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Summary Information

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| Mante, Thomas. Sceaux to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 January 1 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXI, 1. |
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Desires to serve America; in a continual state of want; applies to Franklin for aid.

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| Poellnitz, baron von H. H. de to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 January 1 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXI, 1 1/2. |
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New Year congratulations.

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| Marcorelle, ----- . Narbonne to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 January 1 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXI, 2. |
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Publishes a semi-weekly political and scientific periodical; sends the last number with an account of Franklin.
(In French.)

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| Huntington, Samuel to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 January 1 | L.S. Sam[uel] Huntington, President. 2p. | XXI, 2 1/2. |
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Instructions for procuring a further loan in France. Mission of Col. [John] Laurens.

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| Dumas, C.G.F. to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 January 1 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXXIX, 201. |
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England's manifesto of Dec. 20th, declaring war on Holland. The English church at The Hague burnt; motives unknown. His approaching departure for The Hague with Messrs. Adams and Searle.
(In French.)

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| Brillon, Mme | 1781 January 1 | A.L. 1p. | XLIII, 4. |
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Wishes for the New Year.

(In French.)

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| The Board of Admiralty. Philadelphia | 1781 January 2 | A.L.S. | LIV, 95. |
| to Benjamin Franklin | | Fra[nci]s Lewis, in behalf of the Board. 3p. | |

Requests information in regard to a late expedition commanded by John Paul Jones, in which the frigate "Alliance" took part; especially as to the ownership of the other ships, any previous agreement as to the distribution of proceeds from prizes, the amount of proceeds, the benefits received by the United states, the dispute between John Paul Jones and Captain Landais, and as to the "Alliance" since her arrival in French waters.

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| Bondfield, John. Bordeaux | 1781 January 2 | A.L.S. 2p. | XXI, 3. |
| to Benjamin Franklin | | | |

Announcing the arrival of a vessel from Annapolis; news of the landing made by the English at Hampton and their precipitate retreat owing to a body of French troops having landed at Georgetown, South Carolina; Lord Cornwallis confined to a small circuit around Charlestown.

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| Franks, David Salisbury. L'Orient | 1781 January 3 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXI, 4. |
| to Benjamin Franklin | | | |

The "St. James" to sail by the 15th inst.; will be ready to embark as soon as he receives his instructions.

Other Descriptive Information

1 For Autobiographical Sketch see Pub. of Am. Jewish Historical Sec., X, 101.

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| John de Neufville and Son. Amsterdam | 1781 January 3 | A.L.S. 3p. | XXI, 5. |
| to Benjamin Franklin | | | |

Concerning the business so admirably adjusted by the Hon. Thomas Barclay, Consul-General in France for America. States several instances proving the Dutch Republic's good will toward America.

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Marbois, François Barbé de. Philadelphia 1781 January 4 A.L.S. 3p. XXI, 6.
to Benjamin Franklin

Exertions of Mrs. Bache in procuring supplies of clothing for the American soldiers; Rivington's efforts to turn her zeal into ridicule.

(In French.)

Acquisition Information

Printed in Works (Sparks, VIII, 527; Bigelow, VII, 188).

Fleury and Demadières. Orleans 1781 January 5 A.L.S. 1p. XXI, 7.
to Benjamin Franklin

Delighted that the wine arrived in good condition; have just shipped a cask of the old wine of St. Denis, according to orders.

(In French.)

Auzoüer, —, marquise d'. Chataudoin 1781 January 5 A.L.S. 1p. XXI, 9.
to Benjamin Franklin

His wife most eager for news of her cousin, Charles Carroll, from whom she has not heard for nine years.

(In French.)

Bordot, François. La Rochelle 1781 January 5 A.L.S. 3p. XXI, 8.
to Benjamin Franklin

Seeks the position of American agent at Rochelle; movements of the Cadiz fleet.

(In French.)

The Continental Congress 1781 January 5 D.S. Charles Thomson, LIV, 96.
to Benjamin Franklin
Sec[retary],
and attested.
1p.

Resolution that bills of exchange amounting to £12,000 be drawn on the American Minister at Versailles for the purchase of clothing for the Jersey line.

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The Board of Treasury. Philadelphia 1781 January 6 D.S. John LIV, 97.
to Benjamin Franklin L. Clarkson,
Sec[retary],
pro tem. 2p.

Order carrying out the preceding Resolutions of Congress.

Ceintrè, Poulain de. Near Angers 1781 January 6 A.L.S. 1p. XXI, 10.
to Benjamin Franklin

Wishes a position as Lieutenant or Captain in a Boston regiment.

(In French.)

A.E. by Franklin. It is impossible.

(In French.)

Newenham, Sir Edward. Lausanne 1781 January 8 A.L.S. 1p. XXI, 11.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing an account of a volunteer review in Ireland, which his father asked him to forward.

Zrény, Baron. Kaschau, Hungary 1781 January 9 A.L.S. 2p. XXI, 12.
to Benjamin Franklin

At the slightest word of encouragement, will resign his position, say farwell to his friends and present himself at Passy.

(In French.)

Willson, John and Stephen Hamson 1781 January 9 L.S. 1p. XXI, 13.
to Benjamin Franklin

Have been prisoners since October, 1780; penniless and almost naked; entreat Franklin to procure them their liberty.

Hodgson, William. London 1781 January 9 A.L.S. 2p. XXI, 14.
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging £150 to be applied to the relief of the American prisoners; the weekly allowance suggested by Franklin will amount to £150 per month, as there are five hundred prisoners; if this sum

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can be furnished regularly, well and good; but until he has orders to that effect, he will feel justified in distributing less.

Waterhouse, Benjamin. Leyden 1781 January 10 A.L.S. 3p. XXI, 15.
to Benjamin Franklin

Wrote a few weeks ago enclosing letters from Dr. Fothergill; little thought that he would so soon have to announce his death, which took place on the 26th of December; his director, guide and friend.

Bertrand, -----. Paris 1781 January 10 L.S. 1p. XXI, 15 1/2.
to Benjamin Franklin

Transcribing his letter of September 29, 1780; attributes receiving no reply to Franklin's illness. (In French.)

All, Isaac. L'Orient 1781 January 10 A.L.S. 1p. XXI, 16.
to Benjamin Franklin

Leaves for Philadelphia in a few days; hopes to be entrusted with a letter for Dr. Franklin's family.

Gébelin, Antoine Court de. Paris 1781 January 10 A.L.S. 2p. XXI, 17.
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing M. La Renaudière, who, hearing that a printer is wanted in the United States capable of training apprentices, would like the position. (In French.)

Bowdoin, James. Boston 1781 January 11 A.L.S. 2p. XXI, 18.
to Benjamin Franklin

Wrote some months before by Mr. Guild, who probably spoke of a bill then pending in the Assembly for incorporating a philosophical society; it is now formed under the name of the Amercian Academy of Arts and Sciences; at the last meeting several distinguished gentlemen were put in nomination, among them the Amercian Ambassador to the Court of France; forwards a specimen of Society's first fruit.

Der Kenne, Louis, Liège 1781 January 12 A.L.S 1 p. XXI, 19.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Offering two hundred and thirty muskets at a reasonable price.

(In French.)

A.E. by Franklin. Has no need of them.

(In French.)

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| Dumas, C.G.F. to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 January 12 | A.L.S. 2 p. XXXIX, 202. |
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Russia strongly for Holland and against Great Britain. Letters of marque against England being generally distributed to privateers and armed vessels.

(In French.)

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| Newenham, Sir Edward. Dublin to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 January 12 | A.L.S. 2 p. XXI, 20. |
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The citizens of Dublin, touched by the present situation in the West Indies, desire to send provisions and clothing; desire a passport and protection for their vessel, as well as Franklin's interest in obtaining the same from the Court of France and the Spanish Ambassador at Paris.

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| Macarty, Mr & Mrs to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 January 13 | L. in 3d P. 1p. XLIII, 214. |
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Sorry they cannot dine with him.

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| Deane, Silas. Paris to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 January 13 | D.S. 1p. XXI, 21. |
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Certifying that he has not disposed of any of the within mentioned certificates and that he has deposited the power of attorney sent him by Mr. Shee with Dr. Franklin.

(Copy.)

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| Durand, ----- to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 January 15 | A.L.S. 1p. XXI, 22. |
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Concerning a note forwarded to him by a book seller in Turin.

(In French.)

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| Fletcher, John. Ostend to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 January 15 | A.L.S. 2p. XXI, 23. |
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Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Introducing Mr. Charles Hill of Bristol, who has helped many Americans in England; he is going to Bilbao on business, and being English born, he will need a passport from the Spanish Ambassador; begs Franklin's interest in obtaining this favor; such services instrumental in encouraging a humane attitude towards American prisoners in England.

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| Lafargue, Mme. Passy to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 January 15 | Mem. 1p. | LXIII, 1. |
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Account for wages, etc., as cook for Dr. Franklin.
(In French.)

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| Grosley, Pierre Jean to Benjamin Franklin | [1781.] January 15 | A.L. in 3d P. | XLIV, 270. 2p. |
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Has not forgotten the pleasure he had of seeing Franklin in London at Sir John Pringle's. Desires to see him now about a matter connected with the Royal Society of London.
(In French.)

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| Aubin de St. Lambert, G to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 January 16 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXI, 24. |
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Hopes for a private audience with Franklin; his former position as Commander of the Royal Frigates.
(In French.)

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| Duchemin, Daniel. Amiens to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 January 17 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXI, 25. |
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Grateful for the position offered him, but cannot leave his wife and daughter; if circumstances should alter, relies on the continuance of Franklin's favor.
(In French.)

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| Franquelin, ----- Hesdin to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 January 19 | A.L.S. 2p. | XXI, 26. |
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Asks Franklin's interest to procure him the position of agent on one of the King's farms.
(In French.)

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| Rabiqueau, ----- | 1781 January 21 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXI, 27. |
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Sending a prospectus of interest to a lover of the arts and sciences.

(In French.)

John de Neufville and Son. Amsterdam 1781 January 22 A.L.S. 1p. XXI, 28.

to Benjamin Franklin

Announcing that the Dutch states have joined the armed neutrality which was signed at the Court of Prussia; force and spirit shown by the Dutch in regard to English demands.

Grandclos, ----, baron (?) de. St Prix 1781 January 22 A.L.S. 3p. XXI, 29.

to Benjamin Franklin

Desires directions for converting smoke into flame; understands that Franklin, when he invented his stove, employed a certain method to this end; has failed to find an account of it among his works.

(In French.)

Laboureau, Mme. Franklin. Paris 1781 January 22 A.L.S. 6p. XXI, 30.

to Benjamin Franklin

Grateful for Franklin's kindness. Has lost everything through the failure of the firm; begs Franklin to procure employment for her husband.

(In French.)

D'aubenton, -----, Paris 1781 January 23 A.L.S. 1p. XXI, 31

to Benjamin Franklin

Forwards a memoir concerning certain people in the King's service; begs Franklin to procure him information on this subject.

(In French.)

Conkling, Joseph. La Rochelle 1781 January 23 A.L.S. 1p. XXI, 32.

to Benjamin Franklin

His brig the "Whim" ready to receive her cargo; fears that the proceeds from the sale of his tobacco will be insufficient to load the brig; begs Franklin's influence with the Secretary of State to allow him to carry freight from the King's stores to M. de Ternay's fleet at Rhode Island. Any despatches may be safely confided to his care.

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Dumas, C.G.F. 1781 January 23 A.L.S. 2p. XXXIX, 203.
to Benjamin Franklin

Progress of negotiations between Russia and Holland; England's vain efforts to keep Holland out of the Alliance. Desires confirmation of certain cheering news from America.
(In French.)

Daschkow, Princess. Paris [1781 January 24?] L. in 3d P. 1p.XLI, 1
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing a letter addressed to Franklin which her daughter received from England; reason why the seal was broken; desirous of making his acquaintance.

The Board of Treasury. Philadelphia 1781 January 24 A.L.S. John LIV, 99.
to Benjamin Franklin Gibson, Jr.,
President. 2p.

Warning as to a number of lost sets of bills of exchange.

Dumas, C.G.F. 1781 January 25 A.L.S. 1p. XXXIX, 204.
to Benjamin Franklin

Efforts made by Sir [James] Harris, the English Ambassador at St. Petersburg, to keep Holland out of an alliance with Russia; attitude of the Empress.

Genet, -----. Paris 1781 January 27 A.L.S. 1p. XXI, 33.
to Benjamin Franklin

Request from Capt. [William] Robeson for a passage to America on board one of the King's ships.
(In French.)

Deans, Silas. Antwerp 1781 January 27 A.L.S. 1p. XXI, 34.
to Benjamin Franklin

Situation of Antwerp admirable for commerce, though that as well as politics appears to have been banished.

Lavoisier , Antoine Laurent, 1743-1794 1781 January 27 A.L.S. 2p. XXI, 35.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Has just heard that the shipment of saltpetre from St. Malo to L'Orient has terminated successfully; offers his congratulations. Has sustained a heavy blow in the loss of an aunt who had been a second mother to him.

(In French.)

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| Dana, Francis M. Paris to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 January 27 | L. in 3d P. 1p.XXI, 36. |
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Accepting invitation to dinner.

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| Nogaret, François-Félix to Benjamin Franklin | [1781.] January 29 | A.L.S. 1p. XLIV, 202. |
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Hopes Franklin has regained health. Asks him to accept as a gift the portrait of the Archbishop of Paris which will soon be engraved and delivered to him.

(In French.)

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| Searle, James. Paris to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 January 29 | L. in 3d P. 1p.XXI, 37. |
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Unable to accept his invitation to dinner as he is engaged to M. de Beaumarchais.

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| Daubert, ----. Caen to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 January 29 | A.L.S. 1p. XXI, 38. |
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Enclosing a sonnet (1 p.) of which Franklin is the subject; written in honor of the Immaculate Conception; it won the first prize at the University of Caen.

(In French.)

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| Dumas, C.G.F. to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 January 30 | A.L.S. 1p. XXXIX, 205. |
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Holland's manifesto not yet published; fears the consequence of so much delay. Holland likely to ask of France aid for her forces in the East Indies.

(In French.)

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| Daschkow, Princess. Paris to Benjamin Franklin | [1781.] January 30 | L. in 3d P. 1p.XLI, 12. |
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Acknowledging Franklin's kind note and appointing a day when she will be happy to see him.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Lenoir, Jean-Charles-Pierre. Paris 1781 January 31 A.L.S. 1p. XXI, 39.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing the desired permission, that the books held at the customhouse may be delivered to
Franklin's address without further delay.
(In French.)

The American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Boston 1781 January 31 Portfolio.
to Benjamin Franklin

Certificate of membership.
to Benjamin Franklin, 1781 January 31

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Gourlade and Moylan. L'Orient 1781 January 31 A.L.S. 1p. XXI, 40.
to Benjamin Franklin

Have paid the desired amount to Capt. Nicholas Broughton of Marblehead. The ship "Marquis de la
Fayette" not yet appeared.

Deshautesrayes, -----. Collège Royal 1781 February 1 A.L.S. 1p. XXI, 41.
to Jean-Baptists de Roy

His cousin is a printer who desires to pursue his trade in Boston; answers for his intelligence and
ability.
(In French.)

Chastellux, François-Jean de Beauvoir, chevalier de. Newport 1781 February 1 A.L.S. 2p. XXI, 42.
to Benjamin Franklin

Praises Mr. Laurens in the highest terms. Franklin's letters of introduction procured him the kindest
welcome in Philadelphia, from Mr. Reed and the Academical Society.

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(In French.)

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1781 February 1 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVIII, 76.
to Benjamin Franklin

Since his last a ship loaded with sugar and cotton from Port au Prince (but belonging to Boston) arrived at l'Orient to his address. Each post informs him that the ship ["Marquis de la Fayette"] is ready but she is, notwithstanding, still at Bordeaux. If he had not made the bargain for her he could now ship the goods in American bottoms as there are two or three ships at l'Orient. Has sent M. de Chaumont his account current by this day's post. If Dr. Franklin takes this clothing he will repay Mr. de Chaumont by him.

Cooper, Samuel. Boston 1781 February 1 A.L.S. 5p. XXI, 43.
to Benjamin Franklin

For news of the state of affairs, refers him to Col. [John] Laurens an officer in the army and son of former President Laurens, now a prisoner in the Tower of London; Col. Laurens's mission probably connected with the great need of money. Greater degree of unanimity in the settlement of the new Constitution. Has long expected the arrival of Capt. Jones in the "Ariel"; doubts not he will clear himself of all charges against him; Landais's trial and the testimony of the officers and passengers. Franklin elected a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. The bearer of the present letter is his son-in-law, Col. Johonnot, late of the U.S. army, who goes to France to see his son; will appreciate any kindness shown them. Encloses a memoir, of which he is the author, concerning the great service rendered the American cause by Count d'Estaing; wishes it printed and published at his expense; encloses copies of his sermon delivered at the inauguration of their new Commonwealth.

Cottier, ----- Doullens 1781 February 1 A. L. S. 3 p. XXI, 44.
to Benjamin Franklin

Saw in the Pennsylvania Gazette of Oct. 30th, some mention of the Chevalier du Buisson; his only surviving daughter is very anxious for news of her father, who went to America in 1757 and of whom nothing has been heard since.

(In French.)

Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves, marquis de, 1757-1834 1781 February 1 A. L. S. 4 p. XXI, 45.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Fears that party feeling will long delay the choice of a Secretary for Franklin's Embassy. Mission of Col. Laurens; approves his selection by Congress. Has sent, from time to time, authentic and accurate accounts of their successes, but dared not give a confidential account of their extreme need of money, arms, clothing, and ammunition. French force of great service in counteracting the enemy's plans. Col. Laurens can furnish all particulars of a public and private character. His own situation in America is the happiest he can ever hope to obtain. Not surprised to discover that Franklin has enemies, but the people at large revere his name. Does not know whether their little book has yet made its appearance; enemy's hellish trade will furnish him with further material, which he will forward.

Newenham, Thomas. Brussels 1781 February 1 A. L. S. 1 p. XXI, 46.
to Benjamin Franklin

The books which the bearer will deliver, were given him by his uncle, Sir Edward Newenham; has also a letter from his uncle which he will deliver in person.

Cooper, Samuel. Boston 1781 February 2 A.L.S. 1p. XXI, 47.
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing [Louis Dominique Ethis] de Corney, a member of several literary societies in Europe, who came to America with Marquis de la Fayette on public business.

Coffyn, Francis. Dunkirk 1781 February 3 A.L.S. 1 p. XXI, 48.
to Benjamin Franklin

The bearer is Mr. Thomas Wynne, who escaped with his young brother from an English prison; their hope of sailing to America from one of the French seaports; has lent them a little money; leaves the rest to Franklin's known kindness.

(In French.)

Dumas, C.G.F. 1781 February 5 A.L.S. 3 p. XXXIX, 206.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sending enclosure for Congress. Talk of a general peace through the interventions of Russia; report that England has proposed a nine years' truce to France. Delighted to see Mr. Silas Deane. Account of his conversation with Mr. Searle and the French Ambassador. Conference between the Ambassador and M. G[illo]n; the latter's belief that he will soon be able to see sail from the Texel.

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Desiring to know if there is any Minister in Europe with sufficient power from Congress to enter into negotiations with Russia.

(In French.)

Gourlade and Moylan. L'Orient 1781 February 5 A.L.S. 1 p. XXI, 49.
to Benjamin Franklin

The arms damaged on board the "Ariel" and left for repair are nearly ready for shipping; desires to know if they are to go on board the "Marquis de la Fayette."

Jourdan, -----. Troyes 1781 February 5 A.L.S. 2p. XXI, 50.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has several talents which he thinks will prove advantageous to the Colony of Boston.

(In French.)

Ingenhousz, Jan 1781 February 7 A.L.S. 1p. XXI, 51.
to Benjamin Franklin

Wrote some weeks before of experiments done according to Franklin's directions, with wires of various metals. Repeats his inquires concerning an important letter from Mr. Wharton, which he never received. Vexed at the ungenerous behaviour of the English towards his country; hopes the northern powers will no longer brook the pride and arrogance of that nation. Begs for news of America and suggests a way of forwarding newspapers. Has observed a blunder in all the translations of his "Theory of the Electrophorus," which affects the sense; will publish a new translation, with improvements.

Ingenhousz, Jan 1781 February 7 A.L.S. 1p. XXI, 51.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Lesease, -----. Mont Flanquin 1781 February 8 L in 3d P. 3p. XXI, 52.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to serve in the United States on condition that he receive the command of infantry or cavalry troops.

(In French.)

Jepson, Benjamin. Boston 1781 February 8 A.L.S. 1p. XXI, 53.
to Benjamin Franklin

Asking that payment be stopped on certain bills.

Brillon, Mme [1781.] February 8 A.L.S. 1p. XLIII, 15.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sends him a foolish thing written for him; will be very angry if he tells anyone that she writes verse.

(In French.)

Bibliography

Neufville, Leendert de. Amsterdam 1781 February 8 XXI, 54.
to Benjamin Franklin

The disagreeable situation of Mr. Digges; caused by Mr. Trumbull's mentioning his name in his trial. Mr. [Winslow] Warren and Mr. Brailsford both taken up; reasons why they were suspected. Mr. [John] Temple's cautious behavior saved him.

Willard, Joseph. Beverly 1781 February 9 A.L.S. 3p. XXI, 55.
to Benjamin Franklin

Announcing Franklin's election as a member of the Amercian Society of Arts and Sciences in January, 1781; encloses a catalogue of the present officers, the act of incorporation and the President's oration. Desires to know what publications of merit have appeared in France during the last five or six years, especially in Natural Philosophy, Mathematics and Astronomy.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1781 February 9 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVIII, 77.
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing Mr. [John] S[c]haffer, recommended to him by Mr. Morris of Philadelphia.

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Girard, -----. Rennes 1781 February 10 A.L.S. 1p. XXI, 56.
to Benjamin Franklin

In August , 1777, rented a carriage to a Mr. Vincent, an American, which was the last he ever saw of it; asks that the value of the vehicle be given him.

(In French.)

[A. E. by Franklin.] Advises him to write to the French Consul at New York, with a power of attorney, authorizing him to recover the property.

Grand, Ferdinand 1781 February 10 L.S. 1p. XXI, 57.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing a bill of the Loan Office for acceptance; reasons why a bill is often refused.

(In French.)

B#yck, Pierre. Gand 1781 February 11 L.S. 1p. XXI, 58.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing a letter from Mr. Thomas White, whose funds are in Franklin's hands; desires to know for what amount he may draw.

(In French.)

Chaumont, Le Ray de, fille ainée. Passy 1781 February 11 A.D.S. 1p. XXI, 59.
to Benjamin Franklin

Received bill for carriage hire and wine.

(In French.)

Kéralio, Agathon Guynement, chevalier [1781.] February 11 N. 1p. LXX, 96.
de
to Benjamin Franklin

Giving particulars about the patient's [the Dowager Duchess of Deux-Ponts] condition, great improvement but still seriously ill.

(In French.)

Kéralio, Agathon Guynement, chevalier 1781 February 11 A.N. 2p. LXXI, 115b.
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to W.T. Franklin

Sending a copy of a note written to him by the Dowager Duchess of Deux-Ponts and giving particulars of the latter's illness. Comments on the state of affairs in England and the reports of a truce between the belligerent powers.

(In French.)

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| Hubbart, Samuel | 1781 February 12 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXI, 60. |
| to Benjamin Franklin | | | |

Was taken in the " Wexford" privateer; badly off for clothes and money.

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| Epidorge, ---- . Dunkerque | 1781 February 12 | A.L.S. 3p. | XXI, 61. |
| to Benjamin Franklin | | | |

Wishes to know if the request concerning the twenty volunteers of Capt. Conyngham's crew came to hand; they live in his house and will give him no peace until he writes again; Mr. Coffyn refuses to do anything for them, as he has received no instructions; they demand their wages and a lawful share of the prize-money.

(In French.)

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| Putnam, Benjamin. Basse-Terre, Guadeloupe | 1781 February 12 | A.L.S. 3p. | XXI, 62. |
| to Benjamin Franklin | | | |

Concerning the capture of an English privateer schooner by seven Americans, held as prisoners on board; in the subsequent trial, the privateer was adjudged the property of the captors; this judgment has been appealed to France for a second hearing; has purchased the pretensions of the seven Americans and begs Franklin's interposition on his behalf, should the appeal come before the Court of France.

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| Howard, William. On board a prison ship, "Security," off Chatham | 1781 February 14 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXI, 63. |
| to Benjamin Franklin | | | |

Six Americans on board the ship in a most miserable situation, without clothes or money; they had all relied upon being exchanged with the Frenchmen; they are treated badly and are short of rations.

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Brillon, Mme [1781.] February 15 A.L. 1p. XLIII, 16.
to Benjamin Franklin

Reproaches him for not coming to see her on her usual day; promises to return all his visits when she is stronger; begs him to bring her little story with him so that she may make a correction.

(In French.)

Bibliography

Falck, Lars. Stockholm 1781 February 16 L.S. 3p. XXI, 65.
to Benjamin Franklin

Being the proprietor of a large tannery, and hearing that the United Provinces are in need of a quantity of shoes, offers to supply two thousand pair a month, at six shillings a pair.

Castries, M de 1781 February 16 A.L.S. 1p. XXI, 67.
to Benjamin Franklin

M. de Sartine wrote Franklin in October, 1779, in regard to the sailors of the "Revenge," Capt. Conyngham; Franklin's belief that many of them had embarked clandestinely has been disproved by their names being found on the ship's muster-roll; sends a new memoir concerning this matter.

(In French.)

Pochard, Abbé. Alligny 1781 February 17 A.L.S. 3p. XXI, 68.
to Benjamin Franklin

Asking that the enclosed letter may be forwarded to his friend, Vaillant, in Philadelphia.

(In French.)

Conkling, Joseph. La Rochelle 1781 February 17 A.L.S. 2p. XXI, 69.
to Benjamin Franklin

Repeating his request for freight with which to load his brig the "Whim."

Le Veillard Fils, ----- Passy 1781 February 17 A.L.S. 1p. XXI, 70.
to W.T. Franklin

Enclosing four documents, sent to his father by Messrs. Lavabre, Doerner and Co., bankers at Paris for Franklin's official endorsement.

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(In French.)

Kéralio, Agathon Guynement, chevalier 1781 February 18, 22 A.L. in 3d P. XXI, 71.
de 1p.
to Benjamin Franklin

Background note

Lines added by Mme. La Douairière on the letter on February 22.

Announcing that their invalid is on the road to recovery and that the doctors promise a speedy convalescence.

[A few lines added by Mme. La Douairière Duchesse de Deux-Ponts.] Her brother has only said what was true; she feels sure now that she will live.

(In French.)

Boulainvilliers, ----- Anne-Gabriel-Henri 1781 February 19 A.L.S. 2p. XXI, 72.
Bernard, marquis de
to Benjamin Franklin

Craves a passport for the Chevalier Destours, residing in Dublin, whose state of health obliges him to come to Paris.

(In French.)

John de Neufville and Son. Amsterdam 1781 February 19 A.L.S. 2p. XXI, 73.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has received a letter from Capt. Daniel McNeill, from St. Lucia, advising them of his capture and begging that Dr. Franklin be notified not to accept any bills endorsed to his order.

Kéralio, Agathon Guynement, chevalier 1781 February 20, 24 A.L. in 3d P. XXI, 74.
de 1p.
to Benjamin Franklin

The condition of Mme. La Douairière [Duchesse de Deux-Ponts] improves from day to day; she wishes to write herself but he thought best to prevent her as she is still very weak. Nothing in the way of news from Brest; vessels making ready to sail and work going ceaselessly on.

(In French.)

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1781 February 22 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVIII, 78.

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to Benjamin Franklin

Captain [de Galathea] of the "Marquis de la Fayette" gone to Passy; cannot guess his business; ship not yet ready to take in all the goods.

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| Deane, Silas. Paris | 1781 February 22 | L.S. 3p. | XXI, 76. |
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to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the claims made by the seamen of the "Revenge"; Capt. Conyngham being dead, thinks it impossible to declare positively on the facts alleged in the sailors' memorial; was told both by Mr. Hodge and Capt. Conyngham that the latter got rid of twenty unruly sailors by putting them on a prize-ship to guard the prisoners; these afterwards got control of the ship and took her to England, where the said sailors were thrown into prison; gives particulars of Capt. Conyngham's last cruise.

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| Deane, Silas. Paris | 1781 February 23 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXI, 77. |
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to Benjamin Franklin

Begs that the letter he sends may be forwarded by express.

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| Grand, Ferdinand | 1781 February 23 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXI, 78. |
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to Benjamin Franklin

Desires passports for American ships.
(In French.)

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| D'aubenton, -----. Paris | 1781 February 24 | A.L.S. 2p. | XXI, 79. |
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to Benjamin Franklin

A few days before, enclosed Franklin a memoir concerning the sugars shipped by M. de Valminière from Martinique to New England; begs to be informed if the memoir arrived safely.
(In French.)

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| Kéralio, Agathon Guynement, chevalier | 1781 March 1 | A.L. in 3d P. | XXI, 80. |
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to Benjamin and W.T. Franklin

Quoting from a letter of Mme. La Douairière [Duchesse de DeuxPons], which speaks of her improvement, though she still suffers greatly. Extract from her physician's letter asserting his belief in her speedy convalescence.

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(In French.)

Huquier, A Benoist. Orleans 1781 February 26 A.L.S. 2p. XXI, 81.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has received the little boxes from M. Grand of Paris; wishes their contents declared in order to prevent their being confiscated.

(In French.)

Jaques Bergeon & Co. 1781 February 26 A.L.S. 2p. XXI, 82.
to Benjamin Franklin

If it can be arranged without prejudice to the United States, would like Paul Jones to take command for several months of a Dutch fleet, sent by the citizens and patrons of the outraged republic of Holland against Great Britain.

(In French.)

Kéralio, Agathon Guynement, chevalier 1781 February 27 A.L.S. 1p. XXI, 83.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Is delighted with the invalid's improvement; thinks the battle is won and that there will no longer be any occasion to write on the subject which has so occupied their thoughts. French fleet under M. de Grasse on the point of sailing for America; greatest confidence felt in him.

(In French.)

Vicq d' Azyr, Félix 1781 February 28 A.L.S. 2p. XXI, 84.
to Benjamin Franklin

The Royal Society of Medicine has deputed him to send Dr. Franklin tickets for their public meeting; trusts that he will not refuse them the honor of his presence.

(In French.)

Daton, Tristram and others 1781 February 28 L.S. 3p. XXI, 85.
to the Marquis de Castries

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According to the King's orders, transmitted through M. de Sartine, they were to receive a sum proportionate to the value of the vessel ["Fair Play"] lost off Guadeloupe; the estimate made by the Government of that Island falls far below the worth of the vessel; beg that justice be done them.
(In French.)

Willard, Joseph. Beverly 1781 March 1 A.L.S. 1p. XXI, 86.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires a safe conveyance for the enclosed letters to Dr. Price in London; begs that certain observations of eclipses, made at the Royal Observatory at Paris, may be sent to him.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1781 March 1 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVIII, 79.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning M. de Chaumont's consent to the appropriation of the officer's clothing to the public account.

Dumas, C.G.F. 1781 March 1 A.L.S. 2p. XXXIX, 207.
to Benjamin Franklin

Movements of Mr. Adams; his negotiations with M. de Neufville relative to large loan; hopes it will have better success than that of 1778. No apparent haste to strengthen the Dutch navy; discontent among the people.
(In French.)

Nogaret, François-Félix 1781 March 2 L.S. 11p. XXI, 87.
to Benjamin Franklin

Request his opinion on the French translation of the famous Latin verse, "Eripuit coelo fulmen, sceptrumque tyrannus"; suggests various renderings; encloses one to be placed under Franklin's portrait.
(In French.)

Bibliography

Cuming, James. L'Orient 1781 March 2 A.L.S. 1p. XXI, 88.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Received by the lugger "Aimable Elizabeth," a packet which he forwarded by the last post; now sends some newspapers, and by the next opportunity will forward some journals of Congress.

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| Newenham, Sir Edward. Belcamp to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 March 2 | A.L.S. 2p. | XXI, 89 and 90. |
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Most grateful for the passports which arrived that morning and desires four more for ships about to sail. His nephew and eldest son as well as his wife and himself look forward to paying their respects to Franklin very soon.

(In duplicate.)

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| Gourlade and Moylan. L'Orient to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 March 2 | A.L.S. 2p. | XXI, 91. |
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The Custom house officers have refused permission to load one hundred and ninety-eight cases of musket barrels on the "Marquis de la Fayette," unless they are furnished with a passport; begs Franklin to forward one as soon as possible.

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| Fournier, Simon-Pierre, la jeune to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 March 3 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXI, 92. |
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Acknowledging Franklin's favor with its request for certain letters and punctuation marks; will bring them in person on the first of April.

(In French.)

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| Bondfield, John. Bordeaux to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 March 3 | A.L.S. 2p. | XXI, 93. |
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Sends his accounts, including advances made to sundry Americans, for which he has taken receipts; has omitted to mention cases where he only gave to prevent their being objects of public charity.

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| Jackson, Major William to Benjamin Franklin | [1781?] March 3 | A.L. in 3d P. 1p. | XLIV, 239. |
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Regrets that a prior engagement denies him the honor of accepting his polite invitation to dinner.

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| Golowkin, Comtesse de to Benjamin Franklin | [1781.] March 7 | A.L. 1p. | XLIV, 187. |
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Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Asks him when he will come and dine with her.

(In French.)

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| Germain, Lord George. London to The Commissioners for Restoring Peace. | 1781 March 7 | 1p. | XLVII, 192. |
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Extract from a letter relative to the restoring of peace between Great Britain and America.

(Press copy.)

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| La Corbière, ----- de to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 March 7 | A.L.S. 2p. | XXI, 94. |
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Plan to establish a lottery in America; dilates upon its numerous advantages.

(In French.)

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| Fournier, Simon-Pierre, la jeune to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 March 8 | A.L.S. 2p. | XXI, 95. |
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Denounces a young printer of his acquaintance, who intends writing to Franklin and asking for his picture.

(In French.)

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| Gourlade and Moylan. L'Orient to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 March 9 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXI, 96. |
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Enclosing two letters from America; will send larger packets by Col. Laurens, who has just arrived in the "Alliance," Capt. Barry.

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| Laurens, Col John. L'Orient to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 March 9 | A.L.S. 2p. | XXI, 97. |
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Has just landed after a passage of twenty-six days from Boston; the expected arrival of the Marquis de Castries that evening alone prevents his hastening to deliver to Franklin the despatches of Congress, and pursue under his auspices the important matters to which they relate.

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| Dumas, C.G.F. to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 March 9 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXXIX, 208. |
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Mr. Adams at Leiden. Amsterdam busy building and equipping vessels; the proposal of Amsterdam and Rotterdam to forbid all importation of English manufactures and all exporting to England of grain, linseed, etc.

(In French.)

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| Nesbitt, Jonathan, & Co. to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 March 9 | A.L.S. 1p. XXI, 98. |
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Enclosing a letter for Dr. John Foulke, whom he presumes is in Paris; offers his congratulations upon the safe arrival of the "Alliance."

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| Woedtke, A.M. to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 March 10 | A.L.S. 3p. XXI, 99. |
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Desiring news of his brother who is reported to have died at Philadelphia with the rank of Colonel in the American army; thinks he may have served under an assumed name; begs that, if possible, a certificate of his death may be procured.

(In French.)

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| Coffyn, Francis. Dunkirk to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 March 10 | A.L.S. 3p. XXI, 100. |
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Hopes to hear soon from Mr. Wharton, as it is nearly three months since the "Ariel" left L'Orient. Concerning the claim of the sixteen French sailors formerly belonging to Capt. Conyngham, for wages and prize-money; enclosing a petition [in French, 3 p.] which they have lately presented to the Judges of the Admiralty, in which they hold him (Coffyn) responsible for the payment of their demands; begs for a letter which may clear him of all responsibility in this matter; asks that an explanation be given to M. de Castries to whom these men have written.

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| Barry, John. Isle of Groix off L'Orient to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 March 10 | A.L.S. 2p. XXI, 101. |
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Announcing the safe arrival of the "Alliance"; the bearer, Col. Laurens, can furnish a particular account of affairs in America. Orders of Congress respecting the future movements of the "Alliance"; very anxious to obtain a copper bottom for that ship.

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| Searle, James. Paris to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 March 11 | A.L. in 3d P. XXI, 102. 1p. |
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Desiring a passport which will enable him to leave Paris, as he intends returning to Amsterdam in a few days.

L-----, M-----. Paris 1781 March 12 L. 1p. XXI, 103.
to Benjamin Franklin

Transcribing his own poor rendering into French of the famous Latin verse "Eripuit caelo fulmen, et sceptrum tyrannis."

(In French.)

Mumford, Thomas. Groton Conn 1781 March 12 A.L.S. 1p. XXI, 104 and 105.
to Benjamin Franklin

Informed that his nephew, Mr. Gurdon [S.] Mumford, has been admitted into Dr. Franklin's office, through the influence of Mr. Silas Deane; joins with his brother in acknowledging Franklin's kindness.

(In duplicate.)

Vandenyver, Jean-Baptiste. Paris 1781 March 13 A.L.S. 1p. XXI, 106.
to Benjamin Franklin

Asks for a stated audience to present an envoy from the Court of Spain, who is empowered to treat of affairs relating to America.

(In French.)

Mumford, David. Hartford 1781 March 13 A.L.S. 1p. XXI, 107.
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging Franklin's kindness in admitting his son into his family until a position can be found for him in a good counting-house; has made great sacrifices in the struggle for independence, which prevents his providing for his children, as he had hoped.

Barry, John. L'Orient 1781 March 13 L.S. 2p. XXI, 108.
to Benjamin Franklin

In case the "Alliance" is to convoy the ship with the Continental stores, thirty or forty more men are absolutely necessary; hears there are fifty Americans on board a French privateer; as the United

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States may not take French sailors into service, desires permission to get American subjects out of French vessels.

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| Searle, James. Paris to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 March 15 | A.L. in 3d P. XXI, 109. 1p. |
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Accepting invitation for dinner on the following day.

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| Dana, Francis M. Paris to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 March 15 | A.L. in 3d P. XXI, 110. 1p. |
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Regrets that a prior engagement prevents his dining with Franklin the following day.

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| Cuillié, ----- Versailles to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 March 15 | L.S. 2p. XXI, III. |
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Desiring information in regard to the fate of a M. Le Brun de Bellecour, who served under Gen. Washington and as Aide-de-camp to Gen. Lincoln; since the affair of Savannah, nothing has been heard of him and his father is most anxious.

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| Brillon, Mme to Benjamin Franklin | [1781] March 16 | A.L. 1p. XLIII, 21. |
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Introducing M. Gossec to Franklin on his departure for America.
(In French.)

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| Chalut de Vérin, Geoffrey to Benjamin Franklin | [1781] March 16 | A.L. in 3d P. XLIV, 242. 1p. |
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Expects Franklin and his grandson at dinner as promised by them to Abbés Chalut and Arnoux.
(In French.)

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| La Corbière, ----- de to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 March 14 | L.S. 3p. LXX, 68. |
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Describes a plan by which a loan of 12 millions could be raised for the United States by the sale of 100,000 bonds at 120 fr. each which would participated in lottery drawings and bring more or less interest according to the result of such drawings.
(In French.)

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Ogant, Mlle. Liancourt 1781 March 16 L. in 3d P. 1p.XXI, 112.
to Benjamin Franklin

The autumn before sent Franklin a little memoir concerning her brother whom she thought was serving as General in the American army; wishes to know if anything has been heard of him.
(In French.)

Vaughan, James. On Prison ship off 1781 March 16 A.L.S. 2p. XXI, 113.
Rochefort
to Benjamin Franklin

Complains of treatment accorded him by a certain Captain who engaged him as gunner upon certain terms; was first captured in a prize belonging to his uncle, Capt. McCulloch, and carried to England.

Kerhalec, ----- Riou. Brest 1781 March 16 A.L.S. 1p. XXI, 114.
to Benjamin Franklin

Request to forward the enclosed packets by Joseph Newman, Captain of the brigantine "Gates".
(In French.)

Lyons, Archibald. Caen 1781 March 17 L.S. 2p. LX, 42.
to Benjamin Franklin

An American officer of the ship "Revenge" who has escaped from Forton Prison, in England; appeals for a loan of 20 guineas.

J.F. Frin and Co. Paris 1781 March 17 A.L.S. 2p. XXI, 115.
to Benjamin Franklin

Their friends in Amsterdam, Messrs. Crommelin and Son, write that certain bills having fallen into the hands of the English, they beg that none shall be accepted without the signature of their firm.
(In French.)

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1781 March 17 A.L.S. 3p. XXXVIII, 80.
to Benjamin Franklin

Prevented by Mrs. Williams's illness from going to l'Orient; loading of the "Marquis de la Fayette"; not surprised at Messrs. L[ee]'s and J[ay]'s enmity; expects nothing from Congress.

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Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1781 March 18 A.Dr. of L. XXXVIII, 81.
to The Committee of Continental Congress 3p.

Informing them of the departure of the "Marquis de la Fayette," laden with clothing for the army; denies all responsibility for the unaccountable delay.

Le Rouge, ----- Paris 1781 March 20 A.L.S. 2p. XXI, 116.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sends the maps on a smaller scale; as the surroundings of Fort Pitt were given in detail, he copied them directly from the original; wishes to know if the fête of "Shawane Town," as described by Gen. Pownall, takes place every year.

(In French.)

Hodgson, William. London 1781 March 20 A.L.S. 3p. XXXI, 117.
to Benjamin Franklin

Franklin deceived by Mr. Digges; his dishonesty in regard to the American prisoners 1. Prospects of peace; intervention of the Empress of Russia and the Emperor of Germany.

Other Descriptive Information

This paragraph printed in Works (Sparks, IX, 15, Note).

Necker, Jacques and Suzanne. Paris 1781 March 21 L. in 3d P. 1p.XXI, 118.
to Benjamin Franklin

Requesting Franklin's company at dinner.

