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Unit Date

1654 September 6 - 1799 December 12

Text

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Language

English .

Creator

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Extent

approx. 25 Linear Feet

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Scope and Contents

This collection contains letters to and from George Washington that have been acquired by the MVLA since 1858. For more information, see content note for individual items. The collection grows organically as new items are acquired.

Arrangement

The collection is divided into four series: From George Washington; To George Washington; Ledgers and Bound Manuscripts; and Oversized. Each series is arranged in chronological order by date.

Description of Subordinate Components

Series 1. From George Washington

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3041

Unit Date 1654 September 6 - 1799 December 12

Language English.

Deed, Giles Brent

Unit ID RM-283; MS-2832

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3043

Unit Date 1654 September 6

Text 1 (box)

Container 1654.09.06 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Clerical copy of a deed for 1000 acres of land along the south bank of the Potomac River, Westmoreland County (the area became Fairfax County in 1742), Virginia, granted to Giles Brent, Junior. George Washington purchased the tract of land in 1760 and at that time may have acquired and annotated this copy of the 1654 deed. On the verso of the document George Washington's inscription reads, "1 copy, Richard Bennett, esq., grant to Giles Brent for 1000 acs. of Ld. 6th September 1654."

Keywords

Deeds

Legal documents

Real property

Survey, James Hamilton

Unit ID RM-1064; MS-5705

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3821

Unit Date 1749 November 2

Text 1 (box)

Container 1749.11.02 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

George Washington drafted this survey for James Hamilton in 1749. Signed "Washington, SCC" (for Surveyor of Culpeper County), this survey details 350 acres on the border of Augusta County, Virginia, along the Cacapehon (Cacapon) or Lost River.

Survey and plat, Barnaby McHandry

Unit ID RM-1142; MS-5828

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3044

Unit Date 1749 November 9

Text 1 (box)

Container 1749.11.09 (folder)

Language English.

Abstract George Washington embarked on his first career as a surveyor of Virginia's uncharted western lands at the age of sixteen. Over the next three years he surveyed more than 70,000 acres under the employ of Lord Fairfax, proprietor of the Northern Neck. This position enabled him to earn an income, better his social standing, and acquire significant tracts of land. Washington also developed an intimate knowledge of Virginia's backcountry that served him well in two military conflicts. Signed "Washington, SCC" (for Surveyor of Culpeper County), this survey details 400 acres of Augusta County, Virginia, along the Cacapehon (Cacapon) or Lost River. The left section of the document's text has been lost, but a masterfully drafted plat and a scale of poles are intact on the right side of the page. As a result of the partial text loss the survey only carries the date 1749. However, THE PAPERS OF GEORGE WASHINGTON states that on November 9, 1749, Washington surveyed 400 acres on the Lost River for Barnaby McHandry (McHandry). In his journal, Washington records that he made this survey for Barnaby McHandry on November 9th-10th, 1749. As transcribed by Joseph M. Toner in JOURNAL OF MY JOURNEY OVER THE MOUNTAINS, Washington writes: November 9th 10th 1749 Then Survey'd for Barnaby McHandry a certain Tract of Waste and ungranted Land Situate in Frederick County on the Lost River of Cacapehon and Bounded as followeth Beginning 48 po. below William Bakers Corner 2 Chesnut Oaks and a White Oak and runs thence So 55^o Et Two hundred and fifty two poles to two Mountain Burches and a white Oak on the M side thence So 35^o Wt Two hundred and fifty two po to a Lynn a Maple and a Mountain Burch thence No 55^o Wt Two hundred and Fifty two po to two white Oaks and a Hickory from thence to the Beginning Plat Drawn Barnaby McHandry's land was on the border of Augusta and Frederick Counties. This accounts for the survey describing the land as in Augusta County, while Washington's journal describes the land as situated in Frederick County. This survey and plat has also sometimes been described as a deed. For additional background on gentlemen surveyors see Sarah S. Hughes, SURVEYORS AND STATESMEN: LAND MEASURING IN COLONIAL VIRGINIA (Richmond, VA: Virginia Surveyors Foundation, 1979) 72, 85, 156-165.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Signed "Washington, SCC" (for Surveyor of Culpeper County), this survey details 400 acres of Augusta County, Virginia, along the Cacapehon (Cacapon) or Lost River. The left section of the document's text has been lost, but a masterfully drafted plat and a scale of poles are intact on the right side of the page.

Keywords

Surveying

Land surveys

Indenture, Henry Trenn to Lawrence Washington, witnessed by George Washington

Unit ID A-353.1

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3045

Unit Date probably 1750 March 1

Text 1 (box)

Container 1750.03.01 (folder)

Language English.

Extent 1 pages

Scope and Contents

Henry Trenn binds himself to pay £50 unless he "make or cause to be made unto the above sd. Lawrence Washington ... a Lease for the Term of nine hundred ninety & nine Years of all the Land which is at this present overflowed by the sd. Washington Mill Dam included within the sd. Trenn Bounds on Dogue Runn ..."

Keywords

Indentures

Legal documents

Washington, Lawrence, 1718-1752

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Survey, Edward Kinnison**Unit ID** RM-1035;MS-5671**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3823**Unit Date** 1750 April 5**Text** 1 (box)**Container** 1750.04.05 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Survey, George Nixon****Unit ID** MS-5834**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3126**Unit Date** 1750 April 14**Text** 1 (box)**Container** 1750.04.14 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Signed "Washington, SCC" (for Surveyor of Culpeper County), this survey details 400 acres of Frederick County along the North River. These lands originally belonged to George Nixon who assigned them to David Wood, on behalf of Daniel Wood. The latter assigned the lands to Dr. James Craik, George Washington's friend and physician, and Philip Bush in 1771. Washington recorded the survey in his field book on April 14, 1750, but may have incorrectly dated the finished document which reads June 14, 1750. It is one of 49 he completed within a month beginning on March 30, 1750.

Chainman John Lonem is also named on the survey. Washington frequently worked with Lonem, who was known as a reliable and speedy worker.

Keywords

Land surveys

Surveying

Bibliography

George Washington's field book, April 14, 1750

Survey, John Grub**Unit ID** 2025-SC-005**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/40504**Unit Date** 1751 March 23**Text** Drawer 25**Container** 1751.03.23 (folder)**Container** OUT (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Extent** 2 pages1 sheet18 x 30 cm**Description**

Land survey for 730 acres in Frederick County, VA, by George Washington for John Grub. Autograph document signed, 2 pages.

Keywords

Land surveys

Real property

Virginia

Survey, Samuel Isaac**Unit ID** RM-919; MS-5451**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3826**Unit Date** 1751 April 2**Text** 1 (box)**Container** 1751.04.02 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Plat of 360 acres, with prose description of measurements on adjacent leaf.

Survey, Ulrich Beeler**Unit ID** RM-1108; MS-5786**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3127**Unit Date** 1751 April 4**Text** 1 (box)**Container** 1751.04.04 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Plat map--Long Marsh Run 633 acres.

Keywords

manuscript maps

Land surveys

Surveying

Survey, Gersham Keyes**Unit ID** 2023-SC-011**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/37513**Unit Date** 1751 April 6**Text** 37 (box)**Container** 1751.04.06 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Extent** 1 pagesOne sheet tipped into a loose paper border32 x 20 cm**Description**

Land survey with 2 plat maps by George Washington for Gersham Keyes, detailing two tracts of land on Evitts Run in Frederick County, VA. One tract contained 109 acres and one 100 acres, which was part of a land parcel granted to Lawrence Washington, George Washington's half-brother. Three additional names listed of those who assisted with the survey - Robert Worthington, Michael Sweim (chainmen - 'C.C.') and William Davis (marker - 'Mr.'). The first two lines at the upper left, not in Washington's writing, describe conveyance 'by deeds from Mr. Lawrence Washington to Keyes' with an added date of August 14, 1751. Autograph document signed, 1 page.

Keywords

Land surveys

Surveying

manuscript maps

Frederick County (Va.)

Washington, Lawrence, 1718-1752

Survey, Benjamin Rutherford

Unit ID 2022-SC-018-001

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/37616

Unit Date 1751 April 9

Text 1 (box)

Container 1751.04.09 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Extent 2 pages1 sheet19 x 23 cm

Description

Partial land survey, missing plat, by George Washington for Benjamin Rutherford, concerning 292 acres between the head of the South Fork of Bullskin Run and Opequon Creek in Frederick County, VA (now Jefferson County, West Virginia). Two additional people are listed in the document: James McCarmick and John Ramsey (C.C.- chainmen). Benjamin Rutherford assisted with the survey as the marker 'Mr.' Docket indicates that this land was later granted to George Hyatt. Autograph document signed, 2 pages.

Related Material

Initially paired with 'Survey, William Mullin, 1751 April 12' [2022-SC-018-002] as part of 1 complete survey.

Keywords

Land surveys

Surveying

Frederick County (Va.)

Jefferson County (W. Va.)

Provenance

Christie's New York, 28 November 1983, lot 328.

Conservation

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Survey plat, William Mullin

Unit ID 2022-SC-018-002

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/37617

Unit Date 1751 April 12

Text 1 (box)

Container 1751.04.12 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Extent 2 pages1 sheet19 x 16 cm

Description

Partial land survey, plat map only, by George Washington for William Mullin concerning 247 acres on Mill Branch, a branch of the Cacapon River in Frederick County, VA (now Jefferson County, West Virginia). Docket indicates that this land was later granted to Thomas Hollowell. Autograph document, 2 pages.

Related Materials

Initially paired with 'Survey, Benjamin Rutherford, 1751 April 9' [2022-SC-018-001] as part of 1 complete survey.

Keywords

Land surveys

Surveying

manuscript maps

Frederick County (Va.)

Jefferson County (W. Va.)

Provenance

Christie's New York, 28 November 1983, lot 328.

Conservation

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Survey, William Nayler**Unit ID** RM-950; MS-5502**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3128**Unit Date** 1752 April 12**Text** 1 (box)**Container** 1752.04.12 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

A survey of 269 acres made for the tract's future owner, William Nayler. The land on the Cacapon River which is now the NW border of West Virginia and Virginia

Letter, to Robert Dinwiddie**Unit ID** RM-1225**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3099**Unit Date** 1754 March 7**Text** 1 (box)**Container** 1754.03.07 (folder)**Language** English.

Abstract In March 1754 Major George Washington prepared for his first military mission – to build a fort at the Allegheny, Ohio, and Monongahela Rivers in response a growing French presence in the region. He followed direct orders from Lieutenant Governor Robert Dinwiddie and recruited approximately 150 Virginia soldiers to join him. With minimal pay and incentive, recruitment was not an easy task. And, in the months leading up to the westward expedition, Washington wrote several letters to Dinwiddie strongly advocating for supplies, uniforms, and consistent pay for his troops. While addressing all of those issues in letter, Washington also offered his personal observations of Native Americans with a request for proper uniforms – most notably red coats. He proposed that if full uniforms could not be procured, the uniform red coat would suffice as "red with them [Native Americans] is compard to Blood and is look'd upon as the distinguishing marks of Warriours and great Men." Washington argued that proper uniforms would earn the respect of Native Americans: "[t]he shabby and ragged appearance the French common Soldiers make affords great matter for ridicule amongst the Indians and I really believe is the chief motive why they hate and despise them as they do." Wanting to gain Native American support and ultimately fortify the western lands, Dinwiddie agreed to Washington's requests. Perhaps a naïve perspective on the challenges that Washington and his troops would face in this expedition, this letter nonetheless provides a glimpse into the life of a young, bold, and ambitious Washington. He concluded the letter with a measure of confidence in his observations, "I hope Your Honour will pardon this freedom, which I should not have assum'd but with a good Intention It is my acquaintance with these Indians, and a Study of their Tempers that has in some measure let me into their Customs and dispositions."

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Washington wrote this letter to Lieutenant-Governor Dinwiddie as he prepared for his first military appointment, an expedition with 160 soldiers to the forks of the Allegheny, Ohio and Monongahela Rivers. He requested supplies, uniforms, clarification of pay for troops, and offered his personal observations of Native Americans.

Keywords

Correspondence

Native Americans

Dinwiddie, Robert, 1693-1770

Document, "Memorandum of the Division of Slaves of the Late Lawrence Washington Esq."

Unit ID RM-698; MS-4745

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4945

Unit Date 1754 December 10

Text 1 (box)

Container 1754.12.10 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

This document divides Lawrence Lewis' slaves between Col. George Lee and the brothers of Lawrence Washington. It is signed by GW, George Lee, Ann Lee, and Aug. Washington. Witnessed by William Fairfax, George William Fairfax, Robert Merrie, John Dalton, Thomas Plummer, John Tuberville, John Carlyle, Sarah Carlyle, and Bryan Fairfax.

Keywords

Enslaved persons

Lists (document genres)

Legal documents

Lewis, Lawrence, 1767-1839 -- Estate

Estate records

Washington, Lawrence, 1718-1752

Letter, to William Smith

Unit ID RM-1217.001

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3096

Unit Date 1757 December 22

Text 1 (box)

Container 1757.12.22 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Washington wrote to Smith and provided a list of subscribers, including himself, to the American Magazine and Monthly Chronicle for the British Colonies.

Keywords

Correspondence

Document, Court of Caroline County, re. Joseph Stevens

Unit ID RM-1020: MS-5648

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4901

Unit Date 1758 May 5

Text 1 (box)

Container 1758.05.05 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Documents detail trial charges of Joseph Stevens. Signed by Zachary Lewis A court document giving outcome of the trial is also included, Feb. 1758. Trial held in Caroline County, Virginia.

Letter, to George William Fairfax**Unit ID** W-429**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3130**Unit Date** 1758 September 25**Text** 1 (box)**Container** 1758.09.25 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

George Washington wrote this letter to George William Fairfax to inform him of Major Grant's unfortunate expedition to Fort Duquesne. Washington describes the circumstances of the attack, the significant number of men and officers killed, and concludes: "It is with infinite pleasure I tell you that the Virginians, Officers and Men, distinguished themselves in the most eminent manner - that the General has Complimented me publicly on their good behaviour, and that every Mouth resounds their Praises. The Highlanders and them are become one People, shaking each other by the hand wherever they meet tho. perfect stranger's."

Keywords

Correspondence

Forbes Expedition against Fort Duquesne, Pa., 1758

Fairfax, George William, 1724-1787

Letter, to John Alton**Unit ID** W-416**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3131**Unit Date** 1759 April 5**Text** 1 (box)**Container** 1759.04.05 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Expects to be up [to Mount Vernon] tomorrow -- Miles sent to get key from Col. Fairfax -- Alton to get house in order, make fires in lower rooms and air them -- two bedsteads put up, one in hall room, one in little dining room -- get out chairs and tables and clean and rub them and stair case -- find eggs and chickens and "prepare in the best manner you can for our coming." Autograph letter signed, integral cover, docketed, "Given to Mr. [] Clemson - January 24th 1832 at Mount Vernon by Mrs. Jane Washington supposed to have been written soon after his marriage and Braddocks defeat."

Keywords

Correspondence

Alton, Jonathan

Decree, The court of Chancery in the Suit of Clifton against Carroll**Unit ID** A-680**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5581**Unit Date** 1759 April 11**Text** 1 (box)**Container** 1759.04.11 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Court decrees that Sale of William Clifton's lands to Thomas Colville and George Johnston to be put aside, and lands are to be sold at public auction to pay off his just debts to Charles Carroll and other defendants. Washington G.W. bought this land at auction, and it became his River farm.

Keywords

Legal documents

River Farm

Real property

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Letter, to Burwell Bassett

Unit ID 2018-SC-004

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/13842

Unit Date 1759 August 9

Text 1 (box)

Container 1759.08.09 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Extent 2 pages

Scope and Contents

Autograph letter signed. Washington writes to his brother-in-law Burwell Bassett. The letter was carried to Fredericksburg from Mount Vernon by Miles Richardson, who had been one of Washington's batmen in the Virginia Regiment during Forbes' Campaign of 1758. Richardson was hired by Washington, most likely as a valet, from January 1, 1759 - May 10, 1759.

Written within the first year of Washington's marriage to Martha Dandridge Custis, the letter mentions visiting John Mercer to sort through papers related to the estate of Martha's late husband Daniel Parke Custis. Washington writes that he will bring Martha with him on the visit in case she is needed to answer any lingering questions about the Custis estate.

Washington also asks Bassett to procure a horse brand for George William Fairfax from James Danworth and to purchase canary seed for Martha's birds. This is the earliest known reference to pets at Mount Vernon.

Keywords

Correspondence

Bassett, Burwell, 1764-1841

Custis Family

Custis, Daniel Parke, 1711-1757

Letter, to Henry Churchill

Unit ID RM-619; MS-4524

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3132

Unit Date 1759 August 9

Text 1 (box)

Container 1759.08.09 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Sending an envoy to pick up a Chestnut mare which Colonel Bassett has purchased. Urges him to visit at Mount Vernon.

Keywords

Correspondence

Churchill, Henry, 1732-1760

Invoice, sundry goods shipped from Robert Cary

Unit ID RM-1180; MS-5918

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3184

Unit Date 1759 September 20

Text 1 (box)

Container 1759.09.20 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Carey, Robert

Scope and Contents

List of sundry goods ordered by George Washington consisting of a variety of items including furniture,

textiles, clothing, food, and tools. Many of these purchases are related to Martha Washington and her two children, John Parke Custis and Martha (Patsy) Custis, due to the Washingtons' recent marriage.

Keywords

Financial records

Invoices

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Document, Survey of Mount Vernon

Unit ID W-428

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3185

Unit Date 1759 October 1-2

Text 1 (box)

Container 1759.10.01 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

"I endeavoured to find out the true bounds of my Mount Vernon Tract of Land - but not knowing where it divided from Spencer's part of the River, nor being able to find harrison cornr Ash mentiond in his Deed to stand on the River side at the Mouth the Blind Pocoson - I began at two Ash trees and Elm ..."

Keywords

Surveying

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Land surveys

Sundry accounts

Unit ID W-675

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3190

Unit Date 1760-1764

Text 1 (box)

Container 1760.00.00 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Weekly reports of work done by carpenters, with prices charged on most & for whom work was done-- also account of breeding mares (?) and acct. of staves, tools, nails, leather, etc. loaned or given out--acct. of days of work done by John Askew, list of things needing to be repaired by carpenters--quantity of cider, brandy & peach mobey in each still--"An Account taken of the Days which John Askew missed working for Collo. Washington in the Six Months pr. agreement which says is to be made up by the said Askew ..."--Brandy delivered to Thomas Nichols.

Keywords

Business records

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Farm management

Note, smithwork

Unit ID RM-296; MS-2914

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6891

Unit Date 1760

Text 1 (box)

Container 1760.00.00 (folder)

Language English.

Keywords

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Letter, to Benjamin Waller**Unit ID** A-680.6**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3186**Unit Date** 1760 April 2**Text** 1 (box)**Container** 1760.04.02 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

The letter deals with Washington's negotiations for the River Farm, then called Clifton's Neck. Clifton has sold land to Mr. [Thomson] Mason for a greater price after promising to sell it to him first--was told that Clifton had no clear title to land--nothing in writing, but terms agreed on--George Washington thinks only equitable way is to put up land for public auction, so all disputants will have equal chance to purchase it.

Keywords

Correspondence

Real property

Waller, Benjamin, 1716-1786

Document, Account of Rent Payments for Mount Vernon**Unit ID** RM-1220**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/21188**Unit Date** 1760 May 15**Text** 1 (box)**Container** 1760.05.15 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Creator** Lee, George, 1714-1761**Scope and Contents**

Land document written and signed by George Washington regarding his ownership of Mount Vernon. This document was the final rent payment before George Washington full inherited the property.

Keywords

Business records

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Clifton tract**Unit ID** A-680.2**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3187**Unit Date** 1760 May 20**Text** 1 (box)**Container** 1760.05.20 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Reports the sale on behalf of the Commissioners, G. Fairfax, G. Washington & Chas. Green of the Clifton tract to George Washington at auction for L1210.

Keywords

Financial records

Real property

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Clifton tract**Unit ID** A-680.4**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3188**Unit Date** 1760 May 20**Text** 1 (box)**Container** 1760.05.20 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Fairfax, George William, 1724-1787**Scope and Contents**

Notice of the sale of the Clifton Land [River Farm] to [George] Washington

Keywords

Legal documents

Real property

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Clifton tract**Unit ID** A-680.1**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3189**Unit Date** 1760 August**Text** 1 (box)**Container** 1760.08.00 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Statement of cash and bills paid and in hand as a result of Court order in Chancery pursuant to suit of Clifton vs. Carroll and others.

Keywords

Business records

Real property

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Letter, to Robert Cary**Unit ID** RM-1087; MS-5766**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3191**Unit Date** 1762 June 20**Text** 1 (box)**Container** 1762.06.20 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

George Washington writes to Robert Cary and Company, British creditors, about the severe drought and therefore the inability to grow tobacco and grain this season. George Washington also shows frustration with the time it takes to receive supplies from Great Britain and to ship his crops to them.

Keywords

Correspondence

Farm management

Carey, Robert

Lottery ticket, #210

Unit ID MS-5479

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3194

Unit Date 1768

Text 1 (box)

Container 1768.00.00 (folder)

Container OUT (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Mountain road lottery ticket

Lottery ticket, #233

Unit ID RM-1038; MS-5677

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3195

Unit Date 1768

Text 1 (box)

Container 1768.00.00 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Moutain Road ticket

Lottery ticket, #353

Unit ID RM-1097; MS-5768

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3196

Unit Date 1768

Text 1 (box)

Container 1768.00.00 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

12 month ticket signed by George Washington as an official of the lottery. Tickets were sold to raise money to open roads from Virginia West to help in the settlement of the West.

Lottery ticket, #354

Unit ID RM-1104; MS-5780

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3197

Unit Date 1768

Text 1 (box)

Container 1768.00.00 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Engraved ticket, signed by George Washington as an official of the lottery. Purpose of the lottery was to raise money for Virginia to build roads to the western part of Virginia, thus opening up tracts of land further west for development.

Keywords

Lottery ticket

Lottery ticket, #362

Unit ID RM-980; MS-5594

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3198

Unit Date 1768

Text 1 (box)

Container 1768.00.00 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Engraved ticket, signed by George Washington as an official of the lottery. Purpose of the lottery was to raise money for Virginia to build roads to the western part of Virginia, thus opening up tracts of land further west for development.

