, as well as directions as to the disposal of possible prizes. Being fired upon by an English frigate, he threw overboard the despatches from Congress. Has something of great importance to communicate which he will not trust to paper.

Le Baron, -----. Dieppe 1778 November 18 A.L.S. 3p. XII, 138.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Account of the provisions with which he supplied Captain Job Prince, of the "Concord"; asks for an authorized commission as American agent. Advisability of sending a small French corsair as pilot for the Concord.

(In French.)

Williams, Jonathan Jr. to Benjamin Franklin	1778 November 18	A.L.S. 2p.	XXXVII, 170.
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M. Montieu's generous offer; merely desires security in case of his death; asks Franklin to furnish this. Arrival of his uncle.

Kermorvan, Chevalier de to Benjamin Franklin	1778 November 19	A.L.S. 2p.	XII, 139.
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The Queen of France has given birth to a daughter; such a joyful occasion is auspicious for the asking and granting of favors, therefore begs Franklin to write a line, on his behalf, to the Minister of War.

(In French.)

Mounier and Denis. Middelburg to Benjamin Franklin	1778 November 19	L.S. 1p.	XII, 140.
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Concerning the capture of their vessel by the Americans who carried her to New England; applies for her freedom, payment for her cargo and indemnity for the time lost.

(In French.)

Du Belair, -----. Paris to Benjamin Franklin	1778 November 19	A.L.S. 1p.	XII, 141.
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Is obliged to leave Paris; M. Bardinet, author of the poem on The Defenders of Liberty, desires to pay his respects in person and obtain his opinion of the poem.

(In French.)

Cadou fils (merchants). Nantes to Benjamin Franklin	1778 November 19	A.L.S. 1p.	XII, 142.
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Concerning a plan for which he hopes to have the approval of Franklin and his friends.

(In French.)

de Butler, Otto Magnus. Axel	1778 November 20	A.L.S. 1p.	XII, 143.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to enter the service of America.
(In French.)

Valmont de Bomare, Jacques-Christophe 1778 November 20 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 144.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to dine with him at Mme. de Chaumont's; also begs his presence on December 3d at his opening lecture and at a small philosophical dinner.
(In French.)

Dumas, C.G.F. 1778 November 20 A.L.S. 2p. XXXIX, 65.
to The American Commissioners.

The despotic act consummated in the Provincial Assembly and the Admiralty Report passed; Amsterdam's vigorous protest against this procedure; eager for news from America which may give the lie to certain rumors.
(In French.)

Walsh, John et al., on Board the "Drake." 1778 November 20 D.S. 3p. LXI, 98.
Brest Road
to Benjamin Franklin

Memorial of English prisoners on board the brig "Patience" asking for better treatment.

Middleton, Thomas. Philadelphia 1778 November 20 L.S. 1p. XII, 145.
to The American Commissioners.

Has lost two bills of exchange drawn on the Commissioners for interest due him on money lent the public; stops their payment.
(In triplicate.)

Cooper, Samuel. Boston 1778 November 21 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 146.
to Benjamin Franklin

Recommending Mr. Duncan Ingraham who goes to France on business in his own vessel.

Bondfield, John. Bordeaux 1778 November 21 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 147.

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Interest in America all over France; universal admiration of her conduct; no republic ever had a more auspicious birth; the immortal name of Franklin and the honor which will be paid to it by future generations.

(In French.)

Guichard,-----, ainé. Marennes 1778 November 21 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 150.
to Benjamin Franklin

Writes again to demand a sum due his brother for his services on board the "Lexington"; indignantly protests against the silence with which his former letters have been received.

(In French.)

Jesse Taylor. Belfast 1778 November 21 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 151.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing a memorial, the subject of which may have already reached Franklin in an interview with Sir Edward Newenham; reasons for withholding their signatures; many adventurers only waiting for information as to how to avoid the present dangers of such a voyage.

D' Aire, -----, Alby 1778 November 22 A.L.S. 3p. XII, 152.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to enter the American army; is willing to serve as volunteer until the American generals consider him worthy to be given the command of a force.

(In French.)

Capt. Thomas Pickerin. Brest 1778 November 23 A.L.S. 1p. LXI, 87.
to Benjamin Franklin

Protesting against the action of Captain [John Paul] Jones with regard to deserters from American vessels.

Ridley, Matthew. Nantes 1778 November 24 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 153.
to Benjamin Franklin

The manuscripts in the hands of J. Massey have been disposed of some time since. The disposition of the Ministry is evidently to try another campaign in America. Clinton's proceedings in burning

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and destroying perfectly consistent with the ideas of war; their attitude unchanged by the loss of Dominica.

Dumas, C.G.F. 1778 November 24 A.L.S. 2p. XXXIX, 66.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing copy of a letter (2p.) from Arthur Lee, together with his reply (2p., in French), concerning a loan which Mr. Lee says he is empowered to obtain as secretly as possible for the United States; slightly prepared for this by the former negotiations between Mr. Wm. Lee and M.de Neufville; desires Franklin's opinion of this step.
(In French.)

La Cadette, Romaneix. Limoges 1778 November 24 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 154.
to Benjamin Franklin

Requesting Franklin's protection for his brother who made his escape from the hands of the English without clothing or money; has lent him all he can afford.
(In French.)

Bordot, L. Versailles 1778 November 26 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 155.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begs Franklin to forward to America the enclosed letter from Madame de Rivaud, who is full of anxiety about her son from whom she has not heard for a long time.
(In French.)

Monchy, Solomon de (François' father). 1778 November 26 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 156.
Rotterdam
to Benjamin Franklin

Recalls their acquaintance during Franklin's and Dr. Pringle's stay at Rotterdam. Asks Franklin's protection for a vessel, the property of his son-in law, Jacob Mounier, which was taken by an American privateer and carried to New England.
(In French.)

Kéralio, Agathon Guynement, chevalier 1778 November 27 A.L.S. 3p. XII, 158 1/2.
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to Benjamin Franklin

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Is the bearer of many affectionate messages from the Comtesse de Forbach. The many losses in commercial enterprises; thinks the Royal Marine have done all they could to protect the ships; advises the publication in the papers of a list of prizes taken by the Americans; thinks such a step will have a salutary effect.

(In French.)

Bondfield, John. Bordeaux 1778 November 28 A.L.S. 3p. XII, 159.
to The American Commissioners.

The merchants, owing to their heavy losses, are obliged to cut down their exports to the United States. Preparation of a fine convoy for the two ships at Nantes. Report confirmed as to M. La Motte Picquet having fallen into the hands of a Jamaica fleet. Action of the Farmers General as regards tobacco.

Lee, Arthur. Chaillot 1778 November 28 L.S. 1p. XII, 160.
to Messrs. Franklin and Adams.

Not having any notice of their altered plans, he and Count de Vergennes waited for them in vain till five O'Clock. The Count wishes to know just when the ships will ready to sail, so that he may do all in his power to obtain the desired convoy.

Cadet, ----- 1778 November 26 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 161.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires his presence the next day at M. Dubourg's; wishes his fireplace to be a success, and doubts not that Franklin's advice will insure this result.

(In French.)

Gilbank, John. Nantes 1778 November 28 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 162.
to The American Commissioners.

Mr. Livingston sails in six days; cannot go with him unless his former request for money is compiled with.

d'Aubigne, Marquis. Passy 1778 November 29 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 157.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires information concerning the purchase of American bills of exchange.

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(In French.)

Roumallard, ----- Perdriel. Mortrée 1778 November 29 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 158.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to know if Franklin has received any letters from Congress for him.

(In French.)

Baron,---- Le. Dieppe 1778 November 30 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 163.
to Benjamin Franklin

Believes the pretended corsair, the "Concord," will not appear again; she gained little from her deception; advisability of having a letter from Franklin for the pretended Captain, Job Prince, in case he should return to seek an answer to his letter.

(In French.)

D'Amblé, Abbé. La Claireau 1778 November 30 A.L.S. 4p. XII, 164.
to Benjamin Franklin

A plan of establishing well-equipped forges and arsenals in pennsylvania; question of bringing the workmen over from France; his knowledge of this industry.

(In French.)

Masseure, Francis-Geron. St. Malo 1778 November 30 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 165.
to Benjamin Franklin

Announcing his capture by the enemy and his destruction of the packet sent by Patrick Henry to Franklin; his subsequent escape and desire to return to America.

Amiel, Charlotte. Auteuil 1778 November 15 A.L.S. 1p. XLI, 158.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begs Franklin not to suffer her husband to remain longer in suspense as to the outcome of his business at Brest.

Brillon, Mme [1778 before Nov. 30] A.L. 1p. XLIII, 65.
to Benjamin Franklin Saturday morning

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Sends for a letter which Franklin wishes to be delivered to M. Le Veillard. Has been very ill for some days.

(In French.)

Smith, Dr James to The American Commissioners.	After [1778 November 17]	A.L.S. 4p.	XLI, 191.
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Their extraordinary reply to his request for a passport, is told that he must take the oath of allegiance; denounces such conduct as infamous.

Gleed, Thomas et al. Combourg to Benjamin Franklin	1778 December 1	L.S. 1p.	LX, 10.
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Six English prisoners appeal to Franklin to be included in the next exchange of French and English prisoners.

de Vienne, Field Marshall Comte. Paris to Benjamin Franklin	1778 December 1	A.L.S. 1p.	XII, 167.
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Asks that the enclosed letter to his son, the Marquis de Vienne, may be forwarded to America; his son complains that, though he has received the rank of colonel, his services, in other respects, have not been suitably recognized; begs Franklin to recommend him in his letters to Congress and to General Washington.

(In French.)

Meunier,-----. Paris to Benjamin Franklin	1778 December 1	L.S. 2p.	XII, 1.
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Desires to deliver the memoir of Messieurs Ristreau, of Bordeaux; hopes their reasons will determine Captain McNeill to finish an affair, which has lasted too long.

(In French.)

Holtzer, Antoine. Colmar to The American Commissioners.	1778 December 1	A.L.S. 4p.	XII, 168; LX,90.
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Has invented a new variety of beer, which has remarkable advantages; is willing to sell his secret.

(In French.)

Dumas, C.G.F.	1778 December 2	A.L.S. 1p.	XXXIX, 67.
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Farley, Henry. Paris 1778 December 5 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 175.
to The American Commissioners.

Concerning a general order, forbidding British subjects to settle in French sea-ports; begs that he and Mr. Thompson's two sons may be permitted to reside unmolested at Nantes, being convinced that his commercial interest will be of general advantage to France and America; his and Mr. Thompson's strong sentiments in favor of the country.

Clark, Elisha. Bolbec 1778 December 5 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 176.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing a letter from Dr. Williams, of London, and begging Franklin's compliance with his request.

Bondfield, John. Bordeaux 1778 December 5 A.L.S. 2p. XII 177.
to The American Commissioners.

News of Count d'Estaing's fleet; report prevails that Admiral Byron's fleet left New York, November 2d with 5,000 troops on board. The Boston, Providence and Ranger arrived at Boston with many prizes.

Vernon, William. Boston 1778 December 7 A.L.S. 2p. XLV, 204c.
to Benjamin Franklin

Informs him that his son, who is just out of the University and whose talent is scarcely known, took passage for France with Mr. John Adams, under whose care he placed him, with a view to accomplish him for business either as a merchant or in any other way, that he might be most useful in the future to his country. Hopes he may regard him as one of his friends and that he will, from time to time, receive such advice and instructions from his friends as will stimulate him to virtue, honor and knowledge.

Dumas, C.G.F. 1778 December 8 A.L.S. 1p. XXXIX, 68.
to The American Commissioners.

Another blow to the English party in the shape of the enclosed memoir (1 p.) from the French Ambassador, asking an explanation of Holland's future conduct and demanding the most perfect neutrality.

(In French.)

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Lovell, James. Philadelphia 1778 December 8 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 181.
to Benjamin Franklin

Reasons for holding back his last letter to Franklin. The only important struggle is with the currency; the aid of skilful financiers and monied men needed to bring about any considerable appreciation. (In triplicate.)

Lee, William 1778 December 9 A.L.S. 3p. XII, 182.
to The American Commissioners.

Conformable to the enclosed Resolution of Congress, has drawn upon them for a certain sum. Report of a Congress to be held between the Ministers from the Courts of Versailles and St. Petersburg, to arrange a reconciliation between the Emperor and the King of Prussia; also reported that Great Britain has prevailed on Russia to take advantage of this opportunity to negotiate an accommodation between France and Great Britain.

Jones, Capt. John Paul. L'Orient 1778 December 9 A.L.S. 3p. XII, 183.
to The American Commissioners.

Sends the enclosed memorial from the prisoners on the "Patience"; their situation most deplorable and their complaints just; declares that Rivu, who has charge of them, is a scoundrel and begs them to send their answer through the Reverend Father John, as otherwise it will never reach the prisoners.

Gourlade and Moylan. L'Orient 1778 December 9 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 184.
to The American Commissioners.

The arrival of the schooner "Dauphin," from Boston; brings news of the loss to England of the "Somerset" man-of-war, and the unfortunate capture of the frigate "Raleigh," after an obstinate engagement.

Hartley, David. London 1778 December 10 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 186.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the exchange of prisoners; announcing the acceptance, by the Admiralty, of the last terms submitted by Franklin.

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to Benjamin Franklin

Urging the necessity of having an agent in London, and recommending Captain Robinson for the position. Dietary for prisoners.

Greene, William. Warwick, R. I 1778 December 10 L.S. 3p. XII, 188.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing some bills of exchange which he begs Franklin to lay out for him and his son-in law, Major Samuel Ward; the latter's desire to receive consignments of cargoes from merchants in France. Recommending to Franklin's kindness Mr. William Vernon, Jr., now in France for the purpose of studying the language. Family news.
(In duplicate.)

Abercromby, John. Bordeaux 1778 December 11 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 189.
to Benjamin Franklin

Wrote three weeks ago concerning a passport to enable him to return to Charleston; begs him not to forget his request.
(In French.)

Polignac, Louis-Héraclius-Melchior, 1778 December 13 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 193.
vicomte de. Soleure
to Benjamin Franklin

Recommending M.Weiss de Daillens.
(In French.)

de Randerath, Baronne. Bouquenom 1778 December 13 A.L.S. 4p. XII, 194.
to Benjamin Franklin

Her husband forced by illness to give up his service to the Elector Palatine; their small resources; impossible to take her husband to Aix; applies to Franklin for assistance; places her hopes in the fact that her husband and Franklin are both Masons, though belonging to different lodges.
(In French.)

Gunnison, Benjamin. Roscoff 1778 December 14 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 196.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Announcing his arrival in the brig, "Morris," and asking for instruction as to his future movements.

F-----, J -----. Heidelberg 1778 December 14 L. 4p. LX, 52.
to Benjamin Franklin

Submits proposal to raise a body of 240 volunteers to serve in the United States in the war of independence.