(In French.)

Franquelin, ----- Hesdin 1781 March 22 A.L.S. 2p. XXI, 119.
to Benjamin Franklin

Wrote in January in regard to obtaining the position of Agent on the King's farms; as the bearer of such an illustrious name, begs that influence may be used on his behalf.

(In French.)

Pinet, ----- Versailles 1781 March 22 L. in 3d P. 1p.XXI, 120.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has the honor of forwarding the enclosed letter from Granville.

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(In French.)

Barry, John. L'Orient 1781 March 23 L.S. 1p. XXI, 121.
to Benjamin Franklin

As Franklin has given him no instructions and as there is no one to apply to for further orders, has taken the ship the "Marquis de la Fayette" under his direction and will proceed to Delaware with her as soon as he can get ready.

D'Angely, Francois-Marie. Paris 1781 March 25 A.L.S. 4p. XXI, 122.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to go to America and raise a company of light horse and foot; is reluctant to leave without an assurance of Franklin's protection.

(In French.)

Kéralio, Agathon Guynement, chevalier 1781 March 26 L. in 3d P. 1p. XXI, 123.
de
to Benjamin Franklin

Wish to know if they may dine with Dr. Franklin the following Saturday.

(In French.)

Richard Neave and Son. Bornier 1781 March 26 A.L.S. 4p. XXI, 124.
to Benjamin Franklin

Mr. Wharton's departure for America left them without money, credit or a friend; their plans for recovering their just dues; desire Franklin's assistance.

Kurlbaum, Fredric G. Bielefeld 1781 March 26 A.L.S. 2p. LXX, 124.
to Benjamin Franklin

Offering to make shipments of sail cloth, table linen, etc., to America and requesting Franklin to furnish him with addresses of firms, etc.

(In French.)

Chalut de Vérin, Geoffrey [1781] March 27 L. in 3d P. 1p. XLIII, 151.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Asks Franklin to induce Mr. Laurens to come to dinner that day. Count d'Estaing has promised to be present.

(In French.)

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| Barry, John. L'Orient to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 March 27 | L.S. 1p. | XXI, 125 |
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Enclosing names of prisoners taken during his voyage to Boston; sorry to sail for Philadelphia without Franklin's despatches; considers it his duty to convoy the "Marquis de la Fayette" to America.

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| Williams, Jonathan Jr. to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 March 28 | A.L.S. 3p. | XXXVIII, 82. |
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Everything ready for the departure of the "Marquis de la Fayette"; she is to sail under convoy of the "Alliance".

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| Dumas, C.G.F. to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 March 29 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXXIX, 209. |
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Holland's state of lethargy. England's refusal of Russia's offer of mediation.
(In French.)

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| Bénard, ----. Paris to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 March 31 | A.L.S. 3p. | XXI, 126. |
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Protests his innocence; served Franklin with intelligence, attachment and fidelity.
(In French.)

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| Murray, John. Passy to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 March 31 | D.S. 1p. | XXI, 127. |
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Franklin having accepted, at his request, divers copies of bills of exchange, he hereby promises to make good the amount should originals of said bills be presented for payment.

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| Lovell, James, 1737-1814 to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 March 31 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXI, 128. |
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Sends Franklin a few newspapers; the enemy will tell their own story of the naval engagement of the 16th; they have ventured nearer the truth in Rivington's Royal Gazette than ever before; gallant conduct of the French; the enemy afraid to remain in Chesapeake Bay. Promises to send him Gen. [Nathanael] Greene's account of his affair with Cornwallis.

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| Nogaret, François-Félix to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 March | A.L.S. 4p. | XXI, 129. |
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Expresses great diffidence in exposing himself to Franklin's criticism; nevertheless sends him two volumes of his works.
(In French.)

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| -----, -----. Paris to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 April 2 | L. 1p. | XLIV, 45. |
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Complaining that Franklin crossed out a signature on a draft which was presented to him for acceptance.

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| Nogaret, François-Félix to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 April 4 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXI, 130. |
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From Franklin's silence, fears that he never received the volumes sent him.
(In French.)

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| Du Castel, -----. Paris to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 April 4 | L.S. 1p. | XXI, 131. |
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Has some American paper money; desires to know the best method of realizing its value.
(In French.)

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| Deane, Silas. Paris to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 April 4 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXI, 132. |
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Introducing Mr. Vanderpar, from Iceland, who wishes an interview with Franklin on the subject of a vessel taken by Captain Jones and sent to America.

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| Warren, Winslow. Amsterdam to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 April 6 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXI, 133. |
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Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Hears that a trunk and box belonging to him have been sent to Franklin at Passy; begs his care of them.

Delecolle, -----. Givet 1781 April 6 A.L.S. 2p. XXI, 134.
to Benjamin Franklin

Is desirous of going to America and serving as a second lieutenant.
(In French.)

Froelich, Christian Emanuel. Goerlitz 1781 April 7 A.L.S. 3p. XXI, 135.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires Franklin to send him the French rules and regulations for a branch of their Masonic Lodge at Goerlitz. Wishes to know if M. Frosch, director of the Royal Lottery in Paris, is still a Protestant.
(In German.)

Ingenhousz, Jan 1781 April 7 A.L.S. 1p. XXI, 136.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has received no answer to his last letter begging for information regarding Mr. Wharton's whereabouts; his reasons for being anxious on this score. Believes it necessary for the tranquility of Europe that America should remain free; attitude of England. Hopes of a Congress being called in Vienna and the American Minister being of the party. Work he has done in connection with electrophorus; notes on some new discoveries about inflammable and explosive air. Cowardly attack on Batavia by the English.

Bersolle, Emmanuel-Yves. Brest 1781 April 9 A.L.S. 1p. XXI, 137.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has received the packets and, by the first occasion, will forward them to Mr. Holker.
(In French.)

Tesché, Pierre Arnoud. Brest 1778 April 10 A.L.S. 4p. XXI, 138.
to Benjamin Franklin

Offering to supply anything needed in the way of arms; sends list of the various kinds made in his manufactory.
(In French.)

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Adams, John. Leyden 1781 April 10 L.S. 3p. XXI, 139.
to Benjamin Franklin

Difficulty of procuring a loan in Holland; mortified at America's lack of credit.

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John de Neufville and Son. Amsterdam 1781 April 11 A.L.S. 1p. XXI, 140.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning certain bills of exchange.

Hodgson, William. London 1781 April 12 A.L.S. 4p. XXI, 141.
to Benjamin Franklin

Equally shocked with Franklin at the consummate artifice and villainy of [Thomas] Digges; sends certain documents which will be proof positive of his guilt; he never applied but £30 of all the money Franklin sent him for the relief of American prisoners. Account of money received and expended by himself on behalf of prisoners.

-----, ----- 1781 April 12 A.L. 1p. XLIV, 46.
to Benjamin Franklin

Requesting Franklin to put in a package for Mr. Jay the enclosed letter for Madrid.
(In French.)

Kergalec, ----- Riou. Brest 1781 April 13 A.L.S. 1p. XXI, 142.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning certain duties on a cargo of sugar and cocoa brought by an American corsair to Brest; considers them unjust; applies to Franklin for redress.
(In French.)

Bondoire, vicomte de. Rilly 1781 April 14 A.L.S. 1p. XXI, 144.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning certain moneys due his mother-in-law, Madame d'Admirat, sent from Guadeloupe by her husband, as the proceeds from his sale of sugar in America.
(In French.)

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Adams, John. Leyden 1781 April 16 L.S. 3p. XXI, 145.
to Benjamin Franklin

After seeing the enclosed letter, amazed at Arnold's daring to show his face among men; his present employment that of stealing tobacco and negroes; Cornwallis engaged in the same pursuit. Has not yet succeeded in negotiating a loan; does not possess one grain of Franklin's faith and hope; motives which prevent the capitalists from coming forward. Desires Franklin's orders how the bills, accepted should be paid. Congratulates him on his success at Versailles. Good results to be expected, should Spain make a treaty with Mr. Jay. If America were willing to be less honest and would threaten to return to Great Britain, all the other Nations would hang themselves to prevent it; Europe's unfair and ungenerous treatment of America; would give millions to have all Europe remain neutral and let England and America fight it out alone.

Segray, M de [1781] April 16 L. in 3d P. 1p.XLI, 194.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sending the enclosed letter.
(In French.)

Nogaret, François-Félix 1781 April 18 A.L.S. 3p. XXI, 146.
to Benjamin Franklin

Expressing great pleasure at receiving Franklin's book; inserts a verse written in his honor; begs his presence at the Hotel Girardin, already celebrated by a visit from the Emperor.
(In French.)

Potts, William. Passy 1781 April 18 D.S. 1p. XXI, 147.
to Benjamin Franklin

A promissory note for six Louis d'or.

Huquier, A Benoist. Orleans 1781 April 18 A.L.S. 2p. XXI, 148.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning two boxes received from M. Grand, with instructions not to forward them without Franklin's orders.
(In French.)

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Lebègue de Presle, Achille-Guillaume. 1781 April 19 A.L.S. 1p. XXI, 149.
Châtillon
to Benjamin Franklin

If Franklin has no further need of William Penn's letters, asks that he will give them to bearer; desires also a volume of the Philosophical Transactions. Wishes to know if his brother has arrived in France.
(In French.)

Ferry, -----, Guingamp 1781 April 19 A.L.S. 3p. XXI, 150.
to Benjamin Franklin

Offers his services to America. If Franklin disapproves of his plan, does not wish his commander, the Prince de Salm [-Krybourg], to know of this offer.
(In French.)

Brillon, Mme 1781 April 20 A.L. 2p. XLIII, 5.
to Benjamin Franklin

Reply to Franklin's letter proposing a marriage between his grandson and Mlle. Brillon; mentions the inseparable obstacle to such a union.
(In French.)

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Ritchie, Juliana. Cambray 1781 April 20 A.L.S. 2p. XXI, 151.
to Benjamin Franklin

Asking that the enclosed letter may be forwarded to her husband.

Bondfield, John. Bordeaux 1781 April 21 A.L.S. 1p. XXI, 152.
to Benjamin Franklin

Advices received that the "Romulus," with a convoy of twenty transports, was bound from New York to the assistance of Arnold. Their ships' safe arrival at the Cape to a great market.

Juppin, Mme [Circa 1781] A.L.S. 2p. XL, 202.
to Benjamin Franklin

Congratulating him on the successes of the Americans; constantly thinking of him; begs for a line from his grandson with news of his welfare.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

(In French.)

Saint-Auban, Jacques-Antoine Baratier, 1781 April 23 A.L.S. 2p. XXI, 153.
marquis de
 to Benjamin Franklin

Thanking Franklin for the information about M. de Maxwell.

(In French.)

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1782? April 24 A. Dr. 4p. XXXVIII,
 to Benjamin Franklin 105.

Notes of a correspondence between Mr. Williams and Mr. Thomas, concerning the shipment of certain merchandise to Messrs. Bache and Shee at Philadelphia.

Turgot, Etienne-François, marquis 1781 April 25 A.L.S. 2p. XXI, 153 1/2.
(brother of baron). Paris
 to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to know the method advised by Franklin for burning smoke and thus diminishing the consumption of wood; thinks this method might be employed in their kitchen stove which burns an immense quantity of wood.

(In French.)

de Charleville, Gérard Rasquin. Paris 1781 April 26 L. 1p. LXI, 144.
 to Benjamin Franklin

Petitions Franklin to indemnify him for losses incurred through an order for arms given to him by Mr. Williams of Nantes.

(In French.)

Neufville, Leendert de. Paris 1781 April 27 L. in 3d P. 1p. XXI, 154.
 to Benjamin Franklin

Thanking Franklin for his kind visit, and regretting that he was unable to dine him on Sunday.

(In French.)

Adams, John. Amsterdam 1781 April 27 A.L.S. 2p. XXI, 155.
 to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

His reason for requesting Congress not to make any draughts upon him until he had money to discharge them, His appointment as Minister Plenipotentiary to the States-General; has taken a house in Amsterdam. No chance of credit until their High Mightinesses determine to acknowledge the independence of the United States.

Laurens, Martha. Vigan 1781 April 28 A.L.S. 3p. XXI, 156.
to Benjamin Franklin

Report that her brother, Col. John Laurens, passed through Nantes en route to Paris; their letters to him have remained unanswered; begs for his present address. Her uncle, Mr. James Laurens, [Jr.,] is obliged to set out shortly for England and desires Dr. Franklin to procure him a proper passport, from the French Minister, for Mr. and Mrs. Laurens and the two daughters of H[enry] Laurens, a prisoner in the Tower of London.

Dieffenbach, Philippe 1781 April 30 L. in 3d P. 1p. LIV, 101.
to Benjamin Franklin

A native of Alsace; seeks information concerning his cousin, George Mengs, supposed to reside at Philadelphia, also about his uncle, Michel Dieffenbach, an old resident of the latter city. Wishes to know whether his uncle is living or dead and what disposition he made of his fortune.
(In French. Press copy.)

Des Watines de Flobecq, Louis-Eugene. 1781 May 1 A.L.S. 3p. XXII, 1.
Saint-Amand
to Benjamin Franklin

He and his family are in trouble through the machinations of a wicked young man; begs for Franklin's protection.
(In French.)

Dana, Francis M. Amsterdam 1781 May 1 A.L.S. 1p. XXII, 2.
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing Mr. Warren, son of General Warren of Massachusetts.

Lasseray, -----. Paris 1781 May 2 A.L.S. 2p. XXII, 4.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Tug "L'Aimable Elizabeth" cannot leave for Philadelphia for lack of sailors; despatches of la Fayette and Franklin make a speedy departure of importance; asks that influence be used with the Minister of Marine.

(In French.)

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| Willemain d'Abancourt, -----. Paris | 1781 May 3 | A.L.S. 3p. | XXII, 5. |
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to Benjamin Franklin

Begs that the enclosed letter be forwarded to America.

(In French.)

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| Lenoir, Jean-Charles-Pierre. Paris | 1781 May 5 | L.S. 1p. | XXII, 6. |
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to Benjamin Franklin

Has accorded permission that the trunks containing the books be taken to their destination without the usual formalities.

(In French.)

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| Gébelin, Antoine Court de | 1781 May 6 | A.L.S. 5p. | XXII, 7. |
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to Benjamin Franklin

Grateful for the book, which increases his knowledge of the American languages; has found immense similarity between them and those of the old world; much interested in the vocabulary of the Delawares; has discovered a Phoenician inscription near, south of Boston; thinks they may have been driven by storms on the coast of America. His interest in the American Society of Science and Arts; his plan for establishing a correspondence between the American Society and one lately started in Paris (L'Académie des Inscriptions et Belles Lettres).

(In French.)

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| Shipley, Georgiana. London | 1781 May 6 | A.L. 4p. | XXII, 8. |
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to Benjamin Franklin

Delighted with Franklin's "Dialogue with the Gout." Difficulty of procuring a safe conveyance for her letters. Her life in London. News of Sir John Pringle, Dr. Priestley and Dr. Price.

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| de Bois, Pierre François. Paris | 1781 May 7 | A.L.S. 2p. | LXII, 8. |
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to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Served in the American army; desires to reenter it.

E. Dr. Franklin requests Col. Laurens to inform him if he is acquainted with de Bois.

E. Col. Laurens has recollection of an officer of that name but does not know the state of his services.

Johonnot, Gabriel and S. Johonnot. Passy 1781 May 7 L. in 3d P. 1p. XXII, 9.
to Benjamin Franklin

Accept invitation to dinner.

La Lande and Fynje. Amsterdam 1781 May 7 L.S. 1p. XXII, 10.
to Benjamin Franklin

Request that payment of certain bills be stopped.

Watson, Elkanah Jr. Nantes 1781 May 8 A.L.S. 1p. XXII, 11.
to Benjamin Franklin

Announcing the loss of a small bill.

Hodgson, William. London 1781 May 8 A.L.S. 3p. XXII, 12.
to Benjamin Franklin

His explanation of Digges's conduct; thinks it unlikely that the money can be recovered; unpleasant stories told of him during his residence in America. Thinks Mr. Trumbull a worthy character. Mr. Jones and Mr. Paradise now members of the club. Money needed for prisoners, if weekly allowance is to be kept up.

The Continental Congress, Committee of Foreign Affairs. Philadelphia 1781 May 9 A.L.S. James XXII, 13 and
Lovell. 2p. 14.
to Benjamin Franklin

Writes on behalf of Mr. Samuel Curson, his partner Mr. Isaac Gouverneur and Dr. John Witherspoon, Jr., taken by the English at the capture of St. Eustatius; cruelty shown to them as well as to Mrs. Gouverneur and her infant; supposed reasons for special severity; their exchange particularly desired. (4 copies.)

Lafreté, Jean-Jacques de 1781 May 9 L. in 3d P. 1 XXII, 15.
to Benjamin Franklin p.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Begs that his bill of exchange may be accepted.

(In French.)

Lebègue de Presle, Achille-Guillaume 1781 May 10 A.N.S. 1 p. LXXI, 22.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sending Franklin a work by Scheele which had been loaned to Turgot, the Minister, by Franklin and which the writer claimed after Turgot's death.

(In French.)

Dumas, C.G.F. 1781 May 11 A.L.S. 1p. XXXIX. 210.
to Benjamin Franklin

Mr. Adams's memoir presented to the President of the States-General; will have it published in English, French and Dutch. Reported threats against Holland made by Great Britain.

(In French.)

Le Monnier de Savignac. Lons-le-Saunier 1781 May 11 A.L.S. 3p. XXII, 16.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begs for news of his son who is serving with Rochambeau in America.

(In French.)

Deane, Silas. Paris 1781 May 11 A.L.S. 1p. XXII, 17.
to Benjamin Franklin

Forwards M. Montieu's account; also the protest of the capture made by Capt. Jones, which he begs may be forwarded to Congress.

Wesselow, Catherine Cramer de 1781 May 15 A.L.S. 4p. XXII, 18.
to Benjamin Franklin

Giving an analysis of the character of Franklin's grandson, his progress in his studies and his physical development.

(In French.)

Coulougnac and Cle. Lyons 1781 May 15 L.S. 3p. LXI, 106.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Proposition to furnish woolen cloth for uniforms and all kinds of clothing for account of the Congress or individuals in the United States and to sell cargoes coming from that country.

(In French.)

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| Deane, Silas. Paris to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 May 16 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXII, 19. |
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Sends a packet which he begs him to forward with his despatches by Mr. [John] Laurens; sorry to trouble Franklin, but Mr. Laurens, from political or other motives, has avoided him.

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| Lovell, James. Philadelphia to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 May 17 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXII, 20 and 21. |
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Enclosing a letter from Dr. Putnam, also some former proceedings of Congress in regard to the sloop which Count D'Arbaud restored to the Governor of Antigua after it had been taken by Dr. Putnam and others.

(In duplicate.)

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| Vieux Chatellet, ----- L'Ecluze. Quimper to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 May 18 | A.L.S. 3p. | XXII, 22. |
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Desires to serve in the American army.

(In French.)

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| Vaughan, John to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 May 19 | A.L.S. 2p. | XXII, 23. |
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Mr. Jay declined to receive his oath of allegiance until Franklin's opinion in regard to the propriety of such a step could be learned; begs that an answer be sent to him at Toledo.

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| Watson and Cossoul. Nantes to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 May 20 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXII, 24. |
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The bill in question has been found.

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| Deane, Silas. Paris to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 May 22 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXII, 26. |
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Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Asking for a passport for his son whom he has determined to send to an Academy near Brussels.

Adams, John. Amsterdam 1781 May 23 L.S. 3p. XXII, 27.
to Benjamin Franklin

The news from America not at all bad; has communicated it to all the newspapers. Concerning certain bills ordered by Congress to be drawn upon him, Begs that the enclosed letter, received from Gottenberg, be forwarded to Mr. Jay, with great care as to secrecy and despatch; hopes it will remove all difficulties with Spain, whose accession to the treaty would be of great value to the cause in every part of Europe. Importance to America of obtaining an acknowledgement of their independence from as many Sovereigns as possible before conference for peace shall be opened. Suggests acting upon the 10th Article of the Treaty or Alliance. Encloses a memorial of their High Mightinesses. His mission now a subject of deliberation. Discusses Holland's ultimate action. All ideas of peace with England false and delusive. Agrees with Franklin respecting duties.

Blome, Otto, baron von 1781 May 23 L.S. 1p. LXX, 28a.
to Benjamin Franklin

Recommends an armorer who wishes to emigrate to America.
(In French.)

Ingenhousz, Jan 1781 May 23 A.L.S. 2p. XXII, 28.
to Benjamin Franklin

No answers received to his letters of December 2d, February 7th, and April 7th; thinks Franklin's letter was suspected by the authorities and detained in Paris; letters from Dr. Le Bègue de Presle tampered with; directions as to their correspondence in future. His paper upon the theory of the electrophore much enlarged and preceded by an introduction of Franklin's theory of electricity, published in German. Copies of his book sent to Sir John Pringle, Dr. Priestley and other friends. His visit from the Emperor [of Austria] who expressed his regret at not having seen Franklin in Paris.

Mazzei, Philip. Florence 1781 May 24 A.L.S. 1p. XXII, 29.
to Benjamin Franklin

Understood that there was a letter for him from America which Franklin kindly promised to forward; gives address.

Dumas, C.G.F. 1781 May 25 A.L.S. 1p. XXXIX, 211.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

to Benjamin Franklin

Sends translation of Amsterdam's proposal. His intention to write to Congress concerning the difficulties in which his faithful services to the United States have involved him.

(Partly in French.)

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| De La Brick, ----- | 1781 May 25 | N. in 3d P. | LXX, 30a. |
| to Benjamin Franklin | | 1p. | |

Announcing the birth of a daughter.

(In French.)

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| Paine, Thomas. Brest | 1781 May 28 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXII, 30. |
| to Benjamin Franklin | | | |

Goes on board in an hour. Hears that Franklin has expressed a desire to withdraw from business; in case his resignation should be accepted, will use any influence in his power to insure its being attended with every mark of honor and consideration.

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| Bersolle, Emmanuel-Yves. Brest | 1781 May 28 | L.S. 1p. | XXII, 30 1/2. |
| to Benjamin Franklin | | | |

Has given the packet to Col. Laurens and received the postage.

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| des Avranches,-----. Paris | 1781 May 29 | A.L.S. 1p. | LXX, 123. |
| to Benjamin Franklin | | | |

Recommending Mr. Gleiss, who was acquainted with Franklin in London and wishes to consult him on scientific matters.

(In French.)

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| Wendorp, D. and Heyliger, T. Amsterdam | 1781 May 31 | A.L.S. 2p. | XXII, 31. |
| to Benjamin Franklin | | | |

Concerning their vessel supposed to have been retaken from the English by an American privateer and carried into Morlaix.

(In French.)

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| Baron, -----. Dunkirk | 1781 May 31 | A.L.S. 3p. | LXI, 147. |
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Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the officers of the frigate "Pallas" who have abused his credit; asking redress.

Clifford and Teyssset. Amsterdam 1781 May 31 A.L.S. 3p. XXII, 32.
to Benjamin Franklin

Asks that bills lately remitted for payment to Mr. Isaac Hazlehurst by the Hon. Robert Morris be accepted.

Turgot,----- [1781. May.] A.L.S. 2p. LXXI, 75.
to Benjamin Franklin

Received his letter and the enclosed engravings. Thanks Franklin for his offer to give him fuller explanations. Intends to have a model of the stove made to introduce its use in ordinary kitchens. (In French.)

Mallet, -----. Havre 1781 June 2 A.L.S. 1p. XXII, 33.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has received as a boarder a destitute young man called William. Williams who claims to be Franklin's nephew; desires advice in the matter. (In French.)

Talbot, Silas. Plymouth (Mill Prison) 1781 June 4 A.L.S. 2p. XXII, 34.
to Benjamin Franklin

Commanded the "General Washington" when she was captured by the "Culloden"; his present unfortunate situation in an English prison; begs that fifty pounds be sent him on account.

Manley, John. Mill Prison (Plymouth) 1781 June 4 L.S. 1p. XXII, 35.
to Benjamin Franklin

Commanded the "Hancock"; begs for a small remittance. American prisoners, worn out by their long confinement, daily enter the English service; their allowance scarcely provides for one meal a day.

de Sarsfield, Vicomte. Paris 1781 June 5 A.L.S. 1p. LXXI, 62
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Recommending a young man to Franklin who is seeking employment as a secretary. Intends to go to see Franklin before his departure.

(In French.)

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| Chais, -----. Versailles | 1781 June 6 | L.S. 1p. | LXX, 144. |
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to Benjamin Franklin

Sending a letter to be delivered to Mr. Laurens's oldest son then in France.

(In French.)

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| Daran d'Arcaignac, -----. Armentières | 1781 June 6 | A.L.S. 2p. | XXII, 36. |
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to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to serve in the American army.

(In French.)

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| Collas, Jane Mecom. Cambridge | 1781 June 6 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXII, 37. |
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to Benjamin Franklin

Mr. [John] Thayer has asked for an introduction; is glad of this opportunity to express her appreciation of her Uncle's kindness to Mr. Collas during his imprisonment in France.

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| Chantereyne, ----- de. Cherbourg | 1781 June 6 | A.L.S. 2p. | XXII, 38. |
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to Benjamin Franklin

Capt. Bennet of the "Franklin" has remitted him the money from the sale of the six ransoms.

(In French.)

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| Brailsford, William. Amsterdam | 1781 June 8 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXII, 39. |
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to Benjamin Franklin

Ready to put to sea in a few days; would be honored by any commands from Franklin.

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| Laurens, John. At sea | 1781 June 9 | A.L.S. 6p. | XXII, 40. |
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to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning Franklin's desire to retire from his present important station; suggests the appointment of a Secretary of Legation; qualifications of Franklin's grandson for such a position.

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Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Conti, Louis-François-Joseph de 1781 June 11 A.L.S. 1p. XXII, 41.
Bourbon, comte de la Marche and prince
de Paris

to Benjamin Franklin

Desiring passports for the grooms who go to England to purchase dogs.
(In French.)

Pothonnier and Cie. Paris 1781 June 11 A.L.S. 1p. XXII, 42.
to Benjamin Franklin

His promise to examine the accounts of the frigate "Alliance," and advise him upon the subject.
(In French.)

de St Hubert, -----. Versailles 1781 June 12 A.L.S. 3p. LXXI, 54.
to Benjamin Franklin

With reference to a geographical and historical dictionary he is going to publish and asking Franklin to suscribe to it.
(In French.)

Chew, Benjamin. Nantes 1781 June 13 A.L.S. 3p. LX, 31.
to Benjamin Franklin

Appeals to Franklin for assistance to pay his board and lodging whilst waiting for a vessel to take him to America. Will repay the money on his arrival or give a note on his partner Charles Washington of Fredericksburg, Va.

Droüart, Charles-François-Robert (?), 1781 June 13 A.L.S. 4p. XXII, 43.
seigneur de Lezey, chevalier. Vic
to Benjamin Franklin

His letters to his son [Henry Dieudonné Drouart] in Philadelphia seem to miscarry; begs that they may be sent under cover to Franklin's son-in-law [Richard Bache], to whom his son is known. Present occupation unworthy of his birth and lineage.
(In French.)

Wharton, Samuel. Philadelphia 1781 June 13 A.L.S. 1p. XXII, 44.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

to Benjamin Franklin

Introduces Mr. Cornelius Ray.

Manell, Jean. Dunkirk Prison

1781 June 14

A.L.S. 2p. XXII, 45.

to Benjamin Franklin

His capture by the English; is an American by birth; desires his release.
(In French.)

Witherspoon, Jno. Philadelphia

1781 June 15

A.L.S. 1p. XXII, 46.

to Benjamin Franklin

Writes on behalf of his son, Surgeon on the Letter of Marque, "De Graaff," taken at St. Eustatius and sent to England; encloses a letter of credit for his son.

David, -----. Philadelphia

1781 June 15

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

to Benjamin Franklin

His promise to recommend him to Congress to fill the chair of Professor of Anatomy; Dr. Chauvet [Abraham Chovet] his only rival.
(In French.)

Huntington, Samuel

1781 June 15

D.S. Sam[uel]LV, 48b.
Huntington,
President. 3p.

to Benjamin Franklin

Commission of Benjamin Franklin, John Jay, Henry Laurens, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams to negotiate a treaty of peace with Great Britain.
(Copy.)

Huntington, Samuel

1781 June 15

D.S. Sam[uel]LXXVI, 19,
Huntington 20 and 21.
President, and
Sealed.

to Benjamin Franklin

Commission of Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, John Jay, Henry Laurens and Thomas Jefferson to accept the mediation of the Emperor of Germany and the Empress of Russia.
(In triplicate.)

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Hartley, David. London 1781 June 15 A.L.S. 3p. XXII, 48.
to Benjamin Franklin

His cousin, Mr. Samuel Hartley, thinks of going to Paris; would like to come himself, provided the French Ministry consent; as a former member of Parliament and an honorable man, desires to do nothing in secret. Conciliatory bill moved by his brother in the House of Commons, in the same form as his own of the year before.

Conyngham, Gustavus. Dunkirk 1781 June 16 A.L.S. 1p. XXII, 49.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has once more obtained his liberty; hopes for a speedy passage to America.

Vergennes, Charles Gravier, comte de. 1781 June 17 L.S. 2p. XXII, 51 and
Versailles 52.
to Benjamin Franklin

Knows nothing of the disposition Mr. [John] Laurens has made of the six millions which the King granted to Congress; suggests that M. de Veimerange might be able to inform Franklin as to these matters; the destination of the funds is also a matter of which he is completely ignorant.
(In French. Letter press copy in duplicate.)

Laurens, John. Amsterdam 1781 April 28 A.L.S. 4p. XXII, 50.
to John Adams.

Encloses a copy of a letter from Col. Laurens concerning the advisability of using the frigate "South Carolina" to convey to America part of the specie destined for the United States.

Huntington, Samuel 1781 June 19 L.S. Sam[uel] XXII, 52 1/2.
to Benjamin Franklin
Huntington,
President. 3p.

Communicating instructions for the negotiation of peace.

Bibliography

Heiss de Schwartzenberg, Capt. ----- de 1781 June 20 A.L.S. 2p. XXII, 52 3/4.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Is a retired Captain in the German army and wishes to serve in America provided he receives a higher rank and the continuation of his German pension.

(In French.)

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| De Foligné, Lieut. Passy to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 June 21 | L.S. 3p. | LXI, 67. |
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Recounts the services he rendered to the United States since 1777 in landing a rich cargo in Charlestown and saving several American vessels from capture by English cruisers. Requests Franklin to give him a testimonial for Marquis de Castries similar to the one he previously gave him for M. de Sartine.

(In French.)

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| Conyngham, Gustavus. Dunkirk to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 June 21 | A.L.S. 2p. | XXII, 53. |
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His plans for returning to America. Miseries of American prisoners in England; hunger forces them into the English service. If the accounts of Mr. Digges be true, thinks him one of the worst of men.

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| Morris, Robert. Philadelphia to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 June 22 | L.S. 1p. | XXII, 54. |
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Introducing Mr. George Harrison, of Philadelphia.

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| frères, Van den Yver to Benjamin Franklin | [1781. June 23.] | N. in 3d P. 1p. | LXXI, 77. |
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Sending a letter which they have just received from Antwerp.

(In French.)

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| d'Estaing, Charles Henri, comte, 1729-1794 to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 June 23 | N in 3d P. 1p. | LXX, 97. |
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Will be a great pleasure for him to meet such a lady, but would have been pleased in any case to wait on Dr. Franklin.

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| Beyer, -----. Paris to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 June 24 | L.S. 1p. | XXII, 55. |
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Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Will bring the instrument mentioned, the following Sunday if convenient.
(In French.)

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| Varon, -----. Saint -Leger to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 June 24 | L.S. 2p. | LXXI, 15. |
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Recommending his nephew and M. Larendoutte who were officers on the ship "Marquis de la Fayette" which was captured by British cruisers while bound for Philadelphia with a cargo of supplies for Congress.
(In French.)

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| Ségur, Philippe-Henri, marquis de to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 June 24 | N. in 3d P. 1p. | LXXI, 64b. |
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Sending Franklin a despatch from America just received in his own despatches.
(In French.)

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| Greene, Catharine. Warwick to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 June 24 | A.L.S. 3p. | XXII, 56. |
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Assures him of their health and the continuance of their affection, Popularity of the French officers; determination of the French to take New York; reason why the American officers declined to give them advice as to the transportation of their baggage. Efforts made by Franklin's sister [Mecom] to obtain the sermon he wrote for; fears it was lost in the hurry of the wedding.

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| Chandelier, -----. Senlis to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 June 24 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXII, 57. |
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States the condition upon which he will receive Mr. Young into his household and instruct him in the French tongue.
(In French.)

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| Davies, W. Newport, R.I to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 June 28 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXII, 59. |
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His son, William Davies, a prisoner in England; begs that Franklin will allow him \$100 for which bills will be duly honored.

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| Jackson, Major William. Amsterdam | 1781 June 29 | A.L.S. 2p. | XXII, 60. |
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Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

to Benjamin Franklin

Advisable to wait a few days to sail with a Dutch squadron destined as a convoy to the Baltic. The loss of the "Marquis de la Fayette" renders every precaution necessary to prevent a further disappointment in supplies. Any commands of Franklin's will be faithfully attended to.

Hodgson, William. London 1781 June 29 A.L.S. 1p. XXII, 61.
to Benjamin Franklin

Digges's guilt well-established; subscription for the relief of the prisoners exhausted; if there is any cash to spare begs that it be forwarded, as there are five hundred of these unfortunates.

Borde, Pierre. La Rochelle 1781 June 30 A.L.S. 3p. XXII, 62.
to Benjamin Franklin

The troubles of Capt. [Joseph] Conkling with his brig the "Whim" and her cargo of tobacco. The need of a consul at La Rochelle; desires the post.

Le Fort, Marc. Marseilles 1781 June 30 A.L.S. 5p. XXII, 63.
to Benjamin Franklin

The capture of their ship "Elégante" by the English frigate "Emerald," through treachery of the militia of the country; indemnification accorded by Congress; new laws passed which would affect the value of said indemnity; desires Franklin's intervention.
(In French.)

Bondfield, John. Bordeaux 1781 June 30 A.L.S. 1p. XXII, 64.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has heard of the capture of the "Marquis de la Fayette"; loss to America of this much-needed clothing; offers a quantity of cloth and other furniture, to be shipped at Franklin's command.

Chaumont, Jacques-Donatien Le Ray de 1781 July 1 Mem. 1p. LXIV, 1, 3.
to Benjamin Franklin

Account with Benjamin Franklin from 1777, June 12, to 1781, July 1.
(In duplicate.)

Martin, -----. Neuville 1781 July 2 A.L.S. 5p. XXII, 65.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

to Benjamin Franklin

Services rendered to one William Williams purporting to be Franklin's nephew; desires reimbursement.

(In French.)

Jackson, Major William. Amsterdam 1781 July 2 A.L.S. 2p. XXII, 66.
to Benjamin Franklin

His determination to arrest the money now in M. Fizeaux's hands; it was committed to his (Jackson's) charge for a special purpose and he is accountable; Franklin cannot have the disposal of the money, as it was obtained by Col. Laurens, appointed Special Minister for that purpose; entreats the repeal of Franklin's orders to M. Fizeaux, which detains the ship and supplies so much needed in America.

Jackson, Major William. Amsterdam 1781 July 2 A.L.S. 1p. XXII, 67.
to Benjamin Franklin

Obliged in conformity to Col. Laurens's instructions, to retain the money confided to his care.

Folger, Timothy 1781 July 3 A.L.S. 1p. XXII, 68.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begs for permission to return to Lille. Enumerates goods he will carry in the sloop "Lively."

MacCarthy Mor (More), Charles. 1781 July 4 A.L.S. 2p. XXII, 69.
Boulogne
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to enter the service of the United States.

(In French.)

Conyngham, Gustavus. Paris 1781 July 4 A.L.S. 1p. XXII, 70.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the French crew of the "Revenge"; certain they have no just cause for complaint; they were paid their shares in spite of being the worst of mariners and of little service.

Jackson, Major William. Amsterdam 1781 July 5 A.L.S. 3p. XXII, 72.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Remonstrating against the detention of Commodore Gillon's vessel, which is to carry the sorely-needed supplies to America; in case Franklin refuses to withdraw his orders to M. Fizeaux, will be obliged to solicit the interference of Court and to produce Col. Laurens's instructions to him and his despatches to Congress.

Dumas, C.G.F. [1779] July 6 A.L.S. 1p. XXXIX, 212.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing a copy [1p.] of the declaration of the French Ambassador, M. de la Vauguyon, announcing a suspension of the decree against Holland until August 1st. Leaving immediately for Rotterdam; will go from thence to Paris, according to Franklin's desire.
(In French.)

Thun, Ulrich, baron de. Paris 1781 July 6 A.L.S. 2p. XXII, 73.
to Benjamin Franklin

According to Franklin's directions, M. Auer wrote in regard to some money in Germantown, Pennsylvania, due a widow in his parish, but has received no response; desires further advice.
(In French.)

Cochran, Mary Eliot. Philadelphia 1781 July 6 A.L.S. 2p. XXII, 74.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has left her native land in search of peace; not in Mr. Cochran's power at present to remit money for her child's schooling; Mr. Cochran among the prisoners sent from Charlestown to St. Augustine.

Adams, John. Paris 1781 July 7 A.N. in 3d P. LXX, 13a.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Requesting him to let his servant take the trunks left at Passy.

de Villequier, Due. Paris 1781 July 8 N. in 3d P. LXXI, 86.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Announcing the death of his father-in-law, the Marquis de Courtanvaux.
(In French.)

Falls, James. Ostend 1781 July 10 A.L.S. 2p. XXII, 75.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Sends letters addressed to Mr. Moses Young to Franklin's care.

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| Finney, David. Newcastle to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 July 10 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXII, 76. |
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Begs Franklin if possible to obtain intelligence from London concerning his appeal.

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| Morris, Joseph. Philadelphia to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 July 10 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXII, 77. |
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Introducing Samuel Powel Griffitts, his great nephew, who has studied physic under Dr. Kuhn of Philadelphia and taken his degree with honor; a voyage to England being difficult at this juncture, the young man will visit the hospitals in France; will be most grateful for any kindness shown him.

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| Destouches, -----. Dunkirk to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 July 14 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXII, 78. |
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Enclosing a letter from Capt. [Bennet] Negus of the "Franklin" whose conduct during his late cruise deserves much praise.
(In French.)

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| Rhoads, Samuel. Philadelphia to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 July 14 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXII, 79. |
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Introducing Samuel [Powel] Griffitts; will be most grateful for any kindness shown his kinsman.

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| Negus, Bennet. Dunkirk to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 July 14 | A.L.S. 2p. | XXII, 80. |
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Grateful for interest shown in his advancement.

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| Carmichael, William. Madrid to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 July 15 | A.L.S. 2p. | XXII, 81. |
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The united fleet near Cadiz. Rumor of the capture of Pensacola; rejoicing on the part of the King; celebrations in which Mr. Jay will take part; all this very flattering to [Don Joseph] Galvez who has the honor of this enterprise and to his nephew [Bernard Galvez] who had the glory of executing it. Military affairs in America; advantage seems to be with the Unites States.

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| Haine, Mary. Paris | 1781 July 16 | A.L.S. 2p. | XXII, 82. |
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Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

to Benjamin Franklin

Married to a native of Newbury, Mass, who has been taken prisoner; left with two small children; begs Franklin to procure her a situation as housekeeper.

Mayer, Joseph. Constance 1781 July 16 A.L.S. 2p. LIX, 5.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has a predilection for military life. His parents enlisted him as a volunteer in the Swiss Guard at Paris. Asks Franklin to recommend him to be promoted to be an officer in the Swiss Guard.

Thomassin, Mme -----, Douai 1781 July 16 A.L.S. 1p. XXII, 83.
to Benjamin Franklin

Wishes to forward a sum of money to her son, serving in the American army.
(In French.)

J.F. Frin and Co. Paris 1781 July 17 A.L.S. 2p. XXII, 84.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the acceptance of a bill, probably found on some ship taken by the English.
(In French.)

Hopkinson, Francis. Philadelphia 1781 July 17 A.L.S. 1p. XXII, 85.
to Benjamin Franklin

Wrote him by the unfortunate President Laurens, enclosing some of his labors in the cause; his chief disappointment in the loss of his squibs was that they would probably have given Franklin cause for laughter -- a most wholesome exercise. Will not discuss the question of Franklin's friends and enemies; to be without the latter is to be of no consequence in the world; his own love and esteem for Franklin.

Dumas, C.G.F. 1781 July 20 A.L.S. 1p. XXXIX, 213.
to Benjamin Franklin

Reason why his letters have declined in number; recommends certain extra precautions to prevent his letters being opened. Enclosures for Congress and Mr. [William] Carmichael.
(In French.)

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Hodgson, William. London 1781 July 20 A.L.S. 2p. XXII, 86.
to Benjamin Franklin

Mr. Veillard will be discharged with the other passengers of the "Marquis de la Fayette"; they will all be furnished with papers and permits to pursue any route they judge proper; has furnished Mr. Veillard with a letter of credit. Further trickeries of Digges brought to light.

Austin, Jonathan Loring. Nantes 1781 July 21 A.L.S. 1p. XXII, 87.
to Benjamin Franklin

Expects to embark shortly for Philadelphia; will take charge of any letters for Franklin or Mr. Williams.

Sagnion, -----. Paris 1781 July 23 A.L.S. 1p. XXII, 88
to Benjamin Franklin

Gives carpenter's estimate and address.
(In French.)

Brown, Capt. Moses. Amsterdam 1781 July 23 A.L.S. 2p. XXII, 89
to Benjamin Franklin

Captured a brig which he suspects of being commissioned against the United States; wishes to know if Franklin ever granted a pass to a certain Benjamin Joy in command of said brig. Expects to sail in four or five weeks.

Remy, Jean. Dunkirk 1781 July 24 A.L.S. 2p. XXII, 90.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing a letter to be forwarded to his cousin, Mr. Martin, in Boston.
(In French.)