Keywords

Lottery ticket

Lottery ticket, #380

Unit ID RM-980; MS-5593

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3199

Unit Date 1768

Text 1 (box)

Container 1768.00.00 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Engraved ticket, signed by George Washington as an official of the lottery. Purpose of the lottery was to raise money for Virginia to build roads to the western part of Virginia, thus opening up tracts of land further west for development.

Lottery ticket, #224

Unit ID MS-5905

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3200

Unit Date 1768

Text 1 (box)

Container 1768.00.00 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Engraved ticket, signed by George Washington as an official of the lottery. Purpose of the lottery was to raise money for Virginia to build roads to the western part of Virginia, thus opening up tracts of land further west for development.

Receipt, to Burwell Bassett

Unit ID RM-466; MS-3584

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3201

Unit Date 1768 May 19

Text 1 (box)

Container 1768.05.19 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Handwritten receipt for the purchase of a horse "for the use of Master Custis."

Keywords

Receipts (financial records)

Bassett, Burwell, -1793

Order, to Robert Cary**Unit ID** W-1237**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3202**Unit Date** 1768 June 20**Text** 1 (box)**Container** 1768.06.20 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

"Invoice of goods to be sent to Geo. Washington Potomack River, Virginia"--items ranging from nails and curry combs, and almonds and raisins to lace, ribbon, silk, and a coat made up for a "middle sized woman."

Keywords

Invoices

Financial records

Clothing and dress -- Purchasing

Letter, to Jonathan Boucher**Unit ID** MS-321**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4902**Unit Date** 1768 July 31**Text** 37 (box)**Container** 1768.07.31 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Sends [Latin] books to Master [John Parke] Custis, who forgot them--[Jacky's] illness (worms)] call Dr. Mercer if symptoms return--how is the boy taking his unaccustomed absence from home:--does he need anything?--his bed and bedding--didn't mean for [Boucher] to give [Jacky] special indulgence or partiality, but feels he should have as little disapatation and indulgence as is necessary to good health and spirits--he meant merely that if [Jacky] were kept under [Boucher's] eye he would benefit from [Boucher's] good examples--however, he realizes every parent's anxiety for child makes same request--so withdraws his request--[Boucher's] letter to Revd. Mr. Addison forwarded by Dr. Ramney

Keywords

Correspondence

Boucher, Jonathan, 1738-1804

Letter, to Jonathan Boucher**Unit ID** RM-1041; MS-5681**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4903**Unit Date** 1769 January 26**Text** 1 (box)**Container** 1769.01.26 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

"To the Revd. Mr. Baucher in St. Mary's parish Caroline City".GW, doting stepfather, sends absentee excuse for Jackie Custis's late return to school after the holidays.

Keywords

Correspondence

Boucher, Jonathan, 1738-1804

Letter, to George Mason**Unit ID** RM-631; MS-4556**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3207**Unit Date** 1769 April 21**Text** 1 (box)**Container** 1769.04.21 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

George Washington's land agreement with George Mason, dated April 21, 1769. George Mason lived at Gunston Hall, which is located just below Mount Vernon on the Potomac River in Fairfax County. Surveys inherited in Washington's day were often inaccurate and this land agreement settled a long-standing dispute concerning the boundary line that divided Mount Vernon from Mason's property. This folio incorporates both a legal contract and the elements of a survey that Washington himself undertook in 1769 to settle the inaccurate western boundary of the lands between Dogue Creek and Little Hunting Creek. The one page document is written in a clerical hand and is endorsed with George Washington's signature.

Keywords

Correspondence

Mason, George, 1725-1792

Letter, to Jonathan Boucher**Unit ID** RM-81; MS-2228**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3208**Unit Date** 1769 April 24**Text** 1 (box)**Container** 1769.04.24 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

A caring and involved father, George Washington wrote this letter to his stepson's tutor, the Reverend Jonathan Boucher. In it he instructs his ward's tutor to enroll John Parke Custis with a particular dancing master. Written from Mount Vernon on April 24, 1769, Washington states, "In respect to the Dancing Gentry, I am glad to find you have such choice of them, ...Newman...I have heard him well spoken of as a teacher in that Science... you will be so good therefore Sir to enter Mastr Custis with Mr. Newman for a year or otherwise, as he may form his School."

Keywords

Correspondence

Boucher, Jonathan, 1738-1804

Custis, John Parke, 1754-1781

Custis Family

Ledger account, with John Posey**Unit ID** 2024-SC-012**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/38828**Unit Date** 1769 September 19**Text** 1 (box)**Container** 1769.09.19 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Extent** 1 pages1 sheet31 x 19 cm**Description**

Financial ledger account written by George Washington and documenting transactions between Washington and John Posey, from October 1765 to June 1769. Includes a 1767 bond between Posey and George Mason with George Washington as security. As a result of the forfeiture of this bond, Washington

acquired enslaved people as well as 'sundry stock, goods [and] chattels' from Posey. Hercules Posey was one of the enslaved people acquired through this transaction. Washington signs at the conclusion 'E. Excepted pr Go: Washington, Copy of an Acct given to Mr. Grayson, Sept'r 19th 1769'. Autograph document signed, 1 page.

Keywords

Financial records

Enslaved persons

Posey, John

Posey, Hercules, 1748-1812

Mason, George, 1725-1792

Survey, to John Posey

Unit ID A-481.1

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3209

Unit Date 1769 October 10

Text 1 (box)

Container 1769.10.10 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Plat & Memorandum of a survey made by George Washington for Capt. John Posey

Keywords

Surveying

Land surveys

Posey, John

Accounts

Unit ID A-301.1

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3210

Unit Date 1770-1777

Text 2 (box)

Container 1770.00.00 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Moneys expended and received on behalf of George Washington by [probably a manager or overseer].

Keywords

Business records

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Contract, to John Posey

Unit ID RM-1022; MS-5650

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3211

Unit Date 1770 April 23

Text 2 (box)

Container 1770.04.23 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Posey, John

Scope and Contents

Agreement for lease of 7 acres of land by John Posey to George Washington.

Keywords

Legal documents

Real property

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Letter, to Carter Braxton and the trustees of Colonel Bernard Moore

Unit ID 2024-SC-011-001

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/38826

Unit Date 1771 January 23

Text 2 (box)

Container 1771.01.23 (folder)

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Extent 1 pages1 sheet24 x 19 cm

Description

Letter from George Washington to Carter Braxton, Esq, and the trustees of Colonel Bernard Moore. Washington agrees to be answerable for the sum of £100 in order for Colonel Moore to purchase enslaved people, 'for the immediate support of his family'. Autograph letter signed, 1 page.

Keywords

Correspondence

Enslaved persons

Finance

Receipt, to Edward McGuire

Unit ID 2022-SC-008

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/33171

Unit Date 1771 March 6

Text 2 (box)

Container 1771.03.06 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Extent 1 Sheetsmatted to hard board. text on back, but not visible due to hard board.15 x 10 cm

Scope and Contents

Receipt for 1 pound, 1 shilling paid by Edward McGuire for James Commack to defray the cost for a land survey for 200,000 acres allotted to the Virginia Regiment by Dinwiddie's Proclamation of 1754. Receipt text in another hand, signed by George Washington. Autograph document signed, small sheet.

Keywords

Receipts (financial records)

Land surveys

United States -- History -- French and Indian War, 1754-1763

Receipt, William Carlin

Unit ID RM-1208

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3284

Unit Date 1771 June 26

Text 2 (box)

Container 1771.06.26 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Carlin, William, 1732-1820

Scope and Contents

William Carlin was a tailor in Alexandria. His account book is among our treasures and includes entries for clothes made for the Washington's, members of the Mount Vernon household, and other Virginia customers such as the Fairfax's, George Mason, and David Ramsey. Entries for George Washington span from 1765 to 1771 and this receipt corresponds directly to entries in the account book. The services on the receipt include 'making a suit for Frank' and 'altering a pr. Lether (sp) Bretches to Giles.'

Keywords

Receipts (financial records)

Financial records

Clothing and dress -- Purchasing
Washington, George, 1732-1799

Account, to George William Fairfax

Unit ID W-424

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3212

Unit Date 1773 September 16 - 1774 April 26

Text 2 (box)

Container 1773.09.16 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Creator Peyton, Craven

Scope and Contents

Account : George William Fairfax with Craven Peyton

Keywords

Financial records

Letter, to Burwell Bassett

Unit ID RM-950; MS-5503

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3213

Unit Date 1773 June 20

Text 2 (box)

Container 1773.06.20 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

"It is an easier matter to conceive than to describe, the distress of this family; especially that of the unhappy parent of our dear Patsy Custis, when I inform you that yesterday removed the sweet Innocent girl into a more happy and peaceful abode than any she has met with in the affected path she hitherto has trod."

Keywords

Correspondence

Bassett, Burwell, -1793

Custis Family

Custis, Martha Parke, 1755-1773

Account, to George William Fairfax

Unit ID W-425

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3214

Unit Date 1773 October 18 - 1774 June 15

Text 2 (box)

Container 1773.10.18 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Account of cash sent Mr. Francis Willis, draft on Osgood Hanbury & Co., to Mr. Ramsey for postage, to Truro Parish for Fairfax's pew.

Keywords

Financial records

Drawing, West elevation of Mansion with basement floor plan on reverse**Unit ID** W-1369/A**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3215**Unit Date** 1774**Text** 37 (box)**Container** 1774.00.00 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

George Washington carefully drafted this elegant west elevation of his Mount Vernon mansion. It provides insight into Washington's plans for the second major expansion of his home. The elevation has wide doors and nearly symmetrical windows, while the final construction favored transom lights and the powerful exterior asymmetry of windows, preserving the symmetry of the interior rooms. The undated manuscript was probably drafted prior to construction, which began in 1774. This is the only extant exterior drawing of the mansion made by George Washington. On the verso, also in Washington's hand, is a floor plan for the mansion's cellar.

Keywords

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Mansion Interiors

Architectural drawings (visual works)

Account, to Peter Hog**Unit ID** RM-703; MS-4831**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3216**Unit Date** 1774 January 25**Text** 2 (box)**Container** 1774.01.25 (folder)**Language** English.**Document, Promissory note for Fairfax's pew at Truro Parish****Unit ID** RM-1179.002**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3288**Unit Date** 1774 February 24**Text** 2 (box)**Container** 1774.02.24 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Promissory note for George William Fairfax's pew at Truro Parish. The document is signed by George Washington who served as an agent for Fairfax.

Keywords

Promissory notes

Fairfax, George William, 1724-1787

Document, Summary of Pleas, George Washington and Bryan Fairfax vs. William Savage and Thomson Mason

Unit ID A-373.3

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3217

Unit Date 1774 May 17

Text 2 (box)

Container 1774.05.17 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Creator Fairfax, Bryan Fairfax, Baron, 1736-1802

Creator Savage, William

Creator Mason, Thomas

Scope and Contents

Summary of pleas with case starting on May 18, 1772; other action taken on Feb. 22, 1774, and Mar. 23, 1774 -- final judgement given May 17, 1774-Savage ordered to pay £606.17.6. Document, laminated, watermarks (crown over GR, and crown over heraldic device), docketed "Washington vs. Savage - Record". | [As trustees for Mrs. William Savage (formerly Mrs. Charles Green) Washington and Fairfax were attempting to collect the money which her husband had promised in regular payments. Mason stood as security for the bond]. |

Keywords

Legal documents

Account, to William Herbert

Unit ID W-1203/A

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3218

Unit Date 1775 March-July

Text 2 (box)

Container 1773.03.00 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Creator Herbert, William

Scope and Contents

George Washington endorsed this account of his financial transactions with the prominent Alexandria merchant William Herbert. A frequent visitor to Mount Vernon, Herbert was an Irish immigrant who married Sarah Carlyle and later became the President of the Bank of Alexandria. Herbert signed this two page account and Washington endorsed it on the verso. The transactions recorded here date from March through July of 1775.

Keywords

Financial records

Bill, to William Herbert

Unit ID W-1203/B

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3219

Unit Date 1775 April 20

Text 2 (box)

Container 1775.04.20 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Bill for making coat and waistcoat, breeches, altering a coat and breeches, making another coat on a later date, and making a suit of regimentals.

Keywords

Bills of sale

Financial records

Clothing and dress -- Purchasing

Herbert, William

Letter, to Burwell Bassett

Unit ID W-714-a-b

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3220

Unit Date 1775 June 19

Text 2 (box)

Container 1775.06.19 (folder)

Language English.

Abstract Written from Philadelphia on June 19, 1775, George Washington announced to Burwell Bassett (Martha's brother-in-law) that he has just been unanimously elected by the colonies as Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army. Washington eloquently expressed, "I am now Imbarkd on a tempestuous Ocean from whence, perhaps, no friendly harbor is to be found." He had humbly accepted this responsibility and stated, "I can answer but for three things, a firm belief of the justice of our Cause - close attention in the prosecution of it - and the strictest Integrity." Washington concluded by expressing his concerns for Martha's loneliness during his absence.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Fears for the cause and for his character if he fails--Congress in Committee have consented to a Continental Currency & have ordered 2 million dollars to be struck off for payment of troops & other expences of defence--15,000 men voted as a Continental army, & he hopes more will be voted--other high officers not named yet--asks him and Mrs. Bassett to visit Mt. Vernon and take Mrs. Washington down to [Eltham] with them--uneasy at leaving her alone at Mount Vernon.

Keywords

United States -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783

Correspondence

Bassett, Burwell, -1793

Letter, to Martha Washington

Unit ID MSS-252

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5199

Unit Date 1775 June 23

Text 2 (box)

Container 1775.06.23 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Extent 1 pages1 bifolium sheet23 x 37 cm; 27 x 41 cm with backing board

Scope and Contents

Washington writes a short letter before leaving for camp at Boston: "I go fully trusting in that Providence which has been more bountiful than I deserve, and in full confidence of a happy Meeting with you sometime in the Fall ... I have not time to add more, as I am surrounded with company to take leave of me. I retain an unalterable affection for you, which neither time or distance can change. My best love to Jack and Nelly, and regards for the rest of the Family ..."

Keywords

Correspondence

Washington, Martha, 1731-1802

Letter, to Lund Washington

Unit ID A-516.8

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3226

Unit Date 1775 November 26

Text 2 (box)

Container 1775.11.26 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

This is a directive to his managers on subjects of responsibility during his absence

Keywords

Correspondence

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Farm management

Washington, Lund, 1737-1796

Document, Expense report from George Washington's journey from Cambridge to New York

Unit ID 2023-SC-020

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/38742

Unit Date 1776 April

Text 2 (box)

Container 1776.04 (folder)

Language English.

Extent 1 pages1 sheet24 x 19 cm

Description

Expense report titled 'April 4 1776 An Account of Expences of His Excellency General Washington v. Guard, Waggon, horses, [and] waggoners, [etc etc] from Cambridge to New York - with several bills'. This report lists 24 expenses incurred by General George Washington and his Lifeguards on the journey from Cambridge, Massachusetts, to New York between April 4-13, 1776. Includes towns such as Providence, RI, and Norwich, CT, along with the amounts spent at each location and vendor names, taverns, etc. The total expense listed is £86.14.5. Autograph document, 1 page.

Keywords

Military records

Financial records

United States -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783

Cambridge (Mass.)

New York (N.Y.)

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Letter, to [James] Ewing

Unit ID W-438

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3227

Unit Date 1776 December 14

Text 2 (box)

Container 1776.12.14 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Extent 3 pages1 bifolium sheet21 x 33 cm

Scope and Contents

Instructions on keeping the enemy from crossing the river [Delaware]--plan for a retreat towards Philadelphia if necessary--send a spy across the river--make a show of having fresh troops to gain time--get someone into Trenton for news of boats being built.

Keywords

Correspondence

United States -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783

Ewing, James, 1736-1806

Document, Washington's taxable accounts during the Revolutionary War**Unit ID** RM-1094; MS-5763-5765**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3228**Unit Date** 1777-1787**Text** 2 (box)**Container** 1777.00.00 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Partially printed assessments of George Washington's accounts primarily during the Revolutionary War.

Keywords

Financial records

United States -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Letter, to Nicholas Cook**Unit ID** RM-186; MS-2572**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3229**Unit Date** 1777 April 3**Text** 2 (box)**Container** 1777.04.03 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Informs Cook of the problems of the army in enlisting new recruits and obtaining arms. Intent of Hessians to leave R.I. winter quarter and Continentals' need to raise more men to protect States. Beggars that each state meet its quota of troops.

Keywords

United States -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783

Correspondence

Letter, to Kitty Livingston**Unit ID** W-680**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3230**Unit Date** 1778 March 18**Text** 2 (box)**Container** 1778.03.18 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Presents her with a lock of hair.

Keywords

Correspondence

Ridley, Catherine Livingston, 1751-1813

Letter, to George Clinton**Unit ID** MSS-469**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4904**Unit Date** 1778 October 8**Text** 2 (box)**Container** 1778.10.08 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

General Washington writes from Fishkill [N. Y.] to New York governor George Clinton. Abuse of citizens in this state by army officers -- ordered boat containing Mr. Cuyler's family and belongings to be stopped short of Fishkill -- those aboard shouldn't be permitted to review the works at West Point -- sends by express packets addressed to Clinton and [government of N. Y.], sent down by flag -- they contain extraordinary Manifesto and proclamation -- if boat with Cuyler's effects is to return, write General Putnam -- he [George Washington] returns to Fredericksburg [N. Y.] this afternoon. Document signed, in hand of (?), docketed "Genl. Washington Letter Octr. 8th 1778, concerning a Flag sent from New York for Mr. Cuyler & his Effects &c with a Manifesto of the Commre at New York.

Keywords

Correspondence

United States -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783

Clinton, George, 1739-1812

Letter, to Jacob Bayley

Unit ID RM-1034; MS-5668

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3231

Unit Date 1778 November 25

Text 2 (box)

Container 1778.11.25 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Written from Fredericksburg, NY, Washington orders delay of Canadian expedition, but continued preparation for it; civil treatment of Native Americans; winter weather.

Keywords

Correspondence

United States -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783

Native Americans

Letter, to Lund Washington

Unit ID RM-770 ; MS-5073

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3232

Unit Date 1779 April 3

Text 2 (box)

Container 1779.04.03 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

George Washington writes to Lund Washington from his headquarters in Middlebrook, NJ on 1779 April 3; makes arrangements for a shipment of fine Bordeaux claret; discusses financial matters concerning the estate of George Mercer; referenes the exchange of two slaves between Mount Vernon and his mother's home in Fredericksburg; questions Lund on the status of planting and propogating of trees, admonishing him for not answering some of his early queries and questions his management techniques; reports that things are slow on the war front and a recent storm impacted British transports.

Keywords

Correspondence

United States -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783

Washington, Lund, 1737-1796

Letter, to Nathanael Greene**Unit ID** RM-1213**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3206**Unit Date** 1779 March 31**Text** 2 (box)**Container** 1779.03.31 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

While encamped at Middlebrook, New Jersey for the winter of 1779 George Washington wrote this letter to Nathaniel Greene about trading one of his horses for another.

Keywords

Correspondence

Greene, Nathanael, Major General, 1742-1786

Letter, to Lund Washington**Unit ID** RM-271; MS-2783**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3233**Unit Date** 1779 May 29**Text** 2 (box)**Container** 1779.05.29 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Personal letter to Lund, expressing the General's feelings about the general "decay of public spirit & virtue", which is contributing to the severe economic problems of the time.

Keywords

Correspondence

Washington, Lund, 1737-1796

Letter, to Arthur St. Clair**Unit ID** RM-907; MS-5409**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3234**Unit Date** 1779 June 3**Text** 2 (box)**Container** 1779.06.03 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Letter from George Washington to Arthur St. Clair regarding instructions for handling British soldiers without assistance from other divisions. Uncertainty over British movements and intentions prevented St. Clair from settling on a course for his division.

Keywords

Correspondence

United States -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783

Letter, to Edward Hand**Unit ID** 2024-SC-026-001**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/40280**Unit Date** 1780 February 6**Text** Drawer 25**Container** 1780.02.06 (folder)**Container** OUT (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Extent** 1 pages1 sheet18 x 23 cm**Description**

Letter from George Washington to General Edward Hand requesting Hand to return to the encampment at Morristown from his Lancaster home during the winter of 1780. Autograph letter signed, 1 page.

Keywords

Correspondence

United States -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783

Letter, to Lund Washington**Unit ID** RM-770; MS-5124**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3235**Unit Date** 1780 April 11**Text** 2 (box)**Container** 1780.04.11 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Letter asking Lund Washington for legal advice relating to a chancery suit depending between Mr James Mercer & "the persons for whom I am acting as Attorney." He believes that Lund has a better understanding than "[his] own knowledge of these kind of proceedings is capable of affording..."

Keywords

Correspondence

Washington, Lund, 1737-1796

Letter, to Lund Washington**Unit ID** RM-34; MS-2040**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3236**Unit Date** 1780 April 15**Text** 2 (box)**Container** 1780.04.15 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Re: a chariot Washington has ordered made in Philadelphia at £210 specie or paper equivalent.

Keywords

Correspondence

Washington, Lund, 1737-1796

Letter, to Don Diego Navarro**Unit ID** A-851**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3237**Unit Date** 1780 April 30**Text** 2 (box)**Container** 1780.04.30 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Reports death of Don Juan Mirailles [Spanish envoy] who came on visit with Minister of France and was seized on arrival with "a violent biliary complaint" -- died despite best care of physicians and himself -- present his respects to [Mirailles's] lady. Autograph letter signed, watermark (J. Taylor, & an encircled armed figure). | Navarro was Governor & Capt. General of Cuba.

Keywords

Correspondence

Navarro García de Valladares, Diego José, 1708-1784

Letter, to Clement Biddle**Unit ID** RM-731; MS-4919**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3238**Unit Date** 1780 May 18**Text** 2 (box)**Container** 1780.05.18 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Washington acknowledges Biddle's resignation from his position and praises Biddle's duty as an officer.

Keywords

Correspondence

Biddle, Clement, 1740-1814

Letter, to Lund Washington**Unit ID** A-734.2**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3239**Unit Date** 1780 July 17**Text** 2 (box)**Container** 1780.07.17 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Lund's late trip to Philadelphia--British & French fleets arrived--few recruits--promised aid from states will probably arrive too late--fears [Mt. Vernon] crops may be ruined by drought--how many colts are there?