Sube. A., Laporte, and others. Marseilles 1778 December 14 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 196 1/2a.
to Benjamin Franklin

Recounting a fête, recently celebrated by the Société de Parnasse in honor of their good friends and allies, the insurgents; encloses a printed paper which will give him the proceedings in detail; Franklin's portrait, crowned with laurel, had the place of honor; the influence it exerted on the company.

(In French.)

Lee, William. Frankfort 1778 December 15 A.L.S. 4p. XII, 197.
to The American Commissioners.

Has reason to believe that a plan of reconciliation between France and Great Britain will be agitated at the Congress mentioned in his last letter; suggests the advisability of having an agent there to counteract the schemes of Great Britain; has sounded a gentleman on the subject, at present in the service of the King of Prussia; and transcribes his answer; asks their opinion of his propositions; advises his going to the Congress as an authorized individual.

Conway, Françoise-Antoinette-Jeanne 1778 December 15 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 198.
Langlois du Bouchet, comtesse de.

Auxerre

to Benjamin Franklin

Desires news of her husband, of Franklin's health, and of the war in America; intends to call on him during the winter.

D. Schweighauser, John, et al., Merchants 1778 December 15 L.S. 2p. LXI, 14.
at Nantes

The American Commissioners.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Hope, through the Commissioner's efforts, to secure a convoy for their vessels for the entire voyage across the Atlantic.

Dumas, C.G.F. 1778 December 15 A.L.S. 2p. XXXIX, 69.
to Benjamin Franklin

Extract from Mr. A. Lee's letter, heaping reproaches on Holland for her reluctance to aid the United States and threatening them with exclusion from future benefits; embarrassed how to tell him that he is ignorant of the state of the Republic and says what is neither just nor reasonable; explains the situation to Franklin; ask him to keep this letter secret.

(In French.)

Gilbank, John. Nantes 1778 December 15 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 199.
The American Commissioners.

Complains of receiving no answer to his last letters; there is still time for him to rejoin his regiment, if his necessary expenses are defrayed at once; anguish of mind he suffers in such a humiliating situation, which has been brought about by the chance of war.

de Beaulieu, Chevalier. Paris 1778 December 16 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 200.
to Benjamin Franklin

Prophesies a magnificent future for America, and a deathless fame for Franklin; desires to serve this astonishing people.

(In French.)

Mounier and Denis. Middelbourg 1778 December 17 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 201.
to Benjamin Franklin

Their vessel has been set free and her freight paid; desires Franklin's interest as regards the merchandise with which she was loaded.

(In French.)

Lebègue de Presle, Achille-Guillaume 1778 December 17 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 202.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

His promise to send Mr. Benjamin Vaughan the "*Tableau Economique*," published by M. Dupont. Desires Franklin to procure an extension of leave for his brother, Duportail, who left two years before to serve in the American army, and also for the three engineers he took with him.

(In French.)

Rush, Benjamin. Philadelphia to Benjamin Franklin	1778 December 17	A.L.S. 1p.	XII, 203.
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Begs Franklin to have the enclosed letter conveyed safely to Mr. Coxe.

Randall, Madame Leschevin to Benjamin Franklin	[1778.] December 17	A.L.S. 2p.	XL, 68.
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Begging Franklin to come to them on the following day; number of Franklin's friends who will be present and several pretty women.

(In French.)

Hartley, David. London to Benjamin Franklin	1778 December 18	A.L.S. 2p.	XII, 204.
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Exchange of prisoners will be hurried forward now without delay; begs Franklin to name the port and the agent, and he will immediately receive a hundred prisoners, to begin with; desires to know if Morlaix will suit for further exchanges.

Baldwin, Charles. Clapham Common to Benjamin Franklin	1778 December 18	A.L.S. 2p.	XII, 205.
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Reminding Franklin of the pleasant hours they once spent together; Mrs. Baldwin's pride in a wax bust of Franklin, the present of their friend Moore, as well as his liturgy, which is her constant Sunday entertainment. The loss of Dominica has meant a heavy financial loss to them; his only son is now at Portsmouth, on route for Dominica to take charge of the estate there; begs Franklin to recommend him to the Marquis de Bouillè. Has told his son of Franklin's cabin lamp.

Carmier, Andrew. Calais to Benjamin Franklin	1778 December 19	A.L.S. 1p.	XII, 207.
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Desires the position of Consul at Calais.

-----, Allamand. Lausanne	1778 December 20	A.L.S. 2p.	XII, 208.
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Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

to Benjamin Franklin

Asks questions, bearing on the right of a people to throw off their Sovereign's yoke, and desires concise, clear and reasonable answers to them.

(In French.)

A.E. by Franklin. "Imp[ertinern]t demand".

Bellini, -----. Breslau 1778 December 20 A.L.S. 2p. XLL, 209.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desire to establish himself in America and begs Franklin to grant him his protection and a passport.
(In French.)

Lefrancq, César. Montreuil sur Mer 1778 December 20 L.S. 5p. LX, 40.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has just escaped from captivity in England. Sends a memoir in which he gives an account of his services to the United States and in particular to the state of Maryland, having been in command of the "Conqueror," the "Dolphin" and other war vessels. Fought several engagements with the English and capture some of their vessels. Finally fell into the hands of English privateers while in command of a merchant vessel and was brought to England.

(In French.)

Voisin, Jean Baptiste. Brignoles 1778 December 20 A.L.S. 3p. XII, 210.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to serve in the Ameriocan army; begs Franklin to procure him the rank of officer in the grenadiers; offers to bring with him four young men, relatives of his.

(In French.)

Brillon, Mme [A.L. 1p. XLIII, 68.
to Benjamin Franklin

Returns a letter by Frankln with corrections made at his request. People have criticized their familiarity of manner towards each other.

(In french.)

D'Enach, -----. Berne 1778 December 22 L.S. 1p. XII, 211.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

to Benjamin Franklin

Desiring a position in the American army for a captain in his regiment.
(In French.)

Capt. Pickerin, Thomas. Brest. (On board the Hampden.) 1778 December 22 L.S. 2p. XII, 212.

to Benjamin Franklin

His arrival at Brest with two prizes; uncertain as to whether the cargo of the second one is Spanish or English property; the Court of Admiralty have taken the vessel into their immediate care.

Gardner, Shubael. London 1778 December 22 A.L.S. 2p. LXI, 68.

to The American Commissioners.

Asking thier intervention for the release of an American prisoner.

Lissalde, Laborde. Bayonne 1778 December 22 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 213.

to The American Commissioners.

Containing an account of a prize-ship from Bristol, loaded with cod-fish, which was captured by John Leach, of the Franklin, and afterwards wrecked on the French coast near Bayonne; disposition made of the cargo and ship's furnishings saved from the wreck.
(In French.)

Valltravers, Rodolph. Rockhall in Switzerland 1778 December 23 A.L.S. 5p. XII, 214.

to Benjamin Franklin

Transmitting the enclosed memorials and proposals from a worthy friend of his, Mr. J----- N-----, illy rewarded in England for his long services there, and at present Chamberlain to the Elector at Heidelberg. Fears Franklin's determined silence to all his letters is due to slanders circulated by his enemies to his discredit. Concerning the union of the thirteen Confederate States with the thirteen Cantons; proposes himself for the position of American agent in Switzerland. Offers his collection of books, minerals, fossils, etc., for sale. Urges the excellence of Swiss linen to supply the deficiency in America of the Scotch and Irish.

Flavigny, -----. Paris 1778 December 23 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 222.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

to Benjamin Franklin

Confides in the friendship shown by Franklin to Mme. de Flavigny and himself; has been ill four years, and is at present in sore need of money, which he begs Franklin to advance him; promises to repay him with twelve hundred bottles of excellent wine.

(In French.)

Pickerin, Capt Thomas. Brest	1778 December 23	L.S. 4p.	LXI, 88.
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to The American Commissioners.

Concerning his right to vessels recaptured as prizes.
(Copy in French.)

Pickerin, Capt Thomas. Brest	1778 December 23	A.L.S. 1p.	LXI, 89.
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to The American Commissioners.

Concerning his right to a recaptured prize, the "La Constance."

John de Neufville and Son. Amsterdam	1778 December 24	A.L.S. 2p.	XII, 215.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Begging Franklin to add the enclosed letters to the first despatches sent to America.

Horneca, Fizeaux and Co. Amsterdam	1778 December 24	L.S. 1p.	XII, 216.
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to Benjamin Franklin.

Concerning the investment of American promissory notes.

Abercromby, John. Bordeaux	1778 December 24	A.L.S. 1p.	XII, 217.
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to Benjamin Franklin.

His request for a passport to enable him to return to Charleston, where he lost twelve houses in the late fire; begs for the loan of four Louis d'or.

(In French.)

Montazeau, — Duler de (widow of Capt. Montazeau). Paris	1778 December 24	L.S. 3p.	XII, 218.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

The death of her brave husband, leaves her with no means of educate her son; applies to Franklin to place the boy in some school, either of artillery or engineering; the injustice of depriving her of a pension.

(In French.)

Lotbinière, Chartier de, marquis de 1778 December 24 A.L.S. 3p. XII, 219.
to Benjamin Franklin

His son at his Seigniority of Vaudreuil near Quebec; in case of any intended movement against Canada, begs Franklin to mention his son's family to Congress, as well as the affair of his two seigniories situated at the head of Lake Champlain. England's present disposition to withdraw from the struggle.

(In French.)

Gilbank, John. Nantes 1778 December 24 L.S. 1p. XII, 220.
to The American Commissioners.

Not receiving any answer to his last letter has drawn upon them in favour of Mr. Schweighauser for 1,000 livres.

Williams, Jonathan Sr 1778 December 24 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVII, 173.
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing Mr. Samuel Bradford, who goes to France to perfect himself in the language.

Grand, Henry. Paris 1778 December 25 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 221.
to Benjamin Franklin

Encloses the acts previously spoken of for Franklin's name and seal. Concerning the Loan Office Bills.

Gruel, J. Nantes 1778 December 26 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 223.
to Benjamin Franklin

Hopes that the time which has elapsed since his departure from Paris has not entirely effaced Franklin's remembrance of one who has always been sincerely attached to him.

(In French.)

Gilbank, John. Nantes 1778 December 26 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 224.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

to The American Commissioners.

Has drawn upon them for one thousand livres and it will have a very bad appearance in the eyes of the world, if his draft is refused; their protracted silence made it too late for him to apply for relief elsewhere.

-----, **Du Belair. Paris** 1778 December 28 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 225.
to Benjamin Franklin

The bearer will wait for the manuscript in question, but if the matter is not ended, begs that the packet may be returned at his earliest convenience.
(In French.)

Lee, Arthur. Passy 1778 December 28 A.L. 1p. XII, 226a.
to Benjamin Franklin

Certifying to having examined, with Dr. Franklin, the trunk containing the public and private papers of the late Thomas Morris Esq., and to having found the seals and strings upon the said trunk entire.

Bevos,-----. Paris 1778 December 28 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 227.
to Benjamin Franklin

Had the pleasure of sitting between Franklin and the poet Rocher at dinner, the day they celebrated the Apotheosis of Voltaire. Is deputed by the Chamber of Commerce, at Languedoc, to ascertain the products of the United States; desires an audience for this purpose.
(In French.)

Duperon, Anisson. Paris 1778 December 28 L.S. 1p. XII, 228.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has endeavored to procure occupation for the young American recommended by Franklin, but his absolute ignorance of French is an insurmountable obstacle; should he acquire some slight knowledge of the language will do his best to obtain employment for him.
(In French.)

Tripsé de Mareüil, Blaise. Loches 1778 December 28 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 229.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Desires to serve in the American army; is lieutenant in the Royal Grenadiers, and has seen twenty-two years of service.

(In French.)

Veuve Mathurin Cornic & fils. Morlaix 1778 December 28 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 230.
to The American Commissioners.

The arrival, at Morlaix, of the ship "Morris," Captain Benjamin Gunnisson, loaded with tobacco; desires Franklin's orders concerning her treatment.

(In French.)

Seegar, George. Nantes 1778 December 29 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 231.
to Benjamin Franklin

The remembrance of his late imprisonment makes him desirous of doing something for those he left behind. Urges the desirability of having an agent in London, who can assist the prisoners, after their escape, to reach France; the Rev. Mr. Denward recommends Captain Moses Robertson as the most suitable person; if nothing is done for the prisoners, they will go on board King's ships-of-war and fight against their brethren.

Gilbaurk, John. Nantes 1778 December 29 A.L.S. 3p. XII, 232.
to The American Commissioners.

Continues his demand for support according to his rank in the United States army; if Mr. Livingston's ship sails without him, he will be obliged to make the whole affair public; begs that his draft may be honored at once.

Patterson, John. St. Martin's 1778 December 29 A.L.S. 3p. LXI, 71.
to The American Commissioners.

Petitions them to use their influence, in his behalf, with M. de Sartine, so that he may obtain from among the foreigners captured in English ships, sailors to take the place of deserters and enable him to return to Baltimore with his vessel.

Espivent de la Villesboisnet, ---- 1778 December 29 A.L.S. 2p. LXI, 90.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning Thomas Pickerin's prize vessel, "La Constance."

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

(In French.)

Lebègue de Presle, Achille-Guillaume 1778 December 29 A.N. in 3d P. LXXI, 21.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Sending a letter for his brother, Duportail. Request Franklin to have his brother's and his fellow-engineer's furlough renewed by the French Ministry to enable them to serve in the United States.
(In French.)

Espivent de la Villesboisnet, ---- 1778 December 29 L.S. 2p. XII, 233.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the recapture of La Constance, of Bordeaux, by Captain Pickerin; begs Franklin to take the matter into consideration, and obtain a prompt withdrawal of the arrest put upon this vessel and her cargo.
(In French.)

Quincy, Josiah. Braintree 1778 December 30 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 234.
to Benjamin Franklin

By order of Congress, a general tribute of prayer and thanksgiving is offered up that day throughout the land. Thinks England must be convinced, by this time, that the Western Hemisphere is not to be conquered like slaves of the East. Two public addresses in the newspaper, one by General Lee, in which General W[ashingto]n's character is indirectly attacked; the other, by Silas Deane containing certain revelations of an alarming nature. The high breeding and politeness of Court d'Estaing and the French officers, contrasts strikingly with English naval civility. Introducing Mr. Samuel Bradford to Franklin's friendly notice.

Payes, Pierre. Montauban 1778 December 30 A.L.S. 3p. XII, 178.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning a young relative who embarked for America two years before, without friends or letters; his success and speedy promotion; begs Franklin to mention him favorably in his letters to Congress. Recommends his wines to Franklin's notice.
(In French.)

Pickerin, Capt Thomas. Brest 1778 December 30 A.L.S. 3p. LXI, 91.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Asking for redress for the refusal of the French authorities at Brest to allow him to come into the harbor for repairs.

de la Verdière, -----. Paris 1778 December 31 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 195.
to Benjamin Franklin

Through no fault of his own, has lost everything, even his position, and is likely soon to die of hunger; compares himself to Virgil, with this difference, that he had all his goods restored by the Emperor; trusts to the King and to Franklin for some such happy outcome to his misery,
(In French.)