Fouville, -----. Lyon 1781 July 25 A.L.S. 6p. XXII, 91
to Benjamin Franklin

Inventor of a machine, warranted to destroy the rock of Gibraltar, and of many others which will secure victory to the American cause; explains his inventions.
(In French.)

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Little, George et al. Caen 1781 August 25 L.S. 2p. LX, 16
to Benjamin Franklin

Five American officers of vessels who have escaped from Forton Prison in England appeal for assistance and for instructions.

Alexander, Alexander John. Grenada 1781 July 26 XXII, 93 A.L.S. 2p.
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing his friend, Mr. Robert Young, to whom he is indebted for counteracting the influence of his enemies in the Island of Grenada.

Granger, F.R. Dunkirk 1781 July 28 A.L.S. 2p. XXII, 94.
to Benjamin Franklin

Applies for reimbursement for supplies furnished to American prisoners.
(In French.)

Coffyn, Francis. Dunkirk 1781 July 29 A.L.S. 1p. XXII, 95.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sums expended for the relief of American prisoners, among others, a Mr. Macnamara, lieutenant of artillery in the service of the State of Maryland, who made his escape from Mill Prison.

Penet, D'Acosta frères and Cie. Nantes 1781 July 31 A.L.S. 1p. XXII, 98.
to Benjamin Franklin

Asking for news of a packet of important letters directed to Mr. Mazzei and recommended to Franklin's care.

Collyer, Thomas. Nantes 1781 July 31 L.S. 1p. XXII, 99.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begs that his commission be transmitted; his ship ready to be launched.

Pownall, Thomas and Vaughan, 1781 July A.L.S. 4p. XXII, 100.
Benjamin. London
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Received Franklin's letter, also one from Lewis Evans's daughter Amelia Barey, desiring some remittance from the sale of the maps and topographical descriptions of America; fears his reply miscarried, wherein he advised her to apply to Mr. Almon; introducing his friend Mr. Hobart. Wishes to God he and Franklin could meet; thinks together they might do something to arrest the ruin which hangs over both countries.

Vicq d' Azyr, Félix [1781. July] L.S. 1p. XLII, 80.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sends Franklin some papers read at the last meeting of the Royal Society of Medicine, and a printed report on the burial of the dead in the Island of Malta. Thanks him for assisting at the Society's public meetings.
(In French.)

Besse, Jacques. Strasbourg 1781 August 1 A.L.S. 4p. XXII, 101.
to Benjamin Franklin

Wishes to be instructed in the art of making printers' ink; desires to know the process employed in England by which maps are printed on pocket handkerchiefs, London in red on one side and Paris in blue on the other.
(In French.)

Adams, John. Amsterdam 1781 August 1 L.S. 2p. XXII, 102.
to Benjamin Franklin

Encloses list of all accepted bills since his last account. Hopes the rumor that the ship is to sail in a few days will prove true.

Beyer, ----- [1781] August 1 A.L.S. 1p. XLI, 133.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has been ill several days and unable to work on his [musical] instruments; hopes to have it completed in a week.
(In French.)

Jourdan, -----, Paris 1781 August 8 A.L.S. 1p. XXII, 104.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Sends 600 livres which Franklin has promised to forward to Madame Thomassin's son, an officer in the French troops stationed in Rhode Island.

(In French.)

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| Eicke, Jean Frederic. Clausthal to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 August 9 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXII, 105. |
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Encloses letter to be forwarded to Gen. [John Peter Gabriel] Muhlenberg at Philadelphia.

(In French.)

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| Houdetot, Comtesse d' to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 August 10 | L. 2p. | XXII, 106. |
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Begs that all possible kindness and protection be shown an American of French origin, M. Crevecoeur, the son of an old friend of hers and of her husband; he has been many years in America and has come over to visit his family; has lost most of his property in the present war. Hopes to see again at Sannois her dear Doctor for whom she has the greatest respect and admiration.

(In French.)

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| Pio, Luigi de to Benjamin Franklin | [1781?] August 10 | A.L. in 3d P. XL, 58. 1p. |
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Sending the third volume of the works of [Geatano] Filangieri, with a letter from the author.

(In French.)

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| Martignon, ----- (for M. Boetres). Paris to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 August 11 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXII, 107. |
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Announcing the acceptance of bills drawn to Franklin.

(In French.)

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| Hanson, Gustavus et al. Bordeaux to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 June 4 | L.S. 3p. | LX, 12. |
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Appeal from fifteen escaped prisoners claiming to be Americans who are destitute and who beg for relief.

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| Johnson, Gov Thomas. Maryland to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 August 12 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXII, 108. |
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Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Begging his kind offices on behalf of Mr. [Matthew] Ridley, who is about to return to France on private affairs, as well as on matters concerning the State of Maryland.

Steuben, B. de. Beerwalde 1781 August 15 A.L.S. 1p. XXII, 109.
to Benjamin Franklin

Encloses a letter to be forwarded to his brother, Inspector-General of the United States army.
(In French.)

Blake, Peter. London 1781 August 15 A.L.S. 2p. XXII, 110.
to Benjamin Franklin

The bearer, Capt. William Kennedy, of Baltimore, has come to London to remove some property from there to the Middle States; Resolve passed by Congress forbidding this after November 1st; begs for Franklin's intervention as they cannot possibly arrange the affair before the expiration of that time.

A.E. by Franklin, "refused."

Poreau and Co. Dunkirk 1781 August 16 A.L.S. 4p. XXII, 111.
to Benjamin Franklin

Ignorant what kind of treatment an American in the French service should expect, when taken prisoner by the English; think that Capt. Christopher Codner, late commander of privateer "The American Union," was given treatment unworthy of a civilized nation; beg Franklin to procure his exchange; they have laid his case before the Marquis de Castries, Minister of Marine; transcribe three of Capt. Codner's letters describing his treatment.

Mazzei, Philip. Florence 1781 August 16 A.L.S. 3p. XXII, 112.
to Benjamin Franklin

In regard to some papers of importance lately received from the Government of Virginia; instructed by Government to avail himself of Franklin's information and advice; hopes he will excuse the liberty he has taken.

John de Neufville and Son. Amsterdam 1781 August 16 A.L.S. 2p. XXII, 113.
to Benjamin Franklin

Knows of nothing which should detain Commodore Gillon from setting sail.

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d'Aguesseau, Marquis Henri Cardin Jean 1781 August 17 A.L.S. 1p. XXII, 114.
Baptiste. Paris
 to Benjamin Franklin

The case of Alexander against the Bank of England ready to be heard; M. d'Aguesseau requested to summon a Committee to judge the affair.
 (In French.)

Laurent, Pierre. Paris 1781 August 17 A.L.S. 1p. XXII, 115.
 to Benjamin Franklin

Asking for a subscription.
 (In French.)

Lambert, Sir John. Paris 1781 August 17 L. in 3d P. 1p. XXII, 115 1/2.
 to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing a letter for John Mayo which he begs may be delivered.

Lafayette, Madame de 1781 August 17? A.L. in 3d P. XLII, 150.
 to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Assurance from M. d'Aguesseau that Mr. Alexander's affair will be tried the following week. Asking his kind interest for the enclosed memoir.
 (In French.)

Greig, Henry. Gottenburg 1781 August 22 A.L.S. 2p. XXII, 116.
 to Benjamin Franklin

Sends despatches just received under cover of Robert Morris, Esq., of Philadelphia.

Hunter, James Jr. Fredericksburg 1781 August 23 and 27 A.L.S. 1p. XXII, 117 and
 to Benjamin Franklin 122.

Forwarding certain letters to Mrs. Strange under Franklin's care.

Vicq d' Azyr, Félix 1781 August 23 A.L.S. 1p. XXII, 118.
 to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Charged by the Royal Society of Medicine to send him tickets for the next public meeting; the Society hope that Franklin will give them the honor and encouragement of his presence.

(In French.)

Vicq d' Azyr, Félix 1781 August 23 L.S. 2p. XXII, 119.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the paper by Mr. [Alexander] Small on the method of ventilating the interior of hospitals, read before the Royal Society of Medicine.

(In French.)

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Vergennes, Charles Gravier, comte de. 1781 August 23 A.L.S. 2p. XXII, 119 1/2.
Versailles
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning certain financial offers made by the Minister on the part of the King with a view of helping America out of her most pressing difficulties.

(Letter press copy. In French.)

Dumas, C.G.F. 1781 August 24 A.L.S. 3p. XXXIX, 214.
to Benjamin Franklin

Holland's attitude towards America; fair prospect of obtaining a loan for the United States. M. De Linden's famous letter.

(In French.)

Adams, John. Amsterdam 1781 August 25 L.S. 4p. XXII, 120.
to Benjamin Franklin

Gives dates of his letters to the Comte de Vergennes concerning the Peace Commission; thinks the new one will be as useless as the old, and that Britain will never think of peace till every British soldier is killed or captured; quotes from the Empress of Russia's proclamation regarding the Peace Commission to be held at Vienna. Weary of round-about and endless negotiations; thinks the Dutch have at last discovered the only effective method: fighting the British ships until the signal of distress is raised; if he ever did any good since he was born, it was in setting in motion the old Batavian spirit of the Dutch. Has no belief in the Peace Commission.

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Nixon, William. Valogue 1781 August 25 A.L.S. 3p. XXII, 120 1/2.
to Benjamin Franklin

Congratulates Franklin on his great qualities; America's noble exertions to be seen in the free trade granted to Ireland; prophesies success to America. Is an Irish Catholic priest, taken prisoner on his passage home from England; is now on parole; if he can obtain his liberty desires to go to America. Sends Franklin a little book as a part of his small endeavors to be of use to his fellow creatures.

Chanson, Pierre. Kehl 1781 August 26 A.L.S. 1p. XXII, 121.
to Benjamin Franklin

Offering his services as printer.
(In French.)

Crèvecoeur, St. Jean de 1781 August 27 A.L.S. 4p. XXII, 123.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has befriended five Americans, who escaped from English prisons; thinks that an agent should be appointed for such purpose; will gladly perform this office without fee, if Franklin believes him capable; refers him to the Comte d'Houdetot and others.

Cossé de Rayssac, -----. Bordeaux 1781 August 28 A.L.S. 2p. XXII, 124
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to enter the American service.
(In French.)

Bancroft, Edward. Chaillot 1781 August 28 A.L.S. 1p. XXII, 125.
to Benjamin Franklin

Wishes to borrow 1,500 livres; only extreme necessity forces him to ask such a favor; has ample security.

Ingenhousz, Jan 1781 August 29 A.L.S. 2p. XXII, 126.
to Benjamin Franklin

Much worried at the silence of Mr. Wharton, of Phila., with whom Mr. Coffyn, Dr. Bancroft and himself had engaged in a mercantile speculation. Delighted that the Americans beat a superior English force; thinks it shameful that the King of England should bestow a ribbon upon Admiral

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

[Peter] Parker, who was obliged to retreat before the Dutch. Has published a new treatise in Holland on the manner of respirating and purifying air.

Thaxter, John, Jr 1781 August 30 L.S. 2p. XXII, 127.
to Benjamin Franklin

Mr. [John] Adams has been ill with fever for three weeks and is confined to his bed and unable to write; desires him to acquaint Franklin with the British Government's attempts to make secret contracts with the Americans for masts, yards and howsprit; for these they offer great prices; thinks the French Court should be asked whether they would have any objection to Congress laying an embargo on the exportation of these articles.
(Copy.)

John de Neufville and Son. Amsterdam 1781 August 30 L.S. 3p. XXII, 128.
to Benjamin Franklin

Difficulties encountered in procuring Commodore Gillon's signature, in order that the goods purchased by Col. Laurens might be shipped to America; desires his advice and directions as to future proceedings.

Dumesnil de St. Pierre, Henriette. Isigny 1781 August 31 A.L.S. 1p. XXII, 129.
to Benjamin Franklin

Trouble taken by Franklin in ascertaining the circumstances of M. [John Lewis Dumesnil] de St. Pierre's death; has just received from Charleston all the necessary papers.
(In French.)

Auer, Deacon M. Ebingen 1781 September 1 A.L.S. 1p. XXII, 130.
to Benjamin Franklin

Received with joy Franklin's response in regard to the poor widow, Mme. H#cklerin and her children; has followed his advice, and written to Mr. Richard Bache of Philadelphia. Begs that the enclosed letters may be forwarded.
(In French.)

Cheminot, Charlotte de. Paris 1781 September 1 A.L.S. 2p. XXII, 130 1/2.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Greatly pleased at Franklin's acceptance of her invitation.

(In French.)

Gregory, Lieut Stephen. Cherbourg 1781 September 3 A.L.S. 1p. XXII, 131.
to Benjamin Franklin

Commissioned officer on board the "Confederacy" when she was captured by the English; has been ill ever since landing in France; begs that a place be found for him on board a man-of-war.

Ussant, -----, chevalier d'. Marmande 1781 September 3 A.L.S. 2p. XXII, 132.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has received orders from M. de Castries to embark for further service in America. Asks for news of Mr. Searle.

(In French.)

Le Fort, Marc. Marseilles 1781 September 3 A.L.S. 4p. XXII, 132 1/2.
to Benjamin Franklin

Transcribes letter written July 30th. Concerning the capture of their ship "Elégante," and the indemnification promised them by Congress; desires Franklin's assistance.

(In French.)

Hodgson, William. London 1781 September 4 A.L.S. 2p. XXII, 133.
to Benjamin Franklin

Mr. Trumbull had been discharged. At New Prison was refused admission to Mr. Gouverneur without an order from Mr. Knox, Lord Geo. Germain's Secretary. Encloses copies of his correspondence with Mr. Knox (1p.). Had no trouble in seeing Mr. Curson who thanks Franklin for his attention but neither he nor Mr. Gouverneur are in need of funds at present. Mr. Witherspoon discharged and soon to leave the country. Hopes for a speedy exchange of prisoners; some of the unfortunates have been three years in confinement.

Damalix, -----, Paris 1781 September 5 A.L.S. 2p. XXII, 134.
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing his cousin who was taken prisoner at Savannah and who desires to see further service in the United States.

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(In French.)

Nesbitt, Jonathan, & Co. 1781 September 7 A.L.S. 1p. XXII, 135.
to Benjamin Franklin

Forwards letters received under cover from Robert Morris, Esq.; the messenger can be trusted in case Franklin wishes to send despatches by the "Delaware" or "Anne."

Schaffer, John. Paris 1781 September 8 A.L.S. 2p. XXII, 136.
to Benjamin Franklin

Account of money difficulties with a M. Dotun Le Sage; because of being a stranger, is obliged to settle with the villain.

Le Couteulx and Cie 1781 September 9 L. in 3d P. 1p XXII, 137.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing three letters which have just arrived by way of London.
(In French.)

Rayneval, Joseph Gérard de 1781 September 10 A.L.S. 2p. XXII, 138.
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging the Gazette; had already heard through M. le Chevalier de la Luzerne that the boasting of Mr. Cornwallis was of the same order as that of Admiral Rodney. In regard to the papers relating to passports, he supposes Franklin wishes him to lay them before the Peace Conference; thinks Mr. Robert Morris's letter should be communicated.
(In French.)

Lamarque, Fabre and Co. Paris 1781 September 10 A.L.S. 2p. XXII, 139.
to Benjamin Franklin

Commodore Gillon owes them a large sum of money; according to Franklin's orders, went to M. Amelot who will await them the next day at twelve o'clock; begs that Franklin will have the goodness to be present while their sad situation is being explained. Adjoins memorial (4p.) concerning the orders taken for the clothing and equipment of the army.
(In French.)

Defay, Mlle ----. Paris 1781 September 10 A.L.S. 1p. XXII, 140.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

to Benjamin Franklin

Begging Franklin to visit his paper manufactory.

(In French.)

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| Dumas, C.G.F. | 1781 September 13 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXXIX, 215. |
| to Benjamin Franklin | | | |

Mr. [John] Adams convalescing from a severe illness.

(In French.)

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| Montgomery, Dorcas. L'Orient | 1781 September 13 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXII, 141. |
| to Benjamin Franklin | | | |

Desires advice respecting the education of her son who may be placed in a school near Paris. Mr. and Mrs. [Richard] Bache and family were with them in July.

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| Lettsom, John Coakley. London | 1781 September 13 | A.L.S. 2p. | XXII, 142. |
| to Benjamin Franklin | | | |

Forwarding certain publications; Capt. [Jonathan] Carver's volume most interesting, treating of a country destined to form the hemisphere of freedom. Dr. Fothergill's works to be published in three volumes or one large quarto; anxious for any remarks of anectodes of their late amiable friend which Franklin may care to send him.

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| Dusantoy Lescossois, -----. Rheims | 1781 September 14 | A.L.S. 2p. | XXII, 143. |
| to Benjamin Franklin | | | |

Wishes to know if it is true that American manufactories have been established at Nantes and other parts of France.

(In French.)

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| Nesbitt, Jonathan, & Co. | 1781 September 14 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXII, 144. |
| to Benjamin Franklin | | | |

Forwards the enclosed letters, as it is safer to transmit them through Franklin's hands.

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| Morris, Robert. Philadelphia | 1781 September 14 | L.S. 1p. | XXII, 145. |
| to Benjamin Franklin | | | |

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Encloses a note of two books and desires that three complete sets be purchased on the Public Account and sent to him by three different conveyances.

Jay, John. Saint Ildefonso 1781 September 14 A.L.S. 1p. XXII, 146.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning a complaint lodged against Mr.[David Salisbury] Franks that he left Cadiz without paying for his passage; this accusation unjust as Mr. Robert Morris engaged to pay the passage money in question.

Nesbitt, Jonathan. Bordeaux 1781 September 15 L.S. 1p. XXII, 147.
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing Mr. Stephen Willson lately arrived from America.

V. and P. French and Nephew. Bordeaux 1781 September 15 L.S. 1p. XXII, 148.
to Benjamin Franklin

Encloses a letter for Mr. James Price, an American of distinction, lately arrived at l'Orient; remittances received for him despatched to their banker at Paris.

Amelot de Chaillou, Antoine-Jean. 1781 September 15 L.S. 1p. XXII, 149.
Versailles
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging his favor of the 11th inst. in regard to the suspension requested by Messrs. Lamarque and Fabre; the account to be laid before the King with the details kindly entered into by Franklin, as to the cause of the difficulty.
(In French.)

Carmichael, William. Saint Ildefonso 1781 September 15 A.L.S. 3p. XXII, 150.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has heard with infinite satisfaction of Congress's refusal to accept Franklin's resignation, as well as the news of his appointment as a Peace Commissioner. Salary allowed him by Congress liberal but his expenses are numerous. Reasons why he has little opinion of the loan in Holland. Glad that the Court of France has engaged to replace the cargo of the "Marquis de la Fayette"; thinks the

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Americans have a way of demanding things as a right that they should solicit as a favor; cites Mr. Laurens as an example of this. Will send the memoirs of the Economical Society by first opportunity.

Johonnot, Gabriel. Paris 1781 September 16 L. in 3d P. 1p.XXII, 151
to Benjamin Franklin

Unable to wait upon Franklin on account of preparations for his departure; asks for introductions to Mr. Williams and to French merchants at Nantes; desires a passport.

Hindman, John. Lisle 1781 September 17 A.L.S. 3p. XXII, 152.
to Benjamin Franklin

Intelligence he collected while travelling through England; made his escape from a guard-ship in Plymouth where he had been detained a prisoner with Col. William Richardson. Account of the ships in the harbor at Plymouth and their destination. English papers speak of sending to America four regiments of infantry and one of horse; a mystery where they are to get them.

Lafreté, Angélique-Michéle-Rosalie 1781 September 17 L. in 3d P. 1p.XXII, 153.
Jogues de Martinville. Paris
to Benjamin Franklin

The name of the person she recommended to Franklin for the position of Consul is M. Galart des Graux. Announces her intention of making a little trip into Normandy.
(In French.)

Benard, ---- Letellieur. Rouen 1781 September 18 A.L.S. 2p. XXII, 155.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning her son who served in the American navy for seven years and has only just returned.
(In French.)

Mourier, — de. Cherbourg 1781 September 18 A.L.S. 1p. XXII, 156.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning a bill of exchange drawn on Franklin by Mr. Nixon; greatly impressed with Franklin's generosity; offers to advance the money to Mr. Nixon.
A.E. by Dr. Franklin. Obligated to him but the bill is paid.
(In French.)

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Hodgson, William. London 1781 September 18 A.L.S. 2p. XXII, 158.
to Benjamin Franklin

The discharge of Major [William] Cowley, taken by the "Black Princess" and carried to Cherbourg. Board of Sick and Hurt agree to release Captain Manley in exchange. Number of prisoners released from Spain, of whom the Board takes no account. Prisons in England much crowded; upwards of seven hundred in confinement.

John de Neufville and Son. Amsterdam 1781 September 20 L.S. 2p. XXII, 159.
to Benjamin Franklin

Mr. [John] Adams still unable to attend to business; their share has been duly attended to.

Brillon, Mme 1781 September 21 A.L. 1p. XLIII, 74.
to Benjamin Franklin

Bidding good-bye to Franklin on her departure for a long journey.
(In French.)

Castries, M de c. 1781 September 22 L. in 3d P. 1p. XLIII, 152.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sending a package and two letters which he had received for Franklin.
(In French.)

Johonnot, Samuel Cooper. Lyons 1781 September 24 A.L.S. 1p. XXII, 160.
to Benjamin Franklin

Announcing his safe arrival.

Hobart, George. Paris [1781.] September 26 A.L. in 3d P. XL, 162.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Desiring to know the fate of Mr. Pownall's letter to Mr. Bowdoin and Dr. Cooper.

Lamarque, Fabre and Co. Paris 1781 September 26 A.L.S. 2p. XXII, 161.
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging Franklin's kindness in writing to the Minister on their behalf.

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(In French.)

Hartley, David. Margate 1781 September 26 A.L.S. 2p. XXII, 162.
to Benjamin Franklin

Suggesting a plan to prevent the horrid consequences of fire in opera and play-houses. Promises to send drawings and further details; efficacy of a fire-screen.

Crèvecoeur, St. Jean de 1781 September 26 A.L.S. 3p. XXII, 163.
to Benjamin Franklin

Recommended to Franklin by the Comtesse d'Houdetot. Has been put in possession of the wherry in which the five Americans came over; sincerely sorry for poor Colonel [William] Palfrey; hopes that his successor will be equally capable.

Jackson, Major William. Corunna 1781 September 26 A.L.S. 3p. LXI, 44.
to Benjamin Franklin

Reports Mr. Gillon's violation of his contract and complains of the treatment accorded him and his companions by the former.

Brillon, Mme. Villeneuve-le-Roy [1781.] September 27 A.L. 1p. XLIII, 28.
to Benjamin Franklin

Is stopping at a country seat 30 leagues from Paris on her journey to Nice for her health. Describes the country and its beautiful scenery. Postscript by M. Pagine, a friend of Dr. Franklin.

(In French.)

Bouvinghausen, Maj. Gen. ----- de 1781 September 29 A.L.S. 1p. XXII, 165.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has received a letter from America from Baron de Steuben; takes the liberty of sending his answer to Franklin's care.

(In French.)

Porquet, P.M. Calais 1781 September 30 A.L.S. 1p. XXII, 167.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sending him certain letters destined for America.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

(In French.)

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| Mayo, Joseph. Paris to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 September 30 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXII, 168. |
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Concerning the bill of exchange on M. de Chaumont which he has had protested.

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| Hobart, George. Paris to Benjamin Franklin | [1781. September ?] | A.L. in 3d P. | XL, 166. 1p. |
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Sending him a book and a letter from Gov. Pownall.

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| Rayber, ---- chevalier de to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 October 1 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXIII, 1. |
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Desires to know if there is room in the service for more Frenchmen, who can furnish the best certificates and who are persons of family.

(In French.)

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| Lovell, James. Philadelphia to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 October 3 | A.L.S. 2p. | XXIII, 2. |
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Introducing Mr. Gibbs, who desires to obtain Franklin's counsel in France, where he expects to spend some years; he is a son of Judge Gibbs and a grandson of Secretary [Josiah] Willard of whom he is a worthy descendant.

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| John de Neufville and Son. Amsterdam to Benjamin Franklin. | 1781 October 4 | L.S. 1p. | XXIII, 3. |
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The vessel from New Haven bringing the accompanying packet brought also of hopes being high in America, on account of the expected arrival of M. de Grasse on that coast.

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| Gillon, Alexander. Corunna to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 October 4 | LXI, 48. | A.L.S. 2p. |
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Concerning the difference with [Major William] Jackson and [Col. John] Laurens.

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| Adams, John. Amsterdam to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 October 4 | L.S. 3p. | XXIII, 4. |
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Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

His illness. Concerning the Commission appointed to negotiate peace; question of Mr. [Thomas] Jefferson accepting the trust; possible answer of the British to the articles which will serve as basis.

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| Bondfield, John. Bordeaux to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 October 4 | A.L.S. 1p. XXIII, 5. |
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Desiring a commission for a fast-sailing brig under the command of Capt. James Tucker, purchased by some American seamen and officers lately arrived from England; intends to arm her as a letter of marque and put on board a small cargo.

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| Le Veillard, Genevieve-Elisabeth Belamy to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 October 4 | A.L. in 3d P. XXIII, 6. 1p. |
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Informed that Franklin has received bills of exchange drawn upon her; refuses to pay them unless Franklin and his grandson consent to dine with her the following day.
(In French.)

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| Janus, Baron de Freny. Paris to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 October 5 | A.L.S. 3p. XXIII, 7. |
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Bitterly disappointed at being refused permission to enter the service of America; gave up his post in service of the Emperor and made this long journey, all in vain.
(In French.)

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| Coffyn, Francis. Dunkirk to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 October 5 | A.L.S. 1p. XXIII, 8. |
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Introducing Capt. William Gibbons, whose ship was taken by the English on the voyage from Amsterdam to Boston; has just arrived from England and desires to consult Franklin on the best means of returning to America.
(In French.)

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| Brillion, Mme. Lyons to Benjamin Franklin | [1781.] October 6 | A.L. 1p. XLIII, 29. |
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Is disappointed at not having heard from Franklin and her friends at Passy. Leaving for Avignon in a few days.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

(In French.)

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| Woodmason, James. Leadenhall St to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 October 8 | L.S. 1p. | XXIII, 9. |
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Offering a new method of keeping copying paper damped.

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| Nogaret, François-Félix to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 October 9 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXIII, 10. |
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Sends his allegory in honor of the late Maria Theresa; his daughter finds great pleasure in Franklin's society.

(In French.)

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| Poterat, Marquise de to Benjamin Franklin | c. 1781 October 9 | A.L.S. 2p. | XLI, 108. |
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Asks for advice and assistance in the construction of her fire-place.

(In French.)

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| Foulke, John. Leipsic to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 October 12 | A.L.S. 2p. | XXIII, 11. |
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Acknowledging his kindness to him during his stay in Paris. Coolness with which science is courted in Leipsic; inferiority of their schools to those in Paris; in no way superior to the young seminary which owes its birth to Franklin.

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| Nesbitt, Jonathan, & Co. to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 October 12 | A.L.S. 3p. | XXIII, 12. |
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Money due them. Amount and quality of tea forwarded. Desires Franklin's attention to Capt. Bell's request. Concerning the privateer, "Buccaneer," commanded by Capt [Hoysted] Hacker; importance of his not releasing his prisoners; thinks a few lines from Franklin would be efficacious.

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| Gillon, Alexander. Corunna to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 October 14 | A.L.S. 3p. | LXI, 49, 50. |
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Concerning the fulfilment of his contract and the payment of the debts of the State of South Carolina.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

(In duplicate.)

Morris, Robert. Philadelphia 1781 October 14 L.S. 4p. XXIII, 13.
to Benjamin Franklin

Reasons which have determined him to educate his two elder sons, Robert and Thomas, in Europe; the bearer, Matthew Ridley, Esq., accompanies them to France and will see them placed at school in Geneva, if Franklin approves this choice; his intention to give them a liberal education. His veneration for Franklin's abilities and character must be his apology for drawing his attention from more important concerns; begs that he will assist Mr. Ridley with his good advice.

Franklin, William Temple. Orleans 1781 October 15 A.L.S. 2p. XXIII, 14.
to Benjamin Franklin

Much fatigued by the vehicle in which he travelled from Paris. Inquiries he made concerning Major Frank's whereabouts. Expects to continue his journey in the morning; the boatmen's demands very extravagant. Wants Franklin to make his excuses to Mr. and Miss Channing for not taking leave of them; knocked several times at their door without success.

Stewart, Mrs Mary 1781 October 17 N. in 3d P. LXXI, 67.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Has written to Calais and to England for a copy of the work spoken of by Franklin. Sets out for Brussels tomorrow.

Montgomery, Dorcas 1781 October 17 L. in 3d P. 1p. XXIII, 15.
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing her son; hopes to wait on Franklin herself in a few days.

Franklin, William Temple. Chaumont 1781 October 18 A.L.S. 3p. XXIII, 16.
to Benjamin Franklin

Account of his journey from Orleans; his hospitable reception; Mme. de Chaumont and her children in good health; they depend on a visit from Franklin at Christmas; Mr. de Chaumont much beloved in that part of the world; all the family send their love and the beautiful Mme. Foucault accompanies hers with an English kiss.

Adams, John. Amsterdam 1781 October 18 L.S. 3p. XXIII, 17.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning a poor family called Beer who have come to Amsterdam with recommendations from Mr. Coffyn and Dr. Franklin; will do his best to get the father work of some kind. Relief he has furnished for a year past to American prisoners; no public money in his hands; cannot keep it up out of his own pocket; suggests other ways of continuing such a laudable work.

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| Schaffer, John. Paris to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 October 20 | L.S. 1p. | XXIII, 18. |
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Is once more at liberty and hopes in a few days to repay his loan.

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| Bondfield, John. Bordeaux to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 October 20 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXIII, 19. |
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Renewing his application for a commission for the brig, "Sally," Capt. James Tucker.

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| Houdetot, Comtesse d' to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 October 20 | L.S. 2p. | XXIII, 34. |
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Writes on behalf of St. Jean, whose father M. de Crevecoeur is one of her oldest friends; begs Franklin to assist him in his desire to serve the United States.
(In French.)

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| Brillon, Mme. Marseilles to Benjamin Franklin | [1781.] October 20 | A.L. 3p. | XLIII, 30. |
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Her health is beginning to improve. Promises to write by turns to Franklin and Le Veillard. Has seen in the harbor a vessel called the "Comte d'Estaing" which was for sale.

Postscript by M. Brillon. Hopes much from their stay at Nice, reputed to have the best climate in Southern France or Italy.

(In French.)

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| Hobart, George. Paris to Benjamin Franklin | [1781.] October 21 | A.L. in 3d P. 1p. | XL, 158. |
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Sending him a pamphlet by a former friend of Franklin.

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Stewart, Mary. Brussels 1781 October 22 A.L.S. 2p. XXIII, 20.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has had an expensive law-suit which must be determined in her favor next fall; desires Franklin to assist her with £20

Pierres, Philippe Denis 1781 October 22 A.L.S. 2p. XXIII, 21.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires a certain kind of paper for a little volume which he is at present printing; hopes to offer Franklin a copy.
(In French.)

Fizeaux, Grand Comp. Amsterdam 1781 October 22 Mem. S. 1p. LXIV, 21.
to Benjamin Franklin

Statement of account with the United States from May 16 to October 22, 1781.
(Copy.)

Adams, John. Amsterdam 1781 October 22 L.S. 4p. XXIII, 22.
to Benjamin Franklin

Asks for information concerning the duties and powers of a Peace Commissioner. Discusses demand made by Prince de Galitzin. Acknowledges Franklin's medical advice. Desires to know what disposition is to be made of the Continental goods left by Gillon and detained for the freight; from first to last was never consulted in the business; believes Col. Laurens has been imposed upon and that Gillon has Violated his contract with him; urges Franklin to send [Major William] Jackson to Amsterdam to finish the business, which has been cruelly mismanaged.

Carmichael, William. Madrid 1781 October 23 A.L.S. 1p. XXIII, 23.
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing Mr. Boyetet, Spanish Consul-General for France, who will carry Franklin certain letters and papers; Mr. Boyetet's long residence in Spain; his knowledge of public affairs and the great assistance and kindness he has received from him.

Chalut and Arnoux, abbes de. 1781 October 23 L. in 3d P. 1p. XXIII, 24.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Asking on behalf of M. de Chalut, Farmer-General, that Franklin dine with him on the 26th.
(In French.)

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| Mayo, Joseph. Paris to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 October 25 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXIII, 25. |
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Desiring to know M. de Chaumont's decision in regard to paying the bill of exchange.

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| Kéralio, Agathon Guynement, chevalier de to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 October 25 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXIII, 26. |
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Their good friend desires Franklin to dine with her the next day before going to Notre Dame for Te Deum.
(In French.)

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| Adams, John. Amsterdam to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 October 25 | L.S. 3p. | LXI, 51. |
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Testifying to Gillon's good character.

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| Bohlen, Anna Sophia Susanna de (née Franklin) to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 October 26 | A.L.S. 3p. | XXIII, 27. |
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Claims to be Franklin's great niece through her father's father, John Franklin; has lost all her relatives; would like to come to Paris, but her means too narrow to permit of it.
(In French.)

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| Adams, John. Amsterdam to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 October 26 | A.L.S. 3p. | XXIII, 28. |
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Acknowledging Franklin's favor of August 6th. Explanation of how his account was reported to have been mixed up with Mr. [F.M.] Dana's. Question of his receiving a salary from the French Court; if this is refused him and Congress can remit him nothing, hopes at least he will be granted a free passage on one of the first frigates of war sent to America; reasons why it would go ill with him, were he taken prisoner by the English; would infinitely rather lie in the tower at Newgate than dishonor the United States by begging or borrowing the means for his subsistence.

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Stewart, Mary. Brussels 1781 October 27 A.L.S. 1p. XXIII, 29.
to Benjamin Franklin

Since, recommending the young man to Franklin, has heard some very disagreeable things about him.

Avery, Jonathan. Kinsale Prison 1781 October 27 A.L.S. 1p. XXIII, 30.
to Benjamin Franklin

Surgeon on the brig, "Wexford"; captured by His Majesty's frigate "Recovery"; destitute of money and friends; offers to draw a bill on Samuel Huntington for whatever Franklin will advance.

Adams, John. Amsterdam 1781 October 27 A.L.S. 2p. XXIII, 31.
to Benjamin Franklin

The ships which the "South Carolina" was to have taken under her convoy; advises that they be purchased and sent to America where their sale will far out-weigh the cost; urges that [Major William] Jackson be sent to Amsterdam to conduct the business.

Montgomery, Dorcas 1781 October 28 A.L. in 3d P. XXIII, 32.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Desires the honor of a letter for Geneva, as there is a probability of her leaving shortly for that place.

Penet, P. Paris 1781 October 29 A.L.S. 1p. XXIII, 33.
to Benjamin Franklin

In his power to obtain a loan of 600,000 livres (tournois) for the use of the Commonwealth of Virginia, if Franklin will legalize his bonds for the State.

Hodgson, William. London 1781 October 30 A.L.S. 2p. XXIII, 35.
to Benjamin Franklin

Major Cowley's release. Proposition made by the Board of Sick and Hurt as regards the exchange of prisoners; the last remittance used up; begs for a further supply.

Richard Neave and Son. Bornier 1781 October 31 A.L.S. 2p. XXIII, 36.
to Benjamin Franklin

Without money or credit they are obliged to stay in France until they can get some remittance from America; Mr. Wharton and his friends, though so heavily in their debt, do nothing to relieve them;

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report of Mr. Wharton being killed. Possibility of selling a piece of property in Baltimore has raised their spirits.

Bondfield, John. Bordeaux 1781 October 31 A.L.S. 1p. XXIII, 37.
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing Mr. Bory, who will transmit Franklin the bond, duly executed, for the commission of the brig, "Mariana." Hopes soon to see the Southern States freed from the rapacious ravages of a cruel enemy.

Autun, Remy d' 1781 November 1 A.L.S. 1p. XXIII, 38.
to Benjamin Franklin

Justifying the conduct of J[ohn] S[c]haffer towards himself.
(In French.)

Orry, -----. Niort 1781 November 3 A.L.S. 2p. XXIII, 38 1/2.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing a description (3p.) of a medal to be struck off in commemoration of the birth of the Dauphin; it will be bestowed as a mark of special merit upon the pupils of a certain military school; begs Franklin's influence with the Minister in support of the plan.
(In French.)

Bianchi, Jacques 1781 November 4 A.L.S. 1p. XXIII, 39.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desiring him to witness several of his experiments, which are based upon Franklin's learned works.
(In French.)

Grand, Henry. Paris 1781 November 8 A.L.S. 2p. XLII, 198.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sending him two pairs of worsted stockings from which to take his choice. Question of the payments to Mr. Deane by Messrs. Stralborn and Wolff of St. Petersburg.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1781 November 10 A.L.S. 5p. XXXVIII, 84.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Concerning certain duties demanded by the Farmers-General; considers them unjust and absurd. Account of a slanderer in Nantes who accuses Franklin of encouraging Capt. [John] Folger in carrying on an illicit trade with the enemy; gives Franklin this opportunity of denying it, if he thinks it worth his notice.

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| La Luzerne, Comtesse de to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 November 11 | A.L. in 3d P. XLIV, 235. 1p. |
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Sends a letter for Chevalier de la Luzerne and requests Franklin to forward it.
(In French.)

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| The Faculty of the Royal College. Paris to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 November 12 | N. 1p. LXXIII, 66. |
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Invitation to the opening of the session.

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| Jackson, Major William. Bilbao to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 November 12 | A.L.S. 3p. LXI, 45. |
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Announces the defeat of the British on Chesapeake Bay; also that Cornwallis had proposed terms of capitulation.

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| John de Neufville and Son. Amsterdam to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 November 12 | L.S. 2p. XXIII, 40. |
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The disposition of the Continental goods left by Gillon, and detained for the freight; advises Franklin to buy the ships.

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| Hillegas, Michael to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 November 13 | L.S. XXIII, 41 and M[ichael] 42. Hillegas, Treasurer. 1p. |
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In accordance with enclosed Resolve of Congress (2p.) has signed certain Loan Office bills of exchange.
(2 copies.)

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| Angus, John. Cherbourg | 1781 November 14 | A.L.S. 2p. XXIII, 43. |
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Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

to Benjamin Franklin

Sailed from Philadelphia in the "Franklin"; captured by the English; escaped from prison with his two principal officers and seven of his men; refused help to get to L'Orient or Nantes; applies to Franklin. News from America; French fleet's safe arrival in the Chesapeake; Gen. Washington's junction with the Marquis de la Fayette; Cornwallis's difficult position; Arnold's burning of New London.

Laurens, Martha. Vigan

1781 November 14

A.L.S. 6p. XXIII, 44.

to Benjamin Franklin

Received no answer to request for passport for their family; at present her uncle's ill health has put an end to their plan of going to England. Transcribes part of a letter received from a near friend in London, describing the cruel imprisonment of her father; thinks it a sad reflection on America that one of her Ambassadors should, in his prison, want for the common necessities of life.

Barclay, Thomas. L'Orient

1781 November 15

A.L.S. 3p. XXIII, 45.

to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing letters from America; has just arrived by the ship "St. James"; sends a rough draught of the situation of the French and American armies surrounding Lord Cornwallis; opinion of some officers that he will be forced to surrender in about six weeks. Various reports concerning an action between Gen. [Nathanael] Greene and Col. [Alexander] Stuart, about sixty miles from Charleston.

Birckel, -----. Strasbourg

1781 November 15

A.L.S. 1p. XXIII, 46.

to Benjamin Franklin

Complimenting him on his love of truth, and the greatness of his soul.
(In French.)

Montgomery, Dorcas

1781 November 17

A.L.S. 1p. XXIII, 47.

to Benjamin Franklin

Master [Benjamin Franklin] Bache in good health; had the pleasure of seeing Madame Cramer; believes Geneva to be a very proper place for education; sure that their sons will receive every wished-for improvement.

Kornmann and Co. Paris

1781 November 17

A.L.S. 1p. XXIII, 48.

to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Desiring to know if Franklin received a letter from one of their friends in Königsberg.
(In French.)

Adams, John. Amsterdam 1781 November 17 L.S. 3p. XXIII, 49.
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging his favor of the 7th inst. by Mr. [George] Fox, to whom he promises to show every possible civility. His son embarked for Salem in a privateer. Concerning the Continental goods detained for freight at Amsterdam; discusses the best means of obtaining possession of the goods and the safest way of conveying them to America. His letters to Franklin have been opened in spite of being sent in care of Fizeaux and Grand.

Villiers, Louis-Pierre Dufourny de 1781 November 20 A.L.S. 3p. XXIII, 51.
to Benjamin Franklin

Congratulating Franklin on the happy event, which prepares the way for Independence; Franklin's part in this memorable revolution; enthusiasm of the French at this turn of affairs. Desires an interview on an important subject.
(In French.)

Bartram, Joseph. Mill Prison, Plymouth 1781 November 20 A.L.S. 2p. XXIII, 52.
to Benjamin Franklin

When captured bore the rank of midshipman on the frigate "Confederacy"; his distressing situation; encloses a set of bills (1p.) drawn on Thaddeus Burr at Fairfield, Conn.; begs Franklin to remit him in part their value.

Kéralio, Agathon Guynement, chevalier 1781 November 20 A.L.S. 1p. XXIII, 53.
de
to Benjamin Franklin

Congratulating him on the good news. Their dear Dowager's [Duchesse de Deux-Ponts] son, William [Count de Deux-Ponts], has arrived on the frigate "Andromache"; his distinguished conduct at the siege of York; reception of the great news by M. le Comte de Maurepas.
(In French.)

Chalut and Arnous, Abbés 1781 November 20 L. in 3d P. 1p.XLIII, 150.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Congratulating Franklin on the surrender of Cornwallis and his army. Ask leave to dine with Franklin on Sunday to celebrate the event.

(In French.)