Keywords

Correspondence

Washington, Lund, 1737-1796

Letter, to Judah Alden**Unit ID** 2017-SC-001-001**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6459**Unit Date** 1780 November 23**Text** 2 (box)**Container** 1780.11.23 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Extent** 1 pages1 sheet21 x 34 cm**Scope and Contents**

Letter from George Washington, in the hand of Tench Tilghman, to Major Judah Alden. The letter is sent from Washington's headquarters, Passaic Falls, New Jersey. The correspondence lays out an elaborate plan of attack meant to fall into the hands of the enemy. The "misinformation" was a spy tactic in hopes that it would be intercepted and throw off British forces. The body of the letter is in the hand of Tilghman with the exception of one line by Washington's reading, "but are not to make fires or discover themselves."

Keywords

Correspondence

United States -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783

Alden, Judah, 1750-1845

Letter, to Christopher Greene**Unit ID** 2018-SC-019-001**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/14578**Unit Date** 1780 November 27**Text** 2 (box)**Container** 1780.11.27 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Creator** Hamilton, Alexander, 1757-1804**Extent** 1 pages34 x 21 cm**Scope and Contents**

Letter in Alexander Hamilton's hand, signed by Washington. Washington issues orders for Colonel Christopher Greene's First Rhode Island Regiment, which included formerly enslaved African American soldiers, to march from Newport to West Point under Rochambeau. Washington writes, "only come on with such officers as are to remain in service on the new arrangement and such men as engaged for the war, or at least for a term, that will last through the next campaign. The other men you may dismiss, unless the Count de Rochambeau should find any employment for them where they are now."

Keywords

Slavery

Correspondence

African American soldiers

United States -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783

Greene, Christopher, 1737-1781

Rochambeau, Jean-Baptiste-Donatien de Vimeur, comte de, 1725-1807

United States. Continental Army. Rhode Island Regiment (1st)

Letter, to Charles Pettit**Unit ID** RM-501; MS-4085**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3240**Unit Date** 1781 January 3**Text** 2 (box)**Container** 1781.01.03 (folder)**Language** English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Enquiring about a transaction of bills to have been deposited in the Virginia Loan Office. Also, requesting a good family Steward be employed for the Washington family.

Keywords

Correspondence

Financial records

Letter, to Benjamin Tallmadge

Unit ID RM-1221

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4905

Unit Date 1781 April 8

Text 2 (box)

Container 1781.04.08 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Extent 4 pages2 sheets21 x 34 cm

Scope and Contents

George Washington to Benjamin Tallmadge, 8 April 1781, in which Washington asks Tallmadge to transmit a letter to Rochambeau. Washington contemplated a daring raid on the British troop on Long Island. "The success of the Enterprise," Washington wrote to Tallmadge, "must depend, on ... the secrecy of the attempt, and a knowledge of the exact situation of the enemy."

Keywords

United States -- Politics and government -- 1789-1797

Correspondence

Tallmadge, Benjamin, 1754-1835

Letter, to Joseph Webb

Unit ID 2024-SC-021

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/40211

Unit Date 1781 June 17

Text 2 (box)

Container 1781.06.17 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Extent 1 pages1 sheet20 x 23 cm

Description

Letter from George Washington to Joseph Webb, regarding Martha's health and thanking Webb for his hospitality at his home in Wethersfield, CT. Autograph letter signed, 1 page.

Keywords

Correspondence

United States -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783

Washington, Martha, 1731-1802

Letter, to Timothy Pickering

Unit ID RM-1003 ; MS-5629

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3241

Unit Date 1781 October 30

Unit Date 1781 November 5

Text 2 (box)

Container 1781.10.30 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

The warrant requests Pickering send 200 pounds from British Military Chest to Col. Edward Carrington for the Southern Army.

Keywords

Correspondence

Pickering, Timothy, 1745-1829

Letter, to Elizabeth Powel

Unit ID A-417.4

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3242

Unit Date 1782 July 20

Text 2 (box)

Container 1782.07.20 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Just returned from a Committee--will accompany her to Mr. Bingham's tomorrow afternoon.

Keywords

Correspondence

Powel, Elizabeth Willing, 1743-1830

Letter, to François Jean de Beauvoir, chevalier de Chastellux

Unit ID 2018-SC-019-002

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/14583

Unit Date 1782 December 14

Text 2 (box)

Container 1782.12.14 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Extent 3 pages 23 x 38 cm, unfolded

Scope and Contents

Autograph letter signed. Washington writes about the sorrow he felt when Chastellux departed to return to France: "A sense of your public services to this country, and gratitude for your private friendship, quite overcame me at the moment of our separation." Washington adds, "I truly say, never in my life did I ever part with a man to whom my soul clave more sincerely than it did to you." Washington hopes that, after the war, he can accompany Chastellux on a tour of North America. In the postscript, Washington writes that he is enclosing a letter to Marquis de Lafayette.

Keywords

Correspondence

United States -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783

Chastellux, François Jean, marquis de, 1734-1788

Letter, to Benjamin Harrison**Unit ID** RM-1034; MS-5669**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3245**Unit Date** 1783 March 19**Text** 3 (box)**Container** 1783.03.19 (folder)**Language** English.

Abstract Written from Newburgh while facing a mutiny due to a lack of soldier's pay and supplies, George Washington appealed to Virginia's governor, Benjamin Harrison, for financial support of his troops. Referencing an earlier letter, he began, "About the first of this Month I wrote you along letter. I touched upon the state of the Army. ...I little expected at the time of writing that letter, that we were on the eve of an important crisis to this Army; when the touch stone of discord was to be applied—and the virtue of its members to undergo the severest trial." Washington continued, "You have not been altogether unacquainted, I dare say, with the fears, the hopes, the apprehensions and the expectations of the Army relatively to the provision which is to be made for them hereafter. Altho' a firm reliance on the integrity of Congress and a belief that the Public would finally do justice to all its Servants, and give an indisputable Security for the payment of the half-pay of the Officers had kept them amidst a variety of sufferings tolerably quiet and contented for two or three years past; Yet the total want of pay—the little prospect of receiving any from the unpromising state of the public finances—and the absolute aversion of the States to establish any Continental funds for the payment of the Debt due to the Army, did at the close of the last Campaign excite greater discontents & threaten more serious & alarming consequences than it is easy for me to describe or you to conceive." With words of praise for his troops, he ended his request: "all the feelings of gratitude towards a body of Men who have merited infinitely well of their Country." Washington wrote thousands of similar letters to state and local leaders throughout the Revolution.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Written from Newburg, NY, Washington supports financial plight of soldiers, in spite of brewing conspiracy against him.

Keywords

Correspondence

United States -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783

Harrison, Benjamin, approximately 1726-1791

Letter, to Theodorick Bland**Unit ID** 2024-SC-014**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/39880**Unit Date** 1783 April 4**Text** 3 (box)**Container** 1783.04.04 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Extent** 11 pages3 bifolium sheets33 x 22 cm**Description**

Letter from George Washington to Theodorick Bland, written from headquarters at Newburgh, NY. Writing several weeks after the events of the Newburgh Conspiracy and Washington's Newburgh Address, he discusses the disbanding of the Continental Army and the need to resolve Army pay and pensions. Washington speaks candidly about the urgency of the situation: "the necessity of fulfilling this Expectation of the Army affects me so exceeding forcibly, that I cannot help dwelling upon it, nor is there in my present apprehension a point of greater Consequence, or that requires more serious attention". Autograph letter signed, 11 pages.

Keywords

Correspondence

Armed forces

Newburgh (N.Y.)

Letter, to François Jean de Beauvoir, chevalier de Chastellux

Unit ID 2017-SC-003-001

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6667

Unit Date 1783 May 10

Text 3 (box)

Container 1783.05.10 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Extent 4 pages1 bifolium sheet20 x 32 cm

Scope and Contents

In this letter, George Washington continued with an update on the changing and hopefully improving state of affairs in America.

Keywords

Correspondence

Chastellux, François Jean, marquis de, 1734-1788

Letter, to Caleb Gardner

Unit ID RM-897; MS-5395

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3243

Unit Date 1783 June 7

Text 3 (box)

Container 1783.06.07 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Letter of introduction on behalf of George Washington's "nephew... who has been in bad health for more than twelve Months—He is advised by his Physicians to spend the summer on the Island of Rhode Island for the benefit of the Sea Air & Climate—"

Keywords

Correspondence

Medicine -- History -- 18th century

Discharge certificate, Samuel Hall Matross

Unit ID RM-1016; MS-5643

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5592

Unit Date 1783 June 9

Text 3 (box)

Container 1783.06.09 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Creator Trumbull, Jonathan, 1740-1809

Scope and Contents

Discharge from the American Army, signed by George Washington and Jonathan Trumbull.

Keywords

Military records

Discharge certificate, Henry Leider

Unit ID RM-1134; MS-5820

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3244

Unit Date 1783 June 21

Text 3 (box)

Container 1783.06.21 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Sergeant Henry Leider's discharge certificate from the Continental Army.

Keywords

Military records

Account, Martha Washington's expenses

Unit ID A-581.1

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3246

Unit Date 1783 July 1

Text 3 (box)

Container 1783.07.01 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

"An Acct. of Mrs. Washington's Expences from Virginia to my Winter Quarters & back again to Virginia according to the Memms. and accts. which I have received from her & those who accomp. her"-- expences amounting to £1064.1

Keywords

Financial records

Washington, Martha, 1731-1802

Letter, to Lund Washington

Unit ID A-508

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3247

Unit Date 1783 August 13

Text 3 (box)

Container 1783.08.13 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Keywords

Correspondence

Washington, Lund, 1737-1796

Account, Martha Washington's expenses

Unit ID W-667

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3248

Unit Date 1783 October

Text 3 (box)

Container 1783.10.00 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Cost of things bought in Philadelphia by Mrs. Washington

Keywords

Financial records

Letter, to François Jean de Beauvoir, chevalier de Castellux

Unit ID 2017-SC-003-002

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6668

Unit Date 1783 October 12

Text 3 (box)

Container 1783.10.12 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Princeton. In this letter, after successfully commanding the Army, George Washington discusses his strong desire to retire and concludes the letter with updates on the state of independence and his continued travels to explore western lands.

Keywords

Correspondence

Chastellux, François Jean, marquis de, 1734-1788

Indenture, Deed of Lease from Penelope French and Benjamin Dulany to John Robertson for part of Mount Vernon tract

Unit ID A-516.4

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5583

Unit Date 1784 January 1

Text 3 (box)

Container 1784.01.01 (folder)

Language English.

Creator French, Penelope Manley, approximately 1739-

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Signed by Penelope French, Benjamin Dulany, and John Robertson - witnessed by Going Lanphier and Robert Lanphier with some marginal notes in handwriting of George Washington.

Keywords

Indentures

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Letter, to François Jean de Beauvoir, chevalier de Chastellux

Unit ID 2017-SC-003-003

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6669

Unit Date 1784 February 1

Text 3 (box)

Container 1784.02.01 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Mount Vernon. In this letter, after returning to Mount Vernon on Christmas Eve 1783, George Washington enthusiastically remarked that he was finally able to retire.

Keywords

Correspondence

Chastellux, François Jean, marquis de, 1734-1788

Letter, to Thomas Mifflin

Unit ID W-793

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3249

Unit Date 1784 April 4

Text 3 (box)

Container 1784.04.04 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Introduces the Count de Laval Monmorency, brother to Duke de Laval and Colonel in Regiment of Royal Auvergne--he is on a tour from Charleston to New York.

Keywords

Correspondence

Mifflin, Thomas, 1744-1800

Letter, to Elizabeth Powel**Unit ID** MSS-619**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3250**Unit Date** 1784 May 18**Text** 3 (box)**Container** 1784.05.18 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Will be careful of letter and box for Mrs. Fitzhugh--leaves city immediately after meeting of the Society.

Keywords

Correspondence

Powel, Elizabeth Willing, 1743-1830

Letter, to William Gordon**Unit ID** 2016-SC-009**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3203**Unit Date** 1784 August 10**Text** 3 (box)**Container** 1784.08.10 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Washington thanks Gordon for sending him newspapers from Boston and mentions issues he is having with people settling on his lands near the Ohio River, which is he is about to leave Virginia to take care of.

Keywords

Correspondence

Gordon, William, 1728-1807

Account, to Henry Whiting**Unit ID** RM-617; MS-4521**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3251**Unit Date** 1784 August 20**Text** 3 (box)**Container** 1784.08.20 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Receipt for rents owed and paid by Henry Whiting on account of plantation rented from George Washington for 11 years by Whiting's father.

Keywords

Receipts (financial records)

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Letter, to Edward Snickers**Unit ID** 2023-SC-012**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/37514**Unit Date** 1784 September 4**Text** 3 (box)**Container** 1784.09.04 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Extent** 2 pages1 sheet35 x 22 cm

Description

Letter from George Washington to Edward Snickers accepting his offer to manage the leasing of land purchased from the sale of Colonel George Mercer's estate. Washington sends a map of the plots and a copy of the lease (not identified), summarizes the terms of the lease, and shares his hope that Snickers finds tenants who will become long-term residents rather than see the land become 'Negro Plantations' rented to an absentee landlord. Autograph letter signed, 2 pages.

Keywords

Correspondence

Farm management

Letter, to George Augustine Washington

Unit ID RM-211; MS-2678

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3252

Unit Date 1784 November 26

Text 3 (box)

Container 1784.11.26 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

George Washington acknowledges receipt of several letters from George Augustine Washington at Barbadoes and Bermuda.

Keywords

Correspondence

Washington, George Augustine, approximately 1759-1793

Leaf from George Washington's notes on Compendium of Husbandry

Unit ID MS-5716

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3255

Unit Date circa 1785

Text 3 (box)

Container 1785.00.00 (folder)

Language English.

Abstract These two pages contain George Washington's handwritten notes on Charles Varlo's A New System of Husbandry, published in 1785. Revealing Washington's pioneering approach to agriculture, they record fascinating experiments including the soaking of seeds in a complex "pickle" of liquor and oil to enlarge the size of the seeds and prevent insects, rodents, and birds from preying upon them. This leaf was originally part of his notebook titled "Compend of Husbandry" in which he collected advice and techniques from modern agricultural writers whose reforms were called the "new husbandry."

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Leaf from a notebook kept by George Washington suggestions which includes improvements and experiments in modern farming techniques and inventions from experts of the time.

Keywords

Farm management

Plans, greenhouse and quarters

Unit ID W-1369/B

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3205

Unit Date circa 1785

Text 3 (box)

Container 1785.00.00 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Plans for the Greenhouse quarters drawn and annotated by George Washington about 1785

Keywords

greenhouse slave quarters
Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)
Enslaved persons -- Dwellings
Architectural documents

Memorandum and sketch, greenhouse and quarters

Unit ID W-799

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3254

Unit Date 1785

Text 3 (box)

Container 1785.00.00 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Memorandum notes that Quarters to be 16' wide; half of that with 4' projection sufficient width for greenhouse; chimneys and where to place them; in front part of greenhouse need 2 tiers of windows; windows close together; chimneys in quarters; front of quarters might be wood with brick underpinning--center or greenhouse part all brick to the eaves; rafters same angle; describes how to place windows in greenhouse.

Keywords

Architectural documents
Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)
greenhouse slave quarters

Document, page from Mount Vernon ledger

Unit ID RM-360; MS-3074

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3256

Unit Date 1785 February 9-April 21

Text 3 (box)

Container 1785.02.09 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Leaf from a Mount Vernon ledger.

Letter, to William Hunter

Unit ID RM-62; MS-2136

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3257

Unit Date 1785 March 24

Text 3 (box)

Container 1785.03.24 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Please forward enclosed letter ... requests current cash prices of good plank (inch, inch & quarter, inch & half) in Alexandria ... if vessel presently in harbor and has some for sale, master should call at Mount Vernon ...

Keywords

Correspondence

Document, field notes**Unit ID** W-809/A**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6892**Unit Date** 1785 March 5**Text** 3 (box)**Container** 1785.03.05 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Creator** Henry, Patrick, 1736-1799**Scope and Contents**

Docketed "Rough field Notes taken by George Washington in running the courses of the Land bot. from George & Jas. Mercer".

[reverse of document dated Mar. 5, 1785, Patrick Henry to George Washington].

Keywords

Agriculture

Letter, to Colonel Frederick Weissenfels**Unit ID** 2018-SC-072**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/15886**Unit Date** 1785 March 15**Text** 3 (box)**Container** 1785.03.15 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Extent** 2 pages31 x 19 cm**Scope and Contents**

Autograph letter signed. Washington responds to a former Revolutionary officer's request for assistance. Washington offers to provide a certificate of service to Weissenfels if he can first send a testament of services from his commanding officer, Governor George Clinton.

Keywords

Correspondence

Weissenfels, Frederick

Letter, to Robert Lewis**Unit ID** RM-1033; MS-5667**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3258**Unit Date** 1785 April 12**Text** 3 (box)**Container** 1785.04.12 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

George Washington discusses terms for hiring new miller Joseph Davenport who will replace miller Roberts.

Keywords

Farm management

Correspondence

Lewis, Robert, 1769-1829

Davenport, Joseph, 1760-1804

Account, Cash Memorandum Book**Unit ID** W-1091**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3556**Unit Date** 1785 May 17-December 24**Text** 3 (box)**Container** 1785.05.17 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Daily expenditures from cash fund on hand, and money received, with detailed explanation of some receipts and expenditures.

Keywords

Financial records

General

Original Location: From GW Box 3

Letter, to Judge Michael Jenifer Stone**Unit ID** RM-488; MS-4700**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3290**Unit Date** 1785 June 15**Text** 3 (box)**Container** 1785.06.15 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Concerning the purchase of shares of stock in the Potomac Company.

Keywords

Financial records

Correspondence

Letter, to Samuel Powel**Unit ID** A-417.1**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3291**Unit Date** 1785 June 15**Text** 3 (box)**Container** 1785.06.15 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Anyone recommended by Mr. Powel is welcome at Mt. Vernon--encloses letter from an unknown gentleman [this was a Mr. Charles Vancouver, desiring to dedicate a publication to George Washington]--investigate to see what others think of author & his project.

Keywords

Correspondence

Powel, Samuel, 1738-1793

Letter, to Samuel Powel**Unit ID** A-417.2**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3367**Unit Date** 1785 July 19**Text** 3 (box)**Container** 1785.07.19 (folder)**Language** English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Mr. Powel's advice has made him write Mr. [Charles] Vancouver, declining dedication of his publication-- hopes to see Dr. Mayes, Powel's friend, on return from Caroline--Mrs. Macaulay Graham's journey to the south--Mrs. Powel's letter to his nephew [Bushrod Washington] in Fredericksburg will be cared for.

Keywords

Correspondence

Powel, Samuel, 1738-1793

Letter, to François Jean de Beauvoir, marquis de Chastellux

Unit ID 2017-SC-003-004

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6670

Unit Date 1785 September 5

Text 3 (box)

Container 1785.09.05 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Mount Vernon. George Washington opened this letter with a response to Chastellux's previous flattery, he continued with his hopes for peaceful trade and poetically outlined how nations might accomplish such a noble task, and he concluded with his plans for the Potomac Navigation Company, further identifying peaceful trade as a means of uniting nations.

Keywords

Correspondence

Chastellux, François Jean, marquis de, 1734-1788

Letter, to Jonathan Trumbull

Unit ID W-552

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3368

Unit Date 1785 October 1

Text 3 (box)

Container 1785.10.01 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Letter of condolence on Gov. Trumbull's death [Jonathan Trumbull Sr.]

Keywords

Correspondence

Condolence notes

Trumbull, John, 1756-1843

Trumbull, Jonathan, 1740-1809

Account, to Battaile Muse

Unit ID RM-1107; MS-5783

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3369

Unit Date 1785 October 27

Text 3 (box)

Container 1785.10.27 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Washington contracts in advance to purchase all 1,000 bushels of wheat from Mr. Battaile Muse. Purchased for George Washington's mill. Paid 6 shillings per bushel.

Keywords

Correspondence
Business records
Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)
Muse, Battaile

Letter, to George Gilpin

Unit ID RM-200; MS-2646

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3370

Unit Date 1785 October 29

Text 3 (box)

Container 1785.10.29 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Washington first asks Gilpin for the use of a scow with which he intends to dredge mud from the river bottom for trial as fertilizer. Then he goes into some detail about the making of a water level and staff which he desires, "I have joiners that could execute the wooden work ... but my Smith is too great a bungler to entrust anything to him, ..." Washington asks Gilpin to have the iron work done for him, or, if he thinks it preferable to make the complete instrument for him.

Keywords

Correspondence
Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)
Farm management
Gilpin, George, 1740-1813

Lettter, to Samuel Powel

Unit ID A-417.3

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3371

Unit Date 1785 December 27

Text 3 (box)

Container 1785.12.27 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Letter discussing the "Agricultural Society of Philadelphia," also known as the Philadelphia Society for Promoting Agriculture.

Keywords

Correspondence
Agriculture
Powel, Samuel, 1738-1793

Letter, to Messrs. Lyles & Co.

Unit ID RM-774; MS-5158

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3381

Unit Date 1786 February 8

Text 3 (box)

Container 1786.02.08 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Washington hopes to trade 25 barrels of fine flour for ". . . a she ass from Surinam, . . ."

Letter, to Josias Hawkins**Unit ID** RM-544; MS-4191**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4906**Unit Date** 1786 February 27**Text** 3 (box)**Container** 1786.02.27 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

A character testimonial on behalf of Mr. Booth, (of Westmoreland Co., Va.).

Keywords

Correspondence

Document, Washer Blunt Bill to The Potomac Company**Unit ID** W-696**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3382**Unit Date** 1786 March 20**Text** 3 (box)**Container** 1786.03.20 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

fragment, endorsed "Rect. No. 149 Walker Blunt Block Maker".

General

Original Location, From GW Box 3

Letter, to Samuel Powel**Unit ID** A-417.7**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3383**Unit Date** 1786 April 5**Text** 4 (box)**Container** 1786.04.05 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Presents Rev. Mr. Griffith, who owns much property in Alexandria--he wants to borrow money to build--good securities--would not hesitate to make loan himself, had he the money.