Gamba, -----. Dunkirk 1778 December 31 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 235.
to Benjamin Franklin

Thanking Franklin for his kind reception at Passy.

A-----, L----- [1778] 3p. LI, 54.
to Benjamin Franklin

"The young Lion and the Mastiff." Allegorical fable by Franklin put in verse.
(In French.)

A-----, L----- [1778] 3p. LI, 57 a.
to Benjamin Franklin

"The Gold-finch and the Eagle." An allegorical fable containing allusions to Franklin and his services to America. Poem.
(In French.)

L-----, A----- [2p. LI, 57b.
to Benjamin Franklin

"The eagle and the Cat." An allegorical fable of Franklin's put in verse. Poem.
(In French.)

Brutière, G. Anquetil [1779 Jan. 5] A.L.S. 2p. XLI, 99.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Seven English prisoners forcibly put on board their ship in September, 1777, by Captain Etienne of the corsair "La Bellone"; applies for the promised indemnity.

(In French.)

B-----, L-----. The Abbé Boudeac	[Diss. 2p.	LXI, 4.
to Benjamin Franklin			

Scheme for establishing a base for hostile operations at Monaco against English vessels.

(In French.)

Bancroft, Edward	[1778?]	A.L.S. 1p.	XLI, 8.
to Benjamin Franklin			

A few lines from Mr. [Silas] Deane dated, Philadelphia, 6th September, 1778, and referring to packets which he had just sealed. Supposes they must have come under cover to Dr. Franklin; begs he will, in that case, send them by bearer.

Bancroft, Edward	[1778.]	A.L.S. 1p.	XLII, 93.
to Benjamin Franklin			

Leaves the enclosure without comment. Mr. Grand wishes that Dr. Franklin would this evening favor him with something which is to be sent to Amsterdam early to-morrow. Mr. Garnier sends his compliments and will do himself the honor of dining with Dr. Franklin on the first day that he dines at home.

Bancroft, Dr. Edward	c. 1778	L. 1p.	XLIII, 133.
to Benjamin Franklin			

Request Franklin to send him M. Mauduit's letter and printed paper.

Bancroft, Dr. Edward	[On or After 1779 March 25]	L. in 3d P. 1p.	XLIII, 138.
to Benjamin Franklin			

Sending a passport.

Bancroft, Dr. Edward	[1779?]	A.L. in 3d P. 1p.	XLIV, 206.
to Benjamin Franklin			

Accepts invitation to dine with him next Thursday.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Bancroft, Dr. Edward [1778.] A.L. in 3d P. XLIV, 207.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Sends him the volume of Dr. Cullen's lectures containing his sentiments on the gout; will send the other volumes if they are desired.

Bancroft, Edward [1778 before Feb.1] A.N. in 3d P. LXX, 22.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Requesting Dr. Franklin to forward an enclosed letter to Mr.Carmichael.

Baudouin, ----- [May 5 1779] A.N. in 3d P. LXX, 23a.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Sending a letter to be forwarded to destination.
(In French.)

Berail, Louis 1778 L. 2p. LVII, 86.
to Benjamin Franklin

Asks to be appointed Consul for the United States at Cette.
(In French.)

Bertin, Mme 1778 L. in 3d P. 1p.XLIII, 135.
to Benjamin Franklin

Requesting Franklin to interest himself in the memorial enclosed.
(In French.)

Bertin, Mme 1778 A.N. in 3d P. LXX, 23b.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Sending a letter to be forwarded to philadelphia.
(In French.)

Bondfield, John 1778 A.L. in 3d P. XLIV, 230.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

If Dr. Franklin has written the letters for Marshal de Castries will he please deliver them to bearer.
Incloses a small bill which the Baron de Montesquieu gave him in payment.

Bonvouloir, Achard De 1778 A.L.S. 3p. XLI, 100.
to Benjamin Franklin

Account of his capture by the English when fifteen miles from Charlestown, of his cruel tretment at St. Augustine, and his loss of all money, valuable and even linen; other French officers in irons in the same prison; begs Franklin to send him a certificate of service, which will help greatly in procuring him a wished-for advancement.

(In French.)

Bonvouloir, Achard De 1778 A.N.S. 1p. LXX, 28b.
to Benjamin Franklin

Requesting Dr. Franklin to give bearer letters for him.

(In French.)

Boussin, ----- [1778] L.S. 1p. XLII, 94.
to Benjamin Franklin

Offer his services to Franklin to serve on board an American warship or on land.

(In French.)

Bellescizes, Mme de c. 1780 A.L. in 3d P. XLIII, 137.
to Benjamin Franklin 2p.

Recommending a friend, M. Hennet, who had furnished some supplies of arms for Comgress and who wishes to offer his services to some gentlemen from Virginia.

(In French.)

Brillon, Mme 1778? December 15 Tuesday A.L. 1p. XLIII, 64.
to Benjamin Franklin Morning

Jesting reply to a letter of Franklin's. Promises to be his wife in heaven. Willing to spend eternity with her friends and in the manner described by Franklin. Would, however, exclude one woman from amongst those named by Franklin.

(In French.)

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Brillon, Mme c. 1778 ----- 19 A.L. 1p. XLIII, 56.
to Benjamin Franklin

Reflections on the shortness of human life and the vanity and uselessness of our desires and wishes which make life seem still shorter. We should make the best use neither stop time nor hasten its course. We should make the best use of it by acquiring wisdom and loving our friends.
(In French.)

Brillon, Mme [after 1781 February 23] A.L. 1p. XLIII, 85.
to Benjamin Franklin

Fragment of a humorous article in Mme. Brillon's handwriting which seems to refer to Franklin and his relations with her.
Incomplete.
(In French.)

Brillon, Mme [1781 On or After Feb. 23] A.L. 2p. XLIII, 94 and
to Benjamin Franklin 95.

Letter in anonymous form giving the views of a certain lady on love as opposed to those of a certain gentleman {Franklin}. She asserts that she is a follower of Plato, while he is an Epicurean and a disciple of Anacron. Platonic love is a convenient safeguard for the fair sex (beau sexe). Exculpates herself from the accusation of showing or giving copies to others of the gentleman's letters to her without his consent. Attributes his displeasure and bad humor to her refusal to accept his proposals of love.
(In French. In duplicate.)

Brillon, Mme [1780 November 14] A.L.S. 1p. XLIII, 58.
to Benjamin Franklin Tuesday

Returns a copy by Franklin of a fable in verse written by her. Asks for the original. Reproaches Franklin for not having kept his word and returned the original without showing it to anyone.
(In French.)

Brutière, G. Anquetil [Jan. 5, 1779] A.L.S. 2p. XLI, 99.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Seven English prisoners forcibly put on board his ship in September, 1777, by Captain Etienne of the corsair "La Bellone"; applies for the promised indemnity.

(In French.)

Cavelier fils, ----- to Benjamin Franklin	[1778?]	Mem. 3p.	LVI, 58.
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Applies for the appointment of United States Consul at Dieppe.

(In French.)

de Champigny, Col. Chevalier to Benjamin Franklin	1778	A.L. 4p.	LVIII, 93.
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Why his "History of England" is slow in appearing; refuses to accept the present or charity.

(In French.)

(In Complete.)

Chaumont, Jacques-Donatien Le Ray de to Benjamin Franklin	[before March 23, 1779]	A.N. 1p.	LXXI, 85, b.
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Recommending a hotel at Versailles where Franklin put up when going to Court.

(In French.)

Coder, Henry to Benjamin Franklin	[1778]	L.S. 1p.	XLII, 74.
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Plan for sending a picked body of 2,000 troops to the United States and four or five warships under command of Captain Jones. Has submitted his plan to Marshal de Soubise. M. Coder and his brother wish to serve in this corps.

(In French.)

Coffyn, Francis. Account of Payments to Prisoners to Benjamin Franklin	[C. 1778 Dec. 31]	Mem. 2p.	LX, 1.
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Account of his disbursements to escaped American prisoners.

de Cointeual, Chevalier to Benjamin Franklin	[1779] May 30	N. 1p.	LXX, 59b.
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Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Offers a cargo of salt beef at a certain price.
(In French.)

Comyn, Michel. Marscilles to Benjamin Franklin	[1778?]	Mem. 1p.	LX, 54 and 59.
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Offers to act as Consul at the seaports in Provence and Languedoc.
(In French. In duplicate.)

Conway, Françoise-Antoinette-Jeanne Langlois du Bouchet, comtesse de. Auxerre to Benjamin Franklin	[March 21]	A.L.S. 1p.	LXX, 64a.
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Is prepared to set out for America, if Franklin thinks it advisable. Will be happy to live under the laws of "good man Richard."

Conway, Françoise-Antoinette-Jeanne Langlois du Bouchet, comtesse de to Benjamin Franklin	[1777 Aug.]	A.L.S. 1p.	LXX, 64b.
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Requests Franklin to send an enclosed letter to her husband who, to her surprise, has not received her previous letters. Asks for news about him.
(In French.)

Dalibard, ----- to Benjamin Franklin	[1777 June]	Mem. 2p.	LVII, 128.
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Proposed agreement for furnishing 1,000 bayonet rifles.
(In French.)

Darcour, Pierre Ferée to Benjamin Franklin	[1778?]	Mem. in 3d P.LVII, 56. 1p.
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Applies for appointment as Consul for the United States at Havre.
(In French.)

Darlincourt, -----	[1778.]	A.L.S. 2p.	XLI, 161.
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Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

to Benjamin Franklin

Recommending a young German who desires employment in the service of Congress.
(In French.)

to Benjamin Franklin

[1778.]

A.L.S. 1p. XLIV, 253.

Asks him to forward the inclosed letter to his brother.

Droüet, ----- Paris

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N. in 3d P. LXX, 36.

to Benjamin Franklin

1p.

Wishes to make his acquaintance. Is the author of a memoir presented to Dr. Franklin by M. Montaudouin.
(In French.)

Drouillard, -----

[1778?]

Mem. in 3d P.LX, 64 and

to Benjamin Franklin

1p. 65.

Applying for the Consulship of the United States, at Dunkerque.
(In French.)

Dubeller, François Barthelemy

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Mem. in 3d P.LVII, 51.

to Benjamin Franklin

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Application for appointment as Consul for the United States at Boulogne.
(In French.)

Barbeau-Dubourg, -----

1778 Oct.

L. 2p. LVI(i), 19.

to The American Commissioners.

Proposal to purchase and convey goods to America. He has recommended a person to be American Consul in Normandy.

Dubrocq, Alexandre

[1778?]

Mem. in 3d P.LX, 66.

to Benjamin Franklin

2p.

Applying for the post of Consul for the United States at Bayonne and St. Jean-de-Luz.
(In French.)

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Dumas, C.G.F. [Mem. 2P. LX, 129.
to Benjamin Franklin

Secret code for corresponding with Dr. Franklin.
(In French.)

Dumoulin, ----- [1778?] N. in 3d P. LXX, 37.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Requests interview; anxious to know what has happened since Count d'Estaing left Sandy Hook.
(In French.)

Dunbar, William, 1749-1810 [1778?] A.L.S. 2p. XLI, 51.
to Benjamin Franklin

Worked on board the ship "Commerce," Commanded by Captain Robert Mercer; falsely accused of stealing some of the cargo; begs Franklin to see justice done him.

Dunois, ----- [1778?] A.L.S. 2p. XLI, 71.
to Benjamin Franklin

Asking Franklin to recommend M. Comyn for the position of American Consul at Marseilles; enclosing a copy of his letter on this subject to the Count Pulaski, a Polish officer in the American army. (2p.)
(In French.)

Dupont and ----- Lebrun, ----- [1778?] N. 1p. LVII, 132.
to Benjamin Franklin

Are merchants and make application for the office of Consul of the United States at Calais and Dieppe, respectively.
(In French.)

Dupont, ----- [1778?] Mem. 1p. LX, 67.
to Benjamin Franklin

Applying for the post of Consul at Calais.
(In French.)

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Durand, -----. Paris 1778 A.L.S. 1p. XLI, 19.
to Benjamin Franklin

While passing through Turin, the Baron de Choiseul, the French Ambassador, entrusted him with the enclosed for Franklin; desires to pay his respects at the earliest favorable moment.

(In French.)

Dusaulx, Jean. Paris [c. March 14, 1779] A.L.S. 1p. XLI, 123.
to Benjamin Franklin

Deputed by his colleague, M. Anquetil Duperron, to present Franklin with his book, "Legislation Orientale."

(In French.)

de Flamarens, Marquis [A.N. in 3d P. LXX, 90.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Requesting Franklin to forward a letter to a French officer in America.

(In French.)

Flavigny, Madame de [A.N. in 3d P. LXX, 91a.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Expects him on Saturday, will wait for him in the Tuilleries.

(In French.)

Flavigny, Madame de [A.N. in 3d P. LXX, 91 b.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Reminds Franklin he is to take tea with her on Wednesday.

(In French.)

De Frëy, ----- 1778? L.S. 1p. XLII, 83.
to Benjamin Franklin

Requests Franklin to deliver a letter to his brother, who is captain in Count Pulaski's Legion.

(In French.)

Genet, Edme Jacques , d.1781 [N. 3p. LXX, 100.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

to Benjamin Franklin

Suggesting to Franklin a way of receiving his two Gazettes regularly from London, by having them addressed to " Monsieur Genet, à Versailles."

(In French.)

Gika, Alexandre Andronique [1778?] A.L.S. 1p. XL, 21.
to Benjamin Franklin

Wishes to know if it would be possible for a Jew to be named consul for the United States at Marseilles.

(In French.)

Gray, D-----. Paris 1778? A.L.S. 3p. XL, 28.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begging his assistance to procure him a position as tutor, or work as a translator.

frères, Gregoire. Havre [1778?] Mem. 3p. LVII, 62.
to Benjamin Franklin

Applies for the appointment of Consul for the United States in Normandy.

(In French.)

Guiraud, Nicolas [Mem. 1p. LVII, 109.
to Benjamin Franklin

Applies for the appointment of Consul for the United States at Cette. Is recommended by M. Le Veillard.

(In French.)

Holker, John [1780?] 3d P. 1p. XL, 138.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begging the loan, for a few days, of the latest Paris Journal.

Holtzer, Antoine [D. 3p. LX, 91.
to Benjamin Franklin

Certificate authorizing him to brew and sell the new kind of beer which he has discovered.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

(In French.)

Jones, Capt. John Paul [After June 20 [1778?]] Mem. 1p. LVI(i), 75.
to Memoir.

Asks whether the "Ranger" should depart before her prizes are realized; whether the advances must be deducted; and whether it is not inexpedient for a ship that sails slow and is of trifling force to pursue a track where there is almost a certainty of meeting with the enemy's fast-sailing ships of superior force.

Jones, Capt. John Paul [1778?] A.L. 8p. LVIII, 70.
to Benjamin Franklin

Insubordination on the "Ranger"; conduct of Lieutenant Simpson which led up to his imprisonment. (Incomplete.)