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| Dubois, Mme Jeanne. Saint Briec to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 November 20 | A.L.S. 2p. | XXIII, 54. |
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Applies for money due her from the American vessel "Le Capitaine Jaune."

(In French.)

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| Carmichael, William. Madrid to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 November 20 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXIII, 55. |
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Introducing Mr. Charles Traverse; sends two books; should they meet with Franklin's approval, his endorsement would be highly flattering to the authors. Mr. Del Campo's dangerous illness retards everything; their dependence, public and personal, is on Franklin.

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| Jaume, Guillaume. Lyon to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 November 20 | A.L.S. 2p. | XXIII, 56. |
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At the request of young M. Johonnot, sends the enclosed prospectus (1p.) of the pension at Ecully; the dear child recommended to his care by the Abbés Chalut and Arnoux; believes he will receive a better education at the above school than at Geneva.

(In French.)

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| Montgomery, Dorcas to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 November 21 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXIII, 57. |
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Begs Franklin to forward the enclosed, which will be handed to him by a Mr. [Robert] Pigott, a friend to America.

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| Limozin, Andrew. Havre-de-Grace To Benjamin Franklin | 1781 November 21 | A.L.S. 4p. | XXIII, 58. |
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Writes on behalf of Capt. John Lander[s] and Lieut. [Robert] Wil(l)cocks, American subjects, confined for no apparent reason by order of the General-Commissary of the Navy; their miserable situation without comforts or any knowledge of the French language; entreats their release. Congratulates Franklin on the good news from America.

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Dubuysson des Aix, Charles-François, 1781 November 21 A.L.S. 1p. XXIII, 59.
chevalier
 to Benjamin Franklin

Brought with him, from Philadelphia, numerous letters giving an account of his services during the last five years; captured on his way to France and obliged to destroy everything but his recommendation from Congress to the Ministers.
 (In French.)

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1781 November 22 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVIII, 85.
 to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing Mr. Hopkins, Mr. Gibbs and Mr. Hoops.

Messrs Watson and Carey. Paris 1781 November 22 N. in 3d P. LXXI, 91.
 to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Congratulate him on the news of the surrender of Cornwallis. Will set out for Nantes to-morrow.

Vaughan, Benjamin 1781 November 22 A.L. 4p. XXIII, 60.
 to Benjamin Franklin

His relationship by marriage to Mr. Laurens; that gentleman's present imprisonment; no provision made for his support; naturally declines pecuniary assistance offered him. Account of Mrs. Laurens's death at Lisle and her bequests to her maid and child; magistrates have refused to suffer the operation of her will, till the Colonel's pleasure is known; has the child with him at present, as well as Mr. H. Laurens, a fine spirited, honorable young man; knows Franklin will do what is right.

Mazzei, Philip. Florence 1781 November 23 A.L.S. 1p. XXIII, 61.
 to Benjamin Franklin

Has received no answer to any of his letters since leaving Paris; M. Penet writes that he delivered the papers to Dr. Franklin and asked for M. Mazzei's address in order to send him the money on account of the State of Virginia; does not know if this is true; begs to be enlightened on this point.

Holker, Jean. Paris 1781 November 23 A.L. in 3d P. XXIII, 62.
 to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Acknowledging an invitation to dinner.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

(In French.)

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| The Continental Congress to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 November 23 | D. 2p. | LIV, 107. |
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Resolution giving permission to Marquis de la Fayette to return to France and directing the Ministers of the United States to confer with him relative to the situation in America.

(Attested copy.)

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| Boyle, Henry et al. Hatherlow to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 November 23 | Mem. 3p. S. | LX, 112. |
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Five Manchester manufacturers of cotton and other fabrics make a proposal to go to the United States with their families and establish factories, if granted certain conditions.

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| Frank, Daniel Marianus to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 November 24 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXIII, 63. |
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Enclosing a letter to Baron Steuben.

(In French.)

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| Bondfield, John. Bordeaux to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 November 24 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXIII, 64. |
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Congratulating him on America's decisive successes; enthusiasm at Bordeaux not yet subsided; hopes to set on foot two or three expeditions in virtue of the change the news has made.

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| d'Alsace, Prince d' Hénin. Paris to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 November 25 | A.L.S. 2p. | XXIII, 65. |
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Introducing a merchant of Nantes who has been defrauded by M. Penet, Agent-General for the State of Virginia; begs Franklin to see justice done.

(In French.)

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| Robineau de Beaunoir, Alexandre-Louis- Betrand to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 November 25 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXIII, 66. |
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Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Invitation to Franklin from his brother Masons of the Lodge to attend a Te Deum with them on the following day, and be present afterwards at a reception, discourse, banquet and concert at the Royal Lodge.

(In French.)

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| D'herimez, Ferdinand-Francois-Theodore-Joseph Pollart to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 November 26 | A.L.S. 2p. XXIII, 67. |
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Congratulating him on the surrender of Cornwallis; Franklin the rocky base of this happy revolution, against which tyranny will one day shatter itself.

(In French.)

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| Saint-Wast, Mme ---- Modenx de to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 November 26 | L. in 3d P. 1p.XXIII, 68. |
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Reminding Franklin of his promise to dine with her.

(In French.)

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| La Luzerne, Cesar-Henri, comte de to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 November 26 | L. in 3d P. 1p.XXIII, 69. |
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Enclosing a letter for his brother in America.

(In French.)

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| Lolme, Jean-Louis de to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 November 26 | A.L.S. 2p. XXIII, 70. |
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Sends the plans of the periodical paper he is preparing to publish; came to Paris to procure its admission in France.

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| Brillon, Mme to Benjamin Franklin | [1781.] November 26 | A.L. 4p. XLIII, 43. |
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Reflections on her travels and their influence on her mind and character. Narration of a trip on sea in a fishing boat to visit a Spanish frigate which had put into Villefranche. Encloses a memorandum by M. Breton on the possibilities of trade between Marseilles and the United States. Recommends M. Breton as a correspondent or agent at Marseilles in case the United States needs one.

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(In French.)

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| Adams, John. Amsterdam to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 November 26 | L.S. 3p. | XXIII, 71. |
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Proposed Treaty of Alliance between France, Holland and the United States. Congratulations on the surrender of Cornwallis. Disposition of the Continental goods.

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| Barbeu-Dubourg, ----- to Benjamin Franklin | [1778 before Feb. 2] | A.N.S. 1p. | LXX, 84b. |
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Inquires on what day Franklin has promised to dine at Mme. de St. Wast's.
(In French.)

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| Vaudoré, Augustin-François-Hugue Macé de to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 November 27 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXIII, 72. |
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Concerning a memoir by Mr. Villiam, to obtain the commission of Captain on his return to America.
(In French.)

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| Watson and Cossoul. Nantes to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 November 27 | A.L.S. 2p. | XXIII, 73. |
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The loss of two bills drawn on Franklin; stops payment.
(In French.)

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| Young, Moses. Nantes to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 November 27 | A.L.S. 5p. | XXIII, 74. |
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The treatment of Mr. [Henry] Laurens.

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| Kéralio, Agathon Guynement, chevalier de to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 November 27 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXIII, 75. |
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Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Hopes the late glorious event will soon bring peace; their dear friend [the Dowager Duchesse de Deux-Ponts] is still supremely happy; her son has arrived in good health, a trifle brown, but only from the shadow of the laurels he carries.

(In French.)

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| Charlus, ---- comte de to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 November 27 | L. in 3d P. 1p. XXIII, 76. |
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Has just arrived from America; sends three packets entrusted to his care by General Washington; all impatience to see Franklin.

(In French.)

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| Williams, Jonathan Jr. to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 November 27 | A.L.S. 1p. XXXVIII, 86. |
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Capt. All, who rejoiced at the opportunity to confound malicious tongues, sends a newspaper showing the inhuman conduct of Lord Rawdon, now a prisoner in Paris; thinks the French ought to know that a butcher he is.

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| Searle, James. Paris to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 November 28 | A.L. in 3d P. XXIII, 77. 1p. |
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Accepting invitation to dinner.

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| Birckel, -----. Strasbourg to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 November 28 | A.L.S. 1p. XXIII, 78. |
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Incoherent remarks about a French regiment.

(In French.)

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| Kéralio, Agathon Guynement, chevalier de to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 November 29 | A.L.S. 1p. XXIII, 79. |
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Their excellent "Dowager" [Duchesse de Deux-Ponts] desires Franklin to dine with her on Saturday; he will meet various persons who respect and love him, and above all, the brave Count William, who will talk to him of America.

(In French.)

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Dubuysson des Aix, Charles-François, 1781 November 29 A.L.S. 1p. XXIII, 80.
chevalier
 to Benjamin Franklin

Personages who have spoken in his favor; all of the opinion that if Franklin endorses their request, it will go through; honors conferred upon him by Congress, and wounds received in their service justify his demands.
 (In French.)

Chalut and Arnous, Abbés 1781 November 29 A.L.S. 2p. XXIII, 81.
 to Benjamin Franklin

Asking for a copy of Gen. Washington's letter, as well as any details of Cornwallis's surrender. Anticipate meeting Franklin at dinner the following Saturday at M. de Chalut's; if Franklin can persuade Dr. Bancroft to be of the party, it will give them all great pleasure.
 (In French.)

Valmont de Bomare, Jacques-Christophe 1781 November 30 A.L.S. 1p. XXIII, 84.
 to Benjamin Franklin

Gives his opening lecture the following day at eleven; invites Franklin to be present.
 (In French.)

Bondfield, John. Bordeaux 1781 November 30 A.L.S. 2p. XXIII, 85.
 to Benjamin Franklin

Has contracted for a small brig the "Yorktown" to be sent off with all despatch to Philadelphia; desires a passport for her.

Lebègue de Presle, Achille-Guillaume 1781 November 31 A.L.S. 1p. XXIII, 86.
 to Benjamin Franklin

Congratulating Franklin on the successes of the United States. Will forward Dr. Priestley's new volume to the Duc de la Rochefoucauld.
 (In French.)

Franklin, William Temple. Chateau de Chaumont [1781. November.] Thursday A.L.S. 3p. XL, 135.

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to Benjamin Franklin

His delay in returning to Paris due to the impossibility of procuring a place in any of the public conveyances for Paris; may be obliged to go to the expense of a carbiolet.

Le Roy, Jean Baptiste [1781. November] A.L.S. 1p. XLII, 160.
to Benjamin Franklin

Anxious to wait upon him with Mme. Le Roy to congratulate him on the happy event at York.
(In French.)

Nazro, Nathaniel. Mill Prison, Plymouth 1781 November A.L.S. 4p. XXIII, 87.
to Benjamin Franklin

Account of his services in the Ameican army, his entering into her navy and his capture by the English; the uncommon distress experienced by prisoners in England; begs Franklin to procure his exchange.

Dubuysson des Aix, Charles-François, 1781 December 1 A.L.S. 1p. XXIII, 88.
chevalier
to Benjamin Franklin

Sends the memoir which Franklin promised to remit to the Marquis de Ségur; M. le Duc D'ayen and le Prince de Poix join with him in begging Franklin's acquiescence to his demands.
(In French.)

Landers, John and Willcocks, Robert 1781 December 1 A.L.S. 3p. XXIII, 89.
to Benjamin Franklin

Account of their imprisonment in England, their exchange, and arrival in France; lies told about them by the French officers; their present miserable confinement; ignorant of their crime; beg Franklin to release them.

Lafreté, M and Mme 1781 December 1 L. in 3d P. 1p. XXIII, 90.
to Benjamin Franklin

Congratulations on the successes of the American arms; desire him to celebrate the event by dining with them on the 3d, in company with Mesdames des Deux Ponts and M. le Comte Guillaume.
(In French.)

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Adams, John. Amsterdam 1781 December 1 A.L.S. 4p. XXIII, 91.
to Benjamin Franklin

Discusses the disposition of the Continental goods detained at Amsterdam. Much pleased with Franklin's reflections on the glorious news; few military plans ever better laid or executed; believes in a land war America could defend herself against the world. Asks whereabouts of the Comte de Grasse. Concerning the distressing situation of Mr. Laurens; has ventured to promise £100 for him; pathetic letter received from his daughter; referred her to Franklin.

von Steuben, W. A. Cüstrin 1781 December 1 L.S. 1p. LIX, 79.
to Benjamin Franklin

Encloses a letter for his son, General von Steuben; report is current that both feet of the General have been shot off. Is this true?

Dubois, Mme. Jeanne. Saint Brieuc 1781 December 1 A.L.S. 1p. XXIII, 92.
to Benjamin Franklin

Applies again to Franklin to obtain the money due her from the ship "Le Capitaine Jaune."
(In French.)

Golden, Benjamin. Forton Prison, Portsmouth 1781 December 2 A.L.S. 2p. XXIII, 94.
to Benjamin Franklin

Five years' service in the American cause; is in the direst need of every necessity; begs for assistance.

Dubosc, Dr ---- 1781 December 4 A.L.S. 2p. XXIII, 95.
to Benjamin Franklin

Embarked as ship's doctor on a vessel bound for St. Domingo; captured by the English; imprisoned at Liverpool; finally released on condition of leaving the country; desires Franklin to assist him to America.
(In Latin.)

Crèvecoeur, St. Jean de 1781 December 5 A.L.S. 1p. XXIII, 98.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Congratulations as a loyal American and a good Frenchman on Gen. Washington's victory in Virginia. The five Americans who escaped from England the summer before have been happily embarked at Nantes for Newburyport, Mass.

Castries, M de [1781] December 5 L. in 3d P. 1p.XL, 212.
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging the packet sent him by Franklin.
(In French.)

Nogaret, François-Félix 1781 December 6 A.L.S. 1p. XXIII, 99.
to Benjamin Franklin

Two months ago they returned the print of the Queen of Hungary's tomb; beg that they may be reassured as to Franklin's health.
(In French.)

Stockar zur Sonnenbourg, ---- 1781 December 6 A.L.S. 3p. XXIII, 100.
to Benjamin Franklin

Wishes Franklin's opinion of l'Abbé Raynal's History of the American Revolution; desires to translate it into German if it is written with intelligence and impartiality. Thinks France has been the support and bulwark of all the republics -- Holland, Switzerland and America.
(In French.)

Adams, John. Amsterdam 1781 December 6 L.S. 3p. XXIII, 101.
to Benjamin Franklin

M. de Neufville's opinion of the proposals made him; question of accepting bills for large amounts drawn on Mr. Laurens. The States General have unanimously guaranteed the five millions; will now demand an answer to his former memorial regarding a triple or quadruple alliance.

Barry, Amelia. Pisa 1781 December 7 L.S. 3p. XXIII, 102.
to Benjamin Franklin

Franklin's mind too extensive to be entirely absorbed in public affairs; dares to hope that the woes of his Amelia will be listened to; her husband dead; left with four small children and expecting a fifth;

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nothing to support them; begs that the proceeds from the sale of the map and pamphlets be sent her; has written in vain to Governor Pownall and Mr. [John] Almon.

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| Butley, Thomas. Harve-de-Grace to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 December 7 | L.S. 3p. | XXIII, 103. |
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An American sailor imprisoned in France; begs for speedy release.

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| John de Neufville and Son. Amsterdam to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 December 7 | L.S. 6p. | XXIII, 104. |
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Concerning the vessels disappointed to Commodore Gillon's convoy; no shadow of blame can be laid against them in the matter, and if Franklin had refused to pay the bills it would have been a violation of all public faith; Mr. Gillon's breach of faith after borrowing large sums from them, and his false representations; the Directors and Captains of the ships are the people who should be questioned.

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| Dumas, C.G.F. to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 December 7 | A.L.S. 3p. | XXXIX, 218. |
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Resolution adopted in favor of the loan of five million florins. Instructions from Congress received by Mr. Adams, enjoining him to insist upon a reply from Holland to their proposals made the previous spring. His confidential relations with the Pensionaries of three Dutch towns and other distinguished persons.

(In French.)

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| Ritchie, Juliana. Cambray to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 December 8 | A.L.S. 2p. | XXIII, 105. |
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Wrote to her husband eight months ago but has received no answer; desires to know if any letter for her has come to Franklin's hands.

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| Corny, Dominique-Louis Ethis de to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 December 8 | A.L.S. 2p. | XXIII, 106. |
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Intends to call with the deputy of the Company at Metz who furnished Mr. Robert Morris with clothing for the United States; encloses the Company's new memorial (4p.); hopes Franklin will obtain from the Ministry more favorable conditions.

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(In French.)

John de Neufville and Son. Amsterdam 1781 December 8 A.L.S. 4p. XXIII, 107.
to Benjamin Franklin

Encloses a translation of Mr. Van Arp's letter showing that the ship's Directors are the only persons answerable for the goods loaded on board the Dutch vessels; will do anything in their power to show their disinterestedness and sincerity but no blame attaches to them nor is there any reason why Franklin should refuse the payment of their bills.

(Copy.)

Adams, John. Amsterdam 1781 December 8 L.S. 3p. XXIII, 108.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires Franklin's direction concerning the bills drawn upon Mr. Laurens; improbable that any other bills will be drawn upon himself or anyone else in that department. Thinks that de Neufville and Son's bills should be paid at the expiration of their time, as otherwise it will be fatal to their house and a bolt upon American affairs; de Neufville is not the ruling power in the concern, but has done all he can and is not responsible.

Ingenhousz, Jan 1781 December 8 A.L.S. 1p. XXIII, 109.
to Benjamin Franklin

Languishing for a word in reply to his last five letters; a volume of opuscula on various philosophical subjects kept back for Franklin's sanction; on receipt of Franklin's answer, will send the whole collection to M. Le Bègue de Presle to be printed. Account of two curious experiments, one the production of a certain kind of clear smoke, the other a manner of setting fire to a metal wire. His ignorance of the business enterprise he engaged in with Mr. Wharton; Dr. Bancroft and Mr. Coffyn. Trusts the Peace Conference has been successful; hopes his countrymen will take revenge upon the barbarous English.

Trumbull, John. Bilbao 1781 December 8 A.L.S. 1p. XXIII, 110.
to Benjamin Franklin

Offers congratulations on the capture of Cornwallis and the flattering situation of affairs in America.

de Benyowsky, Count. Paris 1781 December 9 A.L.S. 1p. LXX, 24.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Requesting Dr. Franklin to forward him the promised letters of recommendation, as he is about to start on his journey.

(In French.)

Edes, Caroline. Versailles 1781 December 9 A.L.S. 1p. XXIII, 111.
to Benjamin Franklin

Fearing Franklin may not know how to direct an answer to her letter of the day before, sends her address.

Gottkier, ----- 1781 December 10 A.L.S. 2p. XXIII, 112.
to Benjamin Franklin

Burning with a desire to live in the United States; dedicates to Franklin the small poem adjoined.
(In French.)

Franks, David 1781 December 10 A.L.S. 3p. XXIII, 113.
to Benjamin Franklin

Much insulted at the treatment he has received from Mr. Hector and the Major de Place of Brest; has been twice arrested and is at present a prisoner writing with sergeant at his back; begs that the Marquis de Castries be asked to write to this Hector, who is in possession of his commission, passport, letters of credit and of recommendation, with Mr. W.T. Franklin's last letter ordering him to Brest.

John de Neufville and Son. Amsterdam 1781 December 10 L.S. 2p. XXIII, 116.
to Benjamin Franklin

Asked Messrs. Van Arp and Co., Directors of the "Aurora" and "Liberty" to make some demand for the pretended damages; in reply they demanded 60,000 francs; Mr.[John] Adams's opinion; they approve of Franklin's resolution to have the matter settled by arbitration.

Putnam, Benjamin. Boston 1781 December 10 A.L.S. 3p. XXIII, 114.
to Benjamin Franklin

Perceives that M. Gérard's absence has prevented any knowledge being obtained relative to his affair with Comte d'Arbaud. Has discovered a mistake of the Notary Public at Guadeloupe, concerning the

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name of the commanding officer who so rudely interfered in the affair of the prize, "Terrible"; gives the authentic names of the commanders of the frigates.

Holker, Jean. Paris 1781 December 10 A.L.S. 1p. XXIII, 115.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing Mr. Williams's letter; begs that Mr. Clement be spoken to in regard to it and that his answer be transmitted as soon as possible as the affair is pressing.

Brillon, Mme [1781.] December 11 A.L. 2p. XLIII, 44.
to Benjamin Franklin

Is angry with him, he captures a whole army in America, burgoyne's Cornwallis, takes cannons and vessels, munitions, men, etc., and the Gazette alone announces the news to his friends, whilst he gives no sign of life. He must feel twenty years younger because of this good news which should bring a lasting peace after glorious war. Shall remain angry with him until she hears from him; in the meantime shall compose a triumphal march for him and shall send it to him, write him, and even love him with all her heart.

(In French.)

Bibliography

Grand, l'ainé 1781 December 12 A.L.S. 1p. XXIII, 118.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begs that he will write at the bottom of the enclosed summary everything he knows about Major Franks, and what he thinks that officer has done with the carriage so obligingly lent him.

(In French.)

Vaughan, John 1781 December 13 A.L.S. 3p. XXIII, 119.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to settle in Philadelphia, the further home of arts and government; asks for advice and letters of recommendation. Through Mr. Carmichael, has heard the news of the capture of Cornwallis and his army; hopes it will hasten the proceedings of the dilatory Spanish Court; this victory together with the latter one of General [Nathanael] Greene against the Charlestown garrison, has entirely freed the Southern Colonies from their long sufferings.

-----, -----, Nantes 1781 December 14 A.L. 3p. XLIV, 47.

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to Benjamin Franklin

Sending two little works in verse which were published at Nantes during the celebration there of the birth of the Dauphin. Requests Franklin to present them to Mme. la Marquise de la Fayette.

(In French.)

Saint-Auban, Jacques-Antoine Baratier, 1781 December 15 L.S. 2p. XXIII, 120.
marquis de

to Benjamin Franklin

Reminding Franklin of his promises to dine with them.

(In French.)

Espivent de Marcel, Mme ---- 1781 December 15 A.L.S. 2p. XXIII, 121.
to Benjamin Franklin

Is the sister of M. de la Villeboisnet; begs his influence for her son who wants to be a midshipman.

(In French.)

Estaing, Charles-Henri, comte d'. Paris 1781 December 16 L. in 3d P. 1p. XXIII, 122.
to Benjamin Franklin

Expects to dine with Franklin at Madame des Deux-Ponts's; offers him seats in his box at the "Comédie Française" for the same day.

(In French.)

Adams, John. Amsterdam 1781 December 16 A.L.S. 4p. XXIII, 123.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters received from Mr. Dana, who has been politely treated by the Marquis de Vêrac; when he wrote, had not yet communicated his mission to the Russian Ministry; his opinion of Dutch policy not raised by his journey to the North; great respects for the Dutch Minister at Petersburg; speaks prudently of the Prince de Potemkin, the Comte de Panin and the Comte d'Ostermann. Considers the last speech of the King of England rather inflammatory; his admiration for the art and address with which England manages Holland and some of the Northern powers; Lord Stormont's acceptance of Russia's mediation between England and Holland, a masterpiece of its matchless effrontery.

Vernier, ----- chevalier de 1781 December 16 A.L.S. 3p.

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XXIII, 123
1/2.

Concerning le Sieur Vernié who entered the service of the United States in 1777 and has lately been reported killed.

(In French.)

Dorlay, Eleazer. Mill Prison

1781 December 17

A.L.S. 2p. XXIII, 124.

to Benjamin Franklin

Was gunner on the Continental ship, "Confederacy" when she was captured; his present cruel confinement; begs Franklin to procure his exchange.

Suavelier, -----, Caen

1781 December 17

A.L.S. 4p. XXIII, 125.

to Benjamin Franklin

Assistance he has rendered Americans escaped from English prisons. Desires the position of Consul-General for the United States in Basse Normandie; sure that M. St. John de Crevecoeur would endorse this appointment.

(In French.)

Seckendorff, ----, baronesse de

1781 December 18

A.L.S. 4p. XXIII, 126.

to Benjamin Franklin

Her son a lieutenant in the regiment of Anhalt; desires to serve in the American Army.

(In French.)

Williams, Jonathan Jr.

1781 December 18

A.L.S. 2p. XXXVIII, 87.

to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning his appointment as Deputy-Consul of his district which Mr. Barclay is willing to authorize; reasons why he would like it.

Stourm, Jean-Louis

1781 December 19

A.L.S. 2p. XXIII, 127.

to Benjamin Franklin

His fortune not adequate to support a family of five children; if the United States will provide him with a comfortable position, will devote himself to their service.

(In French.)

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Thayer, John. Paris 1781 December 20 A.L.S. 1p. XXIII, 128.
to Benjamin Franklin

Account of Franklin's perfect benevolence not one whit exaggerated; has experienced it himself; expresses the most enthusiastic gratitude.

Franks, David 1781 December 20 A.L.S. 3p. XXIII, 129.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing a letter from Mr. Jay, which advises his return to Spain, and his departure from that country to America; desires Franklin's opinion; is persuaded Mr. Jay has something of consequence to send to the Congress and wishes a trustworthy messenger. Complains of his treatment by the commandant; believes M. and Madame Deseitre, persons of infamous character, are at the bottom of it; the lady has imposed upon Mr. Hancock of Boston and consequently on several respectable people in Brest.

L'Accademia di Scienze, Lettre, ed Arti, di Padova. Padus 1781 December 20 Portfolio.
to Benjamin Franklin

Certificate of membership.

Bouvinghausen, Maj. Gen. ----- de 1781 December 20 A.L.S. 2p. XXIII, 130.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sending a second letter for General de Steuben, which he begs Franklin to guard until the Baron's arrival in Paris, if the report he true that he arrives in January.
(In French.)

Bondfield, John 1781 December 20 A.L.S. 3p. XXIII, 131.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing the form of passport granted by Franklin and desiring him to make any alterations which he may judge proper in virtue of recent changes; inclination shown by their merchants to unite in commercial interest with the United States.

Angus, John. L'Orient 1781 December 21 A.L.S. 2p. XXIII, 132.
to Benjamin Franklin

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His return after being captured in the brig "Franklin"; has not taken command of the brig "Antonia"; this vessel being American property, begs for a commission and letter of marque.

Pope, Jacob (prisoners) 1781 December 21 A.L.S. 1p. XXIII, 133.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begging their exchange; in all about sixty or seventy prisoners, who were captured in the West Indies, and sent to England.

Willcocks, Robert. Havre-de-Grace 1781 December 21 A.L.S. 3p. XXIII, 134.
to Benjamin Franklin

Requesting that he and his lieutenant be set at liberty, or at least informed of the nature of their crime.

Hodgson, William. London 1781 December 21 A.L.S. 4p. XXIII, 135.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has acquainted Mr. [Samuel?] Vaughan with directions concerning Mr. [Henry] Laurens's support. Succeeded in removing Mr. Gouverneur to better quarters. Need of a further remittance by the beginning of January; nearly eight hundred prisoners in all; question of procuring a speedy exchange. Comparison of the circumstances of Lord Cornwallis and Gen. Burgoyne; the Ministers' predilection for the former.

Edes, Caroline. Versailles 1781 December 12 A.L.S. 1p. XXIII, 117.
to Benjamin Franklin

Did not receive Franklin's favor of the 10th inst. until too late to wait upon him. Encloses Mr. Bridgen's letter.

Brissot de Warville, Jacques-Pierre. Paris 1781 December 22 A.L.S. 2p. XXIII, 136.
to Benjamin Franklin

Project on a work on legislation.
(In French.)

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Clémenderin, ----- [1781.] December 22 A.L.S. 2p. XLI, 24.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Sending him a memoir concerning an affair of consequence to every French corsair.
(In French.)

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| Franks, David to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 December 23 | A.L.S. 3p. | XXIII, 137. |
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Denies that the lack of consideration shown him was due to any indiscretion on his part; before this time, has always been treated by the French with the greatest politness.

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| Varenne, ----Desouches de to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 December 24 | A.L.S. 3p. | XXIII, 138. |
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Desires to know whether he can rely upon facts stated in the "Brief Account of the American-English Revolution from 1774 to 1778" by an American ; needs only Franklin's endorsement to continue the work he has projected; mentions the principal statements the veracity of which he desires to ascertain.
(In French.)

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| Benyowsky, Maurice-Auguste, Comte de to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 December 24 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXIII, 139. |
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Sending the first part of his memoirs, and the journal of his voyage to Kamchatka; promises to forward the rest of his memoirs and his journal of Madagascar.
(In French.)

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| Barclay, Thomas. Amsterdam to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 December 24 | A.L.S. 2p. | XXIII, 140. |
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The owners of the two vessels, who have the clothing belonging to the United States, have agreed to deliver it upon the conditions enumerated.

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| John de Neufville and Son. Amsterdam to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 December 24 | L.S. 2p. | XXIII, 141. |
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Terms and conditions made with the owners of the ships who have agreed to deliver the goods to Mr. Adams; they will pay the owners and Franklin can reimburse them.

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| Brillon, Mme to Benjamin Franklin | [1781.] December 25 | A.L. 1p. | XLIII, 45. |
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Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Enjoys Franklin's pleasantries in what he calls his bad French. Thinks much better of his French than he does himself. Wants him to write often.

(In French.)

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| Louis Sazérac l' aîné & fils to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 December 25 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXIII, 142. |
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According to orders received from Mr. Bondfield, sent Franklin a turkey stuffed with truffles.

(In French.)

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| Clegg, Edmund to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 December 25 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXIII, 143. |
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Introducing Mr. Henry Wild, a prudent man who has a scheme to lay before Franklin.

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| Searle, James. Paris to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 December 26 | A.L. in 3d P. 1p. | XXIII, 144. |
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Reminding Franklin of his promise to send him an introductory line to the Marquis de Castries.

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| John de Neufville and Son. Amsterdam to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 December 27 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXIII, 145. |
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Confirming their former statement that the Continental goods are now at the disposal of the Hon. Tho[ma]s Barclay and His Excellency, Mr. Adams.

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| Webb, Benjamin. Pent to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 December 27 | A.L.S. 2p. | XXIII, 146. |
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Pays his respects to Franklin. Has been with his eldest boy in Switzerland; his wife an invalid; is visiting Mr. [Robert] Pigott.

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| Vinfrai, -----. Villejuif to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 December 27 | A.L.S. 2p. | XXIII, 146 1/2. |
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Asking for leave of absence for Jean Pierre Le Duc at present in the service of South Carolina, who received two wounds as mentioned in the enclosed certificates.

(In French.)

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Adams, John. Amsterdam 1781 December 28 A.L.S. 1p. XXIII, 147.
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing Mr. William Cheever, of Boston, who expects to spend some time in France.

Richard, Jean François. Paris 1781 December 28 A.L.S. 2p. XXIII, 148.
to Benjamin Franklin

Apology for not informing Franklin earlier of the loss of the "Alexander," a prize made by the "Indian" now called "South Carolina"; owing to his wounds and lack of money, was obliged to rest some time at Dunkirk. Hopes to wait on Franklin shortly and ask his kindness on behalf of certain American Prisoners, whose names he mentions as having fought with singular courage.

(In French.)

Feray, Jean Baptiste A. Havre 1781 December 28 Mem. 3p. LVII, 32 (1
to Benjamin Franklin and 2).

Applies to the Untited States Congress and to Dr. Franklin to be appointed Consul for the United States at Havre.

(In French.)

Hoffmeister, H. Adolphe. Heidelberg 1781 December 29 A.L.S. 1p. XXIII, 149.
to Benjamin Franklin

Franklin's kindness to his brother-in-law and to himself.

(In French.)

Epidorge, ---- . Dunkerque 1781 December 29 A.L.S. 2p. XXIII, 150.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begging his influence on behalf of Captain Conyngham's crew who, since 1777, have awaited not only their wages but part of their prizemoney.

(In French.)

Coffyn, Francis. Dunkirk 1781 December 29 A.L.S. 2p. XXIII, 151.
to Benjamin Franklin

Account of money paid to Col. William Richardson and sundry prisoners arrived from England.

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Berard, Simon. Paris 1781 December 31 A.L.S. 2p. XXIII, 152.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sending the enclosed from Capt. John Angus and endorsing his request for a commission.
(In French.)

Chaumont, Marie-Thérèse Jougues Le 1781 December 31 XXIII, 153.
Ray de
to Benjamin Franklin

Wishing him a happy New Year and many of them; congratulates him on the surrender of Cornwallis.
Her affection and admiration for Franklin and her friendship for his grandson.

St Esprit, Abbesse Marie du 1781 A.L.S. 2p. XXIII, 154.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sending him all good wishes and acknowledging his past kindness with gratitude.
(In French.)

-----, -----. Madrid 1781 December 31 A.L. 1p. XLIV, 48.
to Benjamin Franklin

Mr. J. has called to see him; said he was disappointed at not hearing from Franklin, as he expected both advice and financial help from him. Mr. J. seems to be in need of money, he still owes the writer 30,000 piastres.
(In French.)

Brillon, M. et al [1781. December.] L.S. 3p. LVI, 79
to Benjamin Franklin

A serio-comic address to Dr. Franklin from Nice by the Brillon family and few mutual friends on the occasion of the New Year.
(In French.)

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Alexander, Alexander John. Paris [1781.] A.L.S. 1p. XLII, 71.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Returns papers taken by mistake from Dr. Franklin's office.

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| Bart, Jean | [1780 ?] | L.S. 2p. | LVII, 100. |
| to Benjamin Franklin | | | |

Formerly of the Continental brig "Lexington"; petitions for wages and prize money due him.
(In French.)

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| Le Breton, -----. Paris | [1781] | A.L.S. 2p. | XLI, 89. |
| to Benjamin Franklin | | | |

Enclosing a letter from M. Peuch, proprietor of the Utrecht Gazette, and offering to forward Franklin's reply.
(In French.)

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| Brillon, M | c. 1781 Friday | A.L. in 3d P. | XLIII, 118. |
| to Benjamin Franklin | | 2p. | |

Sends a letter which he has just received from M. Didelot "Fermier-Général" recommending M. Gellée who was about to depart for America.
(In French.)

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| Brillon, Mme | [1780 After Aug. 16] | A.L. 2p. | XLIII, 49. |
| to Benjamin Franklin | | | |

Requesting letters of introduction for M. Dillion des Gayères who was leaving for America to take charge of food supplies for the troops.
(In French.)

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| Brillon, Mme | c. 1781 | A.L. 1p. | XLIII, 79. |
| to Benjamin Franklin | | | |

Cannot take breakfast with him. Is still weak and much affected by the disaster which has happened to the Bouffé house. The ladies of that house were her friends.
(In French.)

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| Brillon, Mme | [1780 After July 10] | A.L. 1p. | XLIII, 80. |
| to Benjamin Franklin | | | |

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Has been very seriously ill. Will not be able to go to see Franklin for a long time.

(In French.)

Brillon, Mme c. 1781 Thursday A.L. 1p. XLIII, 55.
to Benjamin Franklin

Premises to dine with Franklin. Thanks him and his son for their kind attention when she was ill.

(In French.)

Brillon, Mme [1781.] Monday A.L.S. 2p. XLIII, 50.
to Benjamin Franklin

Invites Franklin to spend a few days with her and her mother at their country place.

(In French.)

Brillon, Mme c. 1781 A.L. 2p. XLIII, 37.
to Benjamin Franklin

Believes in being punctual and faithful with friends even in small matters. Is leading a quiet, uniform life in the country.

(In French.)

Brillon Mme. La Thuillerie [(1778 ?) (Nov.) 11] A.L.S. 2p. XLIII, 41.
to Benjamin Franklin

Last letter she will write to Franklin from this place. Returns to Passy next Monday. Is often dissatisfied with her own letters; do not fully express her sentiments. Will continue, however, to write them to Franklin who should soon have a volume of them.

(In French.)

Brillon, Mme [1781.] 13th A.L. 2p. XLIII, 33.
to Benjamin Franklin

Will return to Passy on the 21st. Hopes to see Franklin every Wednesday and Saturday evening at tea with her usual guests, Le Veillard, Abbé de la Roche and Abbé Morellet, Mme. Grand and her niece, M. Grand and M. Pagin.

(In French.)

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Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Brillon, Mme [1779? Feb 24] A.L.S. 2p. LXX, 31b.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has been very ill with a nervous trouble. Did not receive visitors, but sorry they did not make an exception in his case. Asks him to call to see her as soon as possible.

(In French.)

Brillon, Mme [1781. June?] 13 A.L. 1p. XLIII, 39.
to Benjamin Franklin

Complains of Franklin's forgetfulness of her. Has learned that he was at the opera on the day the building was burned down. How uncertain is life and by what a slender thread it hangs. Without the sweets of friendship, life would not be worth living.

(In French)

Bibliography

Brillon, Mme [1780 Dec. 7] A.L. 2p. XLIII, 82.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has been ill for 69 days. Asks Franklin to write to her if he cannot call to see her. Hopes Franklin will find her letters easier to read than formerly, as she now writes in a larger hand on his son's advice. If she were a journalist Franklin's works in French would soon be published. Is afraid her husband may steal some of the droll stories which she is collecting for Franklin's amusement and tell them himself.

(In French.)

Brillon, Mme. L'Arbalestre [1781.] Wednesday morning A.L. 1p. XLIII, 88.
to Benjamin Franklin

Referring to a day spent by Franklin with them at the above place. Does not like the idea of making a long journey the coming winter for the benefit of her health.

(In French.)

Brillon, Mme [1781.] Saturday morning A.L. 1p. XLIII, 105.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sends Franklin the music he has asked for. The idea of his approaching departure from France seems like a painful dream to her.

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(In French.)

Brillon, Mme [1781.] Monday A.L. 1p. XLIII, 114.
to Benjamin Franklin

Feels it almost as hard to go to Paris and leave Franklin as to go to Nice. Will go to see him sometimes and hopes he will be able to come to see her.

(In French.)

Decambray, ----- Paris [1781] A.L.S. 4p. XLI, 11.
to Benjamin Franklin

Applying for the position of Secretary to Dr. Franklin.

(In French.)

Chalut and Arnous, Abbés [] N. 1p. LXX, 49.
to Benjamin Franklin

Returning the "Gazette of Amsterdam" and request him to send them the letter of recommendation for M. Louis Jolly.

(In French.)

Chaumont, Jacques-Donatien Le Ray de [1781] L. in 3d P. 1p. XLI, 34.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begging Franklin to write at once to the Count de Vergennes, requesting an escort for the vessel, the "Marquis de la Fayette."

(In French.)

de Chaumont, M Le Ray [1781.] A. Mem. 2p. LIV, 125 (2
to Benjamin Franklin and 4).

Account of "interventions" in [Jonathan] Williams [Jr.]'s drafts.

(In French.)

Chaumont, Jacques-Donatien Le Ray de [1780 Dec. 11] Mem. 2p. LVII, 66.
to Benjamin Franklin

Claim for freight due to his vessel the "Marquis de la Fayette" chartered by Franklin.

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(In French.)

Chaumont, Jacques-Donatien Le Ray de [A.L. 1p. LVIII, 96.
to Benjamin Franklin

Advises Franklin to postpone his ball to another time because of the bad news about the French and Spanish fleets.

(In French.)

Chaumont, Jacques-Donatien Le Ray de [A.L. 1p. LXX, 56.
to Benjamin Franklin

Requests him to notify Mr. Andrew Patton to go on board a vessel at Rouen bound for Cadiz and to give him a commission from Congress to engage in privateering against the English.

(In French.)

Chinon, Comtesse de c. 1781 L. in 3d P. 1p.XLIII, 155.
to Benjamin Franklin

Inviting Franklin to the ball to be given in her honor by M. and Mme. la Maréchale de Richelien.

(In French.)

Deshautesrayes, Prof [Circa. 1781.] N.S. 1p. LXX, 80b.
to Benjamin Franklin

Inquires if Dr. Franklin has remitted to Favier the price of the 11 volumes of the History of China.

(In French.)

Dillon, Comtesse. Versailles [1780 ?] L. in 3d P. 1p.XLI, 48.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sending him a packet for America.

(In French.)

The "Gazeteer." [Circa 1781.] N. in 3d P. LXX, 99.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Sends Franklin copy of a letter which was written by a great King's Minister.

(In French.)

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Golowkin, Comtesse de [1780] A.L.S. 1p. XLIV, 177.
to Benjamin Franklin

Thanks him for restoring her to life and hope. Is not yet strong enough to go to see him. Will be the first trip she will take.

(In French.)

Golowkin, Comtesse de [after 1781? March 7] A.L.S. 1p. XLIV, 179.
to Benjamin Franklin

Thanks him for his letter and news contained therein. Hopes to see him at dinner on Wednesday.

(In French.)

Golowkin, Comtesse de c. 1781 A.L.S. 1p. XLIV, 180.
to Benjamin Franklin

Requests him to loan her his carriage for a day as her own is broken.

(In French.)

Golowkin, Comtesse de [1780] A.L.S. 1p. XLIV, 181.
to Benjamin Franklin

Asks him for news about Chevalier de Chastellux, her intimate friend, who was reported in the "Courier de l'Europe" to have been killed in an engagement.

(In French.)

Golowkin, Comtesse de [1780] A.L.S. 1p. XLIV, 182.
to Benjamin Franklin

Wishes to have a few minutes' conversation with him.

(In French.)

Golowkin, Comtesse de 1781? A.L.S. 1p. XLIV, 183.
to Benjamin Franklin

Is again anxious and uneasy after hearing about a battle between Rochambeau's troops and those under General Clinton. Asks for a true account of the affair.

(In French.)

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Golowkin, Comtesse de [1781 February 2] A.L. 1p. XLIV, 186.
to Benjamin Franklin

Asking him to loan her a French-English dictionary.
(In French.)

Golowkin, Comtesse de 1781? A.L. 2p. XLIV, 189.
to Benjamin Franklin

Baron de Blome has just called at her house and told her the good news brought by Mr. [John] Laurens about the surrender of Cornwallis. Asks Franklin to lend her, for a few minutes, the map showing how Cornwallis was surrounded.
(In French.)

Golowkin, Comtesse de [1781 February 1] A.L. 1p. XLIV, 190.
to Benjamin Franklin

Expects to see Franklin on Sunday. Will, however, call before then and let him know the contents of letters received by her.
(In French.)