Keywords

Correspondence

Letter, to Jonathan Trumbull**Unit ID** W-433**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3385**Unit Date** 1786 April 10**Text** 4 (box)**Container** 1786.04.10 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Autograph letter signed, Mount Vernon. Washington writes that he has only just received Trumbull's letter and enclosure of Feb. 20, and he hopes Trumbull will make his southern tour and visit Mount Vernon. Washington mentions the marriage of George Augustine Washington and Fanny Bassett, who are living with him, and encloses a letter for Mr. Dwight. This is Rev. Timothy Dwight, who sent Washington a copy of the "Conquest of Canaan."

Keywords

Correspondence

Trumbull, Jonathan, 1740-1809

Account

Unit ID A-516.10

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3384

Unit Date 1786 April 23-May 24

Text 4 (box)

Container 1786.04.23 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Covers period April 23-29, including "6 half Johan. and half a Guinea to pay Mr. Buchanan my dividd. of the cash for the James River Navigation and recd. from his office 426 dollars in Indents (paper) for Interest on my Loan Office Certificates emitted in this state of Virginia." Includes money paid for rum, wool cards, G. & L. Washington's schooling [Samuel's children], flour, ferriage, etc.

Letter, to John Rumney

Unit ID W-419

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3386

Unit Date 1786 May 15

Text 4 (box)

Container 1786.05.15 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Autograph letter signed with integral address panel, Mount Vernon to Whitehaven. Washington writes that he received 1400 Flags with small breakage, sent £50 bill on Wakelin Welch, and will settle for balance before Mr. Sanderson leaves country.

Keywords

Correspondence

Letter, to George Taylor, Jr.

Unit ID RM-903, MS-5403

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3387

Unit Date 1786 May 18

Text 4 (box)

Container 1786.05.18 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Autograph letter signed with address panel. Mount Vernon to New York. Washington thanks Taylor for the apples and pickled and fried oysters that he sent.

Keywords

Correspondence

Letter, to David Humphreys

Unit ID A-837

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3388

Unit Date 1786 June 20

Text 4 (box)

Container 1786.06.20 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Mount Vernon. In this letter, George Washington sends his congratulations to David Humphreys on return to America [from London] and invites him to Mount Vernon.

Keywords

Correspondence

Humphreys, David, 1752-1818

Letter, to Richard Sprigg

Unit ID 2025-SC-004

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/40502

Unit Date 1786 June 29

Text 4 (box)

Container 1786.06.29 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Extent 1 pages1 bifolium sheet18 x 23 cm

Description

Letter from George Washington to Richard Sprigg regarding husbandry and breeding a donkey. Autograph letter signed, 1 page.

Keywords

Domestic animals

Correspondence

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Livestock breeders

Sprigg, Robert

Letter, to William Peacey

Unit ID A-384.3

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3396

Unit Date 1786 August 5

Text 4 (box)

Container 1786.08.05 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Letter signed. Mount Vernon. Sends several letters of James Bloxham's--Bloxham undecided about staying longer than a year--"In a word he seems rather to have expected to have found well organized farms, than that the end and design of my employing him was to make them so."--if Bloxham's wife is to come, let her come on ship to Alexandria or nearby ports--she can pay for seed, implements, etc., and be repaid in Virginia.

Keywords

Correspondence

Peacey, William

Report, to the Potomac Company shareholders

Unit ID 2023-SC-021

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/38824

Unit Date 1786 August 7

Text Closed Stacks

Container 25 (Drawer)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Extent 1 pages1 sheet; letter is currently mounted to board with adhesive. 36 x 24 cm; 50 x 38 cm [with mounting]

Description

Report from George Washington to the Potomac Company shareholders. Written during Washington's term as president of the corporation, it provides updates on the progress of the company's work and a reminder that stock payments are due soon. Includes a discussion of works at the Seneca and Shenandoah Falls as well as the cutting of a canal at Great Falls. Provides a reminder of the appointed day for electing a president and directors for the ensuing year. Autograph document in unknown handwriting, signed 'In behalf of the Directors,' by George Washington, 1 page.

Keywords

Progress reports
Potomac Company

Letter, to George Digges

Unit ID RM-801; MS-5216

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3397

Unit Date 1786 December 28

Text 4 (box)

Container 1786.12.28 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Autograph letter, signed. Mount Vernon. Washington asks Digges if he would inquire among his friends on the Eastern Shore, Maryland "if I could be furnished with one thousand feet of the best plan plank; precisely 24 feet long (when dressed) - To be without sap, or knots. - It is for the floor of my New room." Years before Washington had set aside some like lumber but "behold! half of it was stolen, and the other half will match no plank I can now get."

Keywords

New Room
Correspondence

Letter, to Charles Willson Peale

Unit ID RM-951; MS-5504

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3398

Unit Date 1787 March 13

Text 4 (box)

Container 1787.03.13 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Acknowledges Peale's receipt of Golden Pheasant. Sent body of French Hen. Wishes Peale success with mezzotinto prints.

Keywords

Correspondence
Peale, Charles Willson, 1741-1827

Letter, to Elizabeth Powel

Unit ID A-417.9

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3399

Unit Date 1787 June 6

Text 4 (box)

Container 1787.06.06 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Incloses copy of the Vision of Columbus which he promised--his copies just came to hand.

Keywords

Correspondence

Powel, Elizabeth Willing, 1743-1830

Receipt, Elizabeth Jones

Unit ID W-1203/C

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3400

Unit Date probably 1787 June 6

Text 4 (box)

Container 1787.06.00 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

For 3 ruffled shirts, 1 plain one, 4 stockings, 1 pair breeches, etc.

Keywords

Receipts (financial records)

Letter, to Governor Clinton

Unit ID W-434

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3401

Unit Date 1787 June 9

Text 4 (box)

Container 1787.06.09 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Advising him that he will discharge the balance owing--Mr. Morris will have his agent in New York pay \$840, about £325.6. as per account of January.

Keywords

Financial records

Correspondence

Clinton, George, 1739-1812

Letter, to George Augustine Washington

Unit ID W-439

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3402

Unit Date 1787 June 10

Text 4 (box)

Container 1787.06.10 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Regrets hearing that George Augustine Washington is ill, wants him not to do more than he can safely do. Instructions about Mount Vernon.

Keywords

Farm management

Enslaved persons

Correspondence

Charles (Ditcher)

Washington, George Augustine, approximately 1759-1793

Letter, to Elizabeth Powel**Unit ID** A-417.8**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3403**Unit Date** 1787 July 23**Text** 4 (box)**Container** 1787.07.23 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Will call for her in carriage in hopes of accompanying her to Lansdown this evening.

Keywords

Correspondence

Powel, Elizabeth Willing, 1743-1830

Letter, to Samuel Powel**Unit ID** A-417.15**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3404**Unit Date** 1787 July 25**Text** 4 (box)**Container** 1787.07.25 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Thanks for inquiring into prices of painting and lining carriages--he has employed a Mr. Clark to repair chariot--well spoken of--can see progress every day when passing his workshop in the Square.

Keywords

Correspondence

Powel, Samuel, 1738-1793

Letter, to George Augustine Washington, with letter of provenance**Unit ID** MS-5821**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3405**Unit Date** 1787 September 2**Text** 4 (box)**Container** 1787.09.02 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

George Washington appointed George Augustine Washington manager of Mount Vernon in his absence. The letter gives detailed instruction of farming Mount Vernon, as well as decorating the mansion, improvements to farm buildings, supervision and care of the servants, miscellaneous purchases.

Keywords

Correspondence

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Farm management

Washington, John Augustine, 1736-1787

Letter, to Elizabeth Powel**Unit ID** A-417.14**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3407**Unit Date** 1787 September 7**Text** 4 (box)**Container** 1787.09.07 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Has perused contents of enclosed--finds it good and just, and thinks they will meet with favorable reception of his nephew [Bushrod Washington].

Keywords

Correspondence

Powel, Elizabeth Willing, 1743-1830

Letter, to Robert Sprigg**Unit ID** RM-948; MS-5499**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3406**Unit Date** 1787 September 28**Text** 3 (box)**Container** 1787.09.28 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

"Dear Sir, I have this moment been favored with your letter and with out date from Prince Georges County and have ordered the Jennies to be delivered to Mr. Dove--hoping both will prove with foal. Royal Gift never fails ...".

Keywords

Correspondence

Domestic animals

Livestock breeders

Sprigg, Robert

List, workers employed at the Shanandoah Falls, Potomac Navigation Company**Unit ID** RM-587; MS-4470**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3408**Unit Date** 1787 October 18**Text** 4 (box)**Container** 1787.10.18 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Lists the names, occupations, and salaries of 86 workmen on the Potomac Company canal near Harper's Ferry.

Keywords

Lists (document genres)

Letter, to Mr. Digges**Unit ID** A-417.6**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3409**Unit Date** 1787 November 5**Text** 4 (box)**Container** 1787.11.05 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Introduces Mr. and Mrs. [Samuel] Powel of Philadelphia.

Keywords

Correspondence

Letter, to Samuel Powel**Unit ID** A-417.13**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3410**Unit Date** 1787 November 30**Text** 4 (box)**Container** 1787.11.30 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

The Powel's safe arrival in Philadelphia [after visit at Mt. Vernon]--the Mr. Morris [Robert and Gouverneur] visited on way to Richmond--hopes to hear of the [Pennsylvania] state convention's decision on Federal Government--Spanish chestnuts--will send more about the 1st of October next year.

Keywords

Correspondence

Powel, Samuel, 1738-1793

General

Original location, From GW Box 3

Letter, to General Weedon**Unit ID** W-415**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3411**Unit Date** 1787 December 17**Text** 4 (box)**Container** 1787.12.17 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Keywords**

Correspondence

Weedon, George, 1734-1793

Letter, to William Peacey**Unit ID** A-384.4**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3413**Unit Date** 1788 January 7**Text** 4 (box)**Container** 1788.01.07 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Thanks for seeds--glad Caleb Hall did not come from England--thanks for offer to send blacksmiths & mill

wrights, but needs none--no benefits for people of that kind to come over--"Whenever we have a regular & firm government established the prospect for these people will be much more pleasing."--Bloxham well.

Keywords

Correspondence

Peacey, William

Letter, to Samuel Powel

Unit ID A-417.11

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3414

Unit Date 1788 January 18

Text 4 (box)

Container 1788.01.18 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Extent 4 pages1 bifolium sheet19 x 23 cm; 37 x 23 cm

Scope and Contents

Thoughts about various states debating ratification of Constitution--generosity of landholders in county of Philadelphia in proposing it for seat of Federal government.

Keywords

Correspondence

Powel, Samuel, 1738-1793

Letter, to Charles Carter

Unit ID RM-153; MS-2430

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3415

Unit Date 1788 February 5

Text 4 (box)

Container 1788.02.05 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

George Washington passes on some information about Irish wolf dogs to Carter which he received from an Irish gentleman. George Washington does not think that mastiffs will fulfill the purpose of hunting wolves which Carter apparently wants.

Keywords

Domestic animals

Correspondence

Letter, to François Jean de Beauvoir, marquis de Chastellux

Unit ID 2017-SC-003-005

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6671

Unit Date 1788 April 25-May 1

Text 4 (box)

Container 1788.04.25 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Extent 6 pages2 bifolium sheets19 x 23 cm

Scope and Contents

In this letter, George Washington reveals his humorous side after learning of Chastellux's recent marriage and Washington ended the letter with important information on the Constitution and methods of united the now new nation.

Keywords

Correspondence

Chastellux, François Jean, marquis de, 1734-1788

Invitation, to Mr. and Mrs. Porter

Unit ID A-607

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3416

Unit Date 1788 May 18

Text 4 (box)

Container 1788.05.18 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Invitation to dinner for Monday, May 19, 1788. Answer is requested.

Keywords

Invitations

Letter, to Annis Boudinot Stockton

Unit ID RM-1108; MS-5785

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3417

Unit Date 1788 August 31

Text 4 (box)

Container 1788.08.31 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Thanks her for her composition in his honor--new government--hopes those of her sex will introduce federal fashions and national manners instead of following foreign manners and fashions.

Keywords

Correspondence

Letter, to Samuel Powel

Unit ID MSS-788

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3418

Unit Date 1788 September 15

Text 4 (box)

Container 1788.09.05 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Separated Materials

Discusses receiving a chair commissioned by the Powels for the Washingtons, which Washington believes are "handsome and neat." Also discusses the state of his crops.

Keywords

Correspondence

Farm management

Letter, to Thomas Peters

Unit ID W-431

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3419

Unit Date 1788 September 16

Text 4 (box)

Container 1788.09.16 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Keywords

Correspondence

Letter, to William Smith**Unit ID** RM-254; MS-2751**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3420**Unit Date** 1788 November 6**Text** 4 (box)**Container** 1788.11.06 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Washington introduces the Count de Moustier, from the Court of France, and the Marchioness de Brehan, who are returning to New York and propose to pass through Baltimore.

Keywords

Correspondence

Letter, to Samuel Powel**Unit ID** A-417.16**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3422**Unit Date** 1788 November 24**Text** 4 (box)**Container** 1788.11.24 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Introduces [Ferdinand] Fairfax, son of [Bryan] Fairfax, his godson--he goes to Philadelphia to complete his studies.

Keywords

Correspondence

Fairfax, Bryan Fairfax, Baron, 1736-1802

Fairfax family

Letter, to Bushrod Washington**Unit ID** MS-4096**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3423**Unit Date** 1788 November 25**Text** 4 (box)**Container** 1788.11.25 (folder)**Container** OUT (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Washington advises his nephew about his contemplated move to Alexandria to set up a law practice.

Keywords

Correspondence

Washington, Bushrod, 1762-1829

Letter, to Bushrod Washington**Unit ID** RM-36; MS-2042**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4617**Unit Date** 1789 January 16**Text** 5 (box)**Container** 1789.01.16 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Letter discussing Bushrod renting George Washington's townhouse in Alexandria, as well as the stable and garden.

Keywords

Correspondence

Real property

Washington, Bushrod, 1762-1829

Legal document, Power of Attorney to George Augustine Washington

Unit ID RM-530; MS-2042

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3424

Unit Date 1789 March 18

Text 5 (box)

Container 1789.03.18 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

George Washington grants his nephew, George Augustine Washington, power of attorney during the former's absence from Mount Vernon. George Washington was preparing to take office as first President of the United States, and George Augustine Washington acted as manager of Mount Vernon during George Washington's first term. Witnessed by Tobias Lear and John Fairfax.

Keywords

Correspondence

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Legal documents

Washington, George Augustine, approximately 1759-1793

"Accounts to be raised in the Books of the President of the United States"

Unit ID RM-1167; MS-5091

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3425

Unit Date 1789 May-1797 March

Text 5 (box)

Container 1789.05.00 (folder)

Language English.

Invoice, to Robert Lewis

Unit ID H-1199/c

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3426

Unit Date 1789 June 3

Text 5 (box)

Container 1789.06.03 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Bill from President to Mr. Lewis

Keywords

Invoices

Presidential appointment, to Vincent Redman**Unit ID** RM-684; MS-4662**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3427**Unit Date** 1789 August 5**Text** 5 (box)**Container** 1789.08.05 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Presidential appointment to Redman as customs collector at the port of Yeocomico River in Virginia. The rest of the document is filled in by Tobias Lear. This appointment followed the first Tariff Act of July 4, 178

Invitation, to Edmund Lee**Unit ID** RM-1145**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3428**Unit Date** 1789 September 3**Text** 5 (box)**Container** 1789.09.03 (folder)**Container** OUT (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

On September 3, 1789, George Washington sent this letter to Edmund Jennings Lee inviting him to dine at Mount Vernon along with John Marshall and Bushrod Washington. Marshall had recently returned from service as peace commissioner to France and Washington hoped to persuade him to run for Congress in the upcoming election. Lee must have declined this invitation, because his name is not recorded in Washington's diary among his dinner guests that evening.

Keywords

Correspondence

Invitations

Letter, to David Stuart**Unit ID** W-436**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3430**Unit Date** 1789 September 21**Text** 5 (box)**Container** 1789.09.21 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Creator** Washington, Martha, 1731-1802**Scope and Contents**

Advises Stuart, as administrator of estate of John Parke Custis, to let Mr. Alexander have disputed land [J.P. Custis' "Abingdon" estate] back and pay him a fair rent for the time it was out of his possession -- has no time to give reasons -- Martha Washington adds her approval at bottom of letter in short note and signature.

Keywords

Correspondence

Stuart, David, 1753-1814

Document, Authorization of payments for the return of an escaped indentured servant to the Potomac Company

Unit ID 2024-SC-023

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/40212

Unit Date 1789 November 1

Text 5 (box)

Container 1789.11.01 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Creator Gilpin, George, 1740-1813

Creator Fitzgerald, John, -1799

Extent 1 pages1 sheet22 x 17 cm

Description

Authorization of expenses needed for the return of Hugh Taylor, a fugitive indentured servant, to the Potomac Company from Alexandria to Great Falls in November 1789. Document signed, 1 page.

Keywords

Financial records

Indentured servants

Potomac Company

Letter, to Samuel Powel

Unit ID A-417.17

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3431

Unit Date 1789 December 15

Text 5 (box)

Container 1789.12.15 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Sorry to find the report on the Hessian Fly to Maj. Jackson has been recalled--hasn't written Mr. [Arthur] Young about it--is informed, especially in Connecticut, that fly is now in wheat too--it is a pity farmers won't stick to yellow-bearded wheat, which is immune.

Keywords

Correspondence

Farm management

Document, blank dinner invitation from President and Mrs. Washington

Unit ID [RM-1079; MS-5722] & [RM-988; MS-5605] & [RM-1114; MS-5797] & [RM-1172; MS-5908]

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3432

Unit Date 1790

Text 37 (box)

Container 1790.00.00 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Partially printed on card from President Washington and Mrs. Washington--not filled out.

Keywords

United States -- Politics and government -- 1789-1797

Invitations

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Washington, Martha, 1731-1802

General

[RM-1079; MS-5722]; [RM-988; MS-5605]; [RM-1114; MS-5797]

Note, extract copied from letter by George Augustine Washington

Unit ID W-427

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3435

Unit Date 1790 February 7

Text 5 (box)

Container 1790.02.07 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George Augustine, approximately 1759-1793

Scope and Contents

Written in George Washington's hand, this note is extracted from a letter from George Augustine Washington to George Washignton. The letter gives length of bolting cloth now in the mill--Col. Biddle observes has the difference between cloth and reel covered with coarse linen.

Keywords

Correspondence

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Letter, to Samuel Powel

Unit ID A-417.18

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3436

Unit Date 1790 February 21

Text 5 (box)

Container 1790.02.21 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Thanks to Society for letter and present accompanying it -- beneficial consequences to rural economy from prizes awarded -- Mr. Matthewson's improvements in art of cheese making. Signed by Washington, though not written in his hand.

Keywords

Correspondence

Powel, Samuel, 1738-1793

Letter, to David Stuart

Unit ID W-430

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3437

Unit Date 1790 April 11

Text 5 (box)

Container 1790.04.11 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Consents to agreement with Mr. Alexander in order to avoid a legal decision -- forwarded it to Lund Washington -- question of assumption not taken up yet -- it has been fully discussed and majority will be small on whichever side wins -- will not send the original papers [pertaining to above agreement] to him in Williamsburg.

Keywords

Washington, George, 1732-1799 -- Trials, litigation, etc.

Correspondence

Stuart, David, 1753-1814

Account, with Joseph Corre**Unit ID** W-1310/a.54**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3438**Unit Date** 1790 June-August**Text** 5 (box)**Container** 1790.06.00 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Account amounting to £51.6.2 for ice and "mouls" of ice cream.

Keywords

Financial records

Corre, Joseph

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Letter, to Marie Adrienne de Noailles, Marquise de Lafayette**Unit ID** 2018-SC-042**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/14101**Unit Date** 1790 June 3**Text** 5 (box)**Container** 1790.06.03 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Extent** 3 pages1 bifolium sheet20 x 25 cm; 40 x 25 cm**Scope and Contents**

New York. Autograph letter signed. Washington writes in response to a letter from the wife of Lafayette requesting a brevet commission at the rank of captain for Joseph-Léonard Poirey, a French officer who served under her husband.

Washington writes, "And you will, I dare flatter myself, do me the justice to believe that I can never be more happy than in according marks of attention to so good a friend to America and so excellent a patriot as Madame la Marquise de la Fayette. Nor did she need any excuse for making use of her own language to be the interpreter of so much politeness & persuasion as she has found means to convey in one short letter. In truth that language, at least when used by her, seems made on purpose to have fine things communicated in it; and I question whether any other, at least in the hands of any other person, would have been equally competent to the effect."

Keywords

Correspondence

Lafayette, Marie Adrienne de Noailles, marquise de, 1759-1807

Letter, to Samuel Powel**Unit ID** A-417.19**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3439**Unit Date** 1790 June 20**Text** 5 (box)**Container** 1790.06.20 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Received his letter by Mr. Robert Parish -- declines proposals for dedicating the travels of William Bartram to himself, as it sets a bad precedent -- however, approves book and adds name as a subscriber.

Keywords

Correspondence

Powel, Samuel, 1738-1793

Letter cover, to Joseph Jones**Unit ID** RM-770; MS-5083**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3440**Unit Date** 1790 July 22**Text** 5 (box)**Container** 1790.07.22 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Letter cover only, signature has been clipped

Letter, to Tobias Lear**Unit ID** RM-530; MS-4495**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3441**Unit Date** 1790 November 23**Text** 5 (box)**Container** 1790.11.23 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

On a trip from Mount Vernon to Philadelphia, Washington complains about his coachman, Dunn, who has given many "proofs of his want of skill in driving ..." and "... this Morning was found much intoxicated." Lear is asked to make inquiries after a new driver.

Keywords

Correspondence

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Lear, Tobias, 1762-1816

Letter, to Governor Clinton**Unit ID** W-789**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3442**Unit Date** 1790 December 1**Text** 5 (box)**Container** 1790.12.01 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Discusses Gov. Clinton's letter of 26th containing news from Capt. Brant of the expedition against the Indians which was ambushed [Gen. Harmar's expedition] -- sounds true but awaits more news -- our force ought to have been large enough to tackle a force of 1,000 or more -- friendly sentiments of Capt. Brant -- his account of Gen. St. Clair not true nor the account of affairs at Muskingum -- Brant tried to prevent any treaty -- St. Clair wanted no more land than already given -- treaty of Muskingum.