Jones, Capt. John Paul [1778?] 1p. LVIII, 95.
to Benjamin Franklin

The prisoners taken by the "Ranger."

Kéralio, Agathon Guynement, chevalier de [Crica 1778.] N. in 3d P. LXXXI, 8a.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Thanking Messrs. Frankinn for the news they sent him. (In French.)

Kerguelen, M. de [Jan.? 1778] Mem. 2p. LVII, 57.
to Benjamin Franklin

Is a navigator and ship captain; offers his services to the United States Congress of fit out a vessel to wage war on English shipping. (In French.)

Kermorvan, Chevalier de 1778. ----- 19 A.L.S. 2p. VIII, 1 1/2.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Embarrassing situation in which his voyage to America has placed him; thinks Franklin will see the justice of making him some amends; desires permission to obtain a certain sum from Franklin's bankers every week, for his necessary expenses while in Paris.

(In French.)

Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves, [1778] A.L.S. 1p. XLII, 152.
marquis de, 1757-1834
 to Benjamin Franklin

Requesting a letter of recommendation to Congress for a relative of hers who is about to sail for America.

(In French.)

La Rochefoucauld, Louis Alexandre, duc [A.N. in 3d P. LXXI, 29b.
de 1p.
 to Benjamin Franklin

Sending a letter which he has written to Captain Jones an account of his conversation with M. de Sartine.

(In French.)

Lee, Arthur. Paris [1778] Sunday A.L.S. 1p. XL, 119.
 to The American Commissioners.

No alteration taken place as yet with respect to the frigate "Bordeaux." Girard's advice concerning M. Beaumarchais's account.

Lee, William 1778 D. 1p. LIII, 59.
 to Benjamin Franklin

Proposed receipt for certain papers taken from the trunk of Thomas Morris, deceased.

A. E. by Dr. Franklin that he had declined to sign it.

Le Roy, Jean Baptiste [1778 Sept. 9] A.N. in 3d P. LXXI, 42.
 to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Inquires if Franklin has received any news about Count d'Estaing.

(In French.)

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Le Roy, Jean Baptiste [1778] A.L.S. 1p. XLII, 165.
to Benjamin Franklin

Asking Franklin, his grandson and Mr. Adams to dine with the Comte de Maillebois before the meeting of the Academy.
(In French.)

Le Roy, Jean Baptiste [] A.L.S. 3p. LXXI, 45a.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sends report on the project of M. de la Blancherie. Asks leave to bring Abbé Le Noble to dinner. Requests Dr. Franklin to send him Ingen Housz's observations on priestley's discovery relatives to coal (carbon).
(In French.)

Le Roy, Jean Baptiste [1778.] A.L.S. 2p. XLIV, 162.
to Benjamin Franklin

The report on the project of M. de la Blancherie will be submitted to the Academy.
(In French.)

Le Roy, Jean Baptiste [1778.] A.L.S. 3p. XLIV, 164.
to Benjamin Franklin

The Commissioners appointed by the Academy will dine at his house, Hopes Franklin will not fail to attend the dinner.
(In French.)

Le Roy, Jean Baptiste [] A.N.S. 1p. LXXI, 35a.
to Benjamin Franklin

Asking if Franklin has not the reminder of Count de Lacepède's manuscript on electricity.
(In French.)

Le Roy, Louis Gabriel [] L.S. 1p. LVII, 121.
to Benjamin Franklin

Is a furniture maker and machinist; offers his services to the American Commissioners.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

(In French.)

Lestume and Coquillon. Brest to Benjamin Franklin	[c. 1778? Dec.]	Diss. 8p.	LXI, 19 and 20.
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Concerning the capture of certain American vessels.

(In French.)

de Longchamps, -----. Versailles to Commissioners.	[march 1778]	L. 5p.	LX, 41.
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His adventures and misfortunes while in the service of the United States. Was formerly a licutenant in the Guadeloupe Legion, came to Cambridge, Mass., Where he offered his services to the American Commander. Was wounded and taken prisoner in the first engagement with the English. Imprisoned for a long time in Boston and afterwards in England.

(In French.)

MacCreery, William to Benjamin Franklin	[April 4 1780]	A.L.S. 1p.	LVIII, 87.
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Has newspapers and journals of Congress for Franklin, received from Mr. Lovell. Message to Mr. Adams.

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Malherbe, Dom. Abbaye de St. Germain to Benjamin Franklin	[1778.]	A.L.S. 1p.	XLI, 74.
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Recommending to Franklin a young surgeon of great talent.

(In french.)

Lucé, Chevalier de Marolles to Benjamin Franklin	[1778]	A.L.S. 1p.	XLII, 87.
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His distress and want; his wife dangerously ill; is without money or food; begs Franklin to give him a few louis.

(In French.)

Melmoth, Courtney. Paris to Benjamin Franklin	1778 ----- 4	A.L.S. 2p.	VIII, 1.
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Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Offering his services as Secretary to the American Commissioners; has refused "The British bread of bribery"; desires above all things a connection with cause of America.

Merckle, J P [1778?] A.L.S. 2p. XLI, 64.
to Benjamin Franklin

Announcing his intention to give the weighty commission entrusted to him to the House of Messrs. Ambrosius Pool and Co. who are from Switzerland and may be considered totally out of all connection with the E[nglish] nation; has not the least doubt that they will give complete satisfaction in every sense. Report that the Dutch merchantmen going to their colonies will get a convoy of Dutch men-of-war.

Merechy, Marshal de [Before April 23, 1778] A.L.S. 1p. XLIV, 260.
to Benjamin Franklin

Accepts Franklin's proposal. Requests him to advise his grandson, Mr. Lee and Mr. Adams to that effect.
(In French.)

Meuricoffre and Co. Naples [1778?] A.L. in 3d P. XLI, 54.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Asking for position of American Consul-General, at Naples for M. Meuricoffre.
(In French.)

de Milly, Count before 1777 Jan. 13 N. in 3d P. LXXI, 8b.
to W.T.F. 1p.

Inviting Dr. Franklin and his grandson to dine with him.
(In French.)

Morand, Jean François Clément [1780-1781] A.L.in 3d P. XLIII, 213.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Inquiring about a coal mine near Newcastle which is described, in a volume of the [Philosophical] "Transactions" for the year 1676, as being on fire; whether it still exists. I
(In French.)

Veuve Morel et Fills, Messrs [1778.] Mem. 14p. LVII, 93.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

to Benjamin Franklin

Are merchants of Dunkirk; give an account of services rendered by them to the United States and its subjects and ask that they be given charge of American business interests at Dunkirk.

Petrie, -----. Paris

[1778?]

L. in 3d P. 1p.XLI, 165.

to Benjamin Franklin

Report from London of the "Randolph" and "Columbus" being sunk by the "Yarmouth," man-of-war, and of the "Alfred" being taken by the "Ariadnc" and "Ceres."

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Mem. 3p. LXI, 93.

to American Commissioners.

Concerning the prizes taken by his corsair "The Hamden".
(In French.)

The Peyty Officers on board the Ranger [1778?]

L.S. James LXI, 96.

to The American Commissioners

Falls, Gunner,
et al. 3p.

Expressing dissatisfaction with Captain [John Paul] Jones and requesting to be permitted to return to the United States.

Several Officers on board the Ranger 1778 May 30

L.S. Elijah LXI, 95.

to The American Commissioners

Hall, et al. 2p.

Protesting against the treatment and imprisonment of Lieutenant Simpson and testifying to his good character.

Raudière, J. D. R. de

[1788]

A.L.S. 12p. XL, 50.

to The American Commissioners.

A poor poet; craves assistance to enable him to finish an epic poem against the English and to print his other works; desires to finish his days in America.

(In French.)

Raudière, J. D. R. de

[1778?]

Verses. 1p. LI, 60.

to The American Commissioners.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Addressing his poem "The Ameriquiade" to Franklin, Deane and Lee. Hope they will do something to alleviate his distress.

(In French.)

de Basmarin et Raimbaux, Recules. before [1778 May 16] L. 2p. LX, 120.

Bordeaux

to American Commissioners

Reciting their services to the United States during the war, as merchants and shippers. Wish to obtain from the King an armed frigate to convoy their vessels to North America. Hope the Deputies from Congress will help them in their purpose.

(In French.)

Riou, Pierre [1778.] A.L.S. 2p. XL, 55.

to American Commissioners.

Concerning the sale of the prize made by the "Hampden"; action taken by the Admiralty in the affair; need of Franklin's powerful protection.

(In French.)

Sarsfield, Guy-Claude, comte de c. 1778 A.L. 3p. XLI, 180.

to Benjamin Franklin

Making certain alterations in his plan for Spanish reading, proposed to Franklin.

Scott, George. Paris c. 1778 A.L.S. 1p. XLI, 192.

to Benjamin Franklin

Desiring a pass from Marseilles to Naples.

Shuttleworth, John. Paris [1782.] A.L.S. 3p. XLI, 190.

to Benjamin Franklin

Advantages of going straight to New York; desires a few lines to General Washington which will enable him to pass through the lines.

Stragham, William [1778 May - June] L. 2p. LX, 22.

to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Late master of the ship "Lord Chatham," of Dublin, a prisoner at Brest; petitions to be released with his son-in-law and allowed to return to Dublin.

Taillet, Philippe [1778? March] Doc. 2p. LVI, 22.
to Benjamin Franklin

Application to be appointed Consul, for the United States, at Rouen. Endorsed by Mme. de Forbach, the Dowager Duchess Des Deux-Pont, and Chevalier de Keralio.
(In French.)

Tarteron, ----- Ganges [A.L.S. 2p. XL, 12.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begging Franklin's influence with M. Necker to procure for him a certain situation. Owes his reputation as a poet to his verses on the insurgents.
(In French.)

Teissier, Le Sieur [L. in 3d P. 1p.LVII, 98;
to Benjamin Franklin LXII, 120.

Is a surgeon of the Salpêtrière Hospital at Paris; offers his services to the United States.
(In French. In duplicate.)

Thompson, Thomas. L'Orient [1778?] A.L.S. 2p. XL, 11.
to The American Commissioners

His approaching departure on a cruise; personal civilities received from the French authorities cannot alone for the insult offered the States in his person as their officer.

Tramblay, ----- [1778?] L.S. 2p. XLII, 81.
to Benjamin Franklin

Offers to act as correspondent or agent for the United States at Brest.
(In French.)

Vaughan, Benjamin [1778] A.N. 1p. XLII, 72.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

So soon as the opportunity of conversing, with a certain man is over, will meet him publicly and tell him how much he reveres him.

Vaughan, Benjamin. Paris [Circa 1778] A.L.S. 1p. XL, 130.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desiring an hour's conversation with Franklin concerning his brother and himself; would like to have the meeting at a neutral place, until he has gone through the ceremony of seeing Lord Stormont; Franklin aware of his reasons for sending in his name to Lord Stormont.

Le Veillard, Louis Guillaume [1778?] A.N. 1p. LXXI, 82.
to Benjamin Franklin

Inquires if he has received his despatches and if he has any news about Count d'Estating.

Le Veillard, Louis Guillaume [1778] A.L.S. 1p. XLIV, 276.
to Benjamin Franklin

Asks for the Comedy of the Conscious Lovers, which he had forgotten to take with him.

Villiers, Louis-Pierre Dufourny de [before 1778 April 1] N. in 3d P. LXX, 86.
to Silas Deane 1p.

Wishes to know at what time Franklin comes to Paris, so as to confer with him on American affairs. (In French.)

Wharton, Samuel. Monday 1779 July 19 A.L.S. 1p. XL, 96.
to Benjamin Franklin

Mail Packet taken by an American privateer and carried into Dunkirk. Believes the news of General Lincoln's success to be authentic. Thanking him for the perusal of the inclosed foolish paper; presumably written by a Junto of American Tories, tools of Lord George Germain.

Wildrik, W [1778?] A.L.S. 1p. XL, 84.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begs for a reply to his letter of December 26th, 1777.

Williams, John [1778?] A.L.S. 1p. XXXVIII.
to Benjamin Franklin 180.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Concerning a bond debt due him from his brother in Boston.

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to Benjamin Franklin

Proposes a plan to prevent corruption and venality in judges and others who administer justice. How to expedite law-suits and avoid unnecessary expense. Judges should be elected by the people and receive a fixed salary. System adopted in Switzerland.

(In French.)

Laurmuas, the Comte de 1778? L. 1p. XLIV, 109.
to Benjamin Franklin

Congratulation on his arrival with intelligence of the first moment. Informs him that M. de Morande is Secretary to M. Beaumarchais, and brother of a refugee of the same name in London; Charles Parker, of Somerset street, for some times past and now in paris, intimate with all three, conveys (by lord stormont's messenger) to Lord Mansfield all the transaction of the court of France with America. C-----m----was to go to England, but it was found that Mr. P-----F-----could more conveniently go to France. Too wise to neglect this because anonymous.

A-----, L-----. Girca 1778 April 10 Verses. 3p. LI, 45.
to Benjamin Franklin

"The horse and his master." Song composed for and sung at the entertainment given to Franklin and his friends by M. Brillon.

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to Benjamin Franklin

"To the Americans." On thier stuggles against England.

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to Benjamin Franklin verses. 11p.

Reflections on the war between England and the American Colonists and stanzas to the latter.
(In French.)

-----,----- [1778.] L. 2p. LVII, 116.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

to Benjamin Franklin

The sister of Captain Fray [De Frey?] serving in the American army, who is in distressed circumstances in France, petitions Franklin to help her by procuring promotion for her husband in the French army.

(In French.)

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Diss. 4P. LXI, 2.

to Benjamin Franklin

The proposition of the English Ministry for peace with the United Colonies, and the advantages of an alliance with the Houses of Bourbon and of Brandenburg against the disadvantages of a treaty with England.

(In French.)

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Diss. 5p. LXI, 3.

to Benjamin Franklin

A proposition for peace.

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Mem. 2p. LXI, 105, and
132-135.

to Benjamin Franklin

Proposal to furnish supplies and munitions of war to the United States on certain conditions.

(In French.)

Bondfield, John. list of Ca-nnon

[C 1779 March 27]

Mem. 1p. LXI, 116.

to Benjamin Franklin

List and particulars of cannon which could be purchased at Ferrol, Spain.

(In French.)

Golgoeney, Prince Vasily

1773 Mar. 10

L.S. 2p. LXII, 125.

to Count Cheenyshev

Recommending de Wiebel.

(In Russian.)

Taylor, Jesse. Belfast

1778 November 21

A.L.S. 2p. XII, 151.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Requesting Franklin's protection for his brother who made his escape from the hands of the English without clothing or money; has lent him all he can afford.

(In French.)

Bordot, L. Versailles 1778 November 26 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 155.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begs Franklin to forward to America the enclosed letter from Madame de Rivaud, who is full of anxiety about her son from whom she has not heard for a long time.