Golowkin, Comtesse de [1781 February 2] A.L. 3 p. XLIV, 192.
to Benjamin Franklin

Thanks him for sending her news about her friend. Would like to see Franklin soon and dine with him. Would have written to him in English but is not yet sufficiently proficient. Mme. De Tonnerre is in a serious condition, her life is despaired of. Returns the German papers. Will send tickets for theatre soon to Franklin's grandson.
(In French.)

Golowkin, Comtesse de [1781 After April 12] N. 2p. LXX, 62a and
to Benjamin Franklin b.

Requesting Franklin to lend her the collection of romances by J. J. Rousseau and offers to procure for him a copy of Abbé Raynal's work.
(In French.)

de Colowkin, Countess 1780 A.L. 2p. LXX, 63a.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

to Benjamin Franklin

Inquiring about Franklin's health. Will go to see him as soon as she recovers from a severe cold. Saw a few days ago a relative of J.J. Rousseau's who came from Bassors. Is a noted traveler and linguist. Describes his extraordinary costume. Recalls her singing of "Di#u d'amour" for Franklin.

(In French.)

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| Grand, Henry. Paris | [1781 After April 10] | L. in 3d P. 1p.XL, 208. |
| to W.T. Franklin | | |

Sending two certificates to prevent the payment of certain bills.

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| Grand, Ferdinand | [1781] | A.L.S. 2p. XLII, 189. |
| to Benjamin Franklin | | |

concerning the Holland loan.

(In French.)

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| Grand, M | [Circa 1781.] | A.L. 2p. XLIV, 279. |
| to Benjamin Franklin | | |

Recommending M. de La Flotte who is going to America as adjutant to Count de Wickenstein. M. de La Flotte's father holds an important position in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and has rendered many services to the United States.

(In French.)

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| Grand, Sir George | [1781] | A.L. in 3d P. XLII, 211. |
| to Benjamin Franklin | | 2p. |

Advises transferring M. Boux, who does nothing at Nantes although in the States' service, to Amsterdam where he would be more useful in forwarding the construction of the "Indian." On their apprehension of fire being set to this ship, he has written to have four men put on board to watch her night and day; if this precaution is not sufficient, advises getting her insured against fire which would cost about two thousand florins. Prudence seems to require this sacrifice. Asks his approbation on this head.

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| Houdetot, Comtesse d' | [Circa 1781] Sunday | L. in 3d P. 2p.XL, 123. |
| to Benjamin Franklin | | |

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Her own grief, and that of all their Society, at Franklin's inability to be with them the following day; begs him to name his own time for coming to Sanois and planting a tree in her garden.

(In French.)

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| Houdetot, Comtesse d' to Benjamin Franklin | [1781 April 3] Tuesday Morning | L. in 3d P. 1p. XLIII, 196. |
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Asking him to fix a day to spend at her country place before her departure.

(In French.)

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| Houdetot, Comtesse d' to Benjamin Franklin | [Circa 1781.] | A.L. in 3d P. XLIV, 274b. 1p. |
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Will not have any music or be able to receive Franklin to-day on account of the illness of her brother. Will call for Franklin as soon as possible thereafter.

(In French.)

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| Jackson, Major William to Benjamin Franklin | [1781?] Monday noon | A.L. in 3d P. XL, 192. 1p. |
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If Franklin approves of the enclosed letter to Gen. [Henry] Knox, it will be sent by the next post.

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| Lafargue, Mme de to Benjamin Franklin | [1781 Jan. 15] | L. 1p. XLII, 60. |
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Was employed as a cook by Franklin, presents a claim for a sum of money due to her.

(In French.)

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| Laurens, John to Benjamin Franklin | [1781 March 24?] | A.L.S. 1p. LXX, 130a. |
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Will have to devote the afternoon to preparing the memorial for to-morrow. Requests Franklin to make his excuses to M. Chalut.

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| Laurens, John. Paris to Benjamin Franklin | [1781? before April 24] | A.L.S. 1p. XL, 171. |
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Sending him a book and an unsigned letter from R[alph] Izard. Begs Franklin to appoint an hour when he may receive his commands for America.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Laurens, John. Paris 1781 A.L.S. 1p. XL, 178.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sending Franklin the estimate of the Board of War with the prices. Cannot dine with him Sunday, that being the day the Count de Vergennes has appointed for his taking leave.

Laurens, John [1781 After March 14] L. in 3d P. 1p. XLIII, 205.
to W.T. Franklin Friday evening

Inviting Dr. Franklin to dine with him on Tuesday.

Lee, Stephen. Dinan [Circa 1781.] A.L.S. 1p. XLII, 123.
to Benjamin Franklin

A young Irishman taken prisoner by the Brest fleet on his way to Jamaica; begs Franklin to procure his liberty and passage to America.

Le Rouge, ----- [Circa 1781.] A.L.S. 1p. XL, 67.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning a map of the two Carolinas and Georgia.
(In French.)

Le Roy, Jean Baptiste 1781 A.L.S. 1p. XLII, 174.
to Benjamin Franklin

Expects to see Franklin Sunday and make up for past neglect. Congratulating him on his seventy-five years. Messages for M. Ingen Housz.
(In French.)

Le Roy, Jean Baptiste [1781?] A.L.S. 3p. XLIV, 144.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has received the Gazette sent by Franklin. Had invited him to the "Te Deum" celebration for the birth of the Dauphin. Learns since that it is to be at an earlier hour and preceded by a Mass. Thinks Franklin will not care to attend the ceremony. Asks if Franklin can give him another copy of Mesmer's book.
(In French.)

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Le Roy, Jean Baptiste [1779? Jan. 20] A.L.S. 1p. XLIV, 154.
to Benjamin Franklin

Invites him to M. D'arcy's house to try M. Belton's gun.

Le Roy, Jean Baptiste [1781 Feb. 23] A.L.S. 3p. XLIV, 161.
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing M. Frenel who wishes to know the present value of some paper money issued by Congress. Inquires if he knows a Mr. Iry, of Boston.

Le Roy, Jean Baptiste [1781?] A.L.S. 1p. LXXI, 41.
to Benjamin Franklin

Inquiring of Franklin about the reported success of Gen. [Nathanael] Greene in North Carolina. (In French.)

Le Roy, Mme Circa 1781 A.L. 1p. LXX, 66.
to Benjamin Franklin

The Count and Countess de Maillebois are to dine with her and she has promised that Franklin will come also. Requests him and his grandson to accept her invitation. (In French.)

Lestarjette, Louis [1781] A.L.S. 1p. XLII, 61.
to Benjamin Franklin

A resident of Charlestown, S.C., who came to France with Capt. Cochran; offers his services to Dr. Franklin as Secretary; is well versed in French as he was for eight years in the College of the Four Nations at Paris. Captain Cochran and himself married two sisters in South Carolina. Came over to serve the province in doing the affairs of the vessel, and explaining to the French merchants the needs of their trade and the manufacturing the different goods proper for their country, and has fulfilled his mission. Speaks and writes the French language fluently. Mr. Deane is conversant with his abilities. Would sacrifice his many enjoyments in life to be attached to so illustrious a gentleman engaged in so noble a cause, and whom the whole world admires.

The Secretary [1781.] A.N.S.M. de XLIII, 234(4).
to Louis XVI. Séqueville. 1p.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

The Queen gave birth to a Prince yesterday evening, to whom the King has given the title of Duke of Normandy. Reception to-morrow at Versailles.

(In French.)

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| Montgomery, Dorcas to Benjamin Franklin | [Circa 1781.] Monday | L. in 3d P. 1p. XLIII, 208. |
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Thanking him for his attentions.

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| Morellet, abbé to Benjamin Franklin | [1781] | A.L.S. 2p. XL, 91. |
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Three months since he has had the pleasure of seeing Frankin or the Lady of Auteuil [Mme. Helvétius]; would like to be with them all the time.

(In French.)

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| Morellet, Abbé to Benjamin Franklin | [1781] | A.L.S. 1p. XL, 94. |
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Regretting that Mme. Helvétius cannot be at home to receive the Misses Alexander; her suggestion for a meeting at Franklin's house.

(In French.)

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| Morellet, abbé to Benjamin Franklin | [1781] | A.L.S. 1p. XL, 95. |
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Arranging that his sister, niece and M. Marmontel may visit Franklin Sunday morning before dinner with Mme. Helvétius.

(In French.)

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| John de Neuville and Son. Contract to Benjamin Franklin | [c. 1779 Feb. 20] | Dr. of D. 6p. LVI(i), 28(1). |
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Form of agreement for authorizing John de Neufville and Son of Amsterdam to float a loan of two million guildens for the United States and stipulating the terms of said loan.

Other Descriptive Information

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

See Diplom. Corresp. of Am. Rev., Wharton. V. 46.

John de Neufville and Son. Amsterdam [1781.] Mem. 5p. LV(i), 28(2).
to Benjamin Franklin

Conditions of the loan of two million florins to be made by Jean de Neufville and fils, merchants at Amsterdam, to the United States of America.

(In French.)

Nogaret, François-Félix [1781.] A.L.S. 1p. XLIV, 201.
to Benjamin Franklin

Presumes that Franklin is ill, perhaps intentionally, as he is not to be seen now when all Paris wishes to acclaim him. Sends some verses suggested to him by the circumstance.

Nogaret, François-Félix [1781.] A.L.S. 2p. XLIV, 203.
to Benjamin Franklin

Was absent on business when Franklin called to see him. Asks Franklin to let him know what day he can come and take dinner with him and family.

(In French.)

Nogaret, François-Félix [Circa 1781.] L.S. 1p. LXXI, 12.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sending a notice about an allegorical engraving, the original drawing of which he presented to the Queen.

(In French.)

Paquin, Michel [1779?] L. 5p. LVII, 114.
to Benjamin Franklin

Is a convict at Brest; petitions Franklin to obtain his release and offers to serve as a cannoneer in the American army.

(In French.)

Paquin, Michel [Circa 1781.] A.L.S. 1p. LXII, 91, 92
to Benjamin Franklin and 93.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Offers a portfolio, the work of his hands, and asks him to obtain his release from prison to go to America to work in its service.

(In triplicate. In French.)

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| Pocard, Abbé. to Benjamin Franklin | [1781] | A.L.S. 1p. | XLI, 140. |
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Sending the letter which Franklin promised to forward to America with his despatches.

(In French.)

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| Richard, Pierre to Benjamin Franklin | [After 1780 March 15] | L. 2p. | XL, 4. |
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A debt due him from Congress; his affairs in Mr. Bingham's hands; begs Franklin's aid in sending his memoir to Congress and writing a letter on his behalf.

(In French.)

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| Richard, -----. University of Paris to Benjamin Franklin | [1781?] | A.L.S. 2p. | XL, 62. |
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Presenting his poem on the birth of the Dauphin; therein will be found the heroes of Boston, especially the famous Washington.

(In French.)

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| Rouelmanne, François to Benjamin Franklin | [Circa 1781.] | L. 2p. | LVII, 85. |
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Is a convict at Brest; petitions Franklin to obtain his release.

(In French.)

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| Rouelmanne, François to Benjamin Franklin | [Circa 1781.] | A.L.S. 1p. | LXII, 112, 113, and 114. |
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Requests Franklin to obtain his release from prison to enter the American service.

(In triplicate. In French.)

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| Sabatier fils and Desprez to Benjamin Franklin | [1781?] | Mem. 2p. | LVII, 68. |
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Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Requesting payment of their account for freight and other charges paid by them on a shipment of clothing, uniforms etc., made by them to Bordeaux, for account of Congress.

(In French.)

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| de st. Hubert. Dominique to Benjamin Franklin | [c. 1779 May] | A.L.S. 1p. | LXXI, 55 and 56. |
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Has called to see him about an historical work he is writing and in which he wishes to give particulars about Franklin.

(In French. In duplicate.)

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| Tournemelle, Jean B. Paris to Benjamin Franklin | [Circa 1781.] | L. in 3d P. 1p. | LX, 115. |
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Wishes to go Boston to work at his trade as gunsmith and furbisher. Begs to be given a free passage.

(In French.)

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| Turgot,----- to Benjamin Franklin | [Circa 1781.] | N. in 3d P. 1p. | XLIV, 293. |
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Has already read the work and gave it to M. [Ferdinand] Grand for Franklin.

(In French.)

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| to Benjamin Franklin | [1781] | L. 1P. | XL, 110. |
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Announcing that the two young Americans can perfectly well live in Boulogne if they are not in the service of the English; no passport needed for Madame Newenham to enter France.

(In French.)

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| Vicq d' Azyr, Félix to Benjamin Franklin | 1781 ? | A.L.S. 2p. | XL, 126. |
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Sending cards of invitation for a meeting of the Royal Society of Medicine; will read the eulogy on the famous Dr.Fothergill.

(In French.)

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| Watson, Elkanah Jr to Benjamin Franklin | [Circa 1781.] | X.L. 1p. | XLIII, 248. |
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Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Notifying Franklin not to pay any drafts purposing to be endorsed by him unless his signature is followed by the mark X.

(In French.)

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| -----, ----- to Benjamin Franklin | [1781?] | A.L. 1p. | XLIV, 112. |
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Desires a letter of introduction from Franklin to Gov. [John] Hancock, of Massachusetts, for Messrs, Galatheau and Compère who are going with the ship "Marquis de la Fayette" to Boston to bring legal proceedings against a Captain Purien and a certain Marc Lafitte for misusing and embezzling funds entrusted to their care by a merchant of Bordeaux.

(In French.)

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| Chalut and Arnous, Abbés to Benjamin Franklin | [Circa 1781] | Mem. 1P. | LX, 122 and LXX, 50. |
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With reference to Louis Joli, a merchane of Paris, who has settled at Philadelphia.

(In French.)

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| Wallez, Philippe to Benjamin Franklin | [1780 before Nov. 28] | Diss. 16p. and 13p. | LXI, 7 and 8. |
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On the establishment of commercial relations between Flanders and the United States.

(In French.)

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| -----, ----- to Benjamin Franklin | [Circa 1781.] | Mem. 3p. | LVI(i), 40. |
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Request for seeds of different plants and flowers grown in North America.

(In French.)

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| -----, ----- to Benjamin Franklin | [Circa 1781.] | N. 1p. | LXX, 59a. |
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Describing the condition of the Vicomtesse de Clermont de Tonnerre who is dangerously ill.

(In French.)

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| -----, ----- to Benjamin Franklin | [Cirica 1781.] | N. 2p. | LXXI, 102a. |
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Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

The ship "Congress," Capt. [George] Geddes, and brig "[Don] Galvez," Capt. [Silas] Jones, from Havana, brought in a brig bound from the coast of Africa to London, seized as a prize. Will soon trouble him with the condemnation proceedings.

-----, ----- [Circa 1781.] N. 1p. LXXI, 130a.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has delivered the letter and parcel to Mr. Alexander and sent bundle of books to M. Le Bègue.

Johonnot, Samuel Cooper. Geneva 1782 January 1 A.L.S. 1p. XXIV, 1.
to Benjamin Franklin

Gratitude for Franklin's kindness and good advice; messages to the Brillon family.

Birckel, -----. Strasbourg 1782 January 1 A.L.S. 1p. XXIV, 2.
to Benjamin Franklin

A short disquisition on love of self and love of truth.
(In French.)

La Blancherie, Claude-Mammès de Pahin Champlain de 1782 January 1 A.L.S. 2p. XXIV, 3.
to Benjamin Franklin

Requesting his presence at an exhibition of works of art, to be held on the 4th.
(In French.)

Roi, J.J. La Chaux-de-Fonts 1782 January 1 A.L.S. 2p. XXIV, 4.
to Benjamin Franklin

Is a clergyman who desires to go to America.
(In French.)

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1782 January 1 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVIII, 88.
to Benjamin Franklin

New Year's good wishes; understands Mr. [Thomas] Barclay will first speak to him on the question of the Consulship.

Coffyn, Francis. Dunkirk 1782 January 2 A.L.S. 2p. XXIV, 5.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

to Benjamin Franklin

Account of the escape of nine American prisoners from Deal, and their final arrival at Dunkirk; has supplied them with money to defray their expenses to Paris; amounts due him.

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| Wyld, Henry. Paris | 1782 January 2 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXIV, 6. |
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to Benjamin Franklin

Desiring a confidential audience for several wealthy manufacturers who wish to transport their business to America.

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| Cochran, C.B.E. Passy | 1782 January 3 | A.L.S. 2p. | XXIV, 7. |
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to Benjamin Franklin

Prevented from paying his respects to Franklin by serious illness.
(In French.)

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| Adams, John. Amsterdam | 1782 January 3 | L.S. 2p. | XXIV, 7 1/2. |
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to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning two more bills of exchange drawn on Mr. Laurens. Good wishes for the New Year.
Reason why the mediation of Russia will not be accepted.

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| Nesbitt, Jonathan, & Co. | 1782 January 4 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXIV, 8. |
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to Benjamin Franklin

Reminding him of his promise to give orders for the release of Capt. [John] Kinnier, in exchange for Capt. [Thomas] Bell; presumes Mr. Schweighauser's death has interrupted the affair; begs that it may be carried through as soon as possible.

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| Toscano, Jean-Louis | 1782 January 6 | A.L.S. 2p. | XXIV, 9. |
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to Benjamin Franklin

Begs Franklin as a brother Mason to aid him.
(In French.)

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| Embser, Johann Valentin | 1782 January 6 | A.L.S. 4p. | XXIV, 10. |
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to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the Bipontine Edition of the Classics; begs Franklin to become a subscriber.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

(In French.)

Bibliography

Barclay, Thomas. Amsterdam 1782 January 6 A.L.S. 2p. XXIV, 11.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the supplies left by Mr. Gillon; hopes Franklin will approve of his proceedings;
exonerates M. de Neufville from all blame.

Didlot, ----- Paris 1782 January 6 A.L.S. 2p. XXIV, 12.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has invented a powerful liquid which extinguishes fire even when produced by the most inflammable
materials; offers to prove this statement.

(In French.)

Desmarest, Nicolas 1782 January 6 A.L.S. 2p. XXIV, 13.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the difficulty he has experienced in finding a particular kind of paper desired by Franklin.
(In French.)

Bailiff, A. Niederselters 1782 January 8 L. 3p. LIX, 13.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the estate of Sophie Mengéh, née Mittler. One Theo. Mieger, a tailor in Philadelphia, is
entitled to a part of the estate.

Stewart, Mary. London 1782 January 8 A.L.S. 1p. XXIV, 15.
to Benjamin Franklin

Hopes Franklin has received her brother's work; it has received little or no encouragement in
England. Begs his assistance, as she is at present very much distressed.

Wilkinson, William. Brussels 1782 January 8 A.L.S. 1p. XXIV, 16.
to Benjamin Franklin

Forwarding two letters from two of Franklin's friends in England.

Vernier, ----- chevalier de 1782 January 8 A.L.S. 2p. XXIV, 17.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning a French officer, named Vernié, killed in the service of the United States; desires certificate of his death with any details known to Franklin.

(In French.)

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| Brillon, Mme | 1782 January 8 | A.L. 2p. | XLIII, 46. |
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to Benjamin Franklin

Would like to live always at Nice solely on account of its healthy climate and the beauties of nature to be found there. Likens it to the Garden of Eden or the Elysian Fields.

(In French.)

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| Poncet, ----- Paris | 1782 January 9 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXIV, 18. |
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to Benjamin Franklin

Has six letters for Mr. Bondfield; begs for his address.

(In French.)

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| Livingston, Robert R. Philadelphia | 1782 January 9 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXIV, 19. |
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to Benjamin Franklin

At the request of the Secretary of War, recommends Capt. de Segond to him.

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| L'Escop, ----- Passy | 1782 January 9 | A.D.S. 1p. | XXIV, 20. |
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to Benjamin Franklin

Receipted bill for three copying machines.

(In French.)

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| Cabanes, F.M. de | 1782 January 9 | A.L.S. 2p. | XXIV, 21. |
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to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to become a citizen of the United States; is about to adopt five children whom he will dedicate to the service; desires his expenses paid.

(In French.)

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| John de Neufville and Son. Amsterdam | 1782 January 10 | A.L.S. 3p. | XXIV, 22. |
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to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Satisfaction at the particularity with which their bills were accepted; feared more for the credit of the United States than for the injury to themselves.

Nesbitt, Jonathan, & Co. 1782 January 11 A.L.S. 2p. XXIV, 23.
to Benjamin Franklin

Endorsing the request of Captain Angus for a commission; Franklin's refusal would cause great suffering to several important merchants in Philadelphia.

Moylan, James. L'Orient 1782 January 11 A.L.S. 2p. XXIV, 24.
to Benjamin Franklin

Endorsing the request for a commission and letter of marque for John Angus of the brig "Antonia"; the nature of the armament and the character of Capt. Angus.

J J Bérard and Company 1782 January 11 A.L.S. 3p. XXIV, 25.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begging Franklin to grant a commission for the brig "Antonia," commanded by Capt. John Angus; this vessel destined for America, laden with a rich cargo; offers to give any guarantees Franklin may desire.
(In French.)

Angus, John. L'Orient 1782 January 11 A.L.S. 1p. XXIV, 26.
to Benjamin Franklin

The brig "Antonia" loaded and ready to sail; detained only for want of a commission from Franklin; begs that it may be sent him.

Edes, Caroline. Versailles 1782 January 12 A.L.S. 1p. XXIV, 27.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sending the enclosed, just received from Mr. Bridgen.

**Rice, Samuel, Stephen Gregory, and
Robert D Crow** 1782 January 12 L.S. 3p. XXIV, 28.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Their miserable confinement; all their little money and clothes go to help those still more destitute; number of men driven by misery to accept service with the English; America charged with treating her citizens like criminals; entreat Franklin to procure their exchange.

(In French.)

Benyowsky, Maurice-Auguste, Comte de 1782 January 13 A.L.S. 1p. XXIV, 29.
to Benjamin Franklin

Ready to depart; determined to merit Franklin's good opinion.

(In French.)

Deane, Barnabas. Wethersfield 1782 January 14 A.L.S. 1p. XXIV, 30.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing a letter to be forwarded to his brother.

Bargum, ----- de 1782 January 14 A.L.S. 4p. XXIV, 31.
to Benjamin Franklin

Is a young Dane who was recommended to Franklin in 1777 and sailed for America; served Congress and worked for Mr. Lee; his capture on the "Alliance," and escape from England; having no letters or passports, was arrested by Mr. Ollivier who promised him a passage to America; since then has heard nothing; begs for aid.

(In French.)

Bondfield, John. Bordeaux 1782 January 15 A.L.S. 2p. XXIV, 32.
to Benjamin Franklin

Requesting a Passport for his brig "Yorktown." Hopes the turkey stuffed with truffles proved an acceptable Christmas dish.

Hodgson, William. London 1782 January 15 A.L.S. 4p. XXIV, 33.
to Benjamin Franklin

Mr. [Henry] Laurens enlarged but not discharged; his ill health with other circumstances determined this step; his departure for Bath. Encloses a statement of account with the prisoners; sorry to have to demand more cash; has not yet been able to procure a reply to his memorial relative to their exchange; thinks if Franklin wrote to the Secretary of State it would bring the matter to an issue.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Kinnier, Capt John. Ancenis 1782 January 15 A.L.S. 1p. XXIV, 34.
to Benjamin Franklin

Was informed by Mr. Nesbitt of his possible exchange for Capt. Thomas Bell; is very anxious to obtain his liberty and a passport to Ostend, where he may get a passage home.

Laurens, Martha. Vigan 1782 January 16 A.L.S. 1p. XXIV, 35.
to Benjamin Franklin

Thanking Franklin for his efforts to serve her father; at present rejoicing in the news of his liberty.

Bretigney, Bernard de 1782 January 16 A.L.S. 2p. XXIV, 36.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begging for tidings of his son, le Chevalier de Bretigney, an officer in the American army, from whom he has not received a line for over two years; his son's service and adventures since his departure in June, 1777.
(In French.)

Barry, John. Fort Louis 1782 January 17 A.L.S. 2p. XXIV, 37.
to Benjamin Franklin

Informing Franklin of his safe arrival with the "Alliance"; the Marquis de la Fayette, Vicomte de Noailles and General Duportail among his passengers; his orders are to proceed at once on a cruize till the first of March, when he returns to receive Franklin's despatches; if the French sailors are removed from his crew, it will be out of his power to go to sea.

Grand, Henry. Paris 1782 January 19 A.L.S. 2p. XXIV, 38.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning certain money matters.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1782 January 19 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVIII, 89.
to Benjamin Franklin

Informing him of the arrival of the brig "Betsey."

Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves, marquis de, 1757-1834 1782 January 22 L. in 3d P. 1p. XXIV, 39.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

to Benjamin Franklin

Asking permission to see Franklin the following day at twelve.

(In French.)

Grand, Ferdinand

1782 January 22

L.S. 1p.

XXIV, 40.

to Benjamin Franklin

Transmitting an extract of his account.

Saint-Auban, Jacques-Antoine Baratier,

1782 January 23

A.L.S. 1p.

XXIV, 41.

marquis de

to Benjamin Franklin

Delights at America's successes.

(In French.)

A.E. By Dr. Franklin. Is sensibly touched by his kind expressions. It is the work of God and the King of France. (In French.)

Carié le Jeune, ----

1782 January 24

A.L.S. 3p.

XXIV, 42.

to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning a contract which he wishes drawn up with a certain person in America, to supply him with various articles of merchandise.

(In French.)

Beckwith, Miss S. Philadelphia

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A.L.S. 5p.

XLI, 127.

to Benjamin Franklin

Kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Bache; happy in finding that her scheme cannot fail of success; describes Franklin's four grandchildren.

Parke, Matthew

1782 January 25

A.L.S. 1p.

XXIV, 43.

to Benjamin Franklin

Desiring to know if certain persons belonging to the "Alliance" at the time when she helped in the capture of the "Serapis" and "Countess of Scarborough" will receive any of the prize-money.

Franks, David

1782 January 26

A.L.S. 2p.

XXIV, 44.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

to Benjamin Franklin

A second letter from Mr. Jay has determined him to set out for Madrid; offering to carry any despatches.

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| Williams, Jonathan Sr | 1782 January 26 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXIV, 44 1/2. |
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to Benjamin Franklin

Announcing his safe arrival after a passage of twenty days. Congratulating him on the good news of peace.

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| Grand, Ferdinand | 1782 January 27 | L. S. 1p. | XXIV, 45. |
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to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing M. Dubois, who has something of interest to communicate to Franklin.
(In French.)

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| Durieux de Beaurepaire,---- | 1782 January 27 | A.L.S. 2p. | XXIV, 46. |
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to Benjamin Franklin

Before accepting certain orders from a Philadelphia firm established at l'Orient, desires to know their reputation and standing.
(In French.)

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| Lorinet, Bernard-Nicolas | 1782 January 27 | A.L.S. 4p. | XXIV, 47. |
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to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning his work in medicine.
(In French.)

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| Grand, Ferdinand | 1782 January 28 | L. 2p. | XXIV, 48. |
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to Benjamin Franklin

Statement of accounts.
(In French.)

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| Sarsfield, Guy-Claude, comte de | 1782 January 28 | A.L.S. 2p. | XXIV, 49. |
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to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Recommending for a position in the American army, an officer who quitted the service of the Margrave d'Anspach when that Prince supplied England with troops.

(In French.)

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| Lorinet, Bernard-Nicolas to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 January 29 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXIV, 50. |
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Wishes to become a citizen of America.

(In French.)

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| Sarsfield, Guy-Claude, comte de to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 January 30 | A.L.S. 2p. | XXIV, 51. |
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His letter of the 28th inst.; aware of Franklin's attitude towards such requests; hoped this particular case might be treated as an exception; desires an answer that he may show to his friend.

(In French.)

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| Barry, John. L'Orient to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 January 31 | L.S. 1p. | XXIV, 52. |
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Difficulty experienced in procuring his full complement of sailors. Expressing his willingness to take over certain public goods.

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| Dumouchel, -----. Paris to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 January 31 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXIV, 53. |
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Concerning a bill of exchange.

(In French.)

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| Montgolfier, Maurice-Augustin to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 January | A.L.S. 1p. | XXIV, 53 1/2. |
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Directed a friend at Lyons to send him certain samples of paper. Desires the enclosed letter forwarded to his uncle, head of the Monastery of St. Sulpice at Montreal.

(In French.)

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| O'Gorman, Thomas, chevalier to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 February 1 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXIV, 54. |
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Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Acknowledging his note; communicated it to the merchants of Nantes who will wait on Franklin shortly.

Bondfield, John. Bordeaux 1782 February 1 A.L.S. 3p. XXIV, 55.
to Benjamin Franklin

Detailed explanation of the use of passports or registers; Franklin mistaken in supposing such applications are made to cover irregular or illicit commerce; encloses copies [2 p.] of the permission granted by the Ministry, according to the forms established in such cases.

Brillon, Mme [1782.] February 1 A.L. 3p. XLIII, 48.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has given a note of introduction to a Mr. Delon who came to Nice with Lord Cholmondeley as his companion or preceptor. Probably desires to bring about a meeting between Lord Cholmondeley and Franklin. Particulars about the young Lord and his Mentor. Surmises as to their real object in wishing to meet Franklin. Her health continues to improve. Her Husband being no longer under the evil influence of a certain person shows her every kindness and attention.

(In French.)

Birckel, -----. Strasbourg 1782 February 1 A.L.S. 1p. XXIV, 56.
to Benjamin Franklin

Remarks about the soul.

(In French.)

Conti, Louis-François-Joseph de 1782 February 2 L.S. 1p. XXIV, 57.
Bourbon, comte de la Marche and prince
de. Paris
to Benjamin Franklin

Desiring a passport for his grooms who go to England to purchase dogs.

(In French.)

Watson and Cossoul. Nantes 1782 February 2 L.S. 1p. XXIV, 58.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Requesting a passport for the brig "Ernelia" at Morlaix, commanded by John H. Richard and bound for America; desiring also a permit to ship American sailors wherever found; some sailors taken from them by a Lieut. Gill of the "Alliance"; protests vehemently against such conduct.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1782 February 2 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVIII, 91.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the acceptance of certain bills in which both he and Mr. Bache are concerned.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1782 February 2 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVIII, 92.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing a letter from Capt. John Foster Williams, lately arrived from prison; hopes in consequence of his letter, fifty-three of their poor countrymen may be liberated.

Corny, Dominique-Louis Ethis de 1782 February 3 A.L.S. 1p. XXIV, 59.
to Benjamin Franklin

Franklin's promise to return him his bill of exchange.
(In French.)

Barclay, Thomas. Amsterdam 1782 February 3 A.L.S. 4p. XXIV, 60.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the Continental goods left by Mr. Gillon at Amsterdam; contention between Messrs. de Neufville and Van Arp as to the possession of a part of these goods; money needed to send them to America; desires to have a particular sum passed to his account.

Nesbitt, Jonathan, & Co. 1782 February 4 A.L.S. 2p. XXIV, 61.
to Benjamin Franklin

Thanking him for procuring the exchange of Capt. [Thomas] Bell for Capt. [John] Kinnier. Desires information about certain bills drawn by Mr. W[illia]m Trent of Philadelphia.

Adams, John. Amsterdam 1782 February 4 L.S. 3p. XXIV, 62.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Bills drawn on Mr. [Henry] Laurens, which, if Franklin cannot meet, must be protested. His reasons for thinking there will be neither peace nor mediation; probability of the States making a treaty with France and America.

Andrews, Samuel. Paris 1782 February 4 A.L.S. 1p. XXIV, 63.
to Benjamin Franklin

Will wait upon Franklin that afternoon, respecting the letter he spoke of.

Saint-Auban, Jacques-Antoine Baratier, marquis de 1782 February 4 A.L.S. 1p. XXIV, 64.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desiring him to dine with them. Sends a memoir (64a, *see infra*) which he could not well refuse to present to Franklin.
(In French.)

La Plaigne, Emmanuel-Pierre de [1782 February 4] Mem. 4p. XXIV, 64a.
to Benjamin Franklin

Account of his services to the United States from 1775-1778, when he was captured by the English; his arrival in France; destitute of everything; desires to obtain the salary due him.
(In French.)

Laussat, ----- Lagor, near Orthez 1782 February 4 A.L.S. 4p. XXIV, 66.
to Benjamin Franklin

Writes for news of his nephew, who went to Philadelphia at the commencement of the war and entered business with a commercial house there; rumor of his having been assassinated; begs Franklin to ascertain the truth of these reports, and if the young man is dead, to get some friend to look after his effects.
(In French.)

A. E. by Dr. Franklin. Will write to America and make the inquiries.

O'Gorman, Thomas, chevalier 1782 February 4 A.L.S. 3p. XXIV, 67.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

The merchants of Nantes will wait on Franklin on Thursday. Efforts made by his protectors at Court to obtain for him the position of Consul at Charlestown; begs Franklin, when he goes to Court, to use his influence on his behalf.

Young, Moses 1782 February 5 A.L.S. 2p. XXIV, 68.
to Benjamin Franklin

Account of the sum due him by Congress for his services as Secretary to Mr. Henry Laurens; acknowledgment of a part payment by Franklin.

Dumas, C.G.F. 1782 February 5 A.L.S. 2p. XXXIX, 219.
to Benjamin Franklin

Unable to meet the expenses of a town-house; his wife and daughter have gone to the country while he has taken rooms in town; any omissions in his correspondence due to worry over this enforced separation from his family. Affairs in Holland; resolution taken by the town of Dort relative to a mediation.
(In French.)

Torris, John. Dunkirk 1782 February 6 L.S. 3p. XXIV, 69.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sending a circular (1 p.) of his new business connections. Account of the service rendered the United States by the brave Capt. Macatter, who commanded the "Black Princess"; his capture by the English; all efforts to obtain his release have proved useless; the English insist in regarding him as a traitor; begs Franklin's assistance in obtaining his freedom.

Barber, David F. Ostend 1782 February 6 A.L.S. 1p. XXIV, 70.
to Benjamin Franklin

Taken prisoner six months before, but made his escape; possessed a few American bills which he forwarded to Franklin for acceptance; Franklin's refusal to decide the matter for twelve days has put him to great inconvenience.

Defay, Mlle ----. Paris 1782 February 6 A.L.S. 1p. XXIV, 71.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Will wait on Franklin in a fortnight with the samples of paper. Sent him yesterday two works by a physician [Gastellier] of Gâtinais, as a slight mark of his respect and veneration; his wish to become a member of the Scientific Society of Philadelphia [American Philosophical Society].

(In French.)

Sargent, Rosamond. Halsted Place, Eng 1782 February 8 A.L.S. 2p. XXIV, 72.
to Benjamin Franklin

Entreats his kindness on behalf of three English officers, taken prisoner with Lord Cornwallis; their names are Messrs. Harry Calvert, George and Thomas Scott; if wounded or sick, begs to be allowed to assist and help them.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1782 February 8 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVIII, 93.
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing Mr. Grubb, who intends to settle in France and go into business with Mr. Hazlehurst.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1782 February 9 L.S. 2p. XXXVIII, 94.
to Benjamin Franklin

Information concerning the shipping of certain goods from Brest.

Rucker, John. L'Orient 1782 February 11 A.L.S. 1p. XXIV, 74.
to Benjamin Franklin

No American vessels at l'Orient and none immediately expected; the "Alliance" sailed on Saturday in company with Capt. Angus.

Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves, marquis de, 1757-1834 1782 February 12 A.L.S. 7p. XXIV, 75.
to Benjamin Franklin

Question of transporting the stores to America. In favor of the "Alliance" being allowed the indulgence of a cruise; promise from the Marquis de Castries to let Barry have all the American sailors he can get in any French ports.

Bibliography

Wyld, Henry 1782 February 12 A.L.S. 2p. XXIV, 76.
to Benjamin Franklin

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The company duly appreciative of Franklin's kindness; their determination is firm to emigrate directly; certain privileges which they desire from Congress; wish to know of some trustworthy Captain. Asking if engines used in cutting small screws have been introduced into America.

Von Steuben, I.M. Bärwalde. Pomerania 1782 February 13 A.L.S. 2p. LIX, 44.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has written to his brother, General von Steuben, twice, but received no answer. Requests Franklin to forward enclosed letter. His first letter, dated Dec. 19th, 1780, was in care of Major von Glöden. His second letter was dated Aug. 15th, 1781, in care of Dr. Franklin. Is worried, because he has heard neither from his brother nor from Dr. Franklin.

Barber, David F. Ostend 1782 February 13 A.L.S. 1p. XXIV, 77.
to Benjamin Franklin

Again requesting that his bills of exchange may either be accepted or protested and returned to him.

Poissonnier, Pierre 1782 February 13 A.L.S. 1p. XXIV, 78.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desiring Franklin's presence at the "Collège Royal" where he expects to lecture.
(In French.)

Barclay, Thomas. Amsterdam 1782 February 14 A.L.S. 3p. XXIV, 79.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has not been able to procure proper conveyances for the Continental supplies; every part of the business has been involved in difficulty, vexation and expense; will come to Paris, if Franklin deems a consultation necessary.

Beraud de Ciccati, Lt Col ---- 1782 February 14 A.L.S. 1p. XXIV, 80a.
to Benjamin Franklin

Encloses letter for his son in the American service.
(In French.)

Dumas, C.G.F. 1782 February 14 A.L.S. 1p. XXXIX, 220.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Resolution in favor of mediation passed in the States-General.

(In French.)

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| Larwood and Van Hassett and Van Suchtelen. Amsterdam | 1782 February 14 | A.L.S. 2p. | XXIV, 81. |
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to Benjamin Franklin

Certain bills of exchange drawn on Mr. [Henry] Laurens, but through his unfortunate detention in England, not accepted; begs Franklin's influence for their acceptance.

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| Watson and Cossoul. Nantes | 1782 February 14 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXIV, 82. |
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to Benjamin Franklin

Again requesting a passport for their brig at Morlaix.

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| Desegray and Company | 1782 February 15 | L.S. 1p. | XXIV. 83. |
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to Benjamin Franklin

Have drawn on Franklin for the sum due them for disbursements to twenty-six American seamen.

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| Du Ponceau, Louise-Geneviève | 1782 February 15 | A.L.S. 2p. | XXIV, 84. |
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to Benjamin Franklin

Her unprotected state without father or mother; both her brothers absent; begs Franklin to forward her letters to her brother in Philadelphia and to send any answers to her.

(In French.)

A. E. by Dr. Franklin. Promising to do what she asks.

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| Kéralio, Agathon Guynement, chevalier de | 1782 February 16 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXIV, 85. |
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to Benjamin Franklin

Their good friend [the Dowager Duchess of Deux-Ponts] desires Franklin and his grandson to dine with her any day the following week. News received from Cadiz of a victory won by Gen. [Nathanael] Greene over the English at sixty miles from Charleston. The fleet has set sail from Brest.
(In French.)

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| Rousseaux, Jean | 1782 February 16 | A.L.S. 3p. | XXIV, 85 1/2. |
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to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Begging for the wages and prize-money due him during his service on board the "Lexington"; his subsequent sufferings in prison; his destitute condition.

(In French.)

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| Grand de La Chaise, Daniel to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 February 18 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXIV, 86. |
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Sends Franklin the three periodicals he desired.

(In French.)

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| Rougemont, -----, Paris to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 February 18 | A.L.S. 2p. | XXIV, 87. |
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Account of a large collection of uniforms, etc., intended for the American army, captured on board a French vessel, and now in London; offers to sell them to Franklin for the United States.

(In French.)

A.E. by Dr. Franklin. His orders completed; cannot at present treat for the clothes; believes if the owners would send them to America, they might sell them to advantage.

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| Kéralio, Agathon Guynement, chevalier de to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 February 19 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXIV, 88. |
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Their good friend [la Douairière. Duchesse de Deux-Ponts] will be delighted to see Franklin on the 23d.

(In French.)

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| Andrews, Samuel. Paris to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 February 21 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXIV, 89. |
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Sends two of his "résumé mémoires"; expects his business to come before Council and be judged to his satisfaction on Monday.

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| Martin, C Barthélemy, fils aîné to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 February 21 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXIV, 90. |
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Desires the position of Consul at the above port.

(In French.)

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Cheylus, ---- marquis de 1782 February 21 L. in 3d P. 1p.XXIV, 91.
to Benjamin Franklin

Is desirous of waiting upon Franklin.
(In French.)

Le Rouge, -----. Paris 1782 February 21 A.L.S. 2p. XXIV, 92.
to Benjamin Franklin

Asking the name of some work, which treats of the war in America, for Comte de Ségur; begs Franklin to procure him certain maps from London.
(In French.)

Garnier, -----. Paris 1782 February 21 A.L.S. 2p. XXIV, 93.
to Benjamin Franklin

Inviting him to subscribe to "Spectacle de la Galerie de Dusseldorf."
(In French.)

Hodgson, William. London 1782 February 22 A.L.S. 2p. XXIV, 94.
to Benjamin Franklin

Account of money due for his expenditures on behalf of prisoners.

Carmichael, William. Madrid 1782 February 22 A.L.S. 3p. XXIV, 95.
to Benjamin Franklin

Disgrace to the National credit from the non-payment of the bills; hopes France will once more step to their relief. Question of his own salary. The conquest of Minorca and the intended siege of Gibraltar much discussed at present; the Spaniards reproach the French troops with indifference and cowardice; a different opinion of French gallantry in America; his admiration and love for la Fayette; only exceeded by his feeling for Franklin.

Hare, Richard, Jr 1782 February 23 A.L.S. 2p. XXIV, 96.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Writes on behalf of nearly two hundred prisoners in wretched confinement; many would have perished during the winter but for a small subscription raised by a few individuals; begs Franklin to use his influence to have an exchange effected.

Bright, Michael, Champion Wood, Levy 1782 February 24 L.S. 2p. XXIV, 97.
Yonger and Bartholemus Cashman.
Havre-de-Grace
 to Benjamin Franklin

Account of their escape from Forton Prison, and their arrival in France, only to be placed under arrest; desire their liberty and enough money to take them to l'Orient; complain bitterly of such unjust treatment.