Keywords

Native Americans

Correspondence

Clinton, George, 1739-1812

Letter, to Burgess Ball**Unit ID** RM-186; MS-2573**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3443**Unit Date** 1790 December 19**Text** 5 (box)**Container** 1790.12.19 (folder)**Language** English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Impossible to arrange an exchange of property with Ball, who wishes to have land held by George Washington in Berkeley County. Not possible because property leased to tenants and value greater than Ball believes it to be. Would be willing to work an exchange, however, for some of his land west of the Alleghany River.

Keywords

Correspondence

Real property

Ball, Burgess, 1749-1800

Invoice, to John Barnes

Unit ID W-1310/a.60

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4618

Unit Date 1791 February-April

Text 5 (box)

Container 1791.02.00 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Account for Feb. 21 and April 2 for Best Bourbon Coffee, amounting to £8.15.4.

Keywords

Invoices

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Letter, to William Hunter

Unit ID A-301.2

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4619

Unit Date 1791 February 4

Text 5 (box)

Container 1791.02.04 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Washington writes to the Mayor of Alexandria saying that an accurate survey is necessary of 10 miles square in question [the land for the Federal City] -- has engaged Mr. Ellicott to make it -- hopes corporation of Alexandria, Virginia will give all necessary help.

Keywords

Correspondence

Land surveys

Hunter, William, -1761

Letter, to Tobias Lear

Unit ID RM-530; MS-4496

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4620

Unit Date 1791 April 6

Text 5 (box)

Container 1791.04.06 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

While on his Southern tour, Washington writes to Lear that "I am perfectly satisfied that every necessary and proper step will be taken to procure a good Steward, and a good House keeper ..." for the Philadelphia household. Orders a garden worker to be paid.

Keywords

Correspondence

Correspondence
Employees
Lear, Tobias, 1762-1816

Letter, to Samuel Powel

Unit ID A-417.20

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4621

Unit Date 1791 August 2

Text 5 (box)

Container 1791.08.02 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Presents one set of the Annals sent him by Mr. Arthur Young to the Philadelphia Society for Promoting Agriculture as requested.

Keywords

Correspondence

Agriculture

Powel, Samuel, 1738-1793

Letter, to Anthony Whitting

Unit ID W-722

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4622

Unit Date 1791 August 14

Text 5 (box)

Container 1791.08.14 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Major George A. Washington gone to Berkeley so he will address him [Whitting] on Mount Vernon matters -- send weekly reports -- corn at the mill should be ready -- gather this corn & stalks together for fodder -
- plant this meadow in grass -- further instructions on harvesting and seeding -- all autumn grain and grass to be put in as soon as possible -- wants an overseer for Dogue Run, a man with a small family -- house for overseer, can move one from the Mansion to Dogue Run easier than build a new one, add a brick chimney -- this was originally at Dogue Run -- instructions for Tom Davis, bricklayer, about "the other Wing of the Green House" -- be sure brick work on old & new walls coincide exactly -- instructions for Will, "if ... is not likely to provide shoes enough for the Negroes in due Season" -- clover -- use the barn floor to tread wheat -- not to use Mr. Lund Washington's smith for work on Harrows, Mt. Vernon's smiths are competent -- how is wheat crop -- if 335 bushels all? -- crop short indeed.

Keywords

Enslaved persons

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Davis, Tom, active 1792- (Bricklayer)

Lee, William, approximately 1752-

Whitting, Anthony, -1793

Letter, to Anthony Whitting

Unit ID RM-759; MS-5023

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4623

Unit Date 1791 September 4

Text 5 (box)

Container 1791.09.04 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Washington writes to his Mount Vernon overseer about farm matters; mentions crop rotation system, decreasing productivity of land, wheat experiments, mill production, and missing horse.

Keywords

Farm management

Correspondence

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Whitting, Anthony, -1793

Letter, to Governor Martin

Unit ID W-422

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4624

Unit Date 1791 November 14

Text 37 (box)

Container 1791.11.14 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Washington writes to North Carolina's Governor that he has received letter with notice of cession of land in North Carolina for building lighthouses -- mentions recent southern tour -- thanks him for reception in North Carolina -- object was "To see with my own eyes the situation of the Country, and to learn on the spot the condition and disposition of our Citizens." Written in the hand of Tobias Lear.

Keywords

Correspondence

North Carolina

Lear, Tobias, 1762-1816

Martin, Josiah, 1737-1786

Letter, to Elizabeth Powel

Unit ID A-417.21

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4625

Unit Date 1792 April 23

Text 5 (box)

Container 1792.04.23 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Thanks her for sending enclosed "Strictures &c" to him to read -- it hasn't caused him any pain -- he regrets author didn't spend some of time investigating the facts instead of writing the pamphlet. If he had done so, the author "might have found many of his charges as unsupported as the 'baseless fabric of a vision'" (quoting from *The Tempest*, IV,1). The pamphlet referred to was "Strictures and observations upon the three executive departments of the government of the United States..." by Massachusettsis ([Philadelphia], 1792).

Keywords

Correspondence

Powel, Elizabeth Willing, 1743-1830

Invitation, to Mr. Gilbert

Unit ID RM-1087; MS-5746

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4626

Unit Date 1792 May 6

Text 5 (box)

Container 1792.05.06 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Invitation from George Washington to Mr. Gilbert. Partially printed. Filled in by George Washington. Mr

invitation from George Washington to Mr. Gilbert, partially printed. Filed in by George Washington. Mr. Gilbert, who is invited to dine at 4:00, is unidentified. Engraved invitation does not include phrase "and Mrs. Washington" like others issued at the time.

Keywords

United States -- Politics and government -- 1789-1797

Invitations

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Letter, to Hannah Fairfax Washington

Unit ID A-301.3

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4627

Unit Date 1792 May 20

Text 5 (box)

Container 1792.05.20 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Pressing public business causes delay in answering letter -- thanks for information he requested on genealogy of Washington family -- returns herewith will of Lawrence Washington as she desires.

Keywords

Correspondence

Washington, Hannah Fairfax, 1742-1804

Letter, to Samuel Powel

Unit ID A-417.23

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4628

Unit Date 1792 June 29

Text 5 (box)

Container 1792.06.29 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Washington will gladly accept one of several tubs of grape vines from Madeira if Mr. Powel doesn't need them all -- a vessel sails for Alexandria in a few days -- will send sundry parcels to Mt. Vernon.

Keywords

Correspondence

Powel, Samuel, 1738-1793

Letter, to Anthony Whitting

Unit ID W-417

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4907

Unit Date 1792 July 1

Text 5 (box)

Container 1792.07.01 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Discusses plantation management.

Keywords

Farm management

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Correspondence

Whitting, Anthony, -1793

Letter, to Richard Chichester**Unit ID** 2019-SC-003**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/17776**Unit Date** 1792 August 8**Text** 5 (box)**Container** 1792.08.08 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Extent** 2 pages24 x 20 cm**Scope and Contents**

Autograph letter signed. Washington denies a request from his neighbor to hunt deer on his property.

Keywords

Deer park

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Correspondence

Letter, to Robert Lewis**Unit ID** A-301.4**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4629**Unit Date** 1792 December 23**Text** 5 (box)**Container** 1792.12.23 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Has heard that Maj. Harrison of Loudon County intends selling his land adjoining George Washington's in Fairfax -- Washington wishes to buy for sole reason of ridding himself of the "villainies" which are performed by those tenants who occupy Harrison's land -- land no good for a farm -- if he can get good price make the bargain, so long as title is clear and not under any encumbrances of leases.

Keywords

Real property

Correspondence

Lewis, Robert, 1769-1829

Articles of agreement, house carpenter and joiner**Unit ID** RM-490-F; MS-3945**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4630**Unit Date** 1793**Text** 6 (box)**Container** 1793.00.00 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Contracts services for one year-house carpenter and Joiner should conduct themselves soberly, honestly and deliberately-duties: superintend Negro carpenters, use proper care with tools, keep an account (in a book) of needs and things done, should set a good example, and will remain at work from light to dark-pay is 10 pounds a month- George Washington will provide: meat and meal or flour, tools, quarters, and will pay taxes.

Keywords

Business records

Carpentry

Slavery

Letter, to Robert Lewis**Unit ID** A-734.1**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4631**Unit Date** 1793 January 6**Text** 6 (box)**Container** 1793.01.06 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Encloses copies of earlier letters to Lewis, in case originals miscarry -- has written Mr. [Anthony] Whitting at Mount Vernon not to sell the stud horse, but deliver him to Robert Lewis -- Lewis's aunt (Martha Washington) joins in sending greetings.

Keywords

Correspondence

Farm management

Lewis, Robert, 1769-1829

Letter, to Nicholas Van Staphurst**Unit ID** A-301.6**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4632**Unit Date** 1793 January 30**Text** 6 (box)**Container** 1793.01.30 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Will pay small sum in Amsterdam -- encloses bill of exchange drawn by George Meade on Henry Gildermeester in his favor - 2,310 guilders in Dutch currency -- will remit second exchange by British packet slated to sail on 6 February. With this sum, Washington transferred money to a Dutch banking firm in order to assist the family of the Marquis de Lafayette, who had been captured by Prussian forces as he fled France in August 1792.

Keywords

Correspondence

Staphorst, Nicholaas van, 1742-1801

Letter, to Nicholas Van Staphurst**Unit ID** A-301.7**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4633**Unit Date** 1793 January 31**Text** 6 (box)**Container** 1793.01.31 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Please convey enclosed letter to Madame La Fayette "if you know where she is to be found" -- hold amount of bill sent subject to her order -- sent to Holland because reports in America say if Madame Lafayette is not there, it will be known where she is to be found.

Keywords

Correspondence

Staphorst, Nicholaas van, 1742-1801

Letter, to Elizabeth Powel**Unit ID** A-417.22**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4634**Unit Date** 1793 February**Text** 6 (box)**Container** 1793.02.00 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Comments on enclosed poem that contains birthday sentiments for Mrs. Powel. The poem was copied by Tobias Lear from a 1792 manuscript by the poet Elizabeth Graeme Fergusson. Mount Vernon has both the original and Lear's copy.

Keywords

Correspondence

Powel, Elizabeth Willing, 1743-1830

Letter, to Nicholas Van Staphurst**Unit ID** A-301.8**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4635**Unit Date** 1793 February 4**Text** 6 (box)**Container** 1793.02.04 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Enclosed is second bill of exchange for 2310 guilders for Madame Lafayette.

Keywords

Correspondence

Staphorst, Nicholaas van, 1742-1801

Letter, to Thomas Parker**Unit ID** A-301.9**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4636**Unit Date** 1793 February 7**Text** 6 (box)**Container** 1793.02-07 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Received Parker's letter desiring to know terms on which he (Washington) would sell his Gloucester County land -- since he got it at valuation of £800 Virginia currency for part of a bond, he will sell it for same plus interest since 1789 -- Washington wants payment upon giving over the land, but some credit can be arranged.

Keywords

Correspondence

Real property

Parker, Thomas, 1761-1820

Letter, to Robert Hooe**Unit ID** A-301.10**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4637**Unit Date** 1793 February 7**Text** 6 (box)**Container** 1793.02.07 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Received letter containing Mr. Bennett's claim against Colville's estate -- deals with George Washington's position as executor of Colville estate -- won't pay interest on debt thereof until court of Chancery decides whether it is just -- refers him to Mr. Keith of Alexandria who has papers dealing with estate.

Keywords

Correspondence

Real property

Hooe, Robert Townsend, 1743-1809

Letter, to James Keith**Unit ID** A-301.11**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4638**Unit Date** 1793 February 7**Text** 6 (box)**Container** 1793.02.07 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Encloses Col. Robert Townsend Hooe's letter relating to the Thomas Colville estate -- wishes to have final settlement of estate -- check Mr. Bennett's account with documents and see if it seems to be correct -- Washington thinks Bennett's claim different from what he remembered legacy to be -- has referred Hooe to him for details.

Keywords

Correspondence

Real property

Hooe, Robert Townsend, 1743-1809

Letter, to Elizabeth Powel**Unit ID** A-417**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4653**Unit Date** 1793 February 21**Text** 6 (box)**Container** 1793.02.21 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Congratulations and best wishes on her birthday from both President and Mrs. Washington -- would have attended her party except for "the late event which has happened in their family" (the death of George Augustine Washington).

Keywords

Correspondence

Powel, Elizabeth Willing, 1743-1830

Invitation, to Tristram Dalton**Unit ID** RM-1086; MS-5745**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4639**Unit Date** 1793 March 1**Text** 6 (box)**Container** 1793.03.01 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Dinner invitation from George and Martha Washington to Mr. and Mrs. Dalton and daughter. Not in Washington's hand. Tristram Dalton was a friend and first senator from Massachusetts. Invitation was issued just prior to Washington's second inauguration in the Senate chamber.

Keywords

United States -- Politics and government -- 1789-1797

Invitations

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Letter, to William Washington**Unit ID** RM-873; MS-5333**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4640**Unit Date** 1793 March 3**Text** 6 (box)**Container** 1793.03.03 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

George Washington requires shells for lime to make mortar for about "40,000 Bricks." Constructing Dogue Run Farm 16-sided barn. Asks his nephew if he hires out "Negro carpenters by the year?" Can he recommend carpenter overseer?

Keywords

Sixteen-sided Treading Barn

Slavery

Correspondence

Washington, William Augustine, 1757-1810

Letter, to Albert Gallatin**Unit ID** A-750.21**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4641**Unit Date** 1793 March 11**Text** 6 (box)**Container** 1793.03.11 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Has little information re inquiry of Mr. Thomas Bowen--only man named George Harrison in area died 50 years ago--no children--widow married man named Posey--Harrison's land left to nephew John West, from whom George Washington bought it about 20 years ago--knows nothing of affairs of Harrison's estate.

Keywords

Correspondence

Letter, to General Wilkinson**Unit ID** A-301.14**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4642**Unit Date** 1793 March 14**Text** 6 (box)**Container** 1793.03.14 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Received letter from Wilkinson by way of Captain Abner Prior and shortly after the two kegs of fish from "western waters" [in Ohio] -- fish were fine and a novelty here.

Keywords

Correspondence

Letter, to Nicholas Van Staphurst**Unit ID** A-301.15**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4643**Unit Date** 1793 March 15**Text** 6 (box)**Container** 1793.03.15 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

By Brig Betsey, sends triplicates of letters of Jan. 30 and 31 and the third exchange for 2310 guilders for Madame Lafayette.

Keywords

Correspondence

Staphorst, Nicholaas van, 1742-1801

Letter, to Arthur Young**Unit ID** A-301.16**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4644**Unit Date** 1793 March 20**Text** 6 (box)**Container** 1793.03.20 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Sends plan of new federal district where the seat of government will be located -- "It will serve to show you, and such as may have the curiosity to look at it, that whatever our present condition is, we have vanity enough to look forward to a better."

Keywords

Correspondence

Young, Arthur, 1741-1820

Letter, to Samuel and Elizabeth Powel**Unit ID** A-417.26**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4645**Unit Date** 1793 April 24**Text** 6 (box)**Container** 1793.04.24 (folder)**Language** English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Mrs. Washington is indisposed with a cold -- afraid she will increase it by going to the circus this afternoon -- President and rest of family will go to see exhibition of Mr. Ricketts.

Keywords

Correspondence

Powel, Samuel, 1738-1793

Powel, Elizabeth Willing, 1743-1830

Letter, to William Washington

Unit ID A-750.22

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4646

Unit Date 1793 April 26

Text 6 (box)

Container 1793.04.26 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Mr. David Clark, coachmaker in Philadelphia, has asked him to write informing Col. Washington that the coach he (George Washington) had with him in Charleston was made by Clark -- he has heard it was admired for its beauty and is made of good materials -- Mr. Clark hears Col. Washington wants to have a coach made and he desires the job.

Keywords

Correspondence

Letter, to John Joseph DeBarth

Unit ID A-301.17

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4647

Unit Date 1793 April 30

Text 6 (box)

Container 1793.04.30 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Since Mr. de Barth has not made stipulated payments for land bought of Washington, lying on the Kanawas, Washington suggests canceling the bargain instead of bringing measures against De Barth for payment.

Keywords

Correspondence

Real property

Letter, to Samuel Powel

Unit ID A-417.27

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4648

Unit Date 1793 May 4

Text 6 (box)

Container 1793.05.04 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Received from Arthur Young two sets of his Annals, numbered 98-108--presumes one set intended, as usual, for Agricultural Society of this city--accordingly, sends them to him as president.

Keywords

Correspondence

Young, Arthur, 1741-1820
Powel, Samuel, 1738-1793

Letter, to William Shotwell

Unit ID A-301.18

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4649

Unit Date 1793 May 6

Text 6 (box)

Container 1793.05.06 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Inquires as to price and availability of the best clover seed.

Keywords

Correspondence

Agriculture

Letter, to Arthur Young

Unit ID A-301.19

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4650

Unit Date 1793 May 7

Text 6 (box)

Container 1793.05.07 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

At request of several gentlemen of his acquaintance, Washington introduces Dr. Edwards, who is going to Europe for his health and to obtain knowledge of agriculture there.

Keywords

Correspondence

Agriculture

Young, Arthur, 1741-1820

Letter, to Judge Peters

Unit ID A-301.20

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4651

Unit Date 1793 May 16

Text 6 (box)

Container 1793.05.16 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Mr. Arthur Young has written that the several accounts collected by George Washington of agriculture in this country "have set him afloat on the High Seas of conjecture with respect to the Agriculture of this Country ..." -- "and, as you had a hand in setting him afloat, it is but fair that you should lend your assistance to get him landed again" -- sends enclosed extracts from Young's letter and desires Peters to answer queries -- Young has been prevented by the war from coming to this country to study himself the agriculture and see what can be done along that line.

Keywords

Correspondence

Agriculture

Young, Arthur, 1741-1820

Letter, to Robert Hooe**Unit ID** A-301.21**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4652**Unit Date** 1793 May 29**Text** 6 (box)**Container** 1793.05.29 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Agrees to Hooe's offer for flour -- will order Anthony Whitting to make delivery in Alexandria, but wishes because of harvest time that Hooe would take delivery at his mill or on river opposite -- market for flour is not falling as Hooe says, but only a temporary drop due to lack of vessels to take it to European markets -- had heard of William Shepherd's intent to apply to Loudon Court to condemn George Washington's land on Difficult Run -- encloses a copy of earlier letter to Col. Powell on subject.

Keywords

Correspondence

Agriculture

Whitting, Anthony, -1793

Hooe, Robert Townsend, 1743-1809

Letter, to Warner Washington**Unit ID** A-301.22**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4654**Unit Date** 1793 June 5**Text** 6 (box)**Container** 1793.06.05 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Hereby conveys a letter from Warner Washington III as he promised -- the younger Warner is destitute for funds in this city.

Keywords

Correspondence

Letter, to Frances Bassett Washington**Unit ID** A-608.35**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4655**Unit Date** 1793 June 10**Text** 6 (box)**Container** 1793.06.10 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Enlarges on recent letter of Mrs. Washington's (dictated by him) relative to the estate in Berkeley -- in accord with provisions in George A. Washington's will, advises settling a second plantation in Berkeley including some land in Fairfax County, as a grass and small grain farm -- advises on getting tenants and drawing up contracts -- she should ask advice of George S. Washington -- Anthony Whitting's decline caused by consumption necessitates visit to Mt. Vernon but public business presses and visit will be short.

Keywords

Correspondence

Lear, Frances "Fanny" Bassett Washington, 1767-1796

Letter, to William Tilghman**Unit ID** A-301.23**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4656**Unit Date** 1793 July 21**Text** 6 (box)**Container** 1793.06.21 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Death of Anthony Whitting -- needs Tilghman's help to procure new manager -- thinks a good one may better be found on Eastern Shore of Maryland than elsewhere -- gives qualifications for the job -- lists several people in Tilghman's neighborhood whom he has had recommended -- among them is William Pearce [later manager of Mt. Vernon] -- doesn't want to lure any away from present jobs, unless they had intended leaving anyway.

Keywords

Correspondence

Letter, to Burgess Ball**Unit ID** RM-1216**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3259**Unit Date** 1793 August 4**Text** 6 (box)**Container** 1793.08.04 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

At the time of this letter, Washington was serving his second term as president and was living in Philadelphia. His nephew, George Augustine Washington, had served as farm manager for the previous seven years but died in 1793. In need of a new farm manager, Washington considered his nephew, Lawrence Lewis.

Concerned that Lewis was too inexperienced for the job, Washington remarked on the necessary qualifications necessary: "...so little have I in my power to visit, or attend to my private concerns, that it becomes extremely necessary (besides fidelity) to have an experienced & skilful man, of some weight, to manage my business; one whose Judgment is able to direct him in cases which may arise out of circumstances that can neither be foreseen, nor previously guarded against.

Washington continued, "What the age of Mr Lawrence Lewis is—what opportunities he may have had to acquire any knowledge in the management of a Farm. What his disposition, whether active or indolent. Whether clear in his perceptions, & of good Judgment. Whether sober & sedate, or fond of amusements and running about—with other queries which might be asked, as well applying to a young man just entering on the career of life; are all matters to which I am an entire stranger; and if you can give me information respecting them, I shall thank you. You will readily perceive that my sole object in these enquiries is to ascertain the competency of a character to whom I should commit an important trust; consequently, going no farther, can operate nothing to the prejudice of my Nephew, whatever, in confidence, you may say to me on the foregoing points and such others as may occur to you."

Washington instead hired a more seasoned farm manager, William Pearce. Pearce served as farm manager until 1796 during which time Lewis came to stay at Mount Vernon and worked in some managerial capacity, but the official farm manager by then was James Anderson. Lewis eventually married Nelly Custis in 1799 and lived the remainder of his life at Woodlawn.

Keywords

Correspondence

Ball, Burgess, 1749-1800

Letter, to Hyland Crow**Unit ID** A-301.24**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4657**Unit Date** 1793 August 4**Text** 6 (box)**Container** 1793.08.04 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Has heard from Mr. Robert Lewis that Crow desires increase in wages -- since he had best crop last year at Union Farm, Washington will raise him to £40 per annum as an encouragement, but will not raise him any higher hereafter.

Keywords

Correspondence

Crow, Hyland (Overseer)

Letter, to John Francis Mercer**Unit ID** A-301.25**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4658**Unit Date** 1793 August 7**Text** 6 (box)**Container** 1793.08.07 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Requests that Mercer forward deed from "yourself & others to me" if it has been duly executed and recorded.