(In French.)

de Monchy, S. Rotterdam 1778 November 26 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 156.
to Benjamin Franklin

Recalls their acquaintance during Franklin's and Dr. Pringle's stay at Rotterdam. Asks Franklin's protection for a vessel, the property of his son-in law, Jacob Mounier, which was taken by an American privateer and carried to New England.

(In French.)

Kéralio, Agathon Guynement, chevalier 1778 November 27 A.L.S. 3p. XII, 158 1/2.
de
to Benjamin Franklin

Is the bearer of many affectionate messages from the Comtesse de Forbach. The many losses in commercial enterprises; thinks the Royal Marine have done all they could to protect the ships; advises the publication in the papers of a list of prizes taken by the Americans; thinks such a step will have a salutary effect.

(In French.)

Bondfield, John. Bordeaux 1778 November 28 A.L.S. 3p. XII, 159.
to The American Commissioners.

The merchants, owing to their heavy losses, are obliged to cut down their exports to the United States. Preparation of a fine convoy for the two ships at Nantes. Report confirmed as to M. La Motte Picquet having fallen into the hands of a Jamaica fleet. Action of the Farmers General as regards tobacco.

Lee, Arthur. Chaillot 1778 November 28 L.S. 1p. XII, 160.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

to Messrs. Franklin and Adams.

Not having any notice of their altered plans, he and Count de Vergennes waited for them in vain till five o'clock. The Count wishes to know just when the ships will ready to sail, so that he may do all in his power to obtain the desired convoy.

Cadet, ----- 1778 November 26 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 161.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires his presence the next day at M. Dubourg's; wishes his fireplace to be a success, and doubts not that Franklin's advice will insure this result.
(In French.)

Gilbank, John. Nantes 1778 November 28 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 162.
to The American Commissioners.

Mr. Livingston sails in six days; cannot go with him unless his former request for money is compiled with.

d'Aubigne, Marquis. Passy 1778 November 29 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 157.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires information concerning the purchase of American bills of exchange.
(In French.)

Roumallard, ----- Perdriel. Mortrée 1778 November 29 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 158.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to know if Franklin has received any letters from Congress for him.
(In French.)

Le Baron, ----- Dieppe 1778 November 30 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 163.
to Benjamin Franklin

Believes the pretended corsair, the "Concord," will not appear again; she gained little from her deception; advisability of having a letter from Franklin for the pretended Captain, Job Prince, in case he should return to seek an answer to his letter.
(In French.)

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

D'Amblé, Abbé. La Claireau 1778 November 30 A.L.S. 4p. XII, 164.
to Benjamin Franklin

A plan of establishing well-equipped forges and arsenals in Pennsylvania; question of bringing the workmen over from France; his knowledge of this industry.
(In French.)

Masseur, Francis-Geron. St. Malo 1778 November 30 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 165.
to Benjamin Franklin

Announcing his capture by the enemy and his destruction of the packet sent by Patrick Henry to Franklin; his subsequent escape and desire to return to America.

Amiel, Charlotte. Auteuil 1778 November 15 A.L.S. 1p. XLI, 158.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begs Franklin not to suffer her husband to remain longer in suspense as to the outcome of his business at Brest.

Smith, Dr James After [1778 November 17] A.L.S. 4p. XLI, 191.
to The American Commissioners.

Their extraordinary reply to his request for a passport, is told that he must take the oath of allegiance; denounces such conduct as infamous.

Gleed, Thomas et al. Combourg 1778 December 1 L.S. 1p. LX, 10.
to Benjamin Franklin

Six English prisoners appeal to Franklin to be included in the next exchange of French and English prisoners.

de Vienne, Field Marshall Comte. Paris 1778 December 1 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 167.
to Benjamin Franklin

Asks that the enclosed letter to his son, the Marquis de Vienne, may be forwarded to America; his son complains that, though he has received the rank of colonel, his services, in other respects, have not been suitably recognized; begs Franklin to recommend him in his letters to Congress and to General Washington.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

(In French.)

Meunier,-----. Paris 1778 December 1 L.S. 2p. XII, 1.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to deliver the memoir of Messieurs Risteau, of Bordeaux; hopes their reasons will determine Captain McNeill to finish an affair, which has lasted too long.

(In French.)

Holtzer, Antoine. Colmar 1778 December 1 A.L.S. 4p. XII, 168;
to The American Commissioners. LX,90.

Has invented a new variety of beer, which has remarkable advantages; is willing to sell his secret.

(In French.)

Dumas, C.G.F. 1778 December 2 A.L.S. 1p. XXXIX, 67.
to The American Commissioners.

Enclosing a copy of Amsterdam's Resolutions, à propos of increasing the army in Holland (22 p.); intrigues of the English party aim to increase the army of Holland at the expense of her navy.

(In French.)

de Dailens, Weiss. Berne 1778 December 2 A.L.S. 8p. XII, 170.
to Benjamin Franklin

His hatred of oppression and tyranny; his ardent desire to serve under the standard of liberty.

(In French.)

Turner, Thomas. Croisic 1778 December 2 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 171.
to Benjamin Franklin

Wishes to know if his father, Captain Thomas Turner, is in the American service.

Le Maire de Gimel, Jacques. Nantes 1778 December 3 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 172.
to Benjamin Franklin

Reiterates his request for an answer to the Governor of Virginia's letter, also for a recommendation in favor of M. Doumolon; offers to carry any despatches Franklin cares to intrust to him.

(In French.)

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Thiery, -----. Paris 1778 December 3 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 173.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning two bills of exchange.
(In French.)

Gates, Horatio. Boston 1778 December 4 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 174.
to Benjamin Franklin

Chevalier de Raimondis, late Captain of the "Cæsar," one of Comte d'Estaing's squadron, had the misfortune to lose his arm in an engagement off the coast; his subsequent stay in Boston, and the presentation to him by the Council of Massachusetts of a fine sword; hopes he will be generously rewarded for his sufferings and heroic behavior. The enemy likely to evacuate New York and Rhode Island.

Farley, Henry. Paris 1778 December 5 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 175.
to The American Commissioners.

Concerning a general order, forbidding British subjects to settle in French sea-ports; begs that he and Mr. Thompson's two sons may be permitted to reside unmolested at Nantes, being convinced that his commercial interest will be of general advantage to France and America; his and Mr. Thompson's strong sentiments in favor of the country.

Clark, Elisha. Bolbec 1778 December 5 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 176.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing a letter from Dr. Williams, of London, and begging Franklin's compliance with his request.

Bondfield, John. Bordeaux 1778 December 5 A.L.S. 2p. XII 177.
to The American Commissioners.

News of Count d'Estaing's fleet; report prevails that Admiral Byron's fleet left New York, November 2d with 5,000 troops on board. The Boston, Providence and Ranger arrived at Boston with many prizes.

Vernon, William. Boston 1778 December 7 A.L.S. 2p. XLV, 204c.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Informs him that his son, who is just out of the University and whose talent is scarcely known, took passage for France with Mr. John Adams, under whose care he placed him, with a view to accomplish him for business either as a merchant or in any other way, that he might be most useful in the future to his country. Hopes he may regard him as one of his friends and that he will, from time to time, receive such advice and instructions from his friends as will stimulate him to virtue, honor and knowledge.

Dumas, C.G.F. 1778 December 8 A.L.S. 1p. XXXIX, 68.
to The American Commissioners.

Another blow to the English party in the shape of the enclosed memoir (1 p.) from the French Ambassador, asking an explanation of Holland's future conduct and demanding the most perfect neutrality.
(In French.)

Lovell, James. Philadelphia 1778 December 8 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 181.
to Benjamin Franklin

Reasons for holding back his last letter to Franklin. The only important struggle is with the currency; the aid of skilful financiers and monied men needed to bring about any considerable appreciation.
(In triplicate.)

Lee, William. Frankfort 1778 December 9 A.L.S. 3p. XII, 182.
to The American Commissioners.

Conformable to the enclosed Resolution of Congress, has drawn upon them for a certain sum. Report of a Congress to be held between the Ministers from the Courts of Versailles and St. Petersburg, to arrange a reconciliation between the Emperor and the King of Prussia; also reported that Great Britain has prevailed on Russia to take advantage of this opportunity to negotiate an accommodation between France and Great Britain.

Jones, Capt. John Paul. L'Orient 1778 December 9 A.L.S. 3p. XII, 183.
to The American Commissioners.

Sends the enclosed memorial from the prisoners on the "Patience"; their situation most deplorable and their complaints just; declares that Rivu, who has charge of them, is a scoundrel and begs them to send their answer through the Reverend Father John, as otherwise it will never reach the prisoners.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Gourlade and Moylan. L'Orient 1778 December 9 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 184.
to The American Commissioners.

The arrival of the schooner "Dauphin," from Boston; brings news of the loss to England of the "Somerset" man-of-war, and the unfortunate capture of the frigate " Raleigh," after an obstinate engagement.

Hartley, David. London 1778 December 10 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 186.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the exchange of prisoners; announcing the acceptance, by the Admiralty, of the last terms submitted by Franklin.

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Denward, Thomas 1778 December 10 Mem. 2p. XII, 187.
to Benjamin Franklin

Urging the necessity of having an agent in London, and recommending Captain Robinson for the position. Dietary for prisoners.

Greene, William. Warwick, R. I 1778 December 10 L.S. 3p. XII, 188.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing some bills of exchange which he begs Franklin to lay out for him and his son-in law, Major Samuel Ward; the latter's desire to receive consignments of cargoes from merchants in France. Recommending to Franklin's kindness Mr. William Vernon, Jr., now in France, for the purpose of studying the language. Family news.
(In duplicate.)

Abercromby, John. Bordeaux 1778 December 11 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 189.
to Benjamin Franklin

Wrote three weeks ago concerning a passport to enable him to return to Charleston; begs him not to forget his request.
(In French.)

Thiery, -----. Paris 1778 December 11 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 190.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Desires to know if Franklin has received a letter of advice concerning the bill of exchange mentioned in his last letter.

(In French.)

The Treasurer of Loans. Philadelphia to The American Commissioners.	1778 December 11	A.L.S. Fra[nci]s Hopkinson. 1p.	LIII, 77.
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Notification of bills of exchange furnished to the States of Pennsylvania New Jersey.

(In duplicate.)

D'Acosta frères. Nantes to Messrs. Franklin and Adams.	1778 December 12	A.L.S. 8p.	XII, 185.
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Encloses copies of their letters written to Arthur Lee, with his reply; their object in sending them is not to complain of their colleague, but to guard against future misrepresentation.

(Copies in French of a rather acrid correspondence between Messieurs D'Acosta and Mr. Arthur Lee concerning the packing of certain articles bound for Virginia.)

(In French.)

Williams, Jonathan Jr. to The American Commissioners.	1778 December 12	A.L.S. 2p.	XXXVII, 172.
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Concerning a mistake by which Mr. Deane's goods were shipped to America by Mr. Schweighauser.

Trumbull, Jonathan. Lebanon to Benjamin Franklin	1778 December 12	L.S. 1p.	XII, 191.
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Introducing Colonel Driks, from Holland; he has served with reputation and honor in the defense of America and has leave of absence to settle his affairs.

Philip, -----. Bordeaux to Benjamin Franklin	1778 December 12	A.L.S. 2p. A. Dr. of L. 1p.	XII, 192.
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Begging Franklin to obtain from M. de Sartine, a special dispensation that he may be exempted from service on the King's ships; desires this in order to accept command of a merchant ship bound for Charleston.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

A. E. by Franklin. As a stranger in France, begs to be excused from troubling the Ministers with solicitation for persons unknown to him, and in affairs of which he is ignorant.

Polignac, Louis-Héraclius-Melchior, 1778 December 13 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 193.
vicomte de Soleure
 to Benjamin Franklin

Recommending M. de Weiss Dailens.
 (In French.)

Randerath, - de Bermans, baronne. 1778 December 13 A.L.S. 4p. XII, 194.
Bouquenom
 to Benjamin Franklin

Her husband forced by illness to give up his service to the Elector Palatine; their small resources; impossible to take her husband to Aix; applies to Franklin for assistance; places her hopes in the fact that her husband and Franklin are both Masons, though belonging to different lodges.
 (In French.)

Gunnison, Benjamin. Roscoff 1778 December 14 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 196.
 to Benjamin Franklin

Announcing his arrival in the brig, "Morris," and asking for instruction as to his future movements.

J -----, F-----. Heidelberg 1778 December 14 L. 4p. LX, 52.
 to Benjamin Franklin

Submits proposal to raise a body of 240 volunteers to serve in the United States in the war of independence.

A. Sube, Laporte, and others. Marseilles 1778 December 14 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 196 1/2a.
 to Benjamin Franklin

Recounting a fête, recently celebrated by the Société de Parnasse in honor of their good friends and allies, the insurgents; encloses a printed paper which will give him the proceedings in detail; Franklin's portrait, crowned with laurel, had the place of honor; the influence it exerted on the company.
 (In French.)

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Lee, William. Frankfort 1778 December 15 A.L.S. 4p. XII, 197.
to The American Commissioners.

Has reason to believe that a plan of reconciliation between France and Great Britain will be agitated at the Congress mentioned in his last letter; suggests the advisability of having an agent there to counteract the schemes of Great Britain; has sounded a gentleman on the subject, at present in the service of the King of Prussia; and transcribes his answer; asks their opinion of his propositions; advises his going to the Congress as an authorized individual.

Conway, Françoise-Antoinette-Jeanne 1778 December 15 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 198.
Langlois du Bouchet, comtesse de.
Auxerre
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires news of her husband, of Franklin's health, and of the war in America; intends to call on him during the winter.

Schweighauser, John D, et al. Merchants 1778 December 15 L.S. 2p. LXI, 14.
at Nantes
to The American Commissioners.

Hope, through the Commissioner's efforts, to secure a convoy for their vessels for the entire voyage across the Atlantic.

Dumas, C.G.F. 1778 December 15 A.L.S. 2p. XXXIX, 69.
to Benjamin Franklin

Extract from Mr. A. Lee's letter, heaping reproaches on Holland for her reluctance to aid the United States and threatening them with exclusion from future benefits; embarrassed how to tell him that he is ignorant of the state of the Republic and says what is neither just nor reasonable; explains the situation to Franklin; ask him to keep this letter secret.

(In French.)

Gilbank, John. Nantes 1778 December 15 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 199.
to The American Commissioners.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Complains of receiving no answer to his last letters; there is still time for him to rejoin his regiment, if his necessary expenses are defrayed at once; anguish of mind he suffers in such a humiliating situation, which has been brought about by the chance of war.

Beaulieu, Charles Gilloton (?), chevalier 1778 December 16 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 200.
de. Paris

to Benjamin Franklin

Prophesies a magnificent future for America, and a deathless fame for Franklin; desires to serve this astonishing people.

(In French.)

Mounier and Denis. Middelbourg 1778 December 17 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 201.
to Benjamin Franklin

Their vessel has been set free and her freight paid; desires Franklin's interest as regards the merchandise with which she was loaded.

(In French.)