Maugonne, ---- chevalier de 1782 February 24 A.L.S. 2p. XXIV, 98.
 to Benjamin Franklin

Sending a prospectus for a Military Academy which he is starting.
 (In French.)
 A.E. by Franklin. Will be glad to see him when he calls.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1782 February 24 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVIII, 95.
 to Benjamin Franklin

Returning Captain Folger's bond and oath.

Le Paon, ----- 1782 February 24 A.L.S. 2p. XXIV, 99.
 to Benjamin Franklin

Offers his services to Congress to paint a series of pictures, celebrating the American feats of arms; his portrait of Washington; some of his work at the Palais Bourbon and L'école Royale.
 (In French.)

Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves, 1782 February 25 A.L. in 3d P. XXIV, 100.
marquis de, 1757-1834 2p.
 to Benjamin Franklin

In compliance with Franklin's directions, had an interview with the Comte de Vergennes; the sum will be immediately communicated to Franklin; wishes its augmentation could be obtained; the

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petition to the Marquis de Castries will be presented at once and the answer sent to Passy as soon as possible; this peculiar situation calls him to Versailles two or three times a week.

Barclay, Thomas. Amsterdam 1782 February 25 A.L.S. 3p. XXIV, 101.
to Benjamin Franklin

Account of the vessel purchased by him to convey the goods to America; bills drawn on Franklin; amount owing him by Congress. Letter received from Mr. Moylan with an account of disbursements for the "Alliance."

Boy, Pierre-François de 1782 February 25 A.L.S. 1p. XXIV, 102.
to Benjamin Franklin

Writes on behalf of M. de Montigny, wounded on board the American frigate "South Carolina"; his destitution; desires the pay due him as well as his share of the prize-money; encloses certificate (1 p.) to prove his claim.
(In French.)

Michael Bright, and others. Honfleur 1782 February 26 L.S. 2p. XXIV, 103.
to Benjamin Franklin

Protest against their treatment (see XXIV, 97); their earnest wish to get home as soon as possible.

Bright, Michael. Honfleur 1782 February 26 A.L.S. 1p. XXIV, 104.
to Benjamin Franklin

Protesting against being sent on board a man-of-war; desires Franklin to let his parents and his brother William know that he is well, and that Champion Wood made his escape with him.

Vaudoré, ---- chevalier de 1782 February 26 A.L.S. 1p. XXIV, 105.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has received no answer to the memoir he addressed to Franklin; hopes he will accede to his request and desires his certificate returned.

(In French.)

A.E. by Dr. Franklin. "Not being able to do anything in such affairs I return his certificate."

Grand, Henry. Paris 1782 February 27 A.L.S. 2p. XXIV, 106.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Sending him the required instructions (2 p. in French) in order to reimburse Mr. [John] Adams for the sum lent Mr. [Francis M.] Dana.

(In French.)

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| Barry, John. L'Orient to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 February 27 | L.S. 2p. | XXIV, 107. |
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His safe arrival with the frigate "Alliance"; can only wait the return of the post for Franklin's despatches. Very poor success on his last cruise.

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| Holker, Jean. Rouen to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 February 27 | A.L.S. 2p. | XXIV, 108. |
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Franklin's letters handed him by Messrs. Hazlehurst and Grubb, to whom he has rendered every little service in his power; various manufactories they have visited. Messages from his wife and Mr. Ridley. The date of Marquis de la Fayette's return.

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| Maillebois, comte de to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 February 27 | A.L.S. 2p. | XXIV, 109. |
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Sends him papers relating to considerable affairs in America in which his friend, la Marquise de Cassiny is interested; desires their return at his earliest convenience so that he may carry them to the Marquis de la Fayette. Has been confined to his house for five weeks with the gout.

(In French.)

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| Cottin fils and Jauge to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 February 27 | A.L.S. 2p. | XXIV, 110. |
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Hears that Franklin is considering the purchase of a vessel; describes one which he thinks will suit him.

(In French.)

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| Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves, marquis de, 1757-1834 to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 February 28 | L. in 3d P. 1p. | XLIII, 170. |
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Inquires if Mr. Franklin will be in; wishes to see him.

(In French.)

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Browse, Mrs and Miss 1782 February 28 L. in 3d P. 1p.XXIV, 111.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begging him to forward a letter to Lieut.-Col. Browse.

Barclay, Thomas. Amsterdam 1782 February 28 A.L.S. 3p. XXIV, 112.
to Benjamin Franklin

Situation of the goods sold by Mr. Gillon; conditions upon which he will be able to procure them and forward them to America. Expects the "General Sullivan" in ten days.

Puységur, Messrs de 1782 February 28 L. in 3d P. 1p.XXIV, 113.
to Benjamin Franklin

Announcing the death of their father.
(In French.)

Barry, John. L'Orient 1782 February 29 L.S. 3p. XXIV, 114.
to Benjamin Franklin

Account of his dispute with the French sailors who came with the "Alliance" from Boston; difficulty of procuring American sailors; habit of the French to trump up an account against any American who is desired to go on board; given an instance of this nefarious practice; out of his power to go to Brest; if the goods were at L'Orient, might take a certain number. Advises against sending any more powder and arms to the Eastern provinces; his reasons. Is stretching his orders further than he likes in order to wait for Franklin's despatches.

Strange, Robert. London 1782 February 29 A.L.S. 1p. XXIV, 115.
to Benjamin Franklin

Transmitting a copy of Cicero's Cato; Mr. Strahan afraid it is not the desired edition; Mr. S[trahan] would have written, but he has not yet recovered from his defeat that morning in the House of Commons; thinks the proceedings open a prospect of peace. His intention of coming to Paris.

Vicq d' Azyr, Félix 1782 February A.L.S. 1p. XXIV, 116.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sending him tickets for a meeting of the Royal Society of Medicine and begging the honor of his presence on that occasion.

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(In French.)

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| Grand, Ferdinand to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 February | A.L. in 3d P. XLII, 193. 2p. |
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Informing him that the Spaniards are in possession of Fort St. Philippe [Port Mahon, Minorca].
(In French.)

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| Parke, Matthew. L'Orient to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 March 1 | L.S. 1p. XXIV, 117. |
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Thanking him for his kind advice and offers of service; has written the Minister to request that their part of the prize-money may be paid to their attorney.

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| Hodgson, William. London to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 March 1 | A.L.S. 1p. XXIV, 118. |
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His funds more than exhausted; Mr. [Edmund] Burke's intention of bringing in a bill for a general exchange of prisoners; some hope of success after what passed the night before. Mr. [Henry] L[aurens] considers himself restricted from writing to persons abroad, but will do all the good in his power.

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| Olivar, D to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 March 2 | A.L.S. 1p. XXIV, 119. |
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Asking for a letter of recommendation to the Comte d'Aranda, whose protection he desires in order to join "la Pobordia" on the island of Minorca.
(In Spanish.)

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| Alexander, William. Ostend to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 March 3 | L.S. 2p. XXIV, 120. |
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Left London the day before; the King's-answer to the various addresses; has letters for Franklin which will disclose the sentiments of parties in England. Had the good fortune to procure the liberty of Gouverneur and Carson after Mr. Hodgson had tried in vain. Expects to be at St. Germain by Wednesday.
(Copy.)

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| Carmichael, William. Madrid | 1782 March 3 | A.L.S. 3p. XXIV, 121. |
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Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

to Benjamin Franklin

Announcing Mr. Guichen's arrival at Cadiz with the fleet. Necessity of the French Court advancing a sufficient sum of money to enable Mr. Jay to discharge the bills already accepted; has been haunted by this business for weeks past. Account of their negotiations; the instructions of M. Del Campo not yet ready. Coldness towards him of the Marquis d'Aranda; reasons for this change of manner. Elation in Spain caused by the taking of Fort St. Philippe; the siege of Gibraltar determined upon. General esteem acquired by Mr. Page, a young American volunteer who acted as the Duc de Brillon's Aide-de-camp at Minorca.

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| Barry, John. L'Orient | 1782 March 4 | L.S. 2p. | XXIV, 122. |
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to Benjamin Franklin

"Alliance" not fit to take dry goods on board; in a gale of wind; impossible to keep them from being damaged.

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| Vaughan, Benjamin. London | 1782 March 5 | A.L.S. 2p. | XXIV, 123. |
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to Benjamin Franklin

Determination on the part of his father and two other gentlemen to purchase lands in America; asks certain important questions on the subject. The enclosed letter from John will explain why he delayed his departure. After the late votes in the House of Commons, is in hopes of seeing Franklin soon. The instant his father can proceed without confiscation of his property, he will embark for America with all his family.

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| Guild, Benjamin. Nantes | 1782 March 5 | A.L.S. 2p. | XXIV, 124. |
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to Benjamin Franklin

Has purchased a brigantine which he wishes to despatch immediately for Boston; desires a passport as she is American property. Messages from Franklin's friends in Boston.

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| Grand, Ferdinand | 1782 March 6 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXIV, 125. |
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to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing M. Lefevre of Lisbon, who desires an interview on particular business.
(In French.)

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| Barry, John. L'Orient | 1782 March 6 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXIV, 126. |
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Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

to Benjamin Franklin

Sends the enclosed letter; as an officer of the United States, cannot suffer the subjects of America to be treated in the manner they are; the author of the letter is the son of Mr. Jacob Bright, a man of property, much respected in Philadelphia before the war.

Le Couteulx and Cie. Paris 1782 March 6 L.S. 1p. XXIV, 127.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning bills of William Bingham of Philadelphia, presented to them for acceptance; asks Franklin's advice.
(In French.)

Cooper, Samuel. L'Orient 1782 March 6 A.L.S. 1p. XXIV, 128.
to Benjamin Franklin

An officer of the "Alliance" and nephew of Dr. Cooper writes on behalf of his brother, William Cooper, who is confined in Mill Prison; begs Franklin to procure his exchange.

La Brosse, Claude-Valentine Millin de. 1782 March 6 A.L.S. 1p. XXIV, 129.
Paris
to Benjamin Franklin

Writes on behalf of M. Wuibert, Lieut.-Col. in the service of America, who desires his share of the prize-money during his service with Commodore Jones. His plan to raise a troop for service in America, and why he was never able to carry it out.
(In French.)

Rousseaux, Jean 1782 March 6 A.L.S. 1p. XXIV, 130.
to Benjamin Franklin

Request for the wages and prize-money due him during his service on board the "Lexington," Capt. Henry Johnson.
(In French.)

Thaxter, John, Jr 1782 March 7 A.L.S. 1p. XXIV, 131.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Mr. Adams having gone to The Hague to meet M. le due de La Vauguyon, forwards the lists to Dr. Franklin in his stead.

Poellnitz, Baron Friedrich Karl Hans 1782 March 8 A.L.S. 1p. XXIV, 132.

Bruno von.

to Benjamin Franklin

His intention of embarking for Philadelphia with his family; reminds Franklin of his promise to furnish him with some recommendations.

(In French.)

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1782 March 8 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVIII, 96.

to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing Dr. Mason [Locke] Weems and his companion Mr. Manifold, who go to England on business; begs Franklin to favor them with the necessary passports.

A True Born American 1782 March 8 A.L.S. 3p. XLIV, 49.

to Benjamin Franklin

Recommends the dismissal of Mr. Francis Coffyn, American Agent at Dunkerque, who treats most dishonorably all Americans who appear before him; a few examples illustrating his treatment.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1782 March 9 L.S. 4p. XXXVIII, 97.

to Benjamin Franklin

His purchase of a new brig, the "Spry"; desires to send her to Boston under convoy of the "Alliance"; rates at which he is willing to carry public freight.

Bertin, Henri-Léonard-Jean-Baptiste 1782 March 11 A.L.S. 1p. XXIV, 133.

to Benjamin Franklin

Desiring a passport for the vessel bound for Labrador; the ship, Captain, men and object are the same as when Franklin granted them the passport the year before at Mr. Hutton's request; intends to ask the same favor of M. de Castries.

(In French.)

Bertin, Henri-Léonard-Jean-Baptiste 1782 March 11 A.L.S. 1p. XXIV, 133.

to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

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(In French.)

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| Açarq, ---- d' to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 March 11 | A.L.S. 4p. | XXIV, 134. |
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An ode to the United States; trusts Franklin will think this poem, as well as its two predecessors, worthy of being presented to his immortal Republic; wishes to guard his incognito, as he is obliged to give lessons in French to strangers, especially to the English.

(In French.)

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| Veimerange, Palteau de to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 March 11 | L.S. 2p. | XXIV, 135. |
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So far has not been fortunate in finding vessels to carry to America the goods assembled at Brest; desires to know Franklin's plans in this regard.

(In French.)

A.E. by Franklin. The Captain of the "Alliance" has refused to go to Brest and will probably sail without the goods; relies wholly on the assistance of the Department of the Marine.

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| Williams, Jonathan Jr. to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 March 12 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXXVIII, 98. |
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Has sent to the Marquis de Castries the plan for an enterprise which cannot fail to prove distressing to England and highly important to America and France; desires to know as soon as the Marquis communicates it to Franklin.

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| Chaubet and Bremont to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 March 12 | L. in 3d P. 1p. | XXIV, 136. |
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Begging a signed statement that the frigate "Confederation," belonging to Congress; was captured on her voyage from St. Domingo to Philadelphia; the underwriters pretend that she was taken on leaving Philadelphia for another destination.

(In French.)

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| Houdetot, Comtesse d' | 1782 March 13 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXIV, 137. |
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Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

to Benjamin Franklin

The length of her brother's illness and the loss she has sustained have prevented her going to see Franklin; wishes to know if he will receive her the next day and give her some tea and bread and butter.

(In French.)

Grimoult, Joseph B. 1782 March 13 A.L.S. 1p. XXIV, 138.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to forward a certain sum to a soldier in the army of M. de Rochambeau; wishes to know if Franklin can give him an order on the town of York where the soldier is stationed.

(In French.)

Barry, John. L'Orient 1782 March 15 L.S. 1p. XXIV, 139.
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging the receipt of Franklin's despatches; expects to set sail in a few hours.

Chaumont, Marie-Thérèse Jougues Le Ray de 1782 March 15 A.L. 3p. XLIV, 50.
to Benjamin Franklin

Was much disappointed that Franklin could not come and spend a few months here. The Benedictines who have a College here hoped that he would pay them a visit also. Her great friendship for him. Her Children often speak of him and long to see him again.

(In French.)

Coffyn, Francis. Dunkirk 1782 March 16 A.L.S. 1p. XXIV, 140.
to Benjamin Franklin

The bearers, Joseph Gole and Moses Howes, are both American sailors who escaped from English prisons and arrived in France in a destitute condition; furnished them with a sum of money on Franklin's account to pay the expenses of their journey.

(In French.)

Wyld, Henry. Hatherlow 1782 March 18 A.L.S. 1p. XXIV, 141.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Laid Franklin's answer before the gentlemen to whom it was addressed; in spite of the negative given to the second article of their proposition, they are determined to emigrate; desires Franklin to procure them a certificate as a protection on the voyage over, and to forward certain of the requests to the Congress of Pennsylvania. Proceedings in the House of Commons tending towards ultimate peace.

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1782 March 19 A.L.S. 3p. XXXVIII, 99.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the custom-house duties on public goods. Terms for freighting his brig with public goods run high, but he can more than fill her with private freight at a higher price; if he were certain of having the public freight, he and Mr. Moylan would purchase a fine large ship; desires Franklin's advice. Will ship the seeds to Franklin at once.

Brillon, Mme 1782 March 20 4p. XLIII, 116.
to Benjamin Franklin

Fictitious plea couched in legal terms for Mme. Brillon de Jouy against Benjamin Franklin for not living up to the terms of their agreement of friendship to see each other as often as possible, to write to each other if separated, and to reply to all letters received from the other party.

(In French.)

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Hubbart, Samuel 1782 March 20 A.L.S. 1p. XXIV, 142
to Benjamin Franklin and 143.

Was taken by the British ship "Recovery," carried into Ireland and thence conveyed to Mill Prison; writes for money and clothes.

(In duplicate.)

**Larwood and Van Hassett and Van
Suchtelen. Amsterdam** 1782 March 21 A.L.S. 1p. XXIV, 144.
to Benjamin Franklin

Mr. Adams has accepted the fifty-one bills in question.

Morris, Robert. Philadelphia 1782 March 22 L.S. 2p. XXIV, 146.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Account of money due Baron d'Arendt; begs Franklin to furnish him with a partial payment.

Hodgson, William. London [1782 March 22?] A.L.S. 3p. XXIV, 147.
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging receipt of Franklin's remittance of £300 for the use of the prisoners; is that much in debt already, but will go on advancing the money. Announcing the expected retirement of the old Ministry, so hostile and so inimical to America; feels sure the rising Ministers will co-operate in any measures which may tend to peace; desires very much to hold the position of negotiator. Bill introduced into Parliament by Mr. [Edmund] Burke for the exchange of American prisoners; suggests certain steps to obtain the terms and conditions agreed upon.

Pachelbel, George Wilhelm 1782 March 22 A.L.S. 1p. XXIV, 148.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begging him to forward the enclosed letter.
(In French.)

Gastellier, René-Georges. Montargis 1782 March 22 A.L.S. 1p. XXIV, 149.
to Benjamin Franklin

The letter he received from Mlle. de Fay makes him hopeful of some day gaining the much-desired membership.
(In French.)

Le Roy, Jean Baptiste [1782] March 23 A.L.S. 2p. XLII, 166.
to Benjamin Franklin

Soliciting Franklin's favor on behalf of M. Martin, who desires the position of American Consul at Bayonne.
(In French.)

Beaumont, Jean-Baptiste-Jacques Elie de 1782 March 24 A.L.S. 1p. XXIV, 150.
to Benjamin Franklin

Reasons why he has not been to see Franklin for a long time. Enclosing a memoir which he believes will interest him, also a letter of ancient date which he was asked to deliver.
(In French.)

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Regarding Americans escaped from Irish prisons.

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| Labat de Moulens, ---- abbé to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 March 26 | A.L.S. 2p. | XXIV, 155. |
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Presents him with a copy of his work.
(In French.)

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| Van Berlceenrode, Mattheus Lestevenon to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 Aug. 26 | L. in 3d P. 1p. | XLIV, 51. |
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Learned that Dr. Franklin was indisposed. Makes inquiries about his health.
(In French.)

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| Montesquieu, aîné to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 March 27 | A.L.S. 3p. | XXIV, 156. |
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The purchase of cloth in their province of Languedoc; number of articles he has furnished to the vessels at Bordeaux; hopes Franklin will honor him with his orders.
(In French.)

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| Williams, Jonathan Jr. to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 March 28 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXXVIII, 102. |
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Introducing Mr. William Vernon [Jr.] of Boston.

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| Veuve de Précorbiu,---- to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 March 28 | A.L.S. 2p. | XXIV, 157. |
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A widow with four children; her eldest son desires to serve with the American troops; begs Franklin to procure him a passage over and a suitable rank in the army; his education at the Royal Military School.
(In French.)

A.E. by Dr. Franklin. "The armies of America full; not possible!"

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| Crèvecoeur, St. Jean de to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 March 30 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXIV, 158. |
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Asks him to send some letters to Philadelphia or Boston; many of his former letters miscarried.
Congratulates him on the taking of St. Christopher.

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| Deans, Silas. Ghent to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 March 30 | A.L.S. 3p. | XXIV, 159. |
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The examination of his accounts by Mr. Barclay; wrote Congress praying them to adopt some just measure for the settlement of this affair; desiring Franklin to write them also on the subject. The changes which have lately taken place in London give hopes of a not distant peace.

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| de St Favre, Abbé to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 March 31 | L.S. 2p. | XXIV, 160. |
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The Chevalier Duvet de Contour, a young officer in the Marines, has begged of him some assistance; his story is that Franklin sent him to M. de Beaumarchais to receive the payment of the gratification always accorded to prisoners of war; M. de Beaumarchais being out of town has left him without resource; does not wish to be imposed upon, so asks Franklin to confirm these statements.
(In French.)

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| Royal, William to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 March 31 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXIV, 161. |
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His step-father is Mr. John Dixon, now living at Williamsburg; believes Franklin knows his parents, who desired him to make application for money on their account. Came to England to be operated upon for the stone, but since the death of a relative has been in great distress and knows not how to get home; turns to Franklin for assistance.

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| Mumford, Thomas. Norwich to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 April 1 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXV, 1. |
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Begs that advice and assistance be given his nephew, Mr. Gurdon S. Mumford, who, in the absence of Mr. Silas Deane, is left without a protector.

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| Caffiéri, Jean Jacques to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 April 1 | A.L.S. 2p. | XXV, 2. |
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If the republic of America desires any statuary, asks that he be given the commission.

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(In French.)

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| Searle, James. Paris to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 April 1 | A.L. in 3d P. XXV, 3. 1p. |
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Expects to go to Nantes in a few days; requests passports for himself and servant.

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| Guadeloupe, Officers of the Admiralty to the American Peace Commissioners | 1782 April 3 | L.S. 1p. XXV, 4. |
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In conformity with the King's orders, the officers of the Admiralty of Guadeloupe send Franklin two copies of the proceedings in regard to the prizes brought there by the American corsairs.

(In French.)

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| Schneider, Christian. Germantown to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 April 3 | A.L.S. 1p. XXV, 5. |
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Has paid Richard Bache, of Philadelphia, two hundred pounds in specie due to the widow Anne Catharine Höckl[er]in at Ebingen in Wurtemberg; begs that the enclosed letter be forwarded to her.

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| Clegg, Edmund to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 April 4 | A.L.S. 2p. XXV, 6. |
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The approaching departure of himself and his co-religionists for Pennsylvania where they hope to rival Manchester and Spitalfields in the manufacture of silk and other articles; asks for the necessary passports; his correspondence with Mr. Wyld. Written from London.

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| Williams, Jonathan Jr. to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 April 4 | A.L.S. 3p. XXXVIII, 103. |
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Arrival of the ship the "Count de Grasse" with a prize; suggesting a speedy exchange of the prisoners taken. Desires to know whether it is true that Mr. Jay has been obliged to let the bills he accepted be protested for non-payment.

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| Rembau, Ferdinand de, and ----- Dupont d'Aisÿ. Donaueschingen to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 April 5 | A.L.S. 3p. XXV, 7. |
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Wish to serve in the American army; beg for Franklin's assistance.

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(In French.)

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| Bailly, ----- to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 April 6 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXV, 9. |
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Announcing that the boxes are ready.

(In French.)

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| Delfino, Chevalier. Paris to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 April 6 | L. in 3d P. 1p. | XXV, 10. |
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Desiring Franklin to become a member of the Academy of Sciences and Arts in Padus.

(In French.)

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| Thornton, John. Clapham to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 April 6 | A.L.S. 2p. | XXV, 11. |
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Takes the opportunity of his friend Joseph Walker, visiting Paris, to get some letters to America.
Requests Franklin's acceptance of some poems [by William Cowper].

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| Conti, Louis-François-Joseph de Bourbon, comte de la Marche and prince de Paris to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 April 7 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXV, 12. |
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Requesting a passport for his groom who goes to England to purchase horses.

(In French.)

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| Grand, Ferdinand to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 April 8 | L.S. 1p. | XXV, 13. |
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Has just heard from Amsterdam that the bills accepted by Mr. Jay at Madrid are come back unpaid and protested; if Franklin desires they shall be paid and will send orders to that effect, he will notify the holders that if they send them back to Madrid, they will be surely paid.

A.E. by Dr. Franklin. Approves of M. Grand's suggestion; if the holders prefer, they can be paid at Paris or Amsterdam.

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| Edwards, Daniel et al. L'Orient | 1782 April 8 | L.S. 2p. | XXV, 14. |
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to Benjamin Franklin

Escaped from Forton Prison on the 13th of March; crave assistance to enable them to return to America.

Houdetot, Comtesse d'

1782 April 9

A.L.S. 2p. XXV, 15.

to Benjamin Franklin

Begs that Franklin will write to M. de Castrics his willingness that the prisoners at St. Malo be liberated; there are three of them; Capt. Agnew and his father and Mr. Parker, a merchant; all from Virginia.

(In French.)

Hodgson, William. London

1782 April 9

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

to Benjamin Franklin

Sends copy of memorial [2p.] he delivered to the Lords of the Admiralty, and note just received from Lord Shelburne [2p.]. Franklin may conclude the business done as soon as the official forms are got through with. Desires advice as to the transportation and victualling of the prisoners; situation of the prisoners in Ireland; can easily send them any remittance Franklin may be able to procure. Lord Shelburne's promises on behalf of the prisoners.

Hodgson, William. London

1782 April 9

A.L.S. 3p. XXV, 17.

to Benjamin Franklin

Believes the new Ministers will co-operate in any measures that may lead to peace. Plan to send him as a Peace Commissioner to Franklin; this idea given up; thinks Franklin will see a person of the first rank and of great consideration upon the same errand. The bearer of this letter will await Franklin's reply in regard to the exchange of prisoners; at the same time desires an answer to this private and confidential communication.

Brogie, Charles-Louis-Victor, prince de. 1782 April 9

L. in 3d P. 1p. XXV, 18.

Paris

to Benjamin Franklin

Sends for the packets Franklin mentioned and feels honored with the trust confided to him; is confident of being well received in a country where every one honors one of the greatest men in the world.

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Cramer, Catherine de Wesselow. Genève 1782 April 9 A.L.S. 2p. XXV, 19.
to Benjamin Franklin

The representatives and the natives rose in arms so suddenly that he had not time to put Franklin's child and her own in a place of safety; nothing however has happened to the boy, and he hopes to obtain permission for him to leave the town very shortly; strangers have really nothing to fear.
(In French.)

Lenoir, Jean-Charles-Pierre. Paris 1782 April 9 L.S. 1p. XXV, 20.
to Benjamin Franklin

Has sent Mr. [George] Fox the permission requested by Franklin, so that the books will be waiting him at the custom-house.
(In French.)

Wyld, Henry. Hatherlow 1782 April 9 A.L.S. 2p. XXV, 21.
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging his kindness toward him as a representative of the company; expressing surprise at not receiving the necessary passports. Reasons why he thinks they are entitled to indulgence from any country where manufactures are wanted; desires him to recommend Congress to advance them a small sum, if their affairs require it; repayment guaranteed. Concerning a plan of two gentlemen in Derby to start a silk manufactory in Virginia, if they could be certain of being well received; desires Franklin's opinion.

Hilliard d'Auberteuil, Michel-René. Paris 1782 April 10 A.L.S. 1p. XXV, 22.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sends a proof of a third part of his essays, and reminds Franklin of his promise to inform him of his errors. Has read with pleasure the collection of Franklin's political memoirs.
(In French.)

Courtauld, Samuel. Paris 1782 April 10 A.L.S. 1p. XXV, 23.
to Benjamin Franklin

His departure postponed until the following Sunday.

Epidorge, ---- . Dunkerque 1782 April 11 A.L.S. 2p. XXV, 24.

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to Benjamin Franklin

Apologizes for importuning him on behalf of Capt. Conyngham's crew; begs for an answer to allay the disquietude of the poor fellows.

(In French.)

O'Gorman, Thomas, chevalier 1782 April 11 A.L.S. 2p. XXV, 25.
to Benjamin Franklin

Recommending Dr. O'Connor; his experience; his desire to serve the United States, either in the army or in their hospitals.

Courtauld, Samuel. Paris [1782 April 11 ?] A.L.S. 1p. XLI, 35.
to Benjamin Franklin

Expects to wait on Franklin on Sunday, the day of his departure, and receive his commands.

Wesselow, Catherine Cramer de [1782.] April 12 A.L.S. 1p. XLIV, 243.
to Benjamin Franklin

His grandson safe in Switzerland with M. [G. L. de] Marignac. Would have brought him herself, but permission to leave was refused to her and her children.

(In French.)

Magellan, Jean-Hyacinthe de. Paris 1782 April 13 A.L.S. 3p. XXV, 26.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing the original letter of [Edward] Nairne about the accident to the House of Industry at Heckingham which was struck by lightning, though furnished with eight conductors, on account of their being wrongly set up; steps he has taken to bring the matter before various societies; expects to return to London in a few days. Le Bègue de Presle will deliver to Dr. Franklin the complete work of [John] Miller (on the Linnacan System) which their late friend Dr. Fothergill desired to be forwarded to the [American] Philosophical Society.

Hodgson, William. London 1782 April 14 A.L.S. 2p. XXV, 27.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing a sketch of an agreement relative to the exchange of American prisoners [2p.]; Franklin must either sign it or authorize him to do it. Transports will be ready in a short time to take the

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prisoners on board. Assured that a vessel will call at Kinsale to take on board the prisoners there. Suggests that Congress be acquainted, by the cartel ships, with the terms of exchange.

Landrin, ----- 1782 April 14 A.L.S. 2p. XXV, 27 1/2.
to Benjamin Franklin

Finds Franklin's name written on his door, and the hour three o'clock; waited in vain for his arrival; presumes some one has spoken of his mechanical contrivances; encloses a memoir of his work. (In French.)

Sparre, [J.] de. Strasbourg 1781 April 17 A.L.S. 1p. XXV, 28.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to go to America with his family and enter the service of the United States. (In French.)

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1782 April 18 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVIII,
to Benjamin Franklin 104.

Cannot account for the non-arrival of the seeds. Is preparing a long letter with a detail of the obstacles in the way of American commerce in certain ports of France.

Read, Franklin. Cape François 1782 April 19 A.L.S. 2p. XXV, 29.
to Benjamin Franklin

His reasons for deciding to follow the sea; has been unfortunate up to this time but is now in a fair way to succeed; has just come up from Jamaica on parole but expects to be exchanged in a day or two; shall then return home where he has a good berth in a vessel bound for Europe; hopes Franklin will forgive him for not writing.

Price, James. Bordeaux 1782 April 20 A.L.S. 1p. XXV, 30.
to Benjamin Franklin

Recommending Mr. Anthony Lynch for the position of American Agent at the above port.

Puy, Bishop of. Puy 1782 April 20 A.L.S. 4p. XXV, 31.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Has established, in his diocese of Languedoc, various manufactories in order to help the poor by giving them work; begs Franklin to honor them with his orders for the United States. Reminds Franklin of their meeting in 1778 at the chateau of M. Bertin, the Minister.

(In French.)

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| Coffyn, Francis. Dunkirk to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 April 21 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXV, 32. |
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The bearers of this are Whipple Crow and Benjamin Slocum, Americans taken on board the "Polly" and carried to Bristol; having made their escape, they arrived in France destitute of everything; drew on Franklin for money to take them to Paris.

(In French.)

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| Wyld, Henry. Hatherlow to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 April 21 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXV, 33. |
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Sorry to hear that Franklin's authority to grant their request has been recalled; desires that they be given the earliest opportunity to emigrate as they wish to be the first persons to arrive in the capacity of manufacturers.

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| Coffyn, Francis. Dunkirk to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 April 23 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXV, 34. |
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The bearers are John Kemp and Alex Findats, Americans, Captain and Lieutenant on board the "Greyhound"; their capture, imprisonment in England and subsequent escape; their arrival in France destitute; drew on Franklin for money to take them to Paris.

(In French.)

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| Feutry, Aimé Ambroise Joseph to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 April 23 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXV, 35. |
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Enclosed letter to be forwarded to Boston; leaves soon for Chatillon.

(In French.)

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| Faucon, -----. Riou to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 April 23 | A.L.S. 4p. | XXV, 36. |
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Writes for news of his son Julien; gives account of his movements from the time he entered the French navy up to the year 1780, when he ceased to hear from him; rumor that he is living in Boston. (In French.)

Tezenad, -----. Passy 1782 April 23 A.L.S. 1p. XXV, 37.
to Benjamin Franklin

Offering to send to Franklin a musket, pair of pistols, rifle and powderhorn, all of exquisite workmanship; thinks they would be a worthy present for General Washington. (In French.)

Alexander, William. St Germain 1782 April 24 A.L.S. 2p. XXV, 38.
to Benjamin Franklin

Thanking Franklin for the return of his papers; feels sure that he has solid reasons for declining the execution of the plan; reasons why he will not fulfill Franklin's suggestion to render it successful elsewhere. His two girls go to town that day, one to stay with Mme. de la Marck, the other to visit Mme. Helvétius.

Clegg, Edmund 1782 April 24 A.L.S. 3p. XXV, 39.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sorry that Franklin's interest in Mr. Wyld's undertaking was dampened by the delay in the payment of the bill upon himself; distress and confusion caused by Franklin's letter; certain of their friends have gone too far to retreat now. His plans for establishing a silk manufactory in America; success he has made of it in the past. If the country can yield a sufficient quantity of raw silk they can make it independent of Europe for those goods. If it cannot, then hopes that the Italian and East India markets may be opened in the meantime. For more than twenty years has set his heart on emigrating to America. If they do not go this season he wishes to go with his two sons as soon as possible. He thinks all the real liberty now or hereafter enjoyed in this island may be attributed to the noble heroes of North America.

Ingenhousz, Jan 1782 April 24 A.L.S. 2p. XXV, 40.
to Benjamin Franklin

Reproaches him for not having answered any of his letters; particularly anxious to have his opinion upon the heat conducting quality of different metals; on this account, has retarded one year the

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publication of the book which he now sends. Attack made on his work by Dr. Priestley; convinced he can prove him wrong in his whole theory about the manner in which vegetables are subservient to the animal creation. Begg for news of Mr. Samuel Wharton who has large sums of his money to invest in trade.

Murray, Mlle. Gand 1782 April 25 A.L.S. 4p. XXV, 41.
to Benjamin Franklin

Informing him of the loss of her friend, Mme. Battier; has been obliged to take entire charge of her affairs; begs permission to send him a small box containing her friend's portrait, surrounded with diamonds, and a gold chain, which she wore up to her death; desires this box delivered to her friend's father, Mr. [Thomas] Ivers [at Boston].
(In French.)

Lenoir, Jean-Charles-Pierre. Paris 1782 April 25 L.S. 1p. XXV, 42.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sends the required permission for the books to be delivered at Rochefort without a visit from the Syndics.
(In French.)

Putnam, Benjamin. Portsmouth, Va 1782 April 26 A.L.S. 2p. XXV, 43.
to Benjamin Franklin

His vessels depending on the Admiralty of France; desires some information on the subject.

Stewart, Mary. London 1782 April 26 A.L.S. 1p. XXV, 44.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begs for assistance; is in great pecuniary distress owing to an expensive law-suit and a long illness.

Trouillot, -----. Lyon 1782 April 26 A.L.S. 3p. XXV, 45.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to go to America; begs Franklin to aid him with advice and recommendations.
(In French.)

Estaing, Charles-Henri, comte d'. 1782 April 27 L. in 3d P. 1p. XXV, 46.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Sends back the list to Franklin; the articles marked with a cross are the ones he desires.
(In French.)

Forster, Johann Reinhold. Halle 1782 April 27 A.L.S. 3p. XXV, 47.
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing Mr. Loder, First Physician to the Duke of Saxe-Weimar, and one of the first German anatomists. Congratulates him on the prospect of America's independence.

Barbançon, Augustin-Jean-Louis-Antoine 1782 April 27 A.L.S. 2p. XXV, 48.
du Prat, comte de. Varennes
to Benjamin Franklin

Thanking him for his present of rare seeds.
(In French.)

West, Benjamin. London 1782 April 28 A.L.S. 2p. XXV, 49.
to Benjamin Franklin

Greatly pleased with a bust of Franklin he has just procured. His eldest son, now in his sixteenth year, has greatly improved in painting; while his thirteen-year-old boy shows great facility in learning. Refers Franklin to Mr. Whitefoord as regards his own situation.

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Barons, Anthony and A. Cummings [1782 April 28] L.S. 2p. XLII, 91.
to Benjamin Franklin

Have been long held prisoners in England. Beg for help to return to America.

Alexander, Miss Bethia. [1782] April 29 A.L. in 3d P. XL, 104.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Asking Franklin to carry a packet into Paris for her father; unless he takes it in his own carriage, it would be stopped at the city gate.

Ollivier, ----- (notaire royale) and Le 1782 April 29 A.D. 2p. XXV, 50.
Guével, Th. Passy
to Benjamin Franklin

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Concerning a bill of exchange payable to Benjamin Franklin and drawn on Jonathan Nesbitt; the latter's refusal to accept it; account of the proceedings.

(In French.)

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| Arnold, Freegift. L'Orient to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 April 30 | A.L.S. 2p. | XXV, 51. |
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Account of his adventures as an officer in the service of Congress; his long imprisonment and final escape; has not a farthing to his name and owes Mr. Moylan for his subsistence; desires his share of the prizemoney due him from the "Alliance," or a small advance.

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| Williams, Jonathan Jr. to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 April 30 | A.L.S. 2p. | XXXVIII, 106. |
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Intention of Mr. James Moore of Scotland to enter into the American trade in France; his wish to take the oath of allegiance to the United States; sends one signed before witnesses. Begg for an answer about the American prisoners still boarding at his expense.

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| Richard, -----. Paris to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 May 1 | A.L.S. 3p. | XXV, 52. |
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The Professor of rhetoric in his College offered a prize for the best French translation of the famous Latin verse— "Eripuit coelo fulmen, sceptrumque tyrannis"; quotes his own translation which carried off the palm.

(In French.)

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| Ruston, Thomas. Exeter to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 May 2 | A.L.S. 3p. | XXV, 53. |
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Presumes Franklin forwarded the scheme of a bank to Mr. Morris, as he has since seen a Resolve of Congress to give Mr. Morris ample powers to carry such a scheme into execution. In Case of peace or truce, suggests that America institute a loan in England; discusses the advantages of such a step; its probable popularity in England; the question of security.

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| Ruston, Thomas. Exeter to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 May 2 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXV, 54. |
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Introducing Major Van Braam, a native of Holland, who quitted the English army two years before, after thirty years' service; his intention to remove to France with his family.

Etienne Caÿrol and Cie. Paris 1782 May 4 A.L.S. 2p. XXV, 55.
to Benjamin Franklin

Establishment at Amsterdam of an emporium for goods from their manufactory of Gobelins; have appointed Paul Charlé their Agent for whom they beg a recommendation to Mr. Adams.
(In French.)

Cooper, Dr Samuel. Boston 1782 May 5 Extract from LV, 2 1/2.
to Benjamin Franklin L. 3p.

Letters received in this State and at Philadelphia, stating that France was at the bottom against America obtaining the fishery and territory in that great extent in which both are secured to America by the treaty; that the American Minister did not oppose this design, and that it was entirely owing to the firmness, sagacity and disinterestedness of Mr. Adams and Mr. Jay, that America obtained those important advantages. States that these letters are said to come from Mr. Adams, States that Mr. Adams wrote to Congress resigning his employments in Europe but intimated in a subsequent letter his readiness to continue them should he be appointed Minister to the Court of London.
(Press copy.)

Bibliography

Ridley, Matthew. Hotel de Vauban 1782 May 6 A.L.S. 1p. XXV, 56.
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing M. de la Graine-hais who desires information relative to a deed of lands in Pennsylvania.

Allcock, William. Amiens 1782 May 6 A.L.S. 3p. XXV, 57.
to Benjamin Franklin

His services in the American army since 1777; his capture by the English; his arrival in France and his destitute condition; desires assistance; names of five other prisoners who arrived with him.

Bassi, Anton-Benedetto. Paris 1782 May 6 A.L.S. 2p. XXV, 58.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Franklin's admission to the membership of the Academy of Padua shows how much he is esteemed in Italy; desires subscription to his "Complete Collection of the Most Beautiful Selections from Italian Poetry."

(In French.)

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| Price, Thomas. Amiens to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 May 7 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXV, 59. |
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Mistake made by M. Leleu; these unhappy Americans are able to prove that they do not come from English prisons; hopes Franklin will give them the desired assistance.

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| Leleu, N., l'aîné to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 May 7 | A.L.S. 2p. | XXV, 60. |
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Explaining the mistake be made in saying six Americans had arrived from English prisons; true account of their capture and arrival in France; can vouch for their not being English spies in disguise.
(In French.)

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| Ridley, Matthew. Paris to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 May 7 | A.L. in 3d P. 1p. | XXV, 62. |
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Enclosing fourteen bills which he begs Franklin to accept and return.

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| Etienne Caÿrol and Cie. Paris to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 May 8 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXV, 61. |
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Their request for a letter of recommendation to Mr. Adams on behalf of Mr. Paul Charlé.
(In French.)

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| Embser, Johann Valentin to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 May 9 | A.L.S. 3p. | XXV, 63. |
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In accordance with his orders, sends him the twenty-six volumes of the Collections of Ancient Roman Authors and one volume of the Greek.
(In French.)

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| Hodgson, William. London to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 May 10 | A.L.S. 3p. | XXV, 64. |
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Hopes the exchange of prisoners will take place the following week. The letters to go to Congress by the cartel vessels must be forwarded at once. Presented Franklin's acknowledgments to the "noble personage" for his kindness and attention to Americans. Pleasing prospect of peace. Messages from Drs. Priestley and Price, and Messrs. Jones and Paradise. Money due him for disbursements to prisoners. Desires Franklin to send a special messenger at his expense with earliest news of whether there will or will not be a Congress to treat on terms of pacification.

Clegg, Edmund 1782 May 10 A.L.S. 3p. XXV, 65.
to Benjamin Franklin

Their friends have gone too far to retreat; begs Franklin to do the most he can towards rendering their passage over safe. His views on the establishment of a silk manufactory in America.

Baucher, Denis 1782 May 10 L. in 3d P. 2p. XXV, 66.
to Benjamin Franklin

An officer on board the "Bon Homme Richard," Commodore Paul Jones; in the engagement with the "Serapis," was so seriously wounded that he has become a hopeless invalid; begs for his share of the prizemoney to alleviate the situation.
(In French.)

Clegg, Edmund 1782 May 11 A.L.S. 3p. XXV, 67.
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging the pass and letters of recommendation. Misunderstood the conference between Franklin and Mr. Wyld; thinks the latter was perhaps too sanguine. His intention of persuading his friends in the country, if possible, to delay their departure till peace is established; if they are resolved to go, will risk everything to go with them. Account of his interview with Mr. [Henry] Laurens who, owing to the delicacy of his situation, could not comply with his request.