Keywords

Correspondence

Deeds

Mercer, John Francis, 1759-1821

Letter, to Robert Hooe**Unit ID** A-301.26**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4659**Unit Date** 1793 August 7**Text** 6 (box)**Container** 1793.08.07 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Has given James Keith a draught on Col. Hooe for £140, the amount due Keith for his trouble in Colville estate -- asks that Hooe deduct it from what is due George Washington.

Keywords

Correspondence

Financial records

Hooe, Robert Townsend, 1743-1809

Letter, to Howell Lewis**Unit ID** RM-271; MS-2784**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4660**Unit Date** 1793 August 11**Text** 6 (box)**Container** 1793.08.11 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Lewis was acting Estate Manager for George Washington at Mount Vernon. The letter contains instructions for various farm activities and personal advice to young Lewis on how to write better reports.

Keywords

Correspondence

Farm management

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Lewis, Howell, 1771-1822

Letter, to William Pearce**Unit ID** RM-490-F; MS-3939**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4661**Unit Date** 1793 August 26**Text** 6 (box)**Container** 1793.08.26 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

100 guineas a year for superintendant of Mt. Vernon--recommends that Pearce visit the estate--to determine if all is to his liking-George Washington expects to be at Mt. Vernon on the 20th of Sept.--gives directions, mileage, stage schedule--speaks of worthless overseer to 8-10 Negro carpenters--hopes to replace him by New Year's day.

Keywords

Farm management

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Carpentry

Slavery

Pearce, William (Farm manager)

Letter, to Robert Lewis**Unit ID** A-301.27**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4662**Unit Date** 1793 August 26**Text** 6 (box)**Container** 1793.08.26 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Won't sell land on Difficult Run in Loudon County except for very high price -- was in treaty with a Dutchman for it for £60 per annum -- would want double what Lewis offered for the Frederick County land because when Shenandoah River is made navigable, lands near it will increase greatly in value

Keywords

Correspondence

Real property

Lewis, Robert, 1769-1829

Letter, to William Short**Unit ID** A-301.28**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4663**Unit Date** 1793 September 1**Text** 6 (box)**Container** 1793.09.01 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Introduces Tobias Lear, who leaves George Washington as Secretary after 7 years -- Lear is engaged in a mercantile scheme -- recommends him to Short's kindness.

Keywords

Correspondence

Lear, Tobias, 1762-1816

Letter, to Arthur Young**Unit ID** A-301.29**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4664**Unit Date** 1793 September 1**Text** 6 (box)**Container** 1793.09.01 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Introduces Tobias Lear, who goes to Europe to carry into effect his plans for an "extensive commercial establishment" at the Federal City -- Lear can explain his long delay in writing -- encloses Mr. Richard Peters' and Mr. Thomas Jefferson's answers to his queries about American agriculture -- if there are any questions, ask Lear.

Keywords

Correspondence

Agriculture

Young, Arthur, 1741-1820

Lear, Tobias, 1762-1816

Letter, to Elizabeth Powel**Unit ID** A-417.30**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4665**Unit Date** 1793 September 9**Text** 6 (box)**Container** 1793.09.09 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Sends their regrets that Mrs. Powel cannot accompany him and Mrs. Washington to Virginia.

Keywords

Correspondence

Powel, Elizabeth Willing, 1743-1830

Letter, to William Pearce**Unit ID** RM-490-F; MS-3940**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4666**Unit Date** 1793 October 6**Text** 7 (box)**Container** 1793.10.06 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

George Washington's nephew's widow has decided to move--Pearce and his family to move into Mansion--repairing of Mr. Crow's house--recommends Pearce residing in the right wing (the Hall)--list of things at his disposal --authorizes Pearce to acquire ploughs and any other tools --outlines benefits of Pearce's early arrival.

Keywords

Correspondence

Pearce, William (Farm manager)

Letter, to Richard Henry Lee**Unit ID** RM-703; MS-4757**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4667**Unit Date** 1793 October 24**Text** 7 (box)**Container** 1793.10.24 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Extent** 4 pages1 bifolium sheet19 x 22 cm; 38 x 22 cm**Scope and Contents**

Washington comments on the disagreeable conduct of the French minister Genet, who seems to want to involve the U.S. in war. The situation has "test[ed] the temper of the Executives."

Keywords

Correspondence

France -- Foreign relations

Letter, to Francis Willis**Unit ID** A-301.30**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4668**Unit Date** 1793 October 25**Text** 7 (box)**Container** 1793.10.25 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Deals with involved estate of Samuel Washington and his last wife, Susannah Perrin Holding Washington -- had been undecided whether to try to get estate from Mrs. Washington's family in favor of his niece Harriot who was left very little -- will reach an agreement -- "Pay me one hund. pounds which I shall give to my niece for her immediate support, and I will quit claim to all the Negros which belonged to Mrs. Saml. Washington ...".

Keywords

Correspondence

Willis, Francis, 1745-1829

Letter, to John Francis Mercer**Unit ID** A-301.31**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4669**Unit Date** 1793 October 26**Text** 7 (box)**Container** 1793.10.26 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

An attachment has been served against Washington -- despite Mercer's orders to the contrary, collectors present notes against Mercer's brother's estate to George Washington's manager for Payment -- brought bond and mortgage of Mercer's late father and brother from Philadelphia, and will exchange them for land -- asks whether his (Washington's) signature necessary on the instrument.

Keywords

Correspondence

Financial records

Mercer, John Francis, 1759-1821

Letter, to William Pearce**Unit ID** RM-490-F; MS-3941**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4670**Unit Date** 1793 October 27**Text** 7 (box)**Container** 1793.10.27 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

In this letter George Washington has decided to engage superintendant of carpenters for another year-- could not find anyone to relace-comments on man who looks after the house people, ditchers, etc.--after winter, Pearce can decide to remain at Mt. Vernon or live elsewhere--construction of house for Mr. Crow-- Negro children forbidden to enter the yards and gardens (excluding the children of cook and her husband the Mulatto Frank).

Keywords

Correspondence

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Farm management

Enslaved persons

Lee, Frank, -1821

Pearce, William (Farm manager)

Lee, Lucy (Cook)

Letter, to William Pearce**Unit ID** RM-490-F; MS-3942**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4671**Unit Date** 1793 November 24**Text** 7 (box)**Container** 1793.11.24 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

George Washington's general thoughts and directions on government of Mt. Vernon--Mr. Howell Lewis will remain until Pearce's arrival--farm needs much manure---plans to go largely with buck wheat as a green manure---has requested for 450 to 500 bushels for seed--does not wish to go largely with corn-- plans to sow a good many oats--keeping no more than half for seed.

Keywords

Correspondence
Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)
Farm management
Pearce, William (Farm manager)

Letter, to William Pearce

Unit ID RM-97; MS-3944

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4672

Unit Date 1793 December

Text 7 (box)

Container 1793.12.12 (folder)

Container OUT (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

George Washington instructs Pearce to take an exact account of the stock, tools and implements on each of the farms--to purchase a proper (bound) book in Alexandria for accounts--insists on the correctness of these registers--outlines work of the carpenters: complete the new barn at Dogue Run, etc.--comments on live fences: cedar, lombardy poplar, and willows--hogs and sows--wants to reclaim and lay grass to the mill swamp--clover lots--potatoes--McKoy and Tom Davis--directions for lots on Muddy Hole, Union and River farms--Cyrus a slave at Mansion house--Muclus a slave--Will, a kind of overseer--stresses the need to regulate wagons and carts at the Mansion--Ehler the gardener and an agreement as to where he should eat--Lucy the cook--instructions to provide Negroes with as much meal as they can eat without waste--provisions of fish--directions for killing and preserving the hogs--clover timothy and orchard grass--post and rail fence from the Miller's house to the trunnel fence--barrier against bad neighbors--breaking of the steers to the yoke--oxen--asks for the return of large stone jars (which were filled with spirits)--wants an inventory of articles in store at Mansion--the Jack and stud horse--superfine and fine flour--allowance of meat and meal--paying of debt--overhauling the Seins now rather than in the Spring.

Keywords

Correspondence
Enslaved persons
Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)
Will, 1739?- (Muddy Hole Farm)
Davis, Tom, active 1792- (Bricklayer)
Muclus, William

Letter, to William Pearce

Unit ID RM-490-F; MS-3943

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4841

Unit Date 1793 December 18

Text 7 (box)

Container 1793.12.18 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Course of crops--objective was to recover the fields from exhausted state-manure-buck wheat-Indian corn--comments on the insufferable conduct of overseers-Col. Ball of Leesburgh promised to send buck wheat--commends on poor quality of common oats brought from Eastern shore--garlick and wild onions--complains about overseers not doing much fall plowing--has little dependence on overseers when left to themselves--gives directions on how Pearce is to treat overseers--warns Pearce not to be like Mr. Whiting, who is said to have drank freely--GW's observations of his overseers: Stuart, Crow, McKoy, Butler, Davy and Thomas Green.

Keywords

Farm management
Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)
Correspondence

Plantation overseers
Agriculture
Pearce, William (Farm manager)

Letter, to Arthur Young

Unit ID RM-767; MS-5053

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4840

Unit Date 1793 December 12

Text 7 (box)

Container 1793.12.12 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Written in the hand of Bartholomew Dandridge. Washington describes his Mount Vernon estate to the English agronomist in great detail, as he is considering leasing four of the Mount Vernon farms. Includes his description of Mount Vernon: "No estate in United America is more pleasantly situated than this."

Keywords

Correspondence

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Farm management

Young, Arthur, 1741-1820

Letter, to Howell Lewis or William Pearce

Unit ID RM-490-F;MS-3946

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4673

Unit Date 1794 January 6

Text 7 (box)

Container 1794.01.06 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

George Washington sends two bank notes of one hundred dollars each for Mr. Butler--is upset that the ice house was not filled during the late freezing spell--wants to know quantity of oats that have been thrashed--instructs them to get seeds from the gardener--has sent a bundle of Poccon or Illinois nuts via Mr. Jefferson--East India hemp seed for sowing--inquires as to the appearance of the growing wheat--using Mr. Whiting's memo book, Mr. Dandridge will settle Mr. Butler's account.

Keywords

Correspondence

Farm management

Lewis, Howell, 1771-1822

Pearce, William (Farm manager)

Letter, to William Pearce

Unit ID RM-490-F; MS-3947

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4674

Unit Date 1794 January 19

Text 7 (box)

Container 1794.01.19 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

George Washington inquires of condition and shelter of stock at Dogue Run and Union--instances of misconduct of Crow and McKoy--informs Pearce that he is taking on Butler again. Observations on various agricultural things. Asks about the carpenters at Mrs. Fanny Washington's. Informs Pearce that in

the Eastern states, horses aided by oxen do the plowing.

Keywords

Carpentry

Farm management

Enslaved persons

Isaac, active 1773-1799 (Carpenter)

Smith, Joe, approximately 1778- (Carpenter)

Pearce, William (Farm manager)

Letter, to William Pearce

Unit ID RM-490-F; MS-3948

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4675

Unit Date 1794 January 26

Text 7 (box)

Container 1794.01.26 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Crop rotation plan--hopes to bring fields into a profitable state of cultivation--mentions Mr. Stuart's suggestion that the good fields be planted with corn and poor parts with buck wheat--sending 14 bushels of clover seed--suspects that Negro seedsmen are taking toll on seeds--manure to Mansion house for oats, grass and potatoes--fences at River farm--Thomas Green taking fine flour from the mill--payment of a hundred dollars to Mr. Dulany--rent due to Mrs. French for year 1793-wages for 1793 due to estate of Mr. Anthony Whitting.

Keywords

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Agriculture

Slavery

Draft letter, to John Hamilton Moore

Unit ID 2023-SC-019

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/38738

Unit Date 1794 January 28

Text 7 (box)

Container 1794.01.28 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Extent 1 pages1 sheet23 x 19 cm

Scope and Contents

Draft of a letter from George Washington to John Hamilton Moore thanking him for a copy of his book 'The new practical navigator'. Autograph letter signed, 1 page.

Keywords

Correspondence

Books

Letter, to William Pearce

Unit ID RM-490-F; MS-3949

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4676

Unit Date 1794 February 9

Text 7 (box)

Container 1794.02.09 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

George Washington speaks of Mr. Butler's agreeable work and conduct--French furze--construction of substantial fences--pigs--planting of clover and buck wheat--wants to know of the appearance of the

growing wheat and barley--progress on the new race at the mill--honey locust seed--white bent seed--inquires about the amount of St. Foin and India hemp seed--stresses the importance of selling cattle before it is too late--attending to their breeding--Mrs. Fanny Washington asks to rent her fishing landing--conditions of rent--Col. Ball must have the three shoats he requested (a boar and two sows)--payment of wages to Stuart, Crow and McKoy--intends to build dairies at both Union and Dogue Run farms.

Letter, to William Pearce

Unit ID RM-490-F; MS-3950

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4677

Unit Date 1794 February 16

Text 7 (box)

Container 1794.02.16 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

George Washington mentions the death of Stuart's daughter--gives directions for repairs of the house in Alexandria--comments that cedar posts, chestnut or cyprus rails are better than oak--concerned about the idleness of his carpenters--barn at Dogue Run--discusses the increase of lambs reported by the overseers--a missing report of Mr. Stuart is requested--sending payment from Philadelphia of Mr. Lewis' order to Mr. Ross--white bent grass seeds received--Ehler the gardener--directions for labeling new seeds.

Letter, to William Pearce

Unit ID RM-490-F; MS-3951

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4678

Unit Date 1794 February 24

Text 7 (box)

Container 1794.02.24 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

George Washington assents to Pearce's request to meet his children in Baltimore--payment of wages to Mr. Stuart--enclosed some early colliflower seed, sent by Mrs. Washington--promises to send copy of advertisement of terms on which jacks and stud horses are to cover--mentions Crow's inattention to stock in regards to sheep sheering--St. Foin seed and India hemp--hares being destructive--lucern--enclosed three bank notes for Rev. Mr. Muir and Mr. Hartshorne--warns not to take mares from the jacks until paid.

Keywords

Correspondence

Domestic animals

Pearce, William (Farm manager)

Letter, to Mr. Muir

Unit ID A-301.32

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4679

Unit Date 1794 February 24

Text 7 (box)

Container 1794.02.24 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Regarding his annual contributions to the Alexandria Academy--Washington wishes to know what indigent or orphaned children have attended and what their progress has been, especially since he has only once received such a report.

Letter, to Charles Simms**Unit ID** A-301.33**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4680**Unit Date** 1794 February 24**Text** 7 (box)**Container** 1794.02.24 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Following up on his previous letter, Washington writes that he has not had any response from Simms or James Keith regarding the Thomas Colvill estate, nor of the cash sent to Simms, nor has Washington received the documents he had requested from them.

Letter, to William Pearce**Unit ID** RM-490-F; MS-3952**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4758**Unit Date** 1794 March 2**Text** 7 (box)**Container** 1794.03.02 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

George Washington explains horse advertisement--care of the youngest jack and mules--Peter--tells Pearce to keep an exact account of all mares and jennys that go to the jacks--Mr. Prescott of Loudoun (or Fauquier) owes yet for last year--speaks of Mr. Lewis' account that the new visto is opened much further than intended--instructions to buy as much good Oznabrigs--for the making of clothes for the Negroes--requests a sample of the linnen--comments on the price of midlings and ship stuff and superfine and fine flour--corn--breaking of the ground in the fall.

Keywords

Slavery

Clothing and dress

Domestic animals

Correspondence

Pearce, William (Farm manager)

Letter, to William Pearce**Unit ID** RM-490-F; MS-3953**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4759**Unit Date** 1794 March 9**Text** 7 (box)**Container** 1794.03.09 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

George Washington approves the use of his own people in repairing the house in Alexandria--warns that putting the fence posts too distant will cause the rails to warp--glad to hear of Green's finishing the barn at Dogue Run--comments on the grain falling from the treading floor--lucern--directions for preparing--St. Foin and India hemp--impossible navigation has prevented him sending the promised clover and other seeds--hopes to send next week.

Letter, to General Spotswood**Unit ID** A-301.34**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4760**Unit Date** 1794 March 15**Text** 7 (box)**Container** 1794.03.15 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Cannot possibly appoint Spotswood's son John as commander of a frigate over older and experienced officers--perhaps can make him 2nd or 3rd lieutenant--on recommendation of Mr. Brooke and others, Mr. Lawrence Muse appointed as Collector of Rappahannock [Cty] to succeed Hudson Muse.

Letter, to Burgess Ball**Unit ID** 2020-SC-012**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/25961**Unit Date** 1794 March 16**Text** 7 (box)**Container** 1794.03.16 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Extent** 3 pages**Scope and Contents**

Autograph letter signed, two pages plus cover page with Washington's presidential frank. Washington writes Ball regarding a shipment of goods that he expects will soon depart Philadelphia after some delay. The shipment includes clover seeds and cocoa bean shells, latter intended as a gift from Martha Washington to Ball's wife, Francis (Fanny) Washington Ball, the daughter of George's brother Charles. Finally, Washington encloses an advertisement for the stud services of his prized livestock, the horse Traveller and donkeys Knight of Malta and Compound.

Keywords

Correspondence

Domestic animals

Ball, Burgess, 1749-1800

Letter, to Robert Lewis**Unit ID** A-301.35**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4761**Unit Date** 1794 March 16**Text** 7 (box)**Container** 1794.03.16 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Lewis has given him no information on Washington's lots in Winchester and Bath, Virginia [the latter now Berkeley Springs, W.Va.]--he wishes a list of all tenants, what they owe, and how they stand--asks Lewis to post copies of enclosed advertisement in area, especially at Leesburg and Fauquier Courthouse--Mr. Prescott [Prescott] owes for last year's stud fee and a long pasturage.

Letter, to William Pearce**Unit ID** RM-490-F; MS-3954**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4908**Unit Date** 1794 March 16**Text** 7 (box)**Container** 1794.03.16 (folder)**Language** English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Washington gives directions regarding the purchase of linnens for the enslaved people--suggestions for determining how far apart the boards on the threshing floor should be in the new barn at Dogue Run--cultivation of the drilled wheat--clover seed, furze and other promised articles are on board the Sally Captain--Col. Gilpin--onions and garlick--might get some oats from Notley Young, esq.--gives directions for the enclosed Nankeen cotton seeds--P.S. (page 3): wrote Col. Ball and Mr. Robert Lewis, welcome to send a mare or two to either of the Jacks or the Horse--P.S. (page 4): March 17, delay in departure of the Vessel [Sally], may alter delivery route--5 bushels of Plaster of Paris to be tried on clover. Autograph letter signed, 4 pages.

Keywords

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Dogue Run Farm

Agriculture

Enslaved persons

Clothing and dress

Pearce, William (Farm manager)

Letter, to William Pearce

Unit ID RM-490-F; MS-3955

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4762

Unit Date 1794 March 23

Text 7 (box)

Container 1794.03.23 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

George Washington complains that the overseers did not plow in the fall--success of the crop--running rollers over the grass and wheat--spring barley--Wayles the Brewer in Alexandria--winter barley--Col. Ball is late with the buck wheat--ponders the distance between sections of the floor at the new Dogue Run barn--furnishing Mr. Smith with fish from the landing--prices--securing enough fish for the use of the people there--asks about quantity of wheat--tobacco stored in Alexandria--inquires about Pearce's family arrival--sending, on the next vessel, nine bolts of Oz nabrigs--it is cheaper there than in Alexandria--gives directions on receiving payment from Col. Lyles and instructs where he is located--sending three pounds of lucern seed--directs Pearce not to accept anything but the whole sum from Col. Lyles.

Letter, to William Pearce

Unit ID RM-490-F; MS-3956

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4763

Unit Date 1794 March 30

Text 7 (box)

Container 1794.03.30 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

George Washington decides that the space between boards on the treading floor of the new barn at Dogue Run will be an inch and a half--suggests that the oats may be tread on the same floor--will send three and a half bushels of a peculiar kind of oats--appearance of the drilled and other wheat--comments on the fine weather during March--winter barley--St. Foin and hemp--Abram--warns of Crow's not able to be trusted--warns of lack of water should mill race not be completed--Washington's sister Lewis of Fredericksburgh is allowed to have one of the unbroken mules.

Letter, to William Pearce

Unit ID RM-490-F; MS-3957

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4764

Unit Date 1794 April 6

Text 7 (box)

Container 1794.04.06 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

George Washington is glad to hear that Pearce's family has safely arrived at Mt. Vernon--hopes that change of air will help to restore the eldest daughter to health--writes of the capture of vessels by the British--followed by the embargo--fall in provisions--price of flour--threshing of wheat--purchasing salt before the prices get higher--it is not Washington's expectation to stop ploughing in order to roll the grass and grain--breaking of steers--inquires of the young grass planted last fall--defends the imposition of garden seeds--provision for providing clothes for the young gardener at Alexandria--chance for lambs is bad--rams--instructions for shearing time--paper for the rooms in the house--plastering and white washing--orders for Thomas Davis to paint the houses--lower portion a stone color and the roof red.

Letter, to James McHenry

Unit ID RM-17; MS-2019/A

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4765

Unit Date 1794 April 8

Text 7 (box)

Container 1794.04.08 (folder)

Language English.

Extent 2 pages1 bifolium sheet18 x 22 cm

Scope and Contents

Rare for Washington to answer letters applying for appointments, but because of personal regard and former public association he is replying to this one ... lists 3 reasons which explain his silence re: applications for appointments: (1) requests are so numerous and courteous replies require too much of his time; (2) courteous answers could be interpreted to mean more than was intended; (3) at the time of his Inauguration "... I resolved firmly that no man should ever charge me justly with deception ..." has never committed himself on an appointment until all information and circumstances have been examined ... on a purely personal basis without involving his public character or the Country, Washington has responded to a request of McHenry's ...

Letter, to William Deakins

Unit ID A-301.36

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4766

Unit Date 1794 April 11

Text 7 (box)

Container 1794.04.11 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Washington asks Deakins to examine contents of enclosed order and tell him the price the tobacco would fetch.