Lebègue de Presle, Achille-Guillaume 1778 December 17 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 202.
to Benjamin Franklin

His promise to send Mr. Benjamin Vaughan the "Tableau Economique", published by M. Dupont. Desires Franklin to procure an extension of leave for his brother, Duportail, who left two years before to serve in the American army, and also for the three engineers he took with him.

(In French.)

Rush, Benjamin. Philadelphia 1778 December 17 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 203.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begs Franklin to have the enclosed letter conveyed safely to Mr. Coxe.

Randall, Madame Leschevin [1778.] December 17 A.L.S. 2p. XL, 68.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begging Franklin to come to them on the following day; number of Franklin's friends who will be present and several pretty women.

(In French.)

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Hartley, David. London 1778 December 18 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 204.
to Benjamin Franklin

Exchange of prisoners will be hurried forward now without delay; begs Franklin to name the port and the agent, and he will immediately receive a hundred prisoners, to begin with; desires to know if Morlaix will suit for further exchanges.

Baldwin, Charles. Clapham Common 1778 December 18 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 205.
to Benjamin Franklin

Reminding Franklin of the pleasant hours they once spent together; Mrs. Baldwin's pride in a wax bust of Franklin, the present of their friend Moore, as well as his liturgy, which is her constant Sunday entertainment. The loss of Dominica has meant a heavy financial loss to them; his only son is now at Portsmouth, on route for Dominica to take charge of the estate there; begs Franklin to recommend him to the Marquis de Bouillé. Has told his son of Franklin's cabin lamp.

Carmier, Andrew. Calais 1778 December 19 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 207.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires the position of Consul at Calais.

Allamand, François-Louis. Lausanne 1778 December 20 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 208.
to Benjamin Franklin

Asks questions, bearing on the right of a people to throw off their Sovereign's yoke, and desires concise, clear and reasonable answers to them.

(In French.)

A.E. by Franklin. "Imp[ertinen]t demand".

Bellini, -----. Breslau 1778 December 20 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 209.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to establish himself in America and begs Franklin to grant him his protection and a passport.
(In French.)

Lefrancq, César. Montreuil sur Mer 1778 December 20 L.S. 5p. LX, 40.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Has just escaped from captivity in England. Sends a memoir in which he gives an account of his services to the United States and in particular to the state of Maryland, having been in command of the "Conqueror," the "Dolphin" and other war vessels. Fought several engagements with the English and capture some of their vessels. Finally fell into the hands of English privateers while in command of a merchant vessel and was brought to England.

(In French.)

Voisin, Jean Baptiste. Brignoles 1778 December 20 A.L.S. 3p. XII, 210.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to serve in the American army; begs Franklin to procure him the rank of officer in the grenadiers; offers to bring with him four young men, relatives of his.

(In French.)

D'Enach, -----. Berne 1778 December 22 L.S. 1p. XII, 211.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desiring a position in the American army for a captain in his regiment.

(In French.)

Capt. Pickerin, Thomas. Brest. (On board the Hampden.) 1778 December 22 L.S. 2p. XII, 212.
to Benjamin Franklin

His arrival at Brest with two prizes; uncertain as to whether the cargo of the second one is Spanish or English property; the Court of Admiralty have taken the vessel into their immediate care.

Gardner, Shubael. London 1778 December 22 A.L.S. 2p. LXI, 68.
to The American Commissioners.

Asking their intervention for the release of an American prisoner.

Lissalde, Laborde. Bayonne 1778 December 22 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 213.
to The American Commissioners.

Containing an account of a prize-ship from Bristol, loaded with cod-fish, which was captured by John Leach, of the Franklin, and afterwards wrecked on the French coast near Bayonne; disposition made of the cargo and ship's furnishings saved from the wreck.

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(In French.)

Valltravers, Rodolph. Rockhall in 1778 December 23 A.L.S. 5p. XII, 214.
Switzerland
to Benjamin Franklin

Transmitting the enclosed memorials and proposals from a worthy friend of his, Mr. J----- N-----, illy rewarded in England for his long services there, and at present Chamberlain to the Elector at Heidelberg. Fears Franklin's determined silence to all his letters is due to slanders circulated by his enemies to his discredit. Concerning the union of the thirteen Confederate States with the thirteen Cantons; proposes himself for the position of American agent in Switzerland. Offers his collection of books, minerals, fossils, etc., for sale. Urges the excellence of Swiss linen to supply the deficiency in America of the Scotch and Irish.

Flavigny, -----. Paris 1778 December 23 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 222.
to Benjamin Franklin

Confides in the friendship shown by Franklin to Mme. de Flavigny and himself; has been ill four years, and is at present in sore need of money, which he begs Franklin to advance him; promises to repay him with twelve hundred bottles of excellent wine.

(In French.)

Pickerin, Capt Thomas. Brest 1778 December 23 L.S. 4p. LXI, 88.
to The American Commissioners.

Concerning his right to vessels recaptured as prizes.

(Copy in French.)

Pickerin, Capt Thomas. Brest 1778 December 23 A.L.S. 1p. LXI, 89.
to The American Commissioners.

Concerning his right to a recaptured prize, the "La Constance."

John de Neufville and Son. Amsterdam 1778 December 24 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 215.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begging Franklin to add the enclosed letters to the first despatches sent to America.

Horneca, Fizeaux and Co. Amsterdam 1778 December 24 L.S. 1p. XII, 216.

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to Benjamin Franklin.

Concerning the investment of American promissory notes.

Abercromby, John. Bordeaux 1778 December 24 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 217.

to Benjamin Franklin.

His request for a passport to enable him to return to Charleston, where he lost twelve houses in the late fire; begs for the loan of four Louis d'or.

(In French.)

de Montazeau, Buler. Paris 1778 December 24 L.S. 3p. XII, 218.

to Benjamin Franklin

The death of her brave husband, leaves her with no means of educate her son; applies to Franklin to place the boy in some school, either of artillery or engineering; the injustice of depriving her of a pension.

(In French.)

Lotbinière, Michel-Eustache-Gaspard-Alain Chartier de (Michel-Alain's son). 1778 December 24 A.L.S. 3p. XII, 219.

to Benjamin Franklin

His son at his Seigniorly of Vaudreuil near Quebec; in case of any intended movement against Canada, begs Franklin to mention his son's family to Congress, as well as the affair of his two seigniories situated at the head of Lake Champlain. England's present disposition to withdraw from the struggle.

(In French.)

Gilbank, John. Nantes 1778 December 24 L.S. 1p. XII, 220.

to The American Commissioners.

Not receiving any answer to his last letter has drawn upon them in favour of Mr. Schweighauser for 1,000 livres.

Williams, Jonathan Sr 1778 December 24 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVII, 173.

to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing Mr. Samuel Bradford, who goes to France to perfect himself in the language.

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Grand, Henry. Paris 1778 December 25 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 221.
to Benjamin Franklin

Encloses the acts previously spoken of for Franklin's name and seal. Concerning the Loan Office Bills.

Gruel, J. Nantes 1778 December 26 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 223.
to Benjamin Franklin

Hopes that the time which has elapsed since his departure from Paris has not entirely effaced Franklin's remembrance of one who has always been sincerely attached to him.
(In French.)

Gilbank, John. Nantes 1778 December 26 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 224.
to The American Commissioners.

Has drawn upon them for one thousand livres and it will have a very bad appearance in the eyes of the world, if his draft is refused; their protracted silence made it too late for him to apply for relief elsewhere.

-----, Du Belair. Paris 1778 December 28 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 225.
to Benjamin Franklin

The bearer will wait for the manuscript in question, but if the matter is not ended, begs that the packet may be returned at his earliest convenience.
(In French.)

Lee, Arthur. Passy 1778 December 28 A.L. 1p. XII, 226a.
to Benjamin Franklin

Certifying to having examined, with Dr. Franklin, the trunk containing the public and private papers of the late Thomas Morris Esq., and to having found the seals and strings upon the said trunk entire.

Bevos,-----. Paris 1778 December 28 A.L.S. 1p. XII, 227.
to Benjamin Franklin

Had the pleasure of sitting between Franklin and the poet Rocher at dinner, the day they celebrated the Apotheosis of Voltaire. Is deputed by the Chamber of Commerce, at Languedoc, to ascertain the products of the United States; desires an audience for this purpose.

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(In French.)

Duperon, Anisson. Paris to Benjamin Franklin	1778 December 28	L.S. 1p.	XII, 228.
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Has endeavored to procure occupation for the young American recommended by Franklin, but his absolute ignorance of French is an insurmountable obstacle; should he acquire some slight knowledge of the language will do his best to obtain employment for him.

(In French.)

Tripsé de Mareüil, Blaise. Loches to Benjamin Franklin	1778 December 28	A.L.S. 1p.	XII, 229.
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Desires to serve in the American army; is lieutenant in the Royal Grenadiers, and has seen twenty-two years of service.

(In French.)

Veuve Mathurin Cornic & fils. Morlaix to The American Commissioners.	1778 December 28	A.L.S. 1p.	XII, 230.
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The arrival, at Morlaix, of the ship "Morris," Captain Benjamin Gunnisson, loaded with tobacco; desires Franklin's orders concerning her treatment.

(In French.)

Seegar, George. Nantes to Benjamin Franklin	1778 December 29	A.L.S. 2p.	XII, 231.
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The remembrance of his late imprisonment makes him desirous of doing something for those he left behind. Urges the desirability of having an agent in London, who can assist the prisoners, after their escape, to reach France; the Rev. Mr. Denward recommends Captain Moses Robertson as the most suitable person; if nothing is done for the prisoners, they will go on board King's ships-of-war and fight against their brethren.

Gilbank, John. Nantes to The American Commissioners.	1778 December 29	A.L.S. 3p.	XII, 232.
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which General W[ashingto]n's character is indirectly attacked; the other, by Silas Deane containing certain revelations of an alarming nature. The high breeding and politeness of Court d'Estaing and the French officers, contrasts strikingly with English naval civility. Introducing Mr. Samuel Bradford to Franklin's friendly notice.

Payes, Pierre. Montauban 1778 December 30 A.L.S. 3p. XII, 178.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning a young relative who embarked for America two years before, without friends or letters; his success and speedy promotion; begs Franklin to mention him favorably in his letters to Congress. Recommends his wines to Franklin's notice.
(In French.)

Pickerin, Capt Thomas. Brest 1778 December 30 A.L.S. 3p. LXI, 91.
to Benjamin Franklin

Asking for redress for the refusal of the French authorities at Brest to allow him to come into the harbor for repairs.

de la Verdière, -----. Paris 1778 December 31 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 195.
to Benjamin Franklin

Through no fault of his own, has lost everything, even his position, and is likely soon to die of hunger; compares himself to Virgil, with this difference, that he had all his goods restored by the Emperor; trusts to the King and to Franklin for some such happy outcome to his misery,
(In French.)

Gamba, -----. Dunkirk 1778 December 31 A.L.S. 2p. XII, 235.
to Benjamin Franklin

Thanking Franklin for his kind reception at Passy.

L-----, A----- [3p. LI, 54.
to Benjamin Franklin

"The young Lion and the Mastiff." Allegorical fable by Franklin put in verse.
In French.

L-----, A----- [3p. LI, 57 a.

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to Benjamin Franklin

"The Gold-finch and the Eagle." An allegorical fable containing allusions to Franklin and his services to America. Poem.

(In French.)

A-----, L-----

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LI, 57b.

to Benjamin Franklin

"The eagle and the Cat." An allegorical fable of Franklin's put in verse. Poem.

(In French.)

Alexander, [John Alexander]

[1778]

Mem. 2p.

XL, 105.

to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning a memoir by M. de l'Oiseau, which he begs Franklin to present to the ministers; question of his and his brother's estate in Grenada.

Brutière, G. Anquetil

[1779 Jan. 5]

A.L.S. 2p.

XLI, 99.

to Benjamin Franklin

Seven English prisoners forcibly put on board their ship in September, 1777, by Captain Etienne of the corsair "La Bellone"; applies for the promised indemnity.

(In French.)

B-----, L-----. The Abbé Boudeac

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Diss. 2p.

LXI, 4.

to Benjamin Franklin

Scheme for establishing a base for hostile operations at Monaco against English vessels.

(In French.)

Bancroft, Edward

[1778?]

A.L.S. 1p.

XLI, 8.

to Benjamin Franklin

A few lines from Mr. [Silas] Deane dated, Philadelphia, 6th September, 1778, and referring to packets which he had just sealed. Supposes they must have come under cover to Dr. Franklin; begs he will, in that case, send them by bearer.

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Bancroft, Dr. Edward [1778] A.L. in 3d XLIV, 206.
to Benjamin Franklin P.1p.

Accepts invitation to dine with him next Thursday.

Bancroft, Dr. Edward [1778.] A.L. in 3d P. XLIV, 207.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Sends him the volume of Dr. Cullen's lectures containing his sentiments on the gout; will send the other volumes if they are desired.

Bancroft, Edward [1778 before Feb.1] A.N. in 3d P. LXX, 22.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Requesting Dr. Franklin to forward an enclosed letter to Mr.Carmichael.

Baudouin, ----- [May 5 1779] A.N. in 3d P. LXX, 23a.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Sending a letter to be forwarded to destination.
(In French.)

Berail, Louis [1778?] L. 2p. LVII, 86.
to Benjamin Franklin

Asks to be appointed Consul for the United States at Cette.
(In French.)

Bertin, Mme [1778] L. in 3d P. 1p.XLIII, 135.
to Benjamin Franklin

Requesting Franklin to interest himself in the memorial enclosed.
(In French.)

Bertin, Mme [A.N. in 3d P. LXX, 23b.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Sending a letter to be forwarded to philadelphia.
(In French.)

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Bondfield, John c. 1778 A.L. in 3d P. XLIV, 230.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

If Dr. Franklin has written the letters for Marshal de Castries will he please deliver them to bearer.
Incloses a small bill which the Baron de Montesquieu gave him in payment.

Bonvouloir, Achard De [1778.] A.L.S. 3p. XLI, 100.
to Benjamin Franklin

Account of his capture by the English when fifteen miles from Charlestown, of his cruel treatment at St. Augustine, and his loss of all money, valuables and even linen; other French officers in irons in the same prison; begs Franklin to send him a certificate of service, which will help greatly in procuring him a wished-for advancement.
(In French.)

Bonvouloir, Achard De 1778 A.N.S. 1p. LXX, 28b.
to Benjamin Franklin

Requesting Dr. Franklin to give bearer letters for him.
(In French.)

Brillon, Mme [1778.] Saturday morning A.L. 1p. XLIII, 109.
to Benjamin Franklin

Cannot entertain him at tea that evening. Tells him to give that evening to her amiable rival, Mme. Helvétius. Will dine at his house on Sunday as usual.
(In French.)

Brillon, Mme [1778] A.L. 1p. XLIII, 110.
to Benjamin Franklin

Asking Franklin to take tea with her and her family in the afternoon.
(In French.)

Brillon, Mme [1781 On or After Feb. 23] A.L. 2p. XLIII, 94 and
to Benjamin Franklin 95.