Percival, Dr. Thomas. Manchester 1782 May 12 L. in 3d P. 1p. XXV, 68.
to Benjamin Franklin

Requesting Dr. Franklin's acceptance of the enclosed volumes as memorials of his cordial esteem and respect.

Rouaix, Prof. Toulouse 1782 May 12 A.L.S. 1p. XXV, 69.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Is greatly flattered that Franklin will accept the dedication of his general thesis on philosophy.

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| Dufaux, Morel. Paris | [1782.] May 12 | A.L.S. 2p. | XLI, 50. |
| to Benjamin Franklin | | | |

Important services rendered by him to the American cause; hopes Franklin will permit an introduction by his friend, M. Grand.

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| Pownall, Thomas. Richmond | 1782 May 13 | A.L.S. 2p. | XXV, 70. |
| to Benjamin Franklin | | | |

Sending him an account of the sale of his "Topographical Description of America," in order that the poor widow Barry may receive her just dues . Hoped to have been legally authorized to communicate with Franklin on the subject of peace. Sees he will never be employed in Europe on account of the objection to him of one person.

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| Cutler, B.C. Paris | 1782 May 14 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXV, 71. |
| to Benjamin Franklin | | | |

Concerning the miniature of the late Mrs. Battier which Miss Murray, of Ghent, sent to Franklin's care; desires him to forward it to Mr. Thomas Ivers at Boston.

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| Williams, Jonathan Jr. | 1782 May 16 | A.L.S. 2p. | XXXVIII, 107. |
| to Benjamin Franklin | | | |

Report of America having declared war against Portugal; if this is true, would like a commission for the "Spry" to cruize against the Portugese. News of a bloody engagement between the Comte de Grasse and Mr. Rodney; advantage doubtful. Message from Capt. Jon. Coffin of Nantucket.

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| Harvey, Reuben. Cork | 1782 May 17 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXV, 72. |
| to Benjamin Franklin | | | |

Desire of about one hundred poor tradesmen and husbandmen to settle in America; having no money to pay their passage, they propose to indent as servants for a certain term; the owner of the ship unwilling to accept them in this manner without being sure of the approval of Congress; can assure him that there is not a convict or felon amongst them.

A.E. by Dr. Franklin. Contrasting the condition of the poor in America with those in other lands.

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Vidal, -----, et al. L'Orient 1782 July 17 A.L.S. 4p. XXV, 73.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desiring some information about a young man whose mother is distracted with grief over his reported death in York, Virginia; begging Franklin to ascertain the truth of this rumor and any other details obtainable.

(In French.)

Laurens, Henry. Ostend 1782 May 20 A.L.S. 1p. XXV, 74.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sending certain letters and apologizing for their detention.

Huntington, Samuel 1782 May 28 D.S. Cha[rle]sLV, 5.
to Benjamin Franklin Thomson,
Sec[retary].
1p.

Resolution instructing the Minister at the Court of Versailles to take immediate measures for liquidating the accounts between the United States and that Court and report a state thereof to Congress; also appointing a Commissioner to liquidate and settle the accounts of all the servants of the United States who have been entrusted with the expenditure of public moneys in Europe.

Coppens, -----, fils. Dunkirk 1782 May 21 L.S. 2p. XXV, 75.
to Benjamin Franklin

Is about to send Capt. John Moulton, an American, on a new cruize with the schooner "Sophia"; hearing that war was declared by the United States against Portugal, writes for a commission of war for the Captain so that he may cruize under American colors against the enemies of the United States.

J.F. Frin and Co. Paris 1782 May 22 L.S. 1p. XXV, 76.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing a bill of exchange for acceptance.
(In French.)

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1782 May 22 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVIII,
to Benjamin Franklin 108.

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Concerning M. de Castries's request for a ship to be freighted at Nantes for the service of the United States; must have further orders. Urges some action as regards the American prisoners.

Lacepède, Bernard-Germain-Etienne de 1782 May 23 A.L.S. 1p. XXV, 77.
La Ville-sur-Ilion, comte de. Paris
 to Benjamin Franklin

His regret at leaving Paris without having paid his respects to Franklin; his first volume on physics about to appear.
 (In French.)

Gerbier, -----. Francouville 1782 May 24 A.L.S. 3p. LXXIV, 114.
 to Benjamin Franklin

Requesting a passport to be issued to his cousin at Nantes for the latter's vessel "Nostra Signora."
 (In French.)

Gerbier and Cie. Nantes [1782. Circa May 24.] L. in 3d P. 1p.LXXIV, 112.
 to Benjamin Franklin

Requesting Dr. Franklin to give them a letter of protection for their vessel "Nostra Signora" bound from Nantes to San Domingo.
 (In French.)

Hilliard d'Auberteuil, Michel-René 1782 May 25 A.L.S. 1p. XXV, 78.
 to Benjamin Franklin

Hopes that the little monument he has wished to erect to the memory of Miss MacRea will prove acceptable to her friends.
 (In French.)

Saussine, Pierre. Nimes 1782 May 28 A.L.S. 4p. XXV, 78 1/2.
 to Benjamin Franklin

M. Boudon, an orphan, left to the care of a tutor; enticed away from this protector by relatives who desired his small fortune; persuaded by them to go to America; his adventures at St. Eustatius where he lost everything; his arrival in Philadelphia; unless Mr. Wharton has protected him, his tutor and friends fear the worse; begs Dr. Franklin to ascertain his whereabouts and hasten his return.

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(In French. See XXV, 103.)

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| Gerbier, ----- to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 May 29 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXV, 79. |
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Thanking him for listening to his relative's request [for a passport for the "Nostra Signora"].
(In French.)

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| The Secretary to the King to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 Circa June 1 | N.S. de Séqueville. 1p. | LVIII, 125. |
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Postponing the King's reception of the Ambassadors and Foreign Ministers to the 8th of June, 1782.
(In French.)

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| Bassée, ----- de la. Boulogne to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 June 4 | A.L.S. 2p. | XXV, 82. |
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His son desires to enter the American service; begs Franklin to procure him the position of officer in the army.
(In French.)

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| Coxe, Tench. Philadelphia to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 June 4 | A.L.S. 2p. | XXV, 83 and 84. |
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Loss of certain bills of exchange; begs Franklin to refuse them if presented.
(In duplicate.)

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| Vaughan, Benjamin. London to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 June 7 | A.L.S. 2p. | XXV, 85. |
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Recommends that the terms of peace should be marked by generous language and humane measures; is sure that no liberality will meet with a repulse. He may hear of Mr. [Henry] Lauren's strange behavior from Mr. Oswald. Has given orders for shipping £6000 in goods to America; increase of emigration there.

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| Hodgson, William. London to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 June 7 | A.L.S. 3p. | XXV, 86. |
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Acknowledging receipt of £200; gratitude of the prisoners for the kindness shown them. Departure of the three hundred prisoners from Portsmouth; rumors of their being riotous and ungovernable unfounded. There will be upwards of seven hundred prisoners in Plymouth including those arrived from Kinsale. Convinced that certain persons in power mean to walk fairly and uprightly.

Moylan, James. L'Orient 1782 June 8 A.L.S. 1p. XXV, 87.
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing his friend Mr. Henry Mitchell of Boston just arrived on the ship "Alexander" from Virginia.

von Steuben, W. A. Cüstrin 1782 June 8 L.S. 2p. LIX, 43.
to Benjamin Franklin

Congratulates Dr. Franklin on his success in the American cause. Encloses a letter to his son, the General, with the request to forward. Complains that his son has not answered for a year his letters. Would like to hear of him before he dies.

Smith, Joseph. Cape Saint Nicholas, Haiti 1782 June 9 A.L.S. 1p. XXV, 88.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning a prize captured by him in his brig, "Lady Grune", commissioned by Congress; the sloop was judged and condemned as a good prize to the captors; begs Franklin, on receipt of the enclosed papers (1p.), to order the money paid him.

Bridgen, Edward 1782 June 10 A.L.S. 1p. XXV, 89.
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing Mr. Foy who intends staying near Paris in order to perfect himself in the French Language.

Ridley, Matthew. Amsterdam 1782 June 10 A.L.S. 3p. XXV, 90.
to Benjamin Franklin

Account received of M. de la Luzerne's house in Philadelphia having been struck by lightning; the accident imputed to the want of Dr. Franklin's lightning-rods. General Knox and Mr. Gouverneur Morris appointed by Gen. Washington to negotiate an exchange of prisoners. Mr. Gadsden elected Governor of South Carolina by declined serving; British property in that State confiscated; the reason

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given. Account of the action on the Delaware between the American vessel "Hyder Ally" and the British "General Monk", sloop of war, which ended in the latter's being taken. Just recovering from an attack of epidemic influenza.

Morris, Robert. Philadelphia 1782 June 10 L.S. 3p. XXV, 90 1/2.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing a copy of XXIV, 146 (see p. 463); Baron d' Arendt had the misfortune to be captured and carried into New York; being released on parole he obtained the above copy, having lost the original.

Bondfield, John. Bordeaux 1782 June 11 A.L.S. 1p. XXV, 91.
to Benjamin Franklin

Arrival of the "Don Galvez" from Salem, which she left December 1st.; at that time, M. de. Vandreuil with the fleet remained at Boston and did not expect to sail until the end of the month. Fresh cruelties committed by the Indians on the back settlements near Sunbury.

Bouvinghausen, Maj. Gen. ----- de 1782 June 11 A.L.S. 1p. XXV, 92.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begs him to forward the enclosed letter for Baron de Steuben at Philadelphia.
(In French.)

Jacques Rocquette, T.A. Elsevier, and Frères Rocquette. Rotterdam 1782 June 11 A.L.S. 3p. XXV, 93.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begging him not to accept certain bills drawn on them by their friends Curson and Gouverneur, at St. Eustatius, and the cause; concerning certain bills of Congress in their possession; desire advice how to procure their payment.
(In French.)

Ingenhousz, Jan 1782 June 12 A.L.S. 2p. XXV, 94.
to Benjamin Franklin

Requesting him to peruse the enclosed letter [3p.] before forwarding it to Mr. Samuel Wharton. The mercantile undertaking he engaged in with that gentleman; particular interest he therefore takes in his honesty; not rich enough to bear such a great loss; desires Franklin's opinion. The Emperor

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still hoping to see Franklin in Vienna as Minister in the ensuing General Congress; desires to know whether his hopes are well grounded and if Lord Shelburne and Mr. Fox will declare them a free people. Hears Franklin has a letter half-written to him; begs for it unfinished.

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| Williams, Jonathan Jr. to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 June 13 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXXVIII, 109. |
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Desires further instructions about shipping the public stores.

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| Williams, Jonathan Jr. to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 June 14 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXXVIII, 110. |
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Concerning a French ship which offers to take the public stores. American prisoners finally gone; all their expenses paid by him.

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| Bonnefoux, Pierre. Paris to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 June 16 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXV, 95. |
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Franklin has doubtless heard of the epidemic which still afflicts Toulouse; all the students have left the University; the thesis, of which Franklin graciously accepted the dedication, must therefore be given up for that year.

(In French.)

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| Sulkowski, August Casimir, Prince. Paris to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 June 16 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXV, 96. |
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Introducing his friend, M. de Kurouski, who desires to enter the service; the enclosed memoir [1p.] gives account of his military experiences.

(In French.)

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| Clegg, Edmund to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 June 16 | A.L.S. 3p. | XXV, 97. |
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The company in the neighborhood of Manchester have gone too far to retreat; uncertain whether to go with them to America; knows he is capable of conducting with success linen, cotton or silk manufactures; desires to know whether it would not be better to get men of property in America to join him as partners in the concern.

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Jacques Rocquette, T.A. Elsevier, and Frères Rocquette. Rotterdam 1782 June 19 A.L.S. 3p. XXV, 100.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning a vessel of theirs, which was captured by the "Vengeance"; complains of the treatment of the officers and the confiscation of the goods; begs his intercession to obtain the restitution of the cargo.

(In French.)

Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves, marquis de, 1757-1834 1782 June 20 A.L.S. 2p. XXV, 101.
to Benjamin Franklin

Waited upon the Comte de Vergennes with Franklin's commands. A meeting to be arranged with Mr. [William Wyndham] Grenville; promises to acquaint Franklin with the result in case he cannot be present.

Bibliography

Hodgson, William. London 1782 June 20 A.L.S. 1p. XXV, 102.
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing Mr. Robert Milligan, of Cecil Co., Maryland, who has been studying law in England and designs visiting Paris on his return to America.

Gébelin, Antoine Court de. Paris 1782 June 21 A.L.S. 2p. XXV, 103.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sending a letter from Saussine [XXV, 78 1/2, see p. 481] and another to himself from St. Etienne [XXV, 80]; begs him to discover the whereabouts of the young man in question [M. Boudon].

(In French.)

Cabaret, ----- 1782 June 21 A.L.S. 1p. XXV, 104.
to Benjamin Franklin

Large size paper necessary to carry out Franklin's orders for the books; sends a sample of the kind needed.

(In French.)

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| Williams, Jonathan Jr. to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 June 22 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXXVIII, 111. |
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Requesting a passport for Mrs. Adams, wife of an American Captain, who goes to join her husband at Amsterdam.

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| Vaughan, Benjamin. London to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 June 25 | A.L.S. 2p. | XXV, 105. |
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Introducing his friend, Dr. Lister, who is much esteemed in Edinburgh and London; any civility shown him will be much appreciated by himself as well as Franklin's dissenting friends in London.

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| Williams, Jonathan Jr. to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 June 26 | A.L.S. 2p. | XXXVIII, 112. |
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Enclosing copy of a letter from Brest; no doubt that the prize in question belongs to the captors; begs Franklin to state the case to M. de Castries.

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| Young, Moses. London to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 June 26 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXV, 106. |
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Introducing Mr. Cephas Dawes, of Pennsylvania, who settled as a merchant in the West Indies previous to the commencement of the war; a warm friend to the cause of America.

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| Rawle, William. Boulogne to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 June 26 | A.L.S. 3p. | XXV, 107. |
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Ordered to the above sea-port by his physican in England; finds he cannot remain without a passport or permission from Paris; begs Franklin's assistance in the matter.

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| Favi, Francesco to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 June 27 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXV, 108. |
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Sending a letter from Mr. Ingen Housz.
(In French.)

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| Vernié, Capt. ----- Hennebout to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 June 27 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXV, 109. |
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Desiring some news of his brother, who embarked for America in 1777 with the Count de Brétigny.

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(In French.)

Williams, Moore and Co. L'Orient 1782 June 31 A.L.S. 1p. XXV, 110.
to Benjamin Franklin

Forwarding papers respecting two prizes brought in by the "Revolution," privateer. Account of some Americans who escaped from English prisons; arrived in Brest, were sent to L'Orient on bread and water, and are now in jail.

Grand, Henry [1782? June.] A.L. in 3d P. XLII, 206.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Concerning the money paid to Capt. De Frey.
(In French.)

John de Neufville and Son. Amsterdam 1782 July 1 A.L.S. 1p. XXV, 111.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sending Franklin his letters just received from Boston. Settlement of their business with Mr. Barclay. Decision of the senior member of their firm to retire.

Moylan, James. L'Orient 1782 July 5 A.L.S. 1p. XXV, 112.
to Benjamin Franklin

Received Franklin's condemnation of the prize "Mary of London," captured by the "Revolution" of Salem; desires judgement to enable him to sell the prize "St. Pierre" of St. André, recaptured from the enemy.

Pownall, Thomas. Richmond 1782 July 5 A.L.S. 3p. XXV, 113.
to Benjamin Franklin A.L. 4p.

Proposition for peace. Enclosure concerning emigration.
Queries respecting the grounds of emigration and settlement in America.

Bibliography

Lee, William. Brussels 1782 July 8 A.L.S. 1p. XXV, 114.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Wishes to know if he has received directions from Robert Morris to pay what is due to him, and when he may draw on him for the money.

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| Williams, Jonathan Jr. to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 July 9 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXXVIII, 113. |
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Concerning the right of the French Admiralty to confiscate an American prize; importance of a line from Franklin on this subject.

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| Williams, Jonathan Jr. to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 July 10 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXXVIII, 114. |
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Introducing Major Shirlume.

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| Moullaine, ----- de. Paris to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 July 12 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXV, 116. |
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On behalf of Mr. Bonneau, desires to know when Franklin will be visible the following afternoon.
(In French.)

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| Poirey, ----- Paris to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 July 12 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXV, 117. |
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Has had great pleasure in obtaining the portrait Franklin desired; Madame la Marquise de la Fayette desires its return as soon as possible; she has perfect faith in the care Franklin will take of it.
(In French.)

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| Target, Guy-Jean-Baptiste. Paris to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 July 13 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXV, 118. |
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Sending an English work addressed to his care by M. de Crevecoeur.
(In French.)

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| Louis, XVI. Versailles to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 July 14 | D. 2p. | LV, 8. |
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Decree giving full power and authority to his Minister and Secretary of State, Count de Vergennes, to conduct negotiations with the Minister Plenipotentiary from the United States with a view to

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ascertain and determine the amounts of money advanced to the latter and the conditions under these advances were made.

(In French. Copy.)

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| Artus, Antoine-Norbert d' -----, Belfort to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 July 17 | L.S. 2p. L.S. XXV, 119. 2p. |
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On account of his interest in the young man and his attachment to the family, sends the enclosed memoir concerning M. Penet.

(In French.)

M. Penet, Aide-de-camp to Gen. Washington; his commission in Europe to purchase merchandise for the American army; the fidelity and intelligence with which he acquitted himself; before Congress could advance the needed funds, everything he possessed was seized to meet the payments; request that the account may be adjusted and young man enabled to return to France.

(In French.)

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| Colomb, Pierre. Nimes to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 July 19 | A.L.S. 3p. XXV, 120. |
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His service in America; his congé received after his long imprisonment in Savannah; his sojourn in Switzerland to recover his health; his wish to return; desires Dr. Franklin to procure him an exchange. A.E. by Dr. Franklin. Has no orders to furnish officers with the means of going to America; such exchanges as he desires are made in America.

(In French.)

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| West, Benjamin. London to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 July 19 | A.L.S. 1p. XXV, 121. |
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Introducing Mr. [Benjamin] Green, an artist of distinguished merit in mezzotints and engraving.

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| Grand, Ferdinand to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 July 20 | A.L.S. 1p. XXV, 122. |
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Sends a statement of Mr. Morris's account; instead of contracting new engagements it is necessary to find the means to meet the old ones.

(In French.)

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| Strasser, -----, baron de. Simmern | 1782 July 20 | A.L.S. 4p. XXV, 123. |
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Embarked for America as one of the Hessian auxiliaries; witnessed many engagements; on his arrival in South Carolina made the lovely Nancy Elliot's acquaintance; induced by the promise of her hand, he asked for his dismissal with the intention of entering the Continental service; obtained his discharge, but was sent back to England and thence to Germany; is now free to accept an appointment in the American army as well as the hand of the fair Nancy; begs Franklin to procure him the former.

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| Dawes, Cephas. Paris | 1782 July 20 | L. in 3d P. 1p.XXV, 124. |
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to Benjamin Franklin

Sending English paper of a later date than the ones he delivered the previous day.

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| Myers, Samuel and Moses. Amsterdam | 1782 July 22 | A.L.S. 2p. XXV, 125. |
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to Benjamin Franklin

Are fitting out a brig for Philadelphia called the "Grace Bermuda," for which they desire a commission; have on board a large quantity of State goods which Mr. Thomas Barclay was embarrassed to ship on reasonable terms.

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| Dupuy, -----. Paris | 1782 July 23 | A.L.S. 1p. XXV, 126. |
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to Benjamin Franklin

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

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| Watson and Cossoul. Nantes | 1782 July 23 | L.S. 1p. XXV, 127. |
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to Benjamin Franklin

The capacity of the ship "Argo" both for receiving freight and passengers.

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| Castries, M de | 1782 July 24 | L. in 3d P. 1p.XXV, 131. |
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to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging the work sent him by Franklin.
(In French.)

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| Williams, Jonathan Jr. | 1782 July 25 | A.L.S. 1p. |
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115.

Informed that the sailors Franklin wrote about to William Moore and Co., are at liberty.

St Clair, -----

1782 July 26

A.L.S. 2p. XXV, 132.

to Benjamin Franklin

Refers Franklin to Mr. Joly for the reason of his detention; general belief in his innocence; solicits Franklin's good offices. Desires to know if Commodore Gillon has arrived in America; will probably have to return to that country to obtain redress for the injury done him by Gillon. His enlistment in the American army caused him to be disinherited in favor of two younger brothers.

Wagner, Laurence Joseph. Trieste

1782 July 26

A.L.S. 3p. XXV, 134.

to Benjamin Franklin

Desiring to be appointed Consul-General for the United States at Trieste, Fiume and other Austrian ports on the Adriatic; at present serves the States-General in the same capacity; doubts not that he will be able to hold both Consulates.

Drogart, C. Nantes

1782 July 27

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

to Benjamin Franklin

Was connected with the house of Penet, D'Acosta and Co. until their dealings forced him to relinquish all connection with them; desires Franklin to procure him some position.

Vergennes, Charles Gravier, comte de.

1782 July 28

L.S. 3p. XXV, 139.

Versailles

to Benjamin Franklin

Doubts as to the sincerity of the British Ministry in proposing a negotiation of peace.
(In French.)

Bibliography**O'Neill, Henry. Tournay**

1782 July 28

A.L.S. 2p. XXV, 140.

to Benjamin Franklin

Reasons why his petition to Franklin, Count d'Aranda and the French Ministry failed; the more the Irish are ill-treated, the more emigrants will flock to America and France to fill the armies; their

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miserable situation in France and the way they are despised and ill-treated; if he returns and makes known these facts the armies and navy of England may gain many sincere supporters; desires to know if anything will be done for him.

Hunter, James. Richmond 1782 July 29 A.L.S. 1p. XXV, 141.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosed letter to be forwarded to Mrs. Strange.

Etienne Caÿrol and Cie. Paris 1782 July 30 A.L.S. 2p. XXV, 142.
to Benjamin Franklin

Requesting a letter of recommendation to Mr. Adams on behalf of their Agent, M. Paul Charlé.
(In French.)

Wright, Patience. London 1782 July 30 A.L.S. 3p. XXV, 143.
to Benjamin Franklin

Enthusiasm for the American cause. Prospect of peace. State of the credit and manufactories. Messages to Franklin from Mrs. Stevenson and Mrs. Hewson. Possibility of her coming to Paris or of Franklin being summoned to London. Hears that her son [Joseph Wright] is painting Franklin's portrait.

Bibliography

Cuming and Macarty. L'Orient 1782 July 31 A.L.S. 1p. XXV, 144.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the prize "Anthony" taken by the brig "Don Galvez"; desires the necessary papers forwarded to them.

A. E. by Dr. Franklin. "The 'Anthony' from Africa, a brigantine, Capt. George Bevens, of London, taken by the 'Don Galvez,' Capt. Silas Jones, of Salem in New England, the 24th of June, brought into l'Orient."

Target, Guy (Gui)-Jean-Baptiste 1782 July 31 A.L.S. 3p. XXV, 145.
to Benjamin Franklin

Read with pleasure the work of M. de Crevecoeur; thinks the author is indebted to Franklin for much of his information; moralizes on ideas engendered by reading the book.

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(In French.)

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| Séqueville, François-Pierre. Paris to Benjamin Franklin. | 1782 July. | L.S. de Sequeville. 1p. | XXV, 146. |
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Announcing that the King will not see the Ambassadors and Foreign Ministers on the following Tuesday.

(In French.)

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| Watson and Cossoul. Nantes to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 August 1 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXV, 147. |
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Requesting a commission for their ship "Argo" owned by Samuel R. Irwitt and Co. of America.

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| Poncelin de La Roche-Tilhac, Jean-Charles, abbé. Paris to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 August 2 | L.S. 2p. | XXV, 148. |
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Begging for certain details needed to finish his work on the present condition of America.

(In French.)

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| Stockar zur Sonnenbourg, -----. Schaffhausen to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 August 3 | A.L.S. 2p. | XXV, 149. |
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Very anxious to know Franklin's opinion of Abbé Raynal's History of the Revolution in America, in order that he may translate the work into German.

(In French.)

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| Williams, Moore and Co. L'Orient to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 August 5 | A.L.S. 2p. | XXV, 150. |
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Their right to dispose of some powder, taken in a prize consigned to them.

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| Artus, Antoine-Norbert d' -----. Belfort to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 August 7 | L.S. 2p. | XXV, 151. |
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Fears that his letter of the 17th ult. miscarried; encloses a copy (2p.) with the memoir relative to M. Penet [XXV, 119, see p. 488].

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(In French.)

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| Williams, Jonathan Jr. to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 August 7 | A.L.S. 2p. | XXXVIII, 116. |
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Announcing the birth of a daughter. Passage money to America wholly the Captain's prerequisite; thinks it could be got a little cheaper than twenty-five guineas.

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| Bermbach, A to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 August 8 | L. in 3d P. 1p. | XXV, 152. |
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Begging him to send the enclosed letter to the Town Council of Philadelphia so that it may be sure to reach Mr. Theodore Mieger.

(In French.)

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| Bermbach, A. Niederfelters to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 August 8 | A.L.S. 1p. | LIX, 57. |
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Requests the forwarding of the enclosed requisition of Theodore Mieger, to the authorities in Philadelphia.

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| Beauquesne, ----- de. Paris to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 August 11 | A.L.S. 2p. | XXV, 153. |
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Sending him a new copy of his plan; his present fearful situation enhanced by seeing his daughter obliged to share it; losses he sustained during his imprisonment in England, and his unfortunate shipwreck at Havre-de-Grace; begs for some assistance; promises to repay.

(In French.)

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| Caffiéri, Jean Jacques to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 August 12 | A.L.S. 2p. | XXV, 154. |
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Sending several models of tombstones. Offers him as a slight mark of his homage, the statue of Pierre Corneille, a copy of the one executed for the King.

(In French.)

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| Loyseau, ----- Paris to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 August 16 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXV, 156. |
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Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

In receipt of the most heart-rending letters from the Count de Benyowski, who left for America with letters from Franklin, confident that Congress would give him employment; desires an explanation of such conduct as he has met with from Congress; the Countess is in despair.

(In French.)

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| Williams, Jonathan Jr. to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 August 16 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXXVIII, 117. |
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Concerning a letter from Tristram Dalton, Esq., of Newburyport, relative to payment for the loss of the brigantine, "Fair Play"; death of his new-born daughter; low state of Mrs. William's health.

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| Williams, Jonathan Jr. to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 August 17 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXXVIII, 118. |
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Introducing Mr. Nat[haniel] Barrett and Mr. Frazer.

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| Johnson, Henry. Bordeaux to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 August 17 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXV, 157. |
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Begging him to accept the enclosed bills belonging to an industrious black man in his service. Took on board the "Amazon" four priests, subjects of the King of Sardinia, who were going as missionaries to Quebec; desires to know if they can be held as British subjects and exchanged for four Americans.

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| Vaughan, Benjamin. Paris to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 August 18 | A.L.S. 2p. | XXV, 158. |
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Enclosing for Franklin what he wished; leaves it to him whether the account is natural or not. Will bring the lady they spoke of to visit Franklin; interested in her; inclined to credit her story.

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| Hilliard d'Auberteuil, Michel-René. Paris to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 August 19 | A.L.S. 2p. | XXV, 159. |
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Thanking him for the History of Lord North's Administration. Desires him to grant an interview to M. Sobe, who desires a commission from Congress for the merchandise the United States intend to buy in Guyenne.

(In French.)

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| Colomb, Pierre. Nimes to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 August 19 | A.L.S. 2p. | XXV, 160. |
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Urges his former request for an exchange; needs this to enable him to join his regiment in America.
(In French.)

Ingenhousz, Jan 1782 August 20 A.L.S. 3p. XXV, 161.
to Benjamin Franklin

Thanking him for his letter containing the explanation of the stroke of lightning at Cremona, as well as his favor of the 4th ult. Reasons for thinking there will be a general Congress at Vienna. Tempted to spend his declining years with Franklin in America. Reflections induced by Franklin's experiment with wires. Franklin's remark that it was to the interest of all Europe to prevent a federal connection between Great Britain and the American Free States; gave this extract with some of his reflections thereon to the Emperor. If M. Le Bègue [de Presle] is too busy to take charge of the impression of his book, intends confiding it to M. Le Roy.

Lee, William. Brussels 1782 August 21 A.L.S. 2p. XXV, 161 1/2.
to Benjamin Franklin

Transcribing XXV, 114 (see p. 487), to which he has received no reply; again requests to know whether Franklin has received these instructions from Mr. [Robert] Morris.

Coffyn, Francis. Dunkirk 1782 August 20 A.L.S. 2p. XXV, 162.
to Benjamin Franklin

Mr. Samuel Mansfield, Captain in the service of the United States, who escaped from an English prison and arrived in France is destitute of means. Furnished him on Franklin's account with the necessary sum to defray his expenses to Paris.
(In French.)

Sorin, Madame. Passy 1782 August 25 L. in 3d P. 1p. XXV, 163.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begging him to forward the four packets by four different vessels.
(In French.)

Cousturier, -----. Saissac 1782 August 25 A.L.S. 1p. XXV, 164.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Has served France in all the wars in Germany; desires to see America and to fight under Gen. Washington; begs Franklin to grant him some military employment.

(In French.)

Grasse, François-Joseph-Paul, comte de. 1782 August 25 L.S. 2p. XXV, 166.

Paris

to Benjamin Franklin

Begging Franklin, as a personal favor, to release the English Captain, Henry Asgill.

(In French.)

Bibliography

Grasse, François-Joseph-Paul, comte de. 1782 August 26 L. in 3d P. 1p. XXV, 167.

Paris

to Benjamin Franklin

Asking that the annexed letter [XXV, 166] be forwarded to the President of Congress.

(In French.)

Ritchie, Juliana. Cambray 1782 August 27 A.L.S. 2p. XXV, 168.

to Benjamin Franklin

The report confirmed of her husband's death; expects to return to her father and family in London; offers to undertake any commission for Franklin. Never expects to see Philadelphia again.

Hill, J. Paris 1782 August 31 L. in 3d P. 1p. XXV, 169.

to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to know the success of his application to the Spanish Ambassador for a passport.

All, Isaac. Nantes 1782 September 3 A.L.S. 1p. XXVI, 1.

to Benjamin Franklin

Has fitted out a few ships and expects to sail in four or five weeks; happy to execute any commands with which he may entrust him. Hears that he has several anchors at his disposal; applies for one.

Barclay, Thomas. Paris 1782 September 3 A.L.S. 3p. XXVI, 2.

to Benjamin Franklin

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Has returned the papers relative to the consular powers; has only one suggestion to make; thinks the Consuls and Vice-Consuls ought to be left at liberty to carry on what commerce they please.

Laurens, Henry. Nantes 1782 September 3 A.L.S. 1p. XXVI, 3.
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging his kindness. Waiting for permission to reenter England and embark for New York; desires the necessary passport for leaving France with his son, two daughters and a domestic.

Dumas, C.G.F. 1782 September 4 A.L.S. 1p. XXXIX, 221
to Benjamin Franklin

Departure for France of Mr. [Gerard van de] Brantsen; Minister Plenipotentiary of a Holland to treat with M. de Berkenrode concerning the preliminaries of a general peace.
(In French.)

Cooper, Samuel. Boston 1782 September 6 A.L. 5p. XLIV, 52.
to Benjamin Franklin

His kinsman [William Cooper], whom he feared was a prisoner, has arrived here with many others of his countrymen. Fears the defeat of Count de Grasse in the West Indies will encourage the Court of London to continue the war. Current reports and disposition of the British forces. The Marquis de Vaudreuil, with thirteen ships of the line and several frigates, arrived from the West Indies to repair; every courtesy extended to the Marquis. The "Magnifique" of 74 guns went aground and it is feared is lost. It is proposed with general unanimity that Congress give the 74 gen ship at Portsmouth to the King to supply the place of the "Magnifique." An English fleet of 25 sails of the line arrived near the Chesapeake. Never approved of Mr. [John] Temple's going to England and to Lord North to oppose the representations of Galloway. Mr. Temple claims great merit for procuring and sending to this country the Hutchinson letters. To this Judge [James] Sullivan opposes your advertisement in a London paper and a letter of Mr. Temple in which he declares he had nothing to do with them. Recommends Mr. Jonathan Amory of Boston to his attention. Is now residing in Brussels. He took the oath of allegiance to the King but now desires to return to this country.

Veimerange, Palteau de 1782 September 6 L.S. 2p. XXVI, 4.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Kindness of the Prince of Robecq; begs that measures may be taken to obtain his release.

Pigault de Lepinoy, President ---- 1782 September 11 A.L.S. 2p. XXVI, 12.
to Benjamin Franklin

No monument worthy of Franklin's greatness; the objects which have aided him in his career will assume to the possessor a precious importance; an engraving of Franklin, a pair of spectracles and one of the pens which traced the glory and safety of America -- these represent his heart's desire; will Franklin refuse them to him?
(In French.)

St. Clair, ----- 1782 September 11 A.L.S. 2p. XXVI, 13.
to Benjamin Franklin

Innocent of the charge for which he has been confined during three months; had nothing to do with the arrest of the Captain of the Dutch corsair; persuaded if Franklin explains the affair to Comte de Ségur, there will be an end to his imprisonment.
(In French.)

Macatter, Mary and A Kelly 1782 September 12 L.S. 2p. XXVI, 6.
to Benjamin Franklin

Acquainting Franklin with the distressing situation of their husbands, Capt. Edward Macatter and Capt. John Kelly (*alias* Grumly); the former a prisoner in London, the latter in Dublin; money owing them from the sale of prizes by John Torris; the villainy and deceit of Torris; if the liquidation of the prizes could be obtained, something might be done; beg Franklin to intercede on their behalf.

Nesbitt, Jonathan, & Co. 1782 September 13 A.L.S. 1p. XXVI, 14.
to Benjamin Franklin

Asking for a commission to command a letter of marque for Capt. Thomas Bell, commander of the "Renette" bound from l'Orient to Philadelphia.

Bouchet, -----. Paris 1782 September 14 A.L.S. 1p. XXVI, 15.
to Benjamin Franklin

Asks for a packet of clothing for Madame Williams at Nantes; his carriage commodious; will bear anything Franklin would like to send.

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(In French.)

Carroll, John (Catholic Priest) 1782 September 15 L. in 3d P. 1p.XXVI, 16.
to Benjamin Franklin

Franklin may remember him by the campaign into Canada; begs that the enclosed letters may be forwarded.

Beall, Samuel. Williamsburg 1782 September 16 A.L.S. 1p. XXVI, 17.
to Benjamin Franklin

At Mrs. [Ann] Evans's request, encloses letters and bill of exchange for her daughter, Mrs. [Ann] Loviel; Mrs. Evans's strong desire to have her daughter back in Virginia; has promised to pay Mrs. Loviel's passage to the Captain of any vessel who will take her.

Beall, Samuel. Williamsburg 1782 September 16 A.L.S. 1p. XLII, 98.
to Benjamin Franklin

At the desire of Mrs.[Ann] Evans, asks Dr. Franklin to assist her daughter, Mrs. [Ann] Loviel, to return from France to Virginia.

Schwediauer, Francis Xavier 1782 September 17 L. in 3d P. 1p.XXVI, 18.
to Benjamin Franklin

Is a physician from Vienna and a fellow-traveler of Dr. Ingen Housz in his last journey to England; desires to communicate a plan for a code of penal laws, which might prove useful to any nation.

**Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves,
marquis de, 1757-1834** 1782 September 17 L. in 3d P. 1p.XXVI, 19.
to Benjamin Franklin

Announcing the birth of a daughter.
(In French.)

Pierres, Philippe Denis 1782 September 18 A.L.S. 1p. XXVI, 20.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sending a copy of the Manual of Epictetus, in Greek, which he is at present printing.
(In French.)

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Barry, Amelia. Pisa 1782 September 20 A.L.S. 2p. XXVI, 21.
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing Dr. Burrows; to her great regret, he and his family are going to England; any attention Franklin may show him she will consider as a personal favor.

Perregaux, -----. Paris 1782 September 21 L. in 3d. P. XXVI, 22.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Begging the acceptance of a bill of exchange.
(In French.)

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1782 September 21 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVIII,
to Benjamin Franklin 120.

Introducing Mr. Nathaniel Nelson; his reason for going to Ireland; begs Franklin to grant him the necessary passport.

Brongniart, Antoine Louis. Paris 1782 September 22 A.L.S. 2p. XXVI, 24.
to Benjamin Franklin

Obtained from the sculptor he mentioned to Franklin two drawings of fair-sized medals, and two designs of the same subject from a painter of his acquaintance; desires to know when and where he can show them to Franklin.
(In French.)

Nesbitt, Johnthan. L'Orient 1782 September 23 A.L.S. 1p. XXVI, 25.
to Benjamin Franklin

Seconding the request of Captains [Alexander] Cain, [James] Josiah and [Richard] Deale, of the ships "St. James," "Lady Washington" and "Queen of France."

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1782 September 24 A.L.S. 3p. XXXVIII,
to Benjamin Franklin 121.

Proposing a speedy method of exchanging a number of prisoners.

De Louse, Jean-Baptiste 1782 September 25 A.L.S. 2p. XXVI, 26.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Begging for a passport for a vessel sailing from Ostend.

A.E. by Dr. Franklin. Has no authority to give such passports, and if he had, it would be no of use.

Lincoln, Benjamin. War Office, Phila 1782 Setember 25 XXVI, 27.
to Benjamin Franklin

Ordered by Congress to prepare and lay before them a state of the pay, rations and subsistence of the officers and men in the European armies; begs Franklin to furnish him with such details concerncing the armies of France, Spain and Germany. Fine condition of the American army; compliment paid the troops by Count [de] Rochambeau; splendid conduct of the French troops; friendship existing between the two allied armies.

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Petit, -----. Paris 1782 Setember 26 A.L.S. 2p. XXVI, 28.
to Benjamin Franklin

M. de Villiers has constructed a watch on original lines; desires to place this invention before him. (In French.)

Barclay, Thomas. Brest 1782 Setember 30 A.L.S. 4P. XXVI, 29.
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the American supplies at Brest and the scarcity of proper vessels in which to carry, them; does not advise shipping any of them as long as there is a probability of the Court of France sending them; necessity of getting them off in time for the next campaign.

-----, ----- 1782 September Mem. 1p. LXIII, 31 and
to Benjamin Franklin 32.

Account of the daily consumption of wine, beer, etc., at Dr. Franklin's table. (In French.)

Whitefoord, Caleb and Richard Oswald 1782 October 1 L. in 3d P. 1p.XL, 79.
to Benjamin Franklin

Promising to dine with Franklin; sending the letter relative to Capt. Blair; hope a favourable answer to Gen. Conway's request.

Ridley, Matthew. Paris 1782 October 1 A.L.S. 1p. XXVI, 30.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning bills of exchange.

(In French.)

Ingenhousz, Jan

1782 October 2

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

to Benjamin Franklin

Found an account of Père Barletti's pamphlet in an Italian journal, Hopes Franklin has not laid aside his reflections on the new fire-place which has the form of a vase or urn. Trusts his admonition will have some effect on Mr. Samuel Wharton and his son. Message sent by Sir Robert Murray Keith to the Dutch Envoy at Vienna, to the effect that seven of the thirteen American provinces had submitted to the English government; desires to know whether there is any foundation for such a report. New and important discoveries he has made in vegetables. Experiment of burning wire.

Valltravers, Johann Rodolph. Vienna

1782 October 2

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

to Benjamin Franklin

All his attempts to recover his sacrificed property from the German vultures have failed. Expects to leave shortly for Venice where he will be happy to receive Franklin's commands; thinks he might be useful in sounding the general disposition of the Venetian state towards America, and in bringing them over to the support of their sister-republic. Grants of land made to him in New York and Georgia. His belief in legal and equal liberty.

Ponteney, comtesse de

1782 October 3

A.L.S. 2p. XXVI, 33.

to Benjamin Franklin

Had the honor of dining with Franklin four years before, on the eve of her departure for Italy; has just returned, bringing a letter in her favor from the Queen of Italy to the Queen of France; expects to go to Passy the following day for her answer, and begs permission to spend the time she may have to wait at Franklin's house.

(In French.)

The Ambassador of the Emperor of

1782 October 4

L. in 3d P. 1p.XLIV, 53.

H.R.E

to Benjamin Franklin

Will forward the package addressed to Mr. Ingen Housz, which Franklin has sent him.

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(In French.)

Nesbitt, Jonathan, & Co. 1782 October 7 A.L.S. 2p. XXVI, 34.
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging his of the 30th ult., with the enclosures for Captains [Alexander] Cain, [James] Josiah and [Richard] Deale, who are extremely obliged. Begg Franklin to order everything done to accelerate the speedy condemnation of the prize ship "Lion." Three American ships of force in port, which will sail for Philadelphia between the 15th and 20th.

Wright, Patience. London 1782 October 7 A.L.S. 1p. XXVI, 35.
to Benjamin Franklin

Heard with great concern of his illness. Entertaining time she had at Bath.

Le Fort, Marc. Marseilles 1782 October 7 A.L.S. 3p. XXVI, 35 1/2.
to Benjamin Franklin

Requesting him to use his interest with Congress to obtain indemnity for them.

(In French.)

Barclay, Thomas. Brest 1782 October 8 A.L.S. 4p. XXVI, 36.
to Benjamin Franklin

Impossibility of forwarding the supplies at the expense of the French Court; suggests various channels by which they may be shipped. News of the arrival at Boston of Capt. Grinnell with 2,500 suits of clothing.

Kéralio, Agathon Guynement, chevalier 1782 October 8 A.L.S. 2p. XXVI, 37.
de
to Benjamin Franklin

After five months of travel and work has returned to the Countess of Forbach; regret to hear his health is not what it was; delighted to hear of the rich prizes lately brought in at l'Orient.

(In French.)

Regnier, -----. Paris 1782 October 12 A.L.S. 2p. XXVI, 38.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Making a collection of the laws of the United States; his first volume presented to the Due de la Rochefoucauld, who approved his design of publishing a second volume; desires permission to copy certain documents which may not be in his collection and to submit the order and plan of his work to Franklin's criticism and advice.