Presidential Pardon, of David Blair

Unit ID 2024-SC-015

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/39881

Unit Date 1794 April 15

Text Closed Stacks

Container 22 (Drawer)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Extent 1 pages1 sheet42 x 27 cm

Description

Presidential pardon signed by George Washington and issue to David Blair. The Customs Act of 1790 specified procedures for collecting duties on imported goods and standardized the sizes of containers for certain imported goods in order to facilitate easier taxation and reduce fraud. For instance, rum was required to be imported in casks of at least 50 gallons. David Blair's attempt to import rum from Barbados in casks smaller than 50 gallons resulted in the forfeiture of his vessel. Washington's 1794 pardon of Blair remits this forfeiture. Signed by Edmund Randolph as Secretary of State. Manuscript

document signed, with embossed paper seal, 1 page.

Keywords

Washington, George, 1732-1799 -- Presidency

Government records

Letter, to William Pearce

Unit ID RM-490-F; MS-3958

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4767

Unit Date 1794 April 20

Text 7 (box)

Container 1794.04.20 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

George Washington expresses his being sorry to learn of Pearce's not being well--discusses the amount owed to the estate of Mr. Anthony Whitting--Col. Bassett--Mr. Lear--the private papers of Mr. Whitting--his heir Mr. Ring--ready to sow buck wheat at all the farms--inquires of progress of oats and grass seeds--rain twice last week--dry in Philadelphia--instructs Pearce not to grind more wheat because of the embargo--flax--clothes for the Negroes--wool--warns Pearce to be cautious of pilfering.

Letter, to William Pearce

Unit ID RM-490-F; MS-3959

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4768

Unit Date 1794 April 27

Text 7 (box)

Container 1794.04.27 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

George Washington expresses confusion over dimensions of the rooms in Alexandria house given by Thomas Green--flax seed--regulate the grass lots at Dogue Run farm--potatoes, oats and clover for the support of the stock, the Mansion house and for sale--demands particular attention to the penning of the stock--willow--informs Pearce that 5,000 white thorn plants are being sent by Mr. Lear on the ship Peggy from England--other fruit trees--lima beans.

Letter, to Colonel Fitzgerald

Unit ID A-301.37

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4769

Unit Date 1794 April 27

Text 7 (box)

Container 1794.04.27 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Declares that Mr. Thomas Digges was during the Revolution and since a friend to the United States--Digges sent him intelligence and helped prisoners escape from England back to this country--Digges was thought to be in pay of Dr. Benjamin Franklin--Washington never knew his loyalty was questioned, though he has now disputed with Franklin over accounts--John Trumbull, in England during Revolution, declares that Digges aided the American cause.

Letter, to Bushrod Washington

Unit ID A-301.38

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4770

Unit Date 1794 April 30

Text 7 (box)

Container 1794.04.30 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Writes the answers to queries regarding injunction by one John Henshaw, arising from estate settlement of George Mercer--John Tayloe, George Mason and George Washington were given power of attorney by Mercer and others in England. Washington writes that "It is really hard that I am so often called before Courts in matters in which I have no interest; but am continually saddled with the expence of defence."

Letter, to William Pearce

Unit ID RM-490-F; MS-3960

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4771

Unit Date 1794 May 4

Text 8 (box)

Container 1794.05.04 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

George Washington is sorry to hear that the ship Peggy has not arrived from England with his 5,000 white thorn plants--Mr. Lear's fruit trees--hoped that Pearce had discharged Green when he found him drinking--he sets such a bad example--never got an account of last year's corn--buck wheat--potatoes--preserving the apricots--does not want to because his family will not be at Mt. Vernon at all during the summer--hopes to, assuming public business permits, make a flying trip through Mt. Vernon after the rising of Congress--papering the ceiling.

Letter, to William Pearce

Unit ID RM-490-F; MS-3961

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4772

Unit Date 1794 May 11

Text 8 (box)

Container 1794.05.11 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Sending paper for two lower rooms in house--warns Pearce to wait until plaster is thoroughly dry--Green--instructions for the payment of the Sheriff's and Clerk's notes--Mrs. Fanny Washington--cut the hay and grain in time at harvest--be attentive to the drilled wheat--secure it in the seed loft at the Mansion--approves of sowing the first lot in the mill swamp with buck wheat and timothy--corn--grass--mentions Pearce's complaint of bad pastures--wool of dead sheep--inquires about corn, oats, buck wheat and clover.

Keywords

Correspondence

Agriculture

Pearce, William (Farm manager)

Letter, to William Pearce

Unit ID RM-490-F; MS-3962

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4773

Unit Date 1794 May 18

Text 8 (box)

Container 1794.05.18 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Crops suffering from drought--Mr. Dandridge--oats on last vessel have disappeared--has enclosed four small papers of seeds which have been sent from a curious gentleman in Europe--keeping of clover for seed--buck wheat--timothy--heavy cost of these in the markets of Philadelphia--value of various grasses--clover ought to be well cured before stacking--Crow--both cattle and sheep will benefit from turnip--asks about the drilled wheat and common wheat--ought to be ripe by the 8th or 10th of June--there are two kinds of wheat in drills at Union--inquires if Plaster of Paris was spread--hides of the dead cattle to be

tanned by the old man Jack--skins of the dead sheep--Mulatto Will making shoes--Mrs. Fanny Washington--four missing heads of tobacco--Mr. Whitting--surveying in the fall--Mr. Minor--hopes to be at Mt. Vernon by the 10th of June--selling of a horse--health of slaves discussed--Sam, Doll, several spinners, Ditcher Charles--awaiting the arrival of the Peggy and the white thorn plants and Mr. Lear's fruit trees--high price of flour--embargo.

Keywords

Enslaved persons
Farm management
Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)
Domestic animals
Doll, 1747?- (Union Farm)
Pearce, William (Farm manager)
Lee, William, approximately 1752-
Sam, 1759?- (Cook)
Charles (Ditcher)

List, Western lands

Unit ID W-795

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4774

Unit Date 1794 May 25

Text 8 (box)

Container 1794.05.24 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Washington lists and describes lands that he owns on the Ohio, East side; on the Great Kanhawa; west of the Ohio; in Kentucky; in the State of Pennsylvania; and the Great Dismal Swamp--with acreage and asking prices of each--comments by Washington--he "will let them go" if sold together for £ 50,000, although separately they are valued higher--there follows a paragraph of description for each of the 8 tracts.

Keywords

Business records
Real property

Letter, to William Pearce

Unit ID RM-490-F; MS-3963

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4775

Unit Date 1794 May 25

Text 8 (box)

Container 1794.05.25 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Crops labouring under drought--2 or 3 fine rains have fallen in Philadelphia in past week--unfavorable account of the drilled wheat--great change and decrease in number of sheep since George Washington's leaving 5 years ago--average fleece from 5 pounds down to 2 pounds--ship Peggy arrived in George Town with the white thorn trees and Mr. Lear's fruit trees--enclosed list for gardener--fence around slave quarters at Union farm--sent oats--on next vessel Washington will send paper for the house.

Keywords

Correspondence
Domestic animals
Agriculture
Pearce, William (Farm manager)

Letter, to Francis Deakins**Unit ID** A-301.39**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4776**Unit Date** 1794 June 1**Text** 8 (box)**Container** 1794.06.01 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Requests that Deakins endeavor to put a stop to trespassing on north part of Woodstock Manor in Montgomery County, Md. which fell to Washington's share in division of William Sprigg's property--also requests information on tenants and farms on his share.

Letter, to William Deakins**Unit ID** A-301.40**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4777**Unit Date** 1794 June 1**Text** 8 (box)**Container** 1794.06.01 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Thanks Deakins for trees imported in the "Peggy"--but season probably too far advanced for them to live--enclosed is note to Francis Deakins regarding Washington's land in Woodstock Manor.

Letter, to William Pearce**Unit ID** RM-490-F; MS-3964**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4778**Unit Date** 1794 June 1**Text** 8 (box)**Container** 1794.06.01 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Glad to hear of rains--will give a different appearance to oats and flax--rains may enliven corn and buck wheat--fears for any grass that may have been cut--little is expected from white bent grass--save as many of the other grasses for seed--drilled wheat and common wheat--deception with respect to potatoes (210 bushels instead of 418) is an example of how little others can be trusted, black or white--Washington knows of the existence of place in Alexandria where pilfered items can be sold--corn--clover--turnip seeds--midlings and ship stuff--Mr. Douglass--will not be at Mt. Vernon until at least the end of the month.

Letter, to William Pearce**Unit ID** RM-490-F; MS-3965**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4779**Unit Date** 1794 June 8**Text** 8 (box)**Container** 1794.06.08 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Lambs were not to be sold--if any were, Washington never received the money--plans for the selling/care of the sheep--never kill the females--comments on those who would go against his plan--his absence has afforded them the opportunity--overseers not allowed to sell any animals--Mr. Stuart's selling butter--Washington never entertained an unfavorable opinion of Stuart and always a bad one of Green--Mrs. Stuart fraudulently furnishes butter for McKnight's Tavern--Mrs. Fanny Washington and the dampness of the cellar in the Alexandria house--Davis and his attendants taking a week to complete a job that should have taken a day--Mr. Oneill from Chester County--a freestone quarry near the lime kiln--Tom Davis and Muclus--Thomas Green--bad example for the carpenters.

Keywords

Enslaved persons
Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)
Correspondence
Domestic animals
Davis, Tom, active 1792- (Bricklayer)
Muclus, William

Letter, to Colonel Fitzgerald

Unit ID A-301.41

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4780

Unit Date 1794 June 13

Text 8 (box)

Container 1794.06.13 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

People write Washington with all manner of requests and he never fails to answer, despite all his public business--he requests information from Fitzgerald on matter mentioned in enclosed letter from Mr. Smith--asks him to send information and the letter back.

Letter, to William Pearce

Unit ID RM-490-F; MS-3966

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4781

Unit Date 1794 June 15

Text 8 (box)

Container 1794.06.15 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

George Washington plans to leave Philadelphia on Tuesday and will probably reach Mt. Vernon either Sunday or Monday--bringing two white waiters with him--one is a hostler and the other attends to Washington--tells Pearce to try the turnip seeds to prove their goodness--preparing ground for a seed that never vegetates.

Document, power to collect rent

Unit ID A-301.42

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4782

Unit Date 1794 June 16

Text 8 (box)

Container 1794.06.16 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Washington appoints [...] to collect his rents in counties of Fayette and Washington in state of Pa. The name and amount of salary left blank. Washington enclosed this power in a letter of same date to Presley Neville, desiring him to fill in name and amount himself.

Letter, to John Cannon

Unit ID A-301.43

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4783

Unit Date 1794 June 16

Text 8 (box)

Container 1794.06.16 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Continual disappointment in collection of rents in Fayette and Washington Counties. Pa. forces

Continual disappointment in collection of rents in Fayette and Washington Counties, Pa. forces Washington to place the matter in other hands--he directs Cannon to hand over list of tenants, etc. to [...]. (The name left blank in original and letterpress copy. Washington enclosed this in letter of same date to Presley Neville, leaving to his discretion the person to appoint to the task.)

Letter, to William Pearce

Unit ID RM-490-F; MS-3967

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4784

Unit Date 1794 July 13

Text 8 (box)

Container 1794.07.13 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

GW arrived in Philadelphia on Monday--travelled all day through a constant rain--sorry to hear that wet weather interrupts work--especially plowing--buck wheat should be plowed in while it is still green and succulent--corn--wheat--oats looked good when he was home--hopes weather does not injure--grass--scythes--hay--replenished with good seed--scratched in with harrows, or rakes with iron teeth--hopes for considerable profit from meadow ground--Capt. Conway of Alexandria sells 400 pounds worth of hay annually--planting corn at Mill swamp not for the sake of the crop but to prepare for grass--the bridge leading to McKoy's house--those parts of the large meadow enclosure at Union farm to be set with grass as soon as possible--fine timothy--instructs Pearce to write memorandums to remind himself of Washington's directions--Mrs. Fanny Washington taking possession of Alexandria house--Mr. Oneill--quarry--send butter and wood to Mrs. F. Washington--measuring of stone--Peter--mules--last Oct., Washington supplied all farms with a complete set of plow beasts (horses or mules)--raising mules for value--night rides and treading wheat will deprive Washington of foals--Lancaster--mares bought for breeding put to work and other rascally treatment by overseers--Sarah--Mr. Lund Washington's receipt for 500 pounds--has heard of illness of Pearce's eldest daughter--should be prepared for the unfortunate event--is satisfied with Pearce's conduct--list of Washington's favorite objectives--Mrs. Washington requests one dozen of the best hams and half dozen midlings of bacon.

Document, two language ship passport

Unit ID RM-1214

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3093

Unit Date 1794 July 14

Text 8 (box)

Container 1794.07.14 (folder)

Container OUT (folder)

Language Dutch; Flemish.

Scope and Contents

Ship Passport written in Dutch and English, signed by George Washington and Thomas Jefferson, from the schooner Elizabeth, dated July 14, 1794.

Letter, to William Pearce

Unit ID RM-490-F; MS-3968

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4785

Unit Date 1794 July 20

Text 8 (box)

Container 1794.07.20 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Frequent rains, not too heavy or too long, will be the making of the corn and buck wheat--directions for plowing wet fields--examine the shocks of wheat frequently--inquires of the quantity and quality of oats--timothy--clover--give John the gardener a dollar on the last day of every month, provided he behaves well--is glad to hear that Pearce's daughter is feeling better--wants to know why Betty Davis and Doll are more than half their time on the sick list--care of grass seeds--little garden by the salt house--Crow, McKoy and Butler.

Keywords

Enslaved persons
Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)
Davis, Betty, active 1792- (Spinner)
Doll, 1747?- (Union Farm)
Pearce, William (Farm manager)

Letter, to William Pearce

Unit ID RM-490-F; MS-3969

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4786

Unit Date 1794 July 27

Text 8 (box)

Container 1794.07.27 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Cultivation in corn of the lots in the Mill swamp--corn is not so much an object with Washington as meadow--rushes, alders and other shrubs--inquires of the corn (grown, shoot well and look promising)--particular care taken with the seed of rare ripe corn Washington sent home--Butler--grass seed sown with flax at Union farm--Mr. McNeil (Oneill)--quarry--use of the young mules by the overseers and plowmen--inquiries for particular concerning Ruth, Hannah and Pegg--their being sick several weeks together.

Keywords

Correspondence
Farm management
Enslaved persons
Ruth, 1729?- (River Farm)
Pearce, William (Farm manager)
Hannah, 1739?- (Dogue Run Farm)

Financial record, Bank of Alexandria

Unit ID RM-258; MS-2755

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4787

Unit Date 1794 August 2 - 1799 November 30

Text 8 (box)

Container 1794.08.02 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Account ledger with Bank of Alexandria (record of deposits and drafts) - holograph - 10 leaves - one page tipped in at end of ledger. This statement, dated March 20, 1821, concerns two of Washington's drafts to Samuel Washington in 1797 and 1799 for \$ 1,000.00. Docketed on verso of final leaf: "Stuart's Exers on Washington etc. Filed with Depon of Jas. K. McKenna 16 May 1821."

Letter, to William Pearce

Unit ID RM-490-F; MS-3970

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4788

Unit Date 1794 August 3

Text 8 (box)

Container 1794.08.03 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

George Washington has moved to German Town to escape the heat of Philadephia--has not rained at Mt. Vernon for a while--fearful that drought would damage corn--put off sowing wheat until corn fields are clean, light and in good order--preparing no more land for a crop than one can handle--whatever is attempted should be well executed as it respects crops--an essential object with every farmer ought to be the destruction of weeds--his arable and pasture ground should produce nothing but grain, pulse (if

he raises them), vegetables of different sorts and grasses--timothy--inquiries about the clover which was sown with the oats at Mansion house--potatoes--Crow has been applying to Col. Ball for a place--McKoy--encourages Pearce to make an agreement with whomsoever will answer his purposes--should be industrious, sober and knowing in the management of Negroes and other concerns of the farm--someone to take the place of Thomas Green to oversee the carpenters--James, Muclus, Davis--description of this overseer--Butler--received bacon in Philadelphia--buck wheat.

Keywords

Correspondence
Enslaved persons
Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)
Davis, Tom, active 1792- (Bricklayer)
Muclus, William
Crow, Hyland (Overseer)

Letter, to William Pearce

Unit ID RM-490-F: MS-3971

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4789

Unit Date 1794 August 10

Text 8 (box)

Container 1794.08.10 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Oats, wheat and clover at River farm--laying ground to clover as soon as possible--flour sold in Alexandria--woolen clothes for the people by the first of November--employment of all who can be spared on the new race at the mill--save time and water--sainfoin--potatoes at the Mansion house--gardener is to save as much seed as he can from the everlasting pea--this pea, when cut young, should make an excellent hay--drilled wheat.

Letter, to William Pearce

Unit ID RM-490-F; MS-3972

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4790

Unit Date 1794 August 17

Text 8 (box)

Container 1794.08.17 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Favorable appearance of the corn--ground is in good order for wheat--buck wheat--hemp growing in the vineyard--inquires to the appearance of the potatoes--Kate (wife of Will) at Muddy Hole wishes to serve the Negro women (as a granny) on the estate--pay of 12 to 15 pounds per year--in the George Town Gazette it is written that holders of shares in the Potomac Company (treasurer William Hartshorn) are to give 12 pounds sterling per share--Washington holds 5 shares--Col. Lyles Bond--Crow and McKoy--comments on replacing them--Green--Butler--rare ripe corn.

Keywords

Correspondence
Agriculture
Enslaved persons
Pearce, William (Farm manager)
Kate, active 1779-1799 (Muddy Hole Farm)
Crow, Hyland (Overseer)
McKoy, Henry (Overseer)

Letter, to William Pearce**Unit ID** RM-490-F; MS-3973**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4791**Unit Date** 1794 August 24**Text** 8 (box)**Container** 1794.08.24 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Workers for the new mill race--comments on the newly hired overseer--Mason--Pine going to school in Alexandria--may fall into bad habits or company there--Mr. Butler--incompetent in his present position--inquires if Groves is married or single--asks about the turnips--inquires after Pearce's youngest and eldest daughters.

Letter, to Robert Lewis**Unit ID** A-301.44**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4792**Unit Date** 1794 August 31**Text** 8 (box)**Container** 1794.08.31 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Washington asks Lewis to send money from rents to payment of William Pearce in Alexandria, also rental accounts--rents may be applied to purchasing leases, but 10% won't be derived from money advanced--discusses terms of real estate transactions--transfer of leases illegal under Mr. Muse--pleased with Lewis's disposal of Bath and Winchester houses and lots and land on Potomac River, but wishes Lewis had sent the conditions under which they had been let--sends his love, and Martha's, to Mrs. Lewis.

Keywords

Correspondence

Lewis, Robert, 1769-1829

Letter, to William Pearce**Unit ID** RM-490-F; MS-3974**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4793**Unit Date** 1794 August 31**Text** 8 (box)**Container** 1794.08.31 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Col. Lyles bond--gives instructions on writing responses to his inquiries--drilled wheat and barley--the culture of the latter is more profitable than the former--directions for dealing with the ague and fever--Mr. Gunnel--Col. Simms of Alexandria--people have taken liberties with Washington's timber and wood during his absence--Mr. Pierce Bailey--selling a tract of land for 1500 pounds--discusses payment--Mr. Gill of Alexandria--Washington agrees to putting a still at Mt. Vernon--Pearce should contact Mr. Stuart if he has questions--young Boatswain.

Keywords

Correspondence

Farm management

Enslaved persons

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Boatswain, -1794?

Pearce, William (Farm manager)

Letter, to Peter Trenor**Unit ID** A-301.45**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4794**Unit Date** 1794 September 6**Text** 8 (box)**Container** 1794.09.06 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Deals with the estate of Mrs. Margaret Green Savage, and of her husband Dr. William Savage--Washington relates outline of case still under litigation, but refers Trenor to Rev. Mr. Bryan Fairfax as the one who has best knowledge of case and is still active in it as trustee--tells Trenor "I have no more right to intermeddle in the Judicial proceedings of the Courts in this Country than you have."

Letter, to William Pearce**Unit ID** RM-490-F; MS-3975**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4795**Unit Date** 1794 September 7**Text** 8 (box)**Container** 1794.09.07 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Mr. Pyne wishes to be employed at Mt. Vernon--Washington leaves the issues in Pearce's hands--has enclosed a certificate for Mr. Butler--discusses his dismissal--directions for removing the Negro quarters at Union and River farms--warns Pearce not to wait too long.

Letter, to Elizabeth Powel**Unit ID** A-417.31**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4796**Unit Date** 1794 September 11**Text** 8 (box)**Container** 1794.09.11 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Returns [unnamed] pamphlets herewith--thanks for perusal of them.

Letter, to William Pearce**Unit ID** RM-490-F; MS-3976**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4797**Unit Date** 1794 September 14**Text** 8 (box)**Container** 1794.09.14 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Col. Lyle's bond is discussed--Washington approves of Pearce's sowing early (or distilled) wheat at different seasons to discover the best for it--double headed wheat at Union farm--heavy rains--problems as a result of it--drains in all the fields that need it--Pearce has the ague and fever--young Boatswain--Washington warns that yellow fever may possibly be in Baltimore.

Keywords

Correspondence

Enslaved persons

Agriculture

Boatswain, -1794?

Pearce, William (Farm manager)

Letter, to William Pearce

Unit ID RM-490-F; MS-3977

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4798

Unit Date 1794 September 21

Text 8 (box)

Container 1794.09.21 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Washington left German Town yesterday and arrived in Philadelphia--Thomas Green has quit of his own accord--Old Bishop should be taken care of--a decision about employing Pyne should be made without much more delay--McKoy--asks about the appearance of the stone quarry--possible replacement for Green--Washington hopes to get to Mt. Vernon before Nov.--may not be possible because of rebellion in the West (Whiskey Rebellion)--Mrs. Fanny Washington requests boards for a corn house--Mrs. Washington requests some artichoke seeds.

Letter, to William Pearce

Unit ID RM-490-F; MS-3978

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4799

Unit Date 1794 September 28

Text 8 (box)

Container 1794.09.28 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Washington mentions a new road and that Pearce is to oversee it--has engaged a Scotchman to replace Green--he is to have Green's house, garden, etc.--James Donaldson and his family will embark for Mt. Vernon on the ship Capt. Mitchell--other directions and requests in regard to the new carpenter--Pyne--is sorry to hear of Butler's illness--GW leaves Tuesday for Carlisle--still hopes to be at Mt. Vernon before Congress meets.