Letter in anonymous form giving the views of a certain lady on love as opposed to those of a certain gentleman {Franklin}. She asserts that she is a follower of Plato, while he is an Epicurean and a

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disciple of Anacreon. Platonic love is a convenient safeguard for the fair sex (beau sexe). Exculpates herself from the accusation of showing or giving copies to others of the gentleman's letters to her without his consent. Attributes his displeasure and bad humor to her refusal to accept his proposals of love.

(In French.)

In duplicate.

Brillon, Mme to Benjamin Franklin	[Crica 1778.] Thursday Morning	A.L.S. 1p.	XLIII, 86.
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Reproaches Franklin for having forsaken her the day before. She was searching for the books he wanted and now sends them to him. M. du Bospin's library is at his disposal. Loves Franklin tenderly but not furiously or too much, as Franklin says he loves her.

(In French.)

Brillon, Mme to Benjamin Franklin	[1778.] Tuesday evening	A.L.S. 1p.	XLIII, 70.
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Protests against Franklin's reason for not coming to her house oftener that he feared to be importunate or become a burden. Always welcomed him and received him cordially.

(In French.)

Brutière, G. Anquetil to Benjamin Franklin	[Jan. 5, 1779]	A.L.S. 2p.	XLI, 99.
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Seven English prisoners forcibly put on board his ship in September, 1777, by Captain Etienne of the corsair "La Bellone"; applies for the promised indemnity.

(In French.)

Bucquet, ----- to Benjamin Franklin	c. 1778 [c. 1783?]	A.L.S. 2p.	XLI, 132.
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His book on the grinding of corn presented to Franklin by the Prior of Cardone; Franklin's promise to come and see his mill; begs him to bring a friend and dine with them the following day.

(In French.)

Cavelier fils, ----- to Benjamin Franklin	[1778?]	Mem. 3p.	LVI, 58.
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Applies for the appointment of United States Consul at Dieppe.
(In French.)

de Champigny, Col. Chevalier	1778	A.L. 4p.	LVIII, 93.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Why his "History of England" is slow in appearing; refuses to accept the present or charity.
(In French.)
(In Complete.)

Chaumont, Jacques-Donatien Le Ray de	[before March 23, 1779]	A.N. 1p.	LXXI, 85, b.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Recommending a hotel at Versailles where Franklin put up when going to Court.
(In French.)

Coffyn, Francis. Account of Payments to Prisoners	[1778C. Dec. 31]	Mem. 2p.	LX, 1.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Account of his disbursements to escaped American prisoners.

de Cointeual, Chevalier	[1779] May 30	N. 1p.	LXX, 59b.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Offers a cargo of salt beef at a certain price.
(In French.)

Comyn, Michel. Marscilles	[1778?]	Mem. 1p.	LX, 54 and 59.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Offers to act as Consul at the seaports in Provence and Languedoc.
(In French. In duplicate.)

Conway, Françoise-Antoinette-Jeanne Langlois du Bouchet, comtesse de. Auxerre	[March 21]	A.L.S. 1p.	LXX, 64a.
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to Benjamin Franklin

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Is prepared to set out for America, if Franklin thinks it advisable. Will be happy to live under the laws of "good man Richard."

Conway, Françoise-Antoinette-Jeanne [1777 Aug.] A.L.S. 1p. LXX, 64b.

Langlois du Bouchet, comtesse de
to Benjamin Franklin

Requests Franklin to send an enclosed letter to her husband who, to her surprise, has not received her previous letters. Asks for news about him.

(In French.)

Dalibard, ----- [1777 June] Mem. 2p. LVII, 128.

to Benjamin Franklin

Proposed agreement for furnishing 1,000 bayonet rifles.

(In French.)

Darcour, Pierre Ferée [1778?] Mem. in 3d P. LVII, 56.

to Benjamin Franklin

1p.

Applies for appointment as Consul for the United States at Havre.

(In French.)

Darlincourt, ----- [1778.] A.L.S. 2p. XLI, 161.

to Benjamin Franklin

Recommending a young German who desires employment in the service of Congress.

(In French.)

Douin, Randall [1778.] A.L.S. 1p. XLIV, 253.

to Benjamin Franklin

Asks him to forward the inclosed letter to his brother.

Droüet, -----. Paris [N. in 3d P. LXX, 36.

to Benjamin Franklin

1p.

Wishes to make his acquaintance. Is the author of a memoir presented to Dr. Franklin by M. Montaudouin.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

(In French.)

Drouillard, ----- to Benjamin Franklin	[1778?]	Mem. in 3d P.LX, 64 and 1p. 65.
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Applying for the Consulship of the United States, at Dunkerque.
(In French.)

Dubeller, François Barthelemy to Benjamin Franklin	[1778?]	Mem. in 3d P.LVII, 51. 1p.
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Application for appointment as Consul for the United States at Boulogne.
(In French.)

Barbeu-Dubourg, ----- to The American Commissioners.	1778 Oct.	L. 2p. LVI(i), 19.
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Proposal to purchase and convey goods to America. He has recommended a person to be American Consul in Normandy.

Dubrocq, Alexandre to Benjamin Franklin	[1778?]	Mem. in 3d P.LX, 66. 2p.
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Applying for the post of Consul for the United States at Bayonne and St. Jean-de-Luz.
(In French.)

Dumas, C.G.F. to Benjamin Franklin	[Mem. 2p. LX, 129.
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Secret code for corresponding with Dr. Franklin.
(In French.)

Dumoulin, ----- to Benjamin Franklin	[1778?]	N. in 3d P. LXX, 37. 1p.
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Requests interview; anxious to know what has happened since Count d'Estaing left Sandy Hook.
(In French.)

Dunbar, William, 1749-1810 to Benjamin Franklin	[1778?]	A.L.S. 2p. XLI, 51.
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Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Worked on board the ship "Commerce," commanded by Captain Robert Mercer; falsely accused of stealing some of the cargo; begs Franklin to see justice done him.

Dunois, ----- to Benjamin Franklin	[1778?]	(2p.) A.L.S. XLI, 71. 2p.
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Asking Franklin to recommend M. Comyn for the position of American Consul at Marseilles; enclosing a copy of his letter on this subject to the Count Pulaski, a Polish officer in the American army.

(In French.)

Dupont, ----- and ----- Lebrun to Benjamin Franklin	[1778?]	N. 1p. LVII, 132.
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Are merchants and make application for the office of Consul of the United States at Calais and Dieppe, respectively.

(In French.)

Dupont, ----- to Benjamin Franklin	[1778?]	Mem. 1p. LX, 67.
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Applying for the post of Consul at Calais.

(In French.)

Durand, -----. Paris to Benjamin Franklin	1778	A.L.S. 1p. XLI, 19.
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While passing through Turin, the Baron de Choiseul, the French Ambassador, entrusted him with the enclosed for Franklin; desires to pay his respects at the earliest favorable moment.

(In French.)

Dusaulx, Jean. Paris to Benjamin Franklin	[1779 C. March 14,]	A.L.S. 1p. XLI, 123.
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Deputed by his colleague, M. Anquetil Duperron, to present Franklin with his book, "Legislation Orientale."

(In French.)

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

de Flamarens, Marquis [A.N. in 3d P. LXX, 90.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Requesting Franklin to forward a letter to a French officer in America.
(In French.)

Flavigny, Madame de [A.N. in 3d P. LXX, 91a.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Expects him on Saturday, will wait for him in the Tuilleries.
(In French.)

Flavigny, Madame de [A.N. in 3d P. LXX, 91 b.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Reminds Franklin he is to take tea with her on Wednesday.
(In French.)

Genet, Edme Jacques , d.1781 [N. 3p. LXX, 100.
to Benjamin Franklin

Suggesting to Franklin a way of receiving his two Gazettes regularly from London, by having them addressed to " Monsieur Genet, à Versailles."
(In French.)

Gika, Alexandre Andronique [1778?] A.L.S. 1p. XL, 21.
to Benjamin Franklin

Wishes to know if it would be possible for a Jew to be named consul for the United States at Marseilles.
(In French.)

Gray, D-----. Paris 1778? A.L.S. 3p. XL, 28.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begging his assistance to procure him a position as tutor, or work as a translator.

Gregoire frères . Havre [1778?] Mem. 3p. LVII, 62.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Applies for the appointment of Consul for the United States in Normandy.
(In French.)

Guiraud, Nicolas to Benjamin Franklin	[1778.]	Mem. 1p.	LVII, 109.
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Applies for the appointment of Consul for the United States at Cette. Is recommended by M. Le Veillard.
(In French.)

Holker, John to Benjamin Franklin	[1780?]	3d P. 1p.	XL, 138.
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Begging the loan, for a few days, of the latest Paris Journal.

Holtzer, Antoine to Benjamin Franklin	[D. 3p.	LX, 91.
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Certificate authorizing him to brew and sell the new kind of beer which he has discovered.
(In French.)

Jones, Capt. John Paul to Memoir.	[After June 20 1778 1778?]	Mem. 1p.	LVI(i), 75.
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Asks whether the "Ranger" should depart before her prizes are realized; whether the advances must be deducted; and whether it is not inexpedient for a ship that sails slow and is of trifling force to pursue a track where there is almost a certainty of meeting with the enemy's fast-sailing ships of superior force.

Jones, Capt. John Paul to Benjamin Franklin	[1778?]	A.L. 8p.	LVIII, 70.
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Insubordination on the "Ranger"; conduct of Lieutenant Simpson which led up to his imprisonment.
(Incomplete.)

Jones, Capt. John Paul to Benjamin Franklin	[1778?]	1p.	LVIII, 95.
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The prisoners taken by the "Ranger."

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Kéralio, Agathon Guynement, chevalier [N. in 3d P. LXXI, 8a.
de 1p.
 to Benjamin Franklin

Thanking Messrs. Frankinn for the news they sent him.
 (In French.)

Kerguelen, M. de [Jan.? 1778 before 1777 July Mem. 2p. LVII, 57.
 to Benjamin Franklin 8]

Is a navigator and ship captain; offers his services to the United States Congress of fit out a vessel to wage war on English shipping.
 (In French.)

Kermorvan, Chevalier de 1778 ----- 19 A.L.S. 2p. VIII, 1 1/2.
 to Benjamin Franklin

Embarrassing situation in which his voyage to America has placed him; thinks Franklin will see the justice of making him some amends; desires permission to obtain a certain sum from Franklin's bankers every week, for his necessary expenses while in Paris.
 (In French.)

Labaume, Chevalier de [1778] A.L.S. 3p. XL, 184.
 to Benjamin Franklin

Reminding Franklin that he sailed for America to serve in the capacity of Colonel, that he defrayed all his own expenses, and that he had the misfortune to be captured and imprisoned by the English; recalls Franklin's application to Congress to grant him the title of Colonel as a recompense for all his losses; begs to be informed of their reply; honors bestowed on him by the King of France.
 (In French.)

La Blancherie, Claude-Mammès de Pahin 1779 January 20 A.L.S. 3p. XL, 168.
Champlain de
 to Benjamin Franklin

Sending him a second invitation to their Assembly [Rendez-vous de la République des Letters et des Arts], and urging him to come.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

(In French.)

La Grange, ----- de to Benjamin Franklin	[1778]	A.L.S. 1p. XL, 186.
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Account of the new town, sent to him by one of the exiles from Geneva.

(In French.)

La Rochefoucauld, Louis Alexandre, duc de to Benjamin Franklin	[A.N. in 3d P. LXXI, 29b. 1p.
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Sending a letter which he has written to Captain Jones an account of his conversation with M. de Sartine.

(In French.)

Lee, Arthur. Paris to The American Commissioners.	[1778] Sunday	A.L.S. 1p. XL, 119.
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No alteration taken place as yet with respect to the frigate "Bordeaux." Girard's advice concerning M. Beaumarchais's account.

Lee, William to Benjamin Franklin	1778	D.1p. LIII, 59.
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Proposed receipt for certain papers taken from the trunk of Thomas Morris, deceased.

A. E. by Dr. Franklin that he had declined to sign it.

Le Roy, Jean Baptiste to Benjamin Franklin	1778?	A.L. 3p. XLIV, 143.
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Asks Franklin's opinion of the dedicatory preface to the Thirteen United States of the "Tableau de l'Histoire de Hollande." Inquires also if Franklin wishes to be appointed a member of the Commission to be named by the Academy to report on a project for keeping in communication with all the learned men of Europe.

(In French.)

Le Roy, Jean Baptiste to Benjamin Franklin	[1778 Sept. 9]	A.N. in 3d P. LXXI, 42. 1p.
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Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Inquires if Franklin has received any news about Count d'Estaing.
(In French.)

Le Roy, Jean Baptiste [A.L.S. 3p. LXXI, 45a.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sends report on the project of M. de la Blancherie. Asks leave to bring Abbé Le Noble to dinner.
Requests Dr. Franklin to send him Ingen Housz's observations on priestley's discovery relatives to coal
(carbon).
(In French.)

Le Roy, Jean Baptiste [1778.] [1778 May 19] A.L.S. 2p. XLIV, 162.
to Benjamin Franklin

The report on the project of M. de la Blancherie will be submitted to the Academy.
(In French.)

Le Roy, Jean Baptiste [1778.] A.L.S. 3p. XLIV, 164.
to Benjamin Franklin

The Commissioners appointed by the Academy will dine at his house, Hopes Franklin will not fail to attend the dinner.
(In French.)

Le Roy, Jean Baptiste [A.N.S. 1p. LXXI, 35a.
to Benjamin Franklin

Asking if Franklin has not the reminder of Count de Lacedèpe's manuscript on electricity.
(In French.)

Le Roy, Jean Baptiste [1778.] A.L.S. 1p. XLIV, 153.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has received a note from the museum of M. Court de Gebelin in which they ask him to try and induce Franklin to come there to-day.
(In French.)

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Le Roy, Mme Jean Baptiste. "La petite femme de poche." [1778.] L. in 3d P. 3p.XLIV, 295.

to Benjamin Franklin

She sees that Franklin has forgotten her. New friends have made him forget the best and truest friends of the first hour. She was his first adopted daughter and loved him more than all the others he adopted since.

(In French.)

Le Roy, Louis Gabriel [L.S. 1p. LVII, 121.
to Benjamin Franklin

Is a furniture maker and machinist; offers his services to the American Commissioners.

(In French.)

Lestume and Coquillon. Brest [c. 1778? Dec.] Diss. 8p. LXI, 19 and
to Benjamin Franklin 20.

Concerning the capture of certain American vessels.

(In French.)

de Longchamps, ----- Versailles [march 1778] L. 5p. LX, 41.
to Commissioners.

His adventures and misfortunes while in the service of the United States. Was formerly a licutenant in the Guadeloupe Legion, came to Cambridge, Mass., Where he offered his services to the American Commander. Was wounded and taken prisoner in the first engagement with the English. Imprisoned for a long time in Boston and afterwards in England.

(In French.)

Longchamps, Fille [1778.] A.L.S. 1p. XLIV, 287.
to Benjamin Franklin

Asking help for herself and her brother who are in want.