(In French.)

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| Hodgson, William. London to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 October 14 | A.L.S. 2p. | XXVI, 39. |
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Glad Franklin is better; can't afford to lose him yet. Has been promised that the 120 American prisoners should be sent to l'Orient as soon as a vessel could be got ready. Money he advanced to Capt. Houston before he left Forton Prison; desires to know if the bill will be honored in l'Orient; if so, wishes the money sent to Mr. Wright for the picture which he is expecting. Question of the French Ministry continuing the war after America's claims have been adjusted.

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| Chalut and Arnous, Abbés to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 October 14 | N. 1p. | LXX, 47b. |
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Sending four letters of recommendation for Sir [Edward] Newenham.
(In French.)

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| Preble, Joshua. Tenterden to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 October 16 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXVI, 40. |
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Had the misfortune to be captured by the "Intrepid" while serving as captain of the sloop "Retaliation"; at present is on parole; begs Franklin to loan him ten or twelve pounds; his father is Jedediah Preble of Falmouth, and one of the Council of Boston.

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| Washington, George. Head Quarters, State of New York to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 October 18 | A.L.S. 3p. | XXVI, 41. |
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Acknowledging Franklin's favors of April 2d and 8th delivered to him by the Comte de Ségur and the Prince de Brogile; promise of attention to these distinguished young noblemen. Reasons for fearing a continuance of their present troubles. Condition of military affairs.

(Duplicate.)

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Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Niebelschütz, Capt. Wesel 1782 October 18 L.S. 2p. XXVI, 42.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desiring news of Frantz Siegfried de Wutsen, a resident of Magdeburg, who passed from the Prussian to the American service and embarked for the United States in 1777; since then his family have heard nothing of him; importance of ascertaining whether he be alive or dead.

(In French.)

Houdetot, Comtesse d' 1782 October 18 A.L. in 3d P. XXVI, 43.
to Benjamin Franklin 2p.

Desiring him to forward the enclosed packet; it is the property of M. St. Jean de Crevecoeur, who desires particularly to know if Franklin received a work he sent him on the troubles and disasters of America.

(In French.)

E. by M. de Musset-Pathay concerning the Comtesse d'Houdetot.

Girardot, Haller and Co. Paris 1782 October 18 L.S. 1p. XXVI, 44.
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing Mr. Housberg, head of a cast-iron foundry, whose proposals they trust will meet with Franklin's approval.

(In French.)

Penet, P. Belfort 1782 October 20 L.S. 3p. XXVI, 45.
to Benjamin Franklin

Obliged to suspend payment and to go into retirement; is trying to come to some agreement with his creditors.

(In French.)

Auer, M. Ebingen 1782 October 21 A.L.S. 1p. XXVI, 23.
to Benjamin Franklin

Thanking him for his generous section on behalf of the widow Höcklerin; desires to know how she is to obtain the sum of money and how much it will be in the coin of the Realm.

(In French.)

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A.E. by Dr. Franklin. The sum is in the hands of M. Frederic Grand; Mrs. Höcklerin can draw it in such a manner as she shall be advised.

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| Bingel, R. Hoymb to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 October 21 | A.L.S. 1p. | LIX, 40, 41 and 42. |
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Concerning the estate of Johann Gottfried Schmidt. His son, Johann Friedrich, settled as preacher in Germantown, Pennsylvania, 15 years ago.

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| Crespin, Jacques François. Dunkirk to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 October 22 | A.L.S. 3p. | XXVI, 46. |
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The unfortunates who served on the "Revenge," Capt. Conyngham, disappointed again and again in the hope of obtaining their share of the prize-money; in danger at present of being turned into the street; begs Franklin to intercede with Mr. Richard Bache to procure their just dues.

(In French.)

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| Calhoun, James to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 October 24 | L.S. 3p. | XXVI, 47. |
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Capt. Harrison's protest against the misconduct of the commander of the frigate "Em[e]r(o) [au]d[e]," whose desertion at a critical moment caused his ship the "Jolly Tar" to be taken by the English and carried to New York; detailed account of the whole affair.

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| Barney, Capt Joshua. Paris to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 October | L. in 3d P. 1p. | XXVI, 49. |
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Accepting invitation for dinner.

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| Franklin, William Temple to Benjamin Franklin | [1782. October.] | Dr. of D. 1p. | LVIII, 79. |
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Oath of office as Secretary of the Commissioners.

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| Cuming and Macarty. L'Orient to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 November 1 | L.S. 1p. | XXVI, 50. |
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Return Capt. Houston's bill accepted.

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| Chalut and Arnous, Abbés | 1782 November 4 | L. in 3d P. 1p. | XXVI, 51. |
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to Benjamin Franklin

Sending him the answer received from the Commandant of Lyons. [See XXVI, 48] in regard to their letter of recommendation to Sir [Edward] Newenham.

(In French.)

Ridley, Matthew. Paris

1782 November 6

L. in 3d P. 1p.XXVI, 52.

to Benjamin Franklin

Will wait upon Franklin the following Saturday.

Chalut and Arnous, Abbés

1782 November 6

L. in 3d P. 1p.XXVI, 54.

to Benjamin Franklin

Desiring him to lend them the two volumes of Chinese memoirs.

(In French.)

La Blancherie, Claude-Mammès de Pahin 1782 November 7

L. in 3d P. 1p.XXVI, 55.

Champlain de

to Benjamin Franklin

Desires the death certificate of M. de Troye, Lieutenant in Pulaski's Legion, who died at Charlestown and was buried there on December 21st, 1779; also wishes Mr. [John] Adam's address.

(In French.)

Vicq d' Azyr, Félix

1782 November 8

A.L.S. 1p. XXVI, 56.

to Benjamin Franklin

Has been asked to write an eulogy on the late Sir John Pringle, to be read at their next public meeting [of the Royal Society of Medicine]; knowing this celebrated physician to have been a great friend of Franklin applies to him for details of his life and works.

(In French.)

Trumbull, Jonathan. Lebanon

1782 November 9

A.L.S. 1p. XXVI, 57.

to Benjamin Franklin

Reminds him of the circumstances of the institution of the University of Dartmouth in New Hampshire; Dr. [Eleazar] Wheelock's indefatigable labors to civilize and christianize the native Indians; this work interrupted by the war; Dr. Wheelock's son [John] now the president, who, in order

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to bring the institution to perfection, is authorized by the trustees to solicit benefactions in France and Holland; recommends him to Franklin's assistance and patronage.

La Société Typographique 1782 November 10 A.L.S. 3p. XXVI, 58.
to Benjamin Franklin

A subscriber to their encyclopaedia of 39 volumes; by this time he will have received all the volumes, therefore they beg him to send the price of the subscription to M. Grand, banker in Paris.
(In French.)

Newenham, Sir Edward. Marseilles 1782 November 12 A.L.S. 1p. XXVI, 59.
to Benjamin Franklin

Fears that the British Janus does not intend to deal fairly by the Kingdom of Ireland in the expected treaty of peace; wishes to know if Ireland is particularly mentioned; has written a public letter to the men of Ireland advising them to demand this of their King; encloses a copy [1 p.]; has delayed sending it until he hears from Franklin.

Newenham, Sir Edward. Marseilles 1782 November 13 A.L.S. 2p. XXVI, 60.
to Benjamin Franklin

Nothing very interesting in Irish politics; Lord Temple more assiduous and more prodigal in offers to corrupt the Parliament than any of his predecessors. The British Ministry determined to push the raising of 5,000 fencibles. Respect and admiration for Franklin. Expects to convey to Ireland the valuable present of Franklin's bust, from which he expects to have many models made.

Newenham, Sir Edward. Marseilles 1782 November 14 A.L.S. 1p. XXVI, 61.
to Benjamin Franklin

Recommending Mr. John Christopher Hornbostel for Chief Consul for Provence and Languedoc.

Hodgson, William. London 1782 November 14 A.L.S. 2p. XXVI, 62.
to Benjamin Franklin

Delay in exchange caused by the Government having no ships for that service. Asked to propose to Franklin to exchange Lieut.-Col. Tarleton for two Captains of American privateers; England's attitude in hitherto absolutely refusing to acknowledge any rank in Americans taken and brought into England; thinks this proposition is due to the Heir-Apparent at the instigation of a beautiful lady who

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bestows her favors occasionally on both him and Lieut.-Col.----- ; Mr. [Henry] Laurens returned from Bath and intends going to Paris.

Panckouche, Charles Joseph 1782 November 14 L in 3d P. 1p. XXVI, 63.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sending him the enclosed letter.
(In French.)

Racine, Charles Quentin 1782 November 14 L.S. 2p. XXVI, 64.
to Benjamin Franklin

Served on the "Bon Homme Richard" under Paul Jones, when he captured the "Serapis"; demands his share of the prize-money.
(In French.)

Ehet, Johann Thadeus de 1782 November 16 L in 3d P. 1p. XXVI, 65.
to Benjamin Franklin

The independence of the United States will shortly be recognized by all the powers of Europe; offers his services at Augsburg, in matters of politics, commerce, and jurisprudence.
(In French.)

Ehet, Johann Thadeus de 1782 November 16 A.L.S. 4p. LIX, 51.
to Benjamin Franklin

An Agent or chargé d'Affaires for the United States will be needed at every large German city. Offers his services.

Pio, Luigi de 1782 November 16 L in 3d P. 2p. XXVI, 66.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desiring to know if Franklin received a letter from M. Filangieri of Naples, the author of an essay on legislation, 1 who wishes to merit the esteem of the greatest philosopher of the New World.
(In French.)

Other Descriptive Information

1 Scienza della Legislazione, Naples, 1780.

Carmichael, William. Madrid 1782 November 16 A.L.S. 1p. XXVI, 67.

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Introducing the Comte de Rechteien.

de Malsonneuve-Dommartin,-----. Nancy 1782 November 21 A.L.S. 3p. XXVI, 68.
to Benjamin Franklin

Informed that History of the Revolution has been written in America; desires to know where he may obtain a copy; being prevented from fighting for the Colonies, wishes to render them a service by translating this history into French.

(In French.)

Cohin and Cie 1782 November 22 A.L.S. 4p. XXVI, 69.
to Benjamin Franklin

Have been defrauded by M. P. Penet; the merchandise supplied at his request was destined for Virginia, therefore they apply to Franklin, as the representative of the United States in France, to obtain payment for these goods.

(In French.)

Nepean, Sir Evan 1782 November 23 4p. LVI(i), 87.
to Benjamin Franklin

Papers and letters relative to complaints of the treatment of British prisoners in America.

Penn, Lady Juliana. London 1782 November 23 A.L.S. 2p. XXVI, 70.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begging his assistance and protection in recovering the rights and possessions of an unfortunate family; he knows their losses too well to need an account of them; aware that Lord Shelburne has authorized Mr. [Samuel] Vaughan to back her application, but would rather rely on the justice of her cause; adopts Franklin for the guardian of William Penn's grandchildren.

Fanning, Nathaniel. Dunkirk Gaol 1782 November 23 A.L.S. 3p. XXVI, 71.
to Benjamin Franklin

His arrest and imprisonment on the charge that his crew pillaged a neutral vessel; disclaims any knowledge of it; declares the orders on his vessel ["The Eclipse"] were very strict against plundering neutral vessels; thinks a captain cannot always prevent such unlawful proceedings; comes of a

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reputable family in New London; feels his character much injured by such treatment; implores Franklin's intercession on his behalf.

Arnauld, ----- . Belleville 1782 November 26 A.L.S. 2p. XXVI, 72.
to Benjamin Franklin

As the director of a school intended for young noblemen, begs Franklin to recommend it to the Americans who intend educating their children in Paris.
(In French.)

Pigott, Robert. Geneva 1782 November 26 XXVI, 73.
to Benjamin Franklin

Saw Franklin's grandson and his companion Jeanet; praises both boys.

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Ingenhousz, Jan 1782 November 27 A.L.S. 3p. XXVI, 74.
to Benjamin Franklin

Anxious about Mr. Samuel Wharton's principles; cannot believe his crime is a worse one than a neglect to write; Dr. Bancroft's behavior inspires him with the most unfavorable suspicions; reasons why he can ill afford to lose any more money; begs Franklin to obtain from Mr. Bancroft, Mr. Wharton's original letters, look them over and report on them. Result of his controversy with Dr. Priestley; will follow Franklin's good advice about abstaining from polemics.

Des Rosières, ----- 1782 November 27 A.L.S. 2p. XXVI, 75.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begging a passage to America for a clever youth called Minet; the sooner he leaves paris the better; his ability will enable him to become a printer or engage in any other work.
(In French.)

Williams, Jonathan Jr. 1782 November 27 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVIII,
to Benjamin Franklin 122.

Introducing Captain Geo[rge] Meggs, taken prisoner on his passage from New York to London.

Ingenhousz, Jan 1782 November 29 A.L.S. 3p. XXVI, 76.
to Benjamin Franklin

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Acknowledging his favor of November 12th with the welcome contradiction of the reports circulated against America. Dr. Bancroft's letter fails to clear up the matter and Mr. Samuel Wharton's silence remains inexcusable; suspicious nature of certain circumstances. Experiment for burning wire.

Cautions Franklin against taking too much medicine; recommends rubbing and exercise.

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| Leleu, N., l'aîné to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 November 29 | A.L.S. 2p. | XXVI, 77. |
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Writes of a young man who desires to go to America and establish himself in commerce; his family too poor to pay his expenses; thought Franklin might get him his passage free.
(In French.)

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| Putnam, Benjamin. Bordeaux to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 November 30 | A.L.S. 1 p. | XXVI, 78. |
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Concerning certain bills of exchange sold to Mr. John Augustus Byrne.

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| La Salle, M de to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 November 30 | A.L.S. 2 p. | XXVI, 79. |
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The [Masonic] Brotherhood of the Nine Sisters desire to send a deputation to Franklin to felicitate him on the approaching peace.
(In French.)

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| Brantsen, Gerard to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 November | L in 3d. P. 1p. | XXVI, 80. |
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Desires to pay his respects to Franklin and to inform him of the audience he had with the King, in his capacity of Minister Plenipotentiary of the United Provinces.
(In French.)

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| Kermelin, Baron de to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 November | A.L.S. 1p. | XL, 194. |
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Announcing his intention of waiting upon Franklin the following day.
(In French.)

A.E. by Dr. Franklin. Regrets that he is obliged to be absent from Passy that morning.

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(In French.)

Zeller, Heinrich Hartmann 1782 December 4 A.L.S. 3p. LIX, 52.
to Benjamin Franklin

Inquiry concerning Johann Jacob Hoefle, cooper, who went to Philadelphia in 1744. In 1750 he worked for Michel Diel or Thiel. Since then nothing has been heard of him.

(In German.)

Zeller, Heinrich Hartmann 1782 December 4 L. in 3d P. 2p.XL, 86.
to Benjamin Franklin

Inquiry concerning Johann Jacob Hoefle, cooper, who went to Philadelphia in 1744. In 1750 he worked for Michel Diel or Thiel. Since then nothing has been heard of him.

(In French.)

Ségur, Philippe-Henri, marquis de 1782 December 5 L. in 3d P. 1p.XXVI, 86.
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging Franklin's kindness in sending him a packet arrived from Nantes.

(In French.)

Wren, Thomas. Portsmouth 1782 December 5 A.D.S. 1p. XXVI, 87.
to Benjamin Franklin

Certifying that James Carr was in the service of the United States and sailed for Philadelphia on the ship "Active"; was captured by the British ship "Proserpine" and detained many months a prisoner at Forton, where he conducted himself with great propriety and good behavior.

Greene, Caty. Westerly [R. I.] 1782 December 5 A.L.S. 2p. XXVI, 88.
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging Franklin's letter by Comte de Segur; her opinion of this gentleman. News of his sister [Mecom] who is low spirited at not hearing from him. Her son Ray highly spoken of by the President and tutors of the College. Suffering of the inhabitants of Rhode Island. News of various old friends.

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marquis de, 1757-1834

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

to Benjamin Franklin

Account of the fleet being driven back by the wind. Impatiently awaiting information on their money affairs. M. de Rayneval's speedy return makes him hope peace is not far distant.

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to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to see Franklin about an urgent matter relating to himself.

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| Saint-Auban, Jacques-Antoine Baratier, marquis de | 1782 December 8 | A.L.S. 2p. XXVI, 90. |
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to Benjamin Franklin

Reasons why he has not been able to have the honor of Franklin's company at dinner; hopes he has completely recovered from his late indisposition.
(In French.)

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| Grand, Ferdinand | 1782 December 9 | A.L.S. 1p. XXVI, 91. |
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to Benjamin Franklin

The annexed letter to M. de Vergennes [2p.] contains some ideas engendered by his last conversation with Franklin; if the letter is not presented, begs Franklin at least to ask for the payments he points out; these are indispensable.
(In French.)

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| Barney, Capt Joshua. L'Orient | 1782 December 9 | A.L.S. 2p. XXVI, 92. |
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to Benjamin Franklin

Enumerates the vessels at l'Orient; their time of sailing uncertain; his ship ready to start at a moment's warning. Congratulates him on the conclusion of a war, which must terminate so favourably for America.

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| Vyssery de Bois-Valée, Charles-Dominique de | 1782 December 10 | A.L.S. 3p. XXVI, 93. |
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to Benjamin Franklin

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Concerning a lightning-rod which he erected on his grounds which terroized the town and brought upon him an order from the police to destroy it in twenty-four hours as a dangerous invention; memoir he has written on the subject; the trial is to take place in Paris; awaits the result with extreme impatience.

(In French.)

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| Calhoun, James to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 December 11 | A.D.S. 2p. | XXVI, 94. |
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Deposition of Captain John Carey, sworn to before James Calhoun, Justice of the Peace at Baltimore, setting forth the abominable treatment he and his ship were subjected to by a French frigate.

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| Priestley, Joseph Rayner to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 December 12 | L. 1p. | XXVI, 95. |
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Account of his latest experiment in turning pure water into air; deductions he draws from this concerning the early formation of the earth.

(In French. Copy.)

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| Hodgson, William. London to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 December 12 | A.L.S. 2p. | XXVI, 96. |
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Announcing their safe arrival a quick passage. Desires Franklin's sentiments upon the probability of a final issue. Informed at the State Office that advices had been received from New York in which Congress absolutely refused to comply with the agreement made relative to the exchange of prisoners; desirous of having this explained; chance of a ship being sent to l'Orient very soon; asks that all the English prisoners may be collected together at that port; repeated request for the release of Lieut-Col. Tarleton and Col. Simcoe.

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| Autheume, -----. Rennes to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 December 12 | A.L.S. 5p. | XXVI, 97. |
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Account of himself, and his present position as a manufacturer at Rennes; difficulties he encounters in commerce; his desire to trade with America; encloses a letter from Messrs. Lacaze and Mallet of Philadelphia [2 p.] to prove his connection with that firm; begs Franklin to assist him to enlarge his business.

(In French.)

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Fitz-Herbert, Alleyne. Paris [1782.] December 12 L. 1p. XLIII, 176.
to Benjamin Franklin

Inviting Dr. Franklin and Mr. Franklin to dine with him at the Hôtel du Parc Royal.

Kéralio, Agathon Guynement, chevalier 1782 December 12 A.L. 1p. XXVI, 98.
de
to Benjamin Franklin

The Comtesse de Forbach begs Franklin to take charge of the enclosed packet for her eldest son.
Awaiting with impatience the first news of peace.
(In French.)

Lacepède, Bernard-Germain-Etienne de 1782 December 12 A.L.S. 2p. XXVI, 99.
La Ville-sur-Ilion, comte de. Paris
to Benjamin Franklin

His profound admiration for franklin; this is shown in the first part of his "Physique Générale et Particulière" which he is about to publish.
(In French.)

Le Baron, -----. Dieppe 1782 December 14 A.L.S. 2p. XXVI, 100.
to Benjamin Franklin

Pleasure he experienced at hearing that England was about to recognize the independence of America; congratulating Franklin. Desires to know if the Imperial flag can enter, without danger, the ports of Boston and Philadelphia, charged with merchandise for Ostend.
(In French.)

The Ambassador of Sweden. Paris 1782 December 14 L. in 3d P. 1p. XLIV, 54.
to Benjamin Franklin

Proposes to call on Franklin tomorrow forenoon to confer with him about important matters.
(In French.)

Bancroft, Edward. Chaillot 1782 December 15 A.L.S. 1p. XXVI, 101.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Impossible to obtain the certificate Mr. Deane desires until M. de Beaumarchais returns.

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| Holker, Jean. Rouen to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 December 15 | A.L.S.2p. | XXVI, 102. |
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Congratulates Franklin on obtaining peace and gaining liberty for his country. Reminds Franklin to spend some day with them before he returns to the land of promise.

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| Vaughan, Samuel. London to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 December 16 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXVI, 103. |
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Introducing Lady Julian Penn to whose case he doubts not Franklin will pay due attention. Congratulates him on the provisional steps taken towards peace; expects to embark for America as soon as that desirable end is attained.

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| Barclay, Thomas. L'Orient to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 December 16 | A.L.S. 2p. | XXVI, 104. |
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Sending a packet just arrived from Philadelphia. All the public goods now on their way to Nantes and l'Orient; will wait however to see the result of the present negotiations. Ships now at l'Orient loading for Philadelphia; freight demanded for carrying the public goods extravagantly high; however expects to get them all shipped in good time.

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| Bingel, R. Haym en haute Saxe to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 December 16 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXVI, 105. |
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Begging Franklin to sent the enclosed to Mr. Schmidt at Germantown.
(In French.)

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| Chalut and Arnous, Abbés to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 December 17 | N. 1p. | LXX, 47a. |
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Sending a work published by Abb"é de Mably, which the author presents to Dr. Franklin.
(In French.)

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| Geoffroy, Nicholas to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 December 18 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXVI, 106. |
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Acknowledging the receipt of Franklin's letter to the Comte de Vergennes.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

(In French.)

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| Perregaux, ----- Paris to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 December 18 | N. in 3d P. 1p. | LXXI, 16. |
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Sending a package which he received for him from London.

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| Mamboumel de Saradin, ----- to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 December 19 | A.L.S. 3p. | XXVI, 108. |
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His many discoveries and inventions; reason why the Acad"émie des Sciences is prejudiced against his work; value to America of his discoveries in the perfecting of agriculture.

(In French.)

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| Favi, Francesco to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 December 20 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXVI, 109. |
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Sending Franklin a portrait which arrived from Vienna, care of the Comte de Mercy.

(In French.)

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| Senff, Erdmann, Frédéric. Dürrenberg to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 December 21 | A.L.S. 4p. | XXVI, 110. |
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Has devoted his life to the production and preparation of salt; has read in the Gazette of the want of salt in America; lays before Franklin a project to form an establishment in America for the preparation of salt in various ways for the public.

(In French.)

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| Valltravers, Johann Rodolph. Vienna to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 December 24 | A.L.S. 4p. | XXVI, 111. |
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Introducing Mr. [de] Kampl, Counsellor of His Majesty's finances; his peculiar taste and genius for mechanical inventions; description of a life- size mechanical chess-player, one of his inventions, also a child of four or five years, who can utter the first articulated sounds. His own ruined state; his fondest wish is to be employed in the service of the United States.

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| Bridgen, Edward to Benjamin Franklin | 1782 December 24 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXVI, 112. |
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Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Enclosing a letter for Mr. L[arens]; thanks him for his kind attention to a certain proposal.

Hirigoyen, Joseph. Nantes 1782 December 24 A.L.S. 2p. XXVI, 113.
to Benjamin Franklin

There being no Consul of the United States at Nantes, applies to him for a passport for the vessel the "Camberwell," which is ready to depart at the first favorable moment.
(In French.)

Laurens, Henry. Paris 1782 December 24 L. in 3d P. 1p. XXVI, 115.
to Benjamin Franklin

Requesting Franklin to find a place in his despatches for the enclosed letter to Robert R. Livingston.

La Nouvelle Librairie de La Cour. Marmbeim 1782 December 24 A.L.S. 4p. XXVI, 116
to Benjamin Franklin

Importance attaching to a knowledge of the great Greek and Roman writers; their plan of bringing out at extremely reasonable rates, editions of the Roman writers of the Golden Age; desires Franklin to take a certain number of each author, for distribution in America.
(In French.)

d'Albon, Comte. Franconville 1782 December 25 A.L.S. 1p. XXVI, 117.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sends Franklin his work; believes him to be the creator of America's independence.
(In French.)

Carr, James. Cherbourg 1782 December 25 A.L.S. 1p. XXVI, 118.
to Benjamin Franklin

Was second mate and carpenter of the brigantine "Active," captured by the British on her passage from Philadelphia; imprisoned in England; made his escape with five others in a small sloop; question whether she will be condemned or no; begs Franklin's intercession in their behalf.

Tahon, J. Armentières 1782 December 27 A.L.S. 1p. XXVI, 119.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Enclosing a letter which he begs may be forwarded to his brother in Boston.

(In French.)

Crespin, Jacques François. Dunkirk 1782 December 27 A.L.S. 2p. XXVI, 120.
to Benjamin Franklin

Franklin's favor of Aug. 12th, 1781, gave the poor unfortunates of the "Revenge" hope of a speedy payment of their dues; since then, they have received nothing; bitter complaints of their treatment; implores Franklin to take some steps in their behalf.

(In French.)

Putnam, Benjamin. Paris 1782 December 28 A.L.S. 1p. XXVI, 121.
to Benjamin Franklin

On his passage to North Carolina will stop at New Providence [Bahamas] in the hope of procuring a clearance of a cargo of tobacco from that island to Europe; desires any assistance Franklin may render him, if it is only a certificate to the Governor, of his being a subject of the United States; expects to leave his affairs in the hands of Mr. Ridley.

Barclay, David. Youngsbury, 1782 December 28 A.L.S. 3p. XXVI, 122.
Hertfordshire
to Benjamin Franklin

Informed of Lady Juliana Penn's intention to go to Paris as an advocate for the representatives of the founder of Pennsylvania; reasons why he did not offer his personal services; thinks this letter will be delivered by his intimate and worthy friend, Richard Penn, who inherits the traits of his great ancestor; his hopes of meeting Franklin in England.

Seamen, Escaped American 1782 December 30 L. 2p. LVII, 34.
to Benjamin Franklin

Petition from six American seamen who escaped from Forton prison, scized a fishing boat and landed at Cherbourg.

(In French.)

Valltravers, Johann Rodolph. Vienna 1782 December 30 A.L.S. 2p. XXVI, 123.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Introducing M. de Kampl, mentioned in his last.

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| Dickinson, John. Philadelphia | 1782 December 30 | A.L.S. 1p. | XXVI, 124. |
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to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing Mr. Benjamin Morris, the youngest son of Mr. Samuel Morris.

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| Saint Esprit, Sœur Marie, abbesse du. Paris | 1782 December | A.L.S. 2p. | XXVI, 125. |
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to Benjamin Franklin

Offering Franklin their good wishes; their confidence in his charity makes them hope for the continuation of his gifts.

(In French.)

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| Alexander, Bethia. St. Germain | [| A.L.S. 1p. | XLI, 156. |
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to Benjamin Franklin

Reminding Franklin of their rendezvous at the Chateau of Marly; permission obtained to eat in the gardens or in the pavillion; names of those who are coming; provisions already purchased.

(In French.)

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| Alexander, Bethia. St. Germain | [1782.] | A.L.S. 2p. | XLIV, 271. |
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to Benjamin Franklin

Sends Franklin the Scotch songs which he desired. Mme. [la Comtesse] de la Marck thanks him for the seeds and would like to get some more seeds of American plants for her hot-house. Assures Franklin of her affection for him.

(In French.)

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| Alexander, William | [1782] | L in 3d P. 1p. | XL, 140. |
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to Benjamin Franklin

Offering Franklin a seat in their carriage to Choisy.

A.E. by Franklin. The party consists of Mme. Helvétius and the Alexander family, has accepted, and will return to Passy as early in the evening as circumstance will permit, and perhaps to dinner.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

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| Alexander, William and Miss Bethia to Benjamin Franklin | [1782] | A.L. in 3d P. XLII, 117. 1p. |
| Arranging for Franklin to dine with them and meet Madame Helvétius. | | |
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| d'Auberteuil, Hillard to Benjamin Franklin | [1782.] | A.L.S. 2p. XL, 155. |
| Sending Franklin a little work of his. (In French.) | | |
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| Bancroft, Edward. Passy to Benjamin Franklin | [1782?] | A.L.S. 1p. XLI, 94. |
| Inviting him to a plain dinner at 3 o'clock to meet Mr. Walpole. | | |
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| Barclay, Mr & Mrs, and Mr Ridley to Benjamin Franklin | c. 1782 Thursday | L. in 3d P. 1p. XLIII, 129. |
| Accepting invitation to dine with him. | | |
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| Bourdic, Baronne de to Benjamin Franklin | [1782] ----- 20 | A.L.S. 2p. XLI, 95. |
| Sending him the promised translation of the letter; found it a difficult task, having quitted her native and [Germany] at the age of four; asks pardon for the delay and begs to see him again, before returning home. (In French.) | | |
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| Brillon, Mme to Benjamin Franklin | [1779 Jan.] Wednesday morning. | A.L. 1p. XLIII, 59. |
| Unable to breakfast with him to-morrow. Expects he will call in the evening to play a game of chess with her. (In French.) | | |
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| Brillion, Mme to Benjamin Franklin | [Before 1779 June] Wednesday | A.L. 1p. XLIII, 61. |

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Count Stroganoff has invited her and some friends to go to Sèvres to see a procelain service made for the Empress of Russia. Asks Franklin if he wishes to go with them.

(In French.)

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| Brillion, Mme | [1779 before June] | A.L.S. 1p. | XLIII, 52. |
| to Benjamin Franklin | Wednesday | | |

Will call with her friends on their return from Sèvres to take tea with Franklin.

(In French.)

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| Brillon, Mme | [1782.] | A.L. in 3d P. | XLIII, 106. |
| to Benjamin Franklin | | 1p. | |

Mme. Davies and Mme. Brillon await Franklin who had promised to come on Sunday evening to the salon of Passy.

(In French.)

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| Brillon, Mme | [1779 January] Tuesday | A.L. 1p. | XLIII, 66. |
| to Benjamin Franklin | | | |

Reply to Franklin's inquiries about her health. Is going to Paris to consult her doctor.

(In French.)

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| Cabaret, ----- | [1782] | A.L.S. 1p. | XLI, 31. |
| to Benjamin Franklin | | | |

Defending himself against Franklin's complaint that his paper is excessively clear.

(In French.)

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| Chaumont, Jacques-Donatien Le Ray de | [1782?] | A. Mem. 1p. | LIV, 125(1). |
| to Benjamin Franklin | | | |

List of papers furnished by M. de Chaumont in support of his account with Franklin.

(In French.)

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| Chaumont, Jacques-Donatien Le Ray de | After March 13 | Mem. 1p. | LXIV, 4. |
| to Benjamin Franklin | | | |

Account with the United States.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Crèvecoeur, St. Jean de [1782] A.L.S. 1p. XL, 103.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desired the Marquis de Castries to send Franklin the edict relative to the establishment of five packet boats; wishes Franklin's observations thereon. Begs him to tell the Comtesse d'Houdetor where she can get the big wire for a second electrical rod.

Cuming and Macarty [1782.] A.L.S. 1p. XLI, 32.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desiring the necessary orders for the sale of the two prizes.

-----, ----- [1782?] Mem. 1p. LVI, 65.
to Benjamin Franklin

With reference to Dr. Franklin's accounts.
(In French.)

freres, Dangirard. Paris 1782 D. 5p. LXI, 53-55.
to Benjamin Franklin

A proposal for freighting vessels to America.
(In French.)

Dutilh, Pierre [1782] A.L. in 3d P. XLI, 6.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Has fitted out a vessel for New England; desires letters to Messrs. Robert Morris and Richard Bache at Philadelphia. Mr. Dorsius at Charleston, and Mr. Williams at Bostort, in order that they may receive the cargo.
(In French.)

Deux-Ponts, Marianne Camasse, duchesse [1779] [June] 26 A.N.S. 1p. LXX, 93.
La douairière de
to Benjamin Franklin

Inquiries if Franklin has any messages to send to Germany or Lorraine, and if he received the scissors she sent him a few days ago.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

(In French.)

Griffith, C.E. London [1782?] A.L.S. 3p. XL, 33.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begs his help in pressing their claim to large tracts of land in New York and New Jersey, left them by her uncle Bickley, one time Attorney-General at New York.

Grose, Alexander [L. in 3d P, 2p.LVII, 96.
to Benjamin Franklin

Is an American seaman and native of Cape Cod; petitions Franklin to obtain his release from prison at Dunkerque.

Harford, Henry [1782?] A.L.S. 2p. XL, 156.
to Benjamin Franklin

Congratulating Congress, through Franklin, on the approaching acknowledgment of that independence, so gloriously fought for; his intention to embark for America and become a citizen of that country. Acknowledging his polite attentions to Dr. Shuttleworth.

A.E. by Franklin, Mr. Smith who brought this letter states that Mr. Harford is Proprietary of Maryland.

Helvétius, Mme [1782.] Wednesday L. in 3d P. 1p.XLIII, 193.
to Benjamin Franklin

Invites Messrs. Franklin to dine with her informally. Through a misunderstanding did not see them yesterday when they called.

(In French.)

Jary, -----. Nantes [L. in 3d P. 1p.LXXIV, 110.
to Benjamin Franklin

Requests a passport for a vessel loaded with machinery for him bound from Chester, England, to Nantes.

(In French.)

Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves, marquis de, 1757-1834 [1782?] A.L. 1p. XLII, 135.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

to Benjamin Franklin

Prevented from waiting on Franklin by a visit from Mr. Jay; makes another appointment.

Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves, [1782?] A.L. 1p. XLII, 137.
marquis de, 1757-1834

to Benjamin Franklin

Desiring a copy of the paper he gave Major Rob, that he may enclose it to Gen. Washington and get his approbation of the measure.

Lanblin, ----- [1782] A.L.S. 3p. XL, 187.

to Benjamin Franklin

Presenting Franklin with an instrument, of his own invention, to be used in the marine, for ascertaining the position of the sun; asks no other recompense than some employment in Franklin's home; when peace is declared, desires to establish himself in America.
(In French.)

Laurens, Miss. Paris [1782.] A.L. in 3d P. XLIII, 204.
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Asks him to send any letters for her by bearer.

Lavoisier, M & Mme 1783 January 22 L. in 3d P. 1p. XL, 167.
to Benjamin Franklin

Congratulating him on the approaching peace and begging him to dine with them on the 27th.
(In French.)

Lemerre, ----- Lyons [1782] A.L.S. 2p. XL, 183.
to Benjamin Franklin

Absolutely resolved to go to America; begs for a letter of recommendation.
(In French.)

Le Roy, Jean Baptiste [A.L.S. 1p. LXXI, 39.
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Returning the papers containing accounts of two engagements between the English and the allied forces in America. Compliments Franklin on his progress in French. The only bad mistake he generally makes is in confounding the gender of words.

(In French.)

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| Le Roy, Jean Baptiste to Benjamin Franklin | [1782?] | A.L.S. 3p. | XLII, 154. |
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Concerning certain kinds of stoves. Desiring Franklin's interest on behalf of M. de lan Porte, who wishes the position of American Consul at Teneriffe.

(In French.)

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| Le Roy, Jean Baptiste to Benjamin Franklin | [1782?] | A.L.S. 3p. | XLII, 156. |
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Desiring to wait on Franklin with a young officer, a son of M. Guéneau [de Montbéliard]. Messages from Mme. Martin de Sette, à propos of a consulship for her husband. Acknowledging the beautiful medal presented to the club. Question of electing Dr. Priestley a member of the Acadé des Sciences.

(In French.)

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| Le Roy, Mme to Benjamin Franklin | [| A.N. 1p. | LXX, 65b. |
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Writes to inquire about his health and says that his friends (herself and others) would like to pay him a visit that evening.

(In French.)

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| Le Roy, Mme to Benjamin Franklin | [| A.L. 1p. | LXX, 67. |
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Is very displeased with Franklin for letting her go away in the inclement weather the previous evening so late and keeping M. Le Roy with whom she wished to take supper. Has always tried to be agreeable to him, but will in future not expose herself to such a slight. Returns him his umbrella.

(In French.)

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| Le Roy, Mme to Benjamin Franklin | [| A.N. in 3d P. | LXXI, 35b. |
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Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Inviting Dr. Franklin and his grandson to dine and spend the afternoon at her house.

(In French.)

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| Le Roy, Mme | [| A.N. in 3d P. LXXI, 36a. |
| to Benjamin Franklin | | 1p. |

Asking if he will introduce "La petite femme de poche" to M. and Mme. St. Auban.

(In French.)

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| Helvétius, Mme | [| N. 1p. A. Dr. LXXI, 100a. |
| to Benjamin Franklin | | of N. 1p. |

Inviting Dr. Franklin to dinner.

(In French.)

A.E. by Franklin: It gives him so much pleasure and happiness to see her and hear her speak that he cannot but accept such a precious invitation.

(In French.)

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| Le Roy, Mme | [| A.N. in 3d P. LXXI, 43b. |
| to Benjamin Franklin | | 1p. |

Inquiring about an invitation which they had received from Dr. Franklin.

(In French.)

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| La Loge des. Neuf Soeurs | 1779 before May 21 | 1p. | LVIII, 90. |
| to Benjamin Franklin | | | |

Noting that the honorary office of Venerable was unanimously bestowed on Franklin.

(In French.)

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| Martinet, Mathieu | [| L. 1p. | LVII, 89. |
| to Benjamin Franklin | | | |

Released from prison in England, petitions for prize-money due him for several English vessels captured whilst he was on the frigate "Protector."

(In French.)

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| John Oliver and Emanuel Miles. London | [| L in 3d P. 1p. LX, 17. |
| to Benjamin Franklin | | |

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Two American prisoners, residents of Dunkirk, France, confined in Clerkenwell prison, beg Franklin to obtain thier release.

Monthigny, Gourdeau [1782] A.L.S. 1p. XLI, 53.
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires Franklin to procure him employment in the American army, or the position of tax collector on one of their islands.

(In French.)

Montréal, ----- de [1782?] L in 3d P. 1p. XLI, 59.
to Benjamin Franklin

Went to America as Director of Military Hospital in the train of Rochambeau's army; the breaking up of this army makes him fear the recall of his commission; desires letter of recommendation to certain commercial houses in America.

(In French.)

de Montréal [1782?] L in 3d P. 1p. LXII, 85.
to Benjamin Franklin

Asks for letters of introduction to business houses in America which might employ him.

(In French.)

Musset, Veuve. L'Orient [1782] L in 3d P. 3p. XLII, 50.
to Benjamin Franklin

Begs Franklin to secure payment of her bill for board, lodging, etc., of two sailors from American frigates of war.

(In French.)

Pignatalli, Comte de c. 1782 L in 3d P. 1p. XLIII, 218.
to Benjamin Franklin

Informing Franklin that has had his first audience with the King and Queen as Ambassador Extraordinary of the King of Naples.

(In French.)

La Rochefoucauld, Duc de 1782 A.L.S. 1p. XLII, 121.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

to Benjamin Franklin

Recalling Franklin's invitation to a subscription concert at his house on account of the expected presence of Lord and Lady Stormont; as the treaty is not yet concluded, Franklin may not care for an interview with the Ambassador.

(In French.)

Messrs. François Romand & Sons c. 1782 L in 3d P. 1p. XLIII, 223.
to Benjamin Franklin

Are sending one of thier sons to Boston with a large quantity of merchandise to dispose of. Request Dr. Franklin to give him a letter of introduction to some prominent merchant there.

(In French.)

Romanier, ----- [1782] A.L.S. 2p. XLII, 120.
to Benjamin Franklin

Thanking Franklin for all his kindness to his brother and asking a continuance of his favor.

(In French.)

Rougemont, ----- [1782] L. in 3d P.1p. XLIII, 225.
to Benjamin Franklin

Asking Franklin to viser the due bill enclosed.

(In French.)

Rowbottom, William. Nantes [1782] A.L.S. 1p. XL, 63.
to Benjamin Franklin

Pressed into the English army and sent to America; deserted twice and escaped to France; desires to pursue his trade of ship-joiner.

Toner, David et al [1782] L. 3P. LVII, 87.
to Benjamin Franklin

Petition from nine American sailors, who seized an English brigantine which was confiscated by the French authorities at San Domingo, begging Franklin to obtain the return of the vessel or its value to them.

(In French.)

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

_____, _____ [1778?] L. 1p. XLI, 78.
to Benjamin Franklin

Making inquiries as to the fate of M. [de] Mauduit Duplessis, a French officer, who entered the American army two years before.
(In French.)

-----, ----- c. 1782 A.L. 1p. XLIV, 98.
to Benjamin Franklin

Thanking him for his kind attention to the writer and his wife. Inquiries about his health and asks when he will come to see them.
(In French.)

-----,----- [1782?] L. 1p. XLIV, 100.
to Benjamin Franklin

Informs him of the great losses he sustained during the war, and asks him to induce Great Britain to make some compensation to the American sufferers.

[Bradel, Jean Baptiste ?] 1782? A.L. 1p. XLIV, 126.
to Benjamin Franklin

Sends explanation of the medal [struck in honor of the capitulations of Saratoga and Yorktown.]
Thinks he has understood what Franklin wished, simply a description of the events designated on it. x
(In French.)

-----,----- [1782.] A.L. 1p. XLIV, 135.
to Benjamin Franklin

Inviting Franklin and his grandson to dine with him. Expects to have Count d'Estaing. Asks Franklin to invite M. de Chaumont also.
(In French.)

-----, ----- 1777 before Aug. 29 N. 1p. LXXIV, 109.
to Benjamin Franklin

Requesting a letter of recommendation to M. Duler, supercargo on the ship "Harmonie" bound for Charleston or Edenton.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

(In French.)

Benjamin, Franklin

1782 March 2

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to Beraud de Ciccati, Lt Col ----

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February 14,

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