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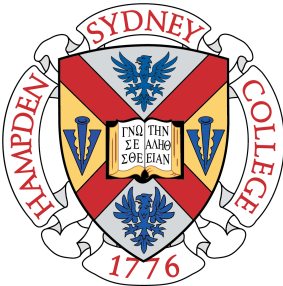
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Abstract

These two letters were gifted to Hampden-Sydney College Archives and Special Collections as one accession. Due to that, they have been processed together as letters to William Overton Callis but the Archives and Special Collections would like to acknowledge that the recipient of the Patrick Henry letter, along with the written date of the letter, remain unconfirmed due a generous section missing.

Creator

Henry, Patrick, 1736-1799

Creator

Madison, James, 1751-1836

Extent

2 Sheets

Condition Description

letters are in decent condition but must remain in frames they are currently stable within, minor staining and flaking, Patrick Henry letter is incomplete

Repository

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Administrative Information

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History

James Madison (March 16, 1751 – June 28, 1836) was a statesman, diplomat, and Founding Father of the United States. He was an architect of the U.S. Constitution, authored the Bill of Rights, and was the fourth president of the United States (1809-1817). He was also one of the charter trustees of Hampden-Sydney College. Patrick Henry (May 1736 – June 6, 1799) was a lawyer, orator, statesman, and politician. He was the first and sixth post-colonial Governor of Virginia, from 1776 to 1779 and from 1784 to 1786. He was also one of the charter trustees of Hampden-Sydney College. William Overton Callis (March 4, 1756 – March 14, 1814) was a politician and childhood friend of James Madison. He was tutored by Parson John Todd, who was active in the establishment of Hampden-Sydney College and a member of the first Board of Trustees. During the

time of James Madison's letter to William Callis, George Washington had just been elected the first president of the United States and the Constitution, although ratified, had yet to be officially implemented. The date was set for March 4, 1789, for Congress to meet and the new government to begin. Before that first meeting, James Madison began writing letters to several people about his true intentions and goals for the Constitution, hoping to negate false narratives about himself. This letter appears to be one of those said letters.

Content Description

2 letters to William Overton Callis, both framed in glass. One undated fragment, signed by Patrick Henry, and one letter dated January 13, 1789, signed by James Madison.

Keywords

Constitutional Convention (U.S.) (1787)

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Madison, James. (1751-1836)

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Callis, William Overton. (1756-1814)