(In French.)

MacCreery, William [April 4 1780] A.L.S. 1p. LVIII, 87.
to Benjamin Franklin

to Benjamin Franklin

Has newspapers and journals of Congress for Franklin, received from Mr. Lovell. Message to Mr. Adams.

[First part missing.]

Maillebois, comte de to Benjamin Franklin	[1778]	A.L. in 3d P. XLIV, 256. 2p.
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Requesting passage and a passport for M. de Fayet, a young officer who wishes to go to American. Has two brother officers in the army, one under M. de La Fayette.
(In French.)

Malherbe, Dom. Abbaye de St. Germain to Benjamin Franklin	[1778.]	A.L.S. 1p. XLI, 74.
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Recommending to Franklin a young surgeon of great talent.
(In french.)

Melmoth, Courtney. Paris to Benjamin Franklin	[1778]	A.L.S. 1p. XL, 107.
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Expects to see the Procession of the Cordon Bleu at Versailles the following morning; this will not interfere with their presence at the tea-party in the afternoon.

Melmoth, Courtney. Paris to Benjamin Franklin	[1778]	A.L.S. 1p. XL, 109.
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Sending for his little ode, "The Muse of America," which he presented to Franklin some time ago; an American friend anxious to see this trifle.

Melmoth, Courtney. Paris to Benjamin Franklin	1778 ----- 4	A.L.S. 2p. VIII, 1.
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Offering his services as Secretary to the American Commissioners; has refused "The British bread of bribery"; desires above all things a connection with cause of America.

Merckle, J P to Benjamin Franklin	[1778?]	A.L.S. 2p. XLI, 64.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Announcing his intention to give the weighty commission entrusted to him to the House of Messrs. Ambrosius Pool and Co. who are from Switzerland and may be considered totally out of all connection with the E[nglish] nation; has not the least doubt that they will give complete satisfaction in every sense. Report that the Dutch merchantmen going to their colonies will get a convoy of Dutch men-of-war.

Merechy, Marshal de [Before April 23, 1778] A.L.S. 1p. XLIV, 260.
to Benjamin Franklin

Accepts Franklin's proposal. Requests him to advise his grandson, Mr. Lee and Mr. Adams to that effect.
(In French.)

Meuricoffre and Co. Naples [1778?] A.L. in 3d P. XLI, 54.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Asking for position of American Consul-General, at Naples for M. Meuricoffre.
(In French.)

de Milly, Count before 1777 Jan. 13 N. in 3d P. LXXI, 8b.
to W.T.F. 1p.

Inviting Dr. Franklin and his grandson to dine with him.
(In French.)

Messrs. Veuve Morel et Fils [1778.] Mem. 14p. LVII, 93.
to Benjamin Franklin

Are merchants of Dunkirk; give an account of services rendered by them to the United States and its subjects and ask that they be given charge of American business interests at Dunkirk.

John de Neufville and Son c. 1779 Oct - 1780 Jan A.L.S. 2p. XL, 148.
to Benjamin Franklin

Commodore Jones gone to the Texel; probability of Captain Cunningham's joining him there; thinks two of America's greatest heroes ought not to endanger their lives in the same vessel.

Petrie, -----. Paris [1778?] L. in 3d P. 1p. XLI, 165.
to Benjamin Franklin

to Benjamin Franklin

Report from London of the "Randolph" and "Columbus" being sunk by the "Yarmouth," man-of-war, and of the "Alfred" being taken by the "Ariadnc" and "Ceres."

Captain Pickerin [Mem. 3p. LXI, 93.
to American Commissioners.

Concerning the prizes taken by his corsair "The Hamden".
(In French.)

The Peyty Officers on board the Ranger [1778?] L.S. James LXI, 96.
to The American Commissioners Falls, Gunner,
et al. 3p.

Expressing dissatisfaction with Captain [John Paul] Jones and requesting to be permitted to return to the United States.

Several Officers on board the Ranger 1778 May 30 L.S. Elijah LXI, 95.
to The American Commissioners Hall, et al. 2p.

Protesting against the treatment and imprisonment of Lieutenant Simpson and testifying to his good character.

Raudière, J. D. R. de [1778] A.L.S. 12p. XL, 50.
to The American Commissioners.

A poor poet; craves assistance to enable him to finish an epic poem against the English and to print his other works; desires to finish his days in America.
(In French.)

Raudière, J. D. R. de [1778?] Verses. 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.)

de Basmarin et Raimbaux, Recules. [L. 2p. LX, 120.
Bordeaux

to Benjamin Franklin

to American Commissioners

Reciting their services to the United States during the war, as merchants and shippers. Wish to obtain from the King an armed frigate to convoy their vessels to North America. Hope the Deputies from Congress will help them in their purpose.

(In French.)

Reinhold, John

[1778.]

L. 3p.

XLIV, 92.

to Benjamin Franklin

Sends him Dr. Forster's observations made during a voyage around the world. States two objections to Dr. Franklin's explanation of the wood split in sundry pieces by lightning.

Riôu, Pierre

[1778.]

A.L.S. 2p.

XL, 55.

to American Commissioners.

Concerning the sale of the prize made by the "Hampden"; action taken by the Admiralty in the affair; need of Franklin's powerful protection.

(In French.)

Sarsfield, Guy-Claude, comte de

[1778.]

A.L.S. 1p.

XLIV, 213.

to Benjamin Franklin

Impossible for him to break his engagement, as there is an important matter connected with the dinner.

(In French.)

Sarsfield, Guy-Claude, comte de

[1778]

A.L.S. 2p.

XLIV, 214.

to Benjamin Franklin

Returns copy of Resolution of Congress given him by Franklin, in mistake. Asks for copy of Resolution with reference to reports of a settlement with England. If Mr. Adams will send him his letter for Marquis de Castries he will immediately hand it to the latter.

(In French.)

Sarsfield, Guy-Claude, comte de

c. 1778 Friday night

L. in 3d P. 1p. XLIII, 232.

to Benjamin Franklin

Had hoped to receive the collection of little pieces which Franklin had promised to send him.

to Benjamin Franklin

Scott, George. Paris c. 1778 A.L.S. 1p. XLI, 192.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desiring a pass from Marseilles to Naples.

Shuttleworth, John. Paris [1778.] A.L.S. 3p. XLI, 190.
to Benjamin Franklin

Advantages of going straight to New York; desires a few lines to General Washington which will enable him to pass through the lines.

Stragham, William [1778 May - June] L. 2p. LX, 22.
to Benjamin Franklin

Late master of the ship "Lord Chatham," of Dublin, a prisoner at Brest; petitions to be released with his son-in-law and allowed to return to Dublin.

Taillet, Philippe [1778?] [1778? March] Doc. 2p. LVI, 22.
to Benjamin Franklin

Application to be appointed Consul, for the United States, at Rouen. Endorsed by Mme. de Forbach, the Dowager Duchess Des Deux-Pont, and Chevalier de Keralio.
(In French.)

Tarteron, ----- Ganges [1778] A.L.S. 2p. XL, 12.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begging Franklin's influence with M. Necker to procure for him a certain situation. Owes his reputation as a poet to his verses on the insurgents.
(In French.)

Teissier, Le Sieur [L. in 3d P. 1p.LVII, 98;
to Benjamin Franklin LXII, 120.

Is a surgeon of the Salpêtrière Hospital at Paris; offers his services to the United States.
(In French. In duplicate.)

Thompson, Thomas. L'Orient [1778?] A.L.S. 2p. XL, 11.
to The American Commissioners

to Benjamin Franklin

His approaching departure on a cruise; personal civilities received from the French authorities cannot atone for the insult offered the States in his person as their officer.

Tramblay, ----- to Benjamin Franklin	[1778?]	L.S. 2p.	XLII, 81.
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Offers to act as correspondent or agent for the United States at Brest.
(In French.)

Vaughan, Benjamin to Benjamin Franklin	[1777 Sept. 18]	A.N. 1p.	XLII, 72.
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So soon as the opportunity of conversing, with a certain man is over, will meet him publicly and tell him how much he reveres him.

Vaughan, Benjamin. Paris to Benjamin Franklin	[Circa 1778]	A.L.S. 1p.	XL, 130.
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Desiring an hour's conversation with Franklin concerning his brother and himself; would like to have the meeting at a neutral place, until he has gone through the ceremony of seeing Lord Stormont; Franklin aware of his reasons for sending in his name to Lord Stormont.

Le Veillard, Louis Guillaume to Benjamin Franklin	[1778?]	A.N. 1p.	LXXI, 82.
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Inquires if he has received his despatches and if he has any news about Count d'Estaing.

Villiers, Louis-Pierre Dufourny de to Silas Deane	[1778 before April 1]	N. in 3d P. 1p.	LXX, 86.
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Wishes to know at what time Franklin comes to Paris, so as to confer with him on American affairs.
(In French.)

Wharton, Samuel to Benjamin Franklin	[1778] Monday	A.L.S. 1p.	XL, 96.
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Mail Packet taken by an American privateer and carried into Dunkirk. Believes the news of General Lincoln's success to be authentic. Thanking him for the perusal of the inclosed foolish paper; presumably written by a Junto of American Tories, tools of Lord George Germain.

to Benjamin Franklin

Wildrik, W [1778?] A.L.S. 1p. XL, 84.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begs for a reply to his letter of December 26th, 1777.

Williams, John [1778?] A.L.S. 1p. XXXVIII.
to Benjamin Franklin 180.

Concerning a bond debt due him from his brother in Boston.

-----, ----- [1778.] A.L. 2p. XLIV, 101.
to Benjamin Franklin

Proposes a plan to prevent corruption and venality in judges and others who administer justice. How to expedite law-suits and avoid unnecessary expense. Judges should be elected by the people and receive a fixed salary. System adopted in Switzerland.

(In French.)

A-----, L----- [1778] April 10 Verses. 3p. LI, 45.
to Benjamin Franklin

(Song For A Brillo Party)

"The horse and his master." Song composed for and sung at the entertainment given to Franklin and his friends by M. Brillon.

(In French.)

-----,----- [1778] Verses 1p. LI, 66.
to Benjamin Franklin

"To the Americans." On their struggle against England.

(In French)

-----,----- [1778] Mem. and LI, 93.
to Benjamin Franklin verses. 11p.

Reflections on the war between England and the American Colonists and stanzas to the latter.

(In French.)

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to Benjamin Franklin

to Benjamin Franklin

The sister of Captain Fray [De Frey?] serving in the American army, who is in distressed circumstances in France, petitions Franklin to help her by procuring promotion for her husband in the French army.

(In French.)

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Diss. 4p. LXI, 2.

to Benjamin Franklin

The proposition of the English Ministry for peace with the United Colonies, and the advantages of an alliance with the Houses of Bourbon and of Brandenburg against the disadvantages of a treaty with England.

(In French.)

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Diss. 5p. LXI, 3.

to Benjamin Franklin

A proposition for peace.

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Mem. 2p. LXI, 105, and
132-135.

to Benjamin Franklin

Proposal to furnish supplies and munitions of war to the United States on certain conditions.

(In French.)

Bondfield, John. list of Ca-nnon

[1779C March 27]

Mem. 1p. LXI, 116.

to Benjamin Franklin

List and particulars of cannon which could be purchased at Ferrol, Spain.

(In French.)

Golgoeney, Prince Vasily

1773 Mar. 10

L.S. 2p. LXII, 125.

to Count Cheenyshev

Recommending de Wiebel.

(In Russian.)

Bondfield, John. Bordeaux

1778 August 17

A.L.S 2p. XI, 52

to Benjamin Franklin

to The American Commissioners

“Captain Ayres very ill; fears he will not be able to proceed to sea; the vessel will be ready to sail by Saturday.”

Bondfield, John. Bordeaux

1778 August 17

A.L.S. 3p. XI, 53

to The American Commissioners

“Desires their instructions in case Captain Ayers’s health does not permit him to proceed to sea. Concerning a plan he had the honor to lay before them, the results of which would tend toward the restoration to confidence of the currency of America.”

Parsons, ---- (William's wife). Paris

1778 August 17

A.L.S. 3p. XI, 54

to Benjamin Franklin

“Applies again for assistance, and gives the most pitiable account of her destitute and miserable condition.”

Moylan, James. L'Orient

1778 August 17

A.L.S. 1p. (in XI, 55 and 56 duplicate)

to The American Commissioners

“News just received from Virginia; the enemy’s ships still in the Delaware; Count d’Estaing’s fleet daily expected; General Washington’s army consists of 18,000 men; the people in high spirits and the money increasing in value.”

Deux-Ponts, Marianne Camasse, duchesse 1778 August 18

A.L.S. 3p. (in XI, 57

La douairière de

French)

to Benjamin Franklin

“Anxious of news of him. Asks for news of her young nephew, M. de Fontevieux, who sailed on the “Duchesse de Grammont.” (in French)

Faillieux, Antoine, le jeune (merchant).

1778 August 18

L.S. 1p. (in XI, 58 French)

Paris

to Benjamin Franklin

“Delivered a letter to Franklin from one of his correspondents at Amsterdam and left his address that the answer may be returned to his care.”

to Benjamin Franklin

Droüet, -----. Paris 1778 August 18 L.S. 1p. (in XI, 59
to Benjamin Franklin French)

“Begging him to name the day and hour when he may obtain at the same time his memoir and Franklin’s opinion of it.”

Chew, Benjamin. Bordeaux 1778 August 19 A.L.S. 2p. XI, 60
to Benjamin Franklin

“Writes in behalf of his brother-sufferers in Forton prison who are in want of the necessaries, whose relief would be great if they could get a small part of what is due them. Urges him particularly to assist Mr. Alexander Dick, a gentleman of considerable fortune in Virginia who is in a wretched state of health, and has not a farthing with which to purchase decent food.”

Millin de la Brosse, Claude-Valentin. 1778 August 19 A.L.S. 4p. (in XI, 61
Paris French)
to Benjamin Franklin

“Recalls that two years before, he obtained from Mr. Deane employment in the American army; unhappy result of that step; was harshly dealt with. Desires now to go to America, as a simple citizen; wishes a small piece of land in Pennsylvania or Maryland, suitable to his rank of lieutenant-colonel, a free passage over for himself and servant and some letters of recommendation.”

Whipple, Abraham. Brest 1778 August 19 L.S. 3p. XI, 62
to The American Commissioners

“His delay cause by finding that none of the prizes belonging to the Ranger had been sold and that the unfortunate crew had not received a single sou for all the time they had been in France; allowed then a respite of a day or two to sell their prizes and obtain their money; interference at this point of Captain Jones who threatened he would be the ruin of all those who meddled with the business; indignant at this conduct.”

Coder, Henry 1778 may 2 A.L.S. 1p. (in IX, 109
to W.T. Franklin French)

to Benjamin Franklin

Begging him to find the plan of Gibraltar which was submitted to Dr. Franklin by M. [Barbeu] Dubourg, and to give it to his servant; desires news of Mr. [Jonathan] Williams [Jr.]'s health. (In French.)