Letter, to William Pearce

Unit ID RM-490-F; MS-3979

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4800

Unit Date 1794 September 28

Text 8 (box)

Container 1794.09.28 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Washington is glad to find that seeding of wheat is over--problems with the new road spoken of in last letter--Mr. Thompson Mason--advantages of new road for him--gives reasons for the construction of the new road--Crow--unproductivity of the ferries--questions if he will receive any advantage from the new public road.

Memorandum, to James Donaldson

Unit ID 2017-SC-001-003

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6460

Unit Date 1794 September 29

Text 8 (box)

Container 1794.09.29 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Memorandum detailing a work contract with Mount Vernon carpenter James Donaldson, including his

allowances for food, moving expenses, use of tools, use of a house, garden, and cow, and the privilege of the occasional absence, in exchange for his work. Donaldson was a white overseer of the slave carpenters at Mount Vernon. Washington hired him for his "sober and industrious" nature, but soon learned that he was not a competent overseer. Washington repeatedly wrote to his overseer at the time, William Pearce on the subject of Donald's inability to manage slave labor and Donaldson left Mount Vernon by November 1795. Autograph letter signed by Washington and Donaldson, 2 pages.

Keywords

Correspondence

Farm management

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Slavery

Donaldson, James (Carpenter)

Letter, to William Pearce

Unit ID RM-490-F; MS-3980

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4801

Unit Date 1794 October 1

Text 9 (box)

Container 1794.10.01 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Washington is 55 miles from Philadelphia on his way to Carlisle--comments that neither he nor Pearce is familiar with the management of buck wheat--on his current travel, Washington sees the crop on the whole road--it is cut down and remains in the field in very small cocks--presumes they will stay that way until the seed gets perfectly ripe--the potatoes too were every where digging.

Letter, to William Pearce

Unit ID RM-490-F; MS-3981

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4802

Unit Date 1794 October 6

Text 9 (box)

Container 1794.10.06 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Washington informs Pearce that he will not be at Mt. Vernon until spring--tells Pearce not to delay his trip to the Eastern Shore--disperse the stock which may be endangered by the winter--no more hogs put up for pork than such as are of fit age and size.

Letter, to William Pearce

Unit ID RM-490-F; MS-3982

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4803

Unit Date 1794 November 2

Text 9 (box)

Container 1794.11.02 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Washington returned to Philadelphia on Tuesday last--he expresses confidence in Pearce's care, judgment and integrity--repeats his objectives--regular course of crops; introduce grass where proper; make meadows and hedges; recover exhausted fields; improve stock--large dairies; make hay--these are much more desirable to Washington than to push the best fields out of their regular course in order to increase the next, or any other, year's crop of grains--which would eventually ruin the fields--expresses sorrow over the loss of Pearce's daughter--also, Paris and Jupiter have died--Pyne--McKoy--Washington does not expect much (in the way of overseeing the carpenters) from James Donaldson--Col. William Washington of Westmoreland--Washington repeats his observance of Donaldson--Green--housing the new family in the Green hosue--fodder was gotten in good time--corn yield--wants to know quantity of buck wheat--sorry to find that fly found in the wheat demands immediate threshing--wants Pearce to

experiment with price of wheat in grain form or flour--cabins and quarters at Union farm.

Letter, to William Pearce

Unit ID RM-490-F; MS-3983

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4804

Unit Date 1794 November 16

Text 9 (box)

Container 1794.11.16 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Potatoes and corn are likely to turn out well--keep enough buck wheat and potatoes for seed--it is miserable for a farmer to be obliged to purchase his seeds--exchanging may be useful--prices for wheat and flour in Alexandria--Sally Green and her distressed circumstances--James Donaldson into the Green house--Pyne was more a talker than [a worker]--fall plowing--cutting up the fallen timber--hogs for sale--cullled sheep--Mr. Hawkins left sundry cuttings of valuable grape vines at Mr. Lund Washington's--cultivate corn and rye--conserving trees at the Mansion house--clearing fields at Dogue-run.

Keywords

Correspondence

Agriculture

Domestic animals

Pearce, William (Farm manager)

Letter, to William Pearce

Unit ID RM-490-F; MS-3984

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4805

Unit Date 1794 November 19

Text 9 (box)

Container 1794.11.19 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Enclosed thirteen hundred dollars--a bond from Mr. Lund Washington--fifty pounds to go to the charity school at the Academy in Alexandria--Washington's annual subscription of ten pounds to the Rev. Mr. Davis--incumbent of the Episcopal Church in Alexandria--Mr. Herbert.

Letter, to William Augustine Washington

Unit ID A-301.46

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4806

Unit Date 1794 November 23

Text 9 (box)

Container 1794.11.23 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Gives William A. Washington the desired information on seminaries and colleges to which he could send his children--one in "this place" seems to be doing Washington Custis no good at all--British overlooker of carpenters at Mt. Vernon seems unable to handle hands under him; Mr. Pearce might have to replace him--is there any chance of getting man spoken of before for the job?

Keywords

Washington, William Augustine, 1757-1810

Letter, to William Pearce**Unit ID** RM-490-F; MS-3985**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4807**Unit Date** 1794 November 23**Text** 9 (box)**Container** 1794.11.23 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Letters to Col. William Washington of Westmoreland--the easy and simple manners of Donaldson make him unfit as an overseer of the Negro carpenters--he should, however, instruct Isaac and the boy Jem in the principles of making and repairing all kinds of farming implements--quarters for a new carpenter overseer--Mrs. Fanny Washington--descriptions of people who Washington thinks should be obliged to stay at his Alexandria house--Doctor Craik--which wines to serve his guests--claret, madeira for very extraordinary circumstances--the use of his Mt. Vernon home by curious people--hogs for pork--some bacon for the Mansion--omission of McKoy not to measure his potatoes--Washington wants to compare the crop of corn and the crop of potatoes together--whether it is better to sell wheat as grain or flour--Mr. Minor--Col. Lyles--enclosed money to discharge Washington's bond to Mr. Lund Washington.

Keywords

Farm management

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Correspondence

Pearce, William (Farm manager)

Isaac, active 1773-1799 (Carpenter)

Letter, to William Pearce**Unit ID** RM-490-F; MS-3986**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4808**Unit Date** 1794 November 30**Text** 9 (box)**Container** 1794.11.30 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Washington discovers that it is more profitable to sell wheat after being ground into flour--Sally Green is cautioned against dealing with Washington's Negroes--grubbing--leaving clumps of trees when clearing--corn will be much better than if growing among single trees--wants the total account of all farms of the corn--wants sheds with brick foundation, at Dogue-run erected for the work horses, oxen, etc.--will send four or five bushels of clover seed.

Letter, to William Pearce**Unit ID** RM-490-F; MS-3987**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4809**Unit Date** 1794 December 7**Text** 9 (box)**Container** 1794.12.07 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Problems with the bond to Mr. Lund Washington--Mr. John Mercer--Mr. Randolph--asks not to have any more smith's work done there in the future--wages due soon--prices of flour (super-fine and fine)--crop of fodder has been great--should have a great deal of hay for sale--feeding of Washington's stock--potatoes and turnips--experiment with fattening bullocks--punishing trespassers on Washington's four mile run tract--progress on the new race at the mill--James Donaldson--treatment of visitors--use of wine.

Letter, to Tobias Lear**Unit ID** RM-767; MS-5051**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4810**Unit Date** 1794 December 12**Text** 9 (box)**Container** 1794.12.12 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Instructs Lear to look in trunks at Mount Vernon for papers concerning the Potomac Company. Supports pushing forward navigation of river, seeks opinion of English engineer [William] Weston, also may consult [Richard] Claiborne's engineer. Acknowledges the opposition to Potomac Company plans.

Letter, to William Pearce**Unit ID** RM-490-F; MS-3988**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4811**Unit Date** 1794 December 14**Text** 9 (box)**Container** 1794.12.14 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Clearing ground for next year--asks if it would be better to have it well grubbed rather than cleaning the ground thoroughly--treatment of other like fields--No. 6 at Muddy hole--corn holes at the Mansion--orchards--directions on fences surrounding corn--clearing of woods--crop rotation--hopes Allison turns out well--possibly who Crow spent much of his time--erecting shed for the cattle by the new barn at Union farm--new sheds at Dogue-run--gathering thorn berries--Oneil quarrying stone at Mt. Vernon.

Letter, to William Pearce**Unit ID** RM-490-F; MS-3989**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4812**Unit Date** 1794 December 21**Text** 9 (box)**Container** 1794.12.21 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Total amount of corn crop is 1639 barrels--stock gets 22 barrels per week--14 barrels weekly to the Negroes--totalling 233 barrels more than is made--it is from corn and wheat that Washington expects to pay overseers' wages and everything that needs to be bought--asks about the amount of oats that have been threshed--quantity of potatoes compared with that of corn to determine cultivation for next year--wants to hasten the manufacturing of all wheat due to the price increase--asks about the completion of the mill race--repairing the barn at Muddy hole--before the new barn at River farm is undertaken--brick foundations for the sheds at Dogue-run--is glad to hear so good account of Donaldson--spinning of wool--clean and dirty--allowance of provision for gardener and his wife--Peter--Mr. Lear of George Town--Col. Fitzgerald.

Letter, to Tobias Lear**Unit ID** A-301.167**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4813**Unit Date** 1794 December 22**Text** 9 (box)**Container** 1794.12.22 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Washington forwards some papers to Lear relative to the Potomac River. He includes a drawing by a Mr. Claiborn describing a new method of lowering and raising boats without locks.

Letter, to William Pearce**Unit ID** RM-490-F; MS-3990**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4814**Unit Date** 1794 December 28**Text** 9 (box)**Container** 1794.12.28 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Fencing the ground at the Mansion house for corn--rotations for Dogue-run, Muddy hole and River farms--putting oats and clover in the ground where buck wheat grew this year--leaving two or three clumps of trees when clearing the wood at No. 5 at Dogue-run--for the purpose of shade and ornament--importance of reviewing old letters--carpenters preparing frames, shingles, etc., for putting in more dormant windows in the back of the stables at Mansion house--Washington hopes that with favorable weather the fall plowing is in great forwardness--house Frank and Lucy being idle when not at their specific tasks--cucumber tree--Mrs. Washington sending a present to the gardener's wife--death of Austin--Mrs. Stiles sending his Mare and all his things to Mt. Vernon--shrubs sustaining injury from the deer--preserving the pork--old Butler--honey locust seed--Doll at the ferry--price of flour in Philadelphia still at ten dollars a barrel.

Keywords

Correspondence

Austin, 1757?-1794

Doll, 1747?- (Union Farm)

Pearce, William (Farm manager)

Lee, Frank, -1821

Letter, to William Pearce**Unit ID** RM-490-F; MS-3991**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4815**Unit Date** 1795 January 4**Text** 9 (box)**Container** 1795.01.04 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Comments on Pearce's health--hopes that all the oat grounds will be in good order for early seeding--allotment of oats for Washington's horses when he comes to Mt. Vernon--asks about a fallen chimney that injured some Negro children--Doll at the ferry--ableness to work--rotation of crops at Dogue-run--asks about two plows that were sent to Mt. Vernon earlier--asks if they have been used yet.

Keywords

Farm management

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Slavery

Pearce, William (Farm manager)

Doll, 1747?- (Union Farm)

Letter, to William Pearce**Unit ID** RM-490-F; MS-3992**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4816**Unit Date** 1795 January 11**Text** 9 (box)**Container** 1795.01.11 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Fall in prices of wheat and flour--inclosure for corn at the Mansion house--other fences and gates-- Washington's plans for the two sheds at Dogue-run--Irish potatoes--will send a bushel and a half of clean honey locust seed--directions for these--French Will--Washington's supposed promised of freedom after seven years of service--Dick at Dogue-run.

Keywords

Enslaved persons

Correspondence

Jasper, Dick, active 1786-

Pearce, William (Farm manager)

Letter, to Israel Shreve

Unit ID A-288

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4817

Unit Date 1795 January 14

Text 9 (box)

Container 1795.01.14 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Despite probable increase in value of lands because of great immigration, Washington has decided to sell his lands west of Allegheny mountains due to troubles with tenants and collecting rent--he gives Shreve first choice at land in Fayette County [Pa.] on which he now lives--specifies terms--if nothing is decided by the end of February, Washington will feel free to sell land Shreve is on to another.

Letter, to William Pearce

Unit ID RM-490-F; MS-3993

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4818

Unit Date 1795 January 25

Text 9 (box)

Container 1795.01.25 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Washington discusses discrepancy with Miller's receipt--price of flour fell before Washington's was made ready for the market--wheat crop over all the U.S. was extremely short--price should rise again before the warm weather--Doctor Stuart--Col. Ball--inquires about the treading floor in the new barn at Dogue-run--a general rule being of leaving either single trees or clumps--gardener is allowed a fifth of what is sold from the nursery--death of Bishop--providing victuals and clothing for Donaldson's son--Donaldson should teach Isaac and the boy Jem in the principles of implements--filling up gullies--French's Will--Washington not too concerned with hunting him up--only as an example--Broad Creek--Bladensburgh--upper Marlborough--procuring seeds for the gardener--St. Foin--Mr. Lear--furze seed--Cale or cole seed--asks if the ferry people will have the field at Mansion house for corn--rotation--Mr. Lund Washington--indebted for fish--Austin.

Letter, to Elizabeth Powel

Unit ID A-417.32

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4819

Unit Date 1795 January 25

Text 9 (box)

Container 1795.01.25 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Washington sends her a copy of Jefferson's "Notes of Virginia" [Notes on the State of Virginia]--cannot find "Dr. Franklin's Strictures on the abuse of the press" among his remaining volumes of the Bee--he hopes to see her at dinner tomorrow.

Keywords

Correspondence

Powel, Elizabeth Willing, 1743-1830

Letter, to William Pearce

Unit ID RM-490-F; MS-3994

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4820

Unit Date 1795 February 1

Text 9 (box)

Container 1795.02.01 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Cedar making a good hedge--cedar berries--proper season for removing cedar trees--had success when removing them in a deep frost--wants to experiment with keeping hogs in sties from pigs--death of old Betty.

Letter, to William Pearce

Unit ID RM-490-F; MS-3995

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4821

Unit Date 1795 February 8

Text 9 (box)

Container 1795.02.08 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Mrs. Styles--Austin--Washington doubts that the little old field at the ferry could be got in order in time for oats and clover--use it for corn, wheat and clover--agrees with the arrangement of fields Nos. 1, 3, and 6 at Muddy hole--immediate profit is not so much an object with Washington as the restoration of worn out and gullied fields--old clover lot planted with potatoes--manure the bad parts--advertising the horse and jack--can stand at last year's rate's--wheat fields covered with a thin layer of snow--has enclosed garden seeds for Ehler.

Letter, to William Pearce

Unit ID RM-490-F; MS-3996

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4822

Unit Date 1795 February 15

Text 9 (box)

Container 1795.02.15 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Surveying the four mile run--Mr. [Lund] Washington and Mr. Terret--Moses Ball--likely Washington will have more than 100 bushels of oats to spare--had hoped for three to four thousand--hopes the price will be higher than half a crown by the end of April--transplanting young cedars--make hedges--preparing a seed--lucern--use of a heavy harrow with sharp teeth--linnen to cloath the negroes--proper care and attention given to the bacon--Smith--Old Butler--tedious execution of work by the carpenters--Betty.

Letter, to Eliphalet Pearson

Unit ID A-301.47

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4823

Unit Date 1795 February 16

Text 9 (box)

Container 1795.02.16 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Washington received Pearson's letter with 1st volume and part of 2nd of Memoirs of Academy of Arts and

Sciences -- gives his thanks to members of the Academy.

Keywords

Correspondence

Pearson, Eliphalet

Letter, to Tobias Lear

Unit ID RM-530; MS-4499

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4824

Unit Date 1795 February 18

Text 9 (box)

Container 1795.02.18 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Washington has spoken to Mr. William Weston, an English engineer, about Weston's visiting the falls of the Potomac. Working "on the Canal, between the Waters of Susquehanna & the Schuylkill [sic]" Weston will be arriving via Baltimore. Washington regrets that it is too late for Weston to arrange to meet Lear at the confluence of the Shenendoah and the Potomac, as Lear had wished.

Letter, to William Pearce

Unit ID RM-490-F; MS-3997

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4825

Unit Date 1795 February 22

Text 9 (box)

Container 1795.02.22 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Washington was afraid the open weather (frost) would have injured the wheat--expenses of the estate covered by wheat--rolling the bad parts of a field--questions Pearce's surveying assessment of a plot--committing a jack to the Eastern Shore--Mr. Charles Lee--Mr. Pearce Bailey--land property is rising fast in value--the number of emigrants--Col. Washington--oznabrigs--the Trial--Capt. Hand--high price of clover seed--scaley bark hiccory nut--Illinois nut--honey locust seed.

Letter, to William Pearce

Unit ID RM-490-F; MS-3998

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4826

Unit Date 1795 March 1

Text 9 (box)

Container 1795.03.01 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Selling all the fish to one man is best--if Mr. Smith will give five shillings per one thousand for herring and twelve shilling in hundred for shad, Pearce had better enter into a written agreement with him--surveying the boundries--Mr. [Lund] Washington--cedar berries--oznabrigs--flax--Mr. Bayley--price of lands--especially those convenient to the federal city.

Keywords

Correspondence

Enslaved persons

Farm management

Fanny, 1769?- (River Farm)

Pearce, William (Farm manager)

Letter, to Burgess Ball**Unit ID** A-301.48**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4827**Unit Date** 1795 March 2**Text** 9 (box)**Container** 1795.03.02 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Regarding some of Ball's land which he wants to sell to the government to build an arsenal--Col. Pickering thinks the price too high and situation too low down--Washington doesn't want to say anything more to the Secretary of War lest anyone think he is influenced by family connection--has never seen any such act passed by Virginia legislature as Ball mentioned in his letter of 19 December.

Letter, to Jonathan Williams**Unit ID** A-301.49**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4828**Unit Date** 1795 March 2**Text** 9 (box)**Container** 1795.03.02 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Washington expresses feelings of humility at praise of his work in Revolution and in the government--he gives all credit to "the Great ruler of events" and "kind Providence."

Letter, to William Pearce**Unit ID** RM-490-F; MS-3999**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4829**Unit Date** 1795 March 8**Text** 9 (box)**Container** 1795.03.08 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Wheat on the ground is in so unpromising a way--inquires to the look of the barley--roller--French's Paul--pains taken to apprehend and bring him to punishment--Dick--Betty Davis--Sarah, possibly a spinner at the Mansion, in childbed--purchase of one thousand yards of German oznabrigs--lucern seed to be had in Alexandria--new overseer at Mansion house--Allison--inquires about the price of flour in Alexandria--both superfine and fine are up again in Philadelphia.

Keywords

Correspondence

Enslaved persons

Farm management

Pearce, William (Farm manager)

Davis, Betty, active 1792- (Spinner)

Paul, 1763?- (Union Farm)

Jasper, Dick, active 1786-

Letter, to William Pearce**Unit ID** RM-490-F; MS-4000**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4830**Unit Date** 1795 March 15**Text** 9 (box)**Container** 1795.03.15 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

On the Sloop Harmony--Capt. Ellwood--Washington has sent 972 1/2 yards of oznabrigs--Mrs. Fanny Washington--Col. Gilpin--Washington has also included various seeds--some rare and valuable--turnips--chicory--botany bay grass seeds--requests that the gardener use his utmost skill and care--cabbage--lucern--preparing for its arrival--Sammy is to supply the place of Bristol--Cyrus, a dower slave--the children of Daphne--Mr. Smith--one purchaser for the fish--Mrs. Fanny Washington, Dr. Stuart and Mr. Lund Washington--Gray--India hemp--Pair graffs.

Keywords

Enslaved persons

Farm management

Correspondence

Cyrus, 1775?- (Carpenter)

Letter, to William Pearce

Unit ID RM-490-F; MS-4001

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4831

Unit Date 1795 March 22

Text 9 (box)

Container 1795.03.22 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

New overseers are turning out well--Grove--Allison--Washington has received twenty pounds of lucern seed--eight pounds of lucern and the like quantity of clover mixed to the acre--grasses ought to be sown on clean and well prepared ground--Betty Davis and Pearce's having difficulty distinguishing between real and feigned sickness--Paul--Mr. Dulany--artichokes.

Keywords

Enslaved persons

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Correspondence

Davis, Betty, active 1792- (Spinner)

Letter, to William Pearce

Unit ID RM-490-F; MS-4002

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4832

Unit Date 1795 March 29

Text 9 (box)

Container 1795.03.29 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Mr. Pierce Bailey--land on difficult run--inquiry of the new meadow at Dogue-run--affects of the winter weather on the growing grain, the grass and the fields which are to be sown and planted--Moses at the mill-- Tom and Ben--coopering--Gray--Isaac making ploughs--Donaldson--gardener attending to pease--an English gentleman, named Strickland--red wine and madeira--Mrs. Fanny Washington--porter.

Keywords

Correspondence

Enslaved persons

Isaac, active 1773-1799 (Carpenter)

Pearce, William (Farm manager)

Letter, to William Pearce**Unit ID** RM-490-F; MS-4003**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4833**Unit Date** 1795 April 5**Text** 10 (box)**Container** 1795.04.10 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Carter Ben at the River farm, laid up many weeks--potatoe plan experiment--impediments from the weather in sowing oats--winter grain should now show its spring appearance--roller-cutting small grain before it is suffered to get too ripe--honey locust seed--advertising of Paul.

Keywords

Correspondence

Enslaved persons -- Diseases

Ben, 1777?- (Carter)

Pearce, William (Farm manager)

Letter, to William Pearce**Unit ID** RM-490-F; MS-4004**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4834**Unit Date** 1795 April 12**Text** 10 (box)**Container** 1795.04.12 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Washington does not expect to be at Mt. Vernon by Sunday--the roads through Maryland are impassible and business in the federal city has detained him--injured parts of meadow should be resown--if that, or the other meadows, were once well taken with timothy, floods would not wash off[f] the soil.

Enclosure, to William Pearce**Unit ID** RM-490-F; MS-4063**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4835**Unit Date** 1795 May**Text** 10 (box)**Container** 1795.05.00 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

"Calculation of the number of Bricks wanting for the Barn at River Farm" --Bricks for barn at River Farm. Sketch is for barn at Dogue Run Farm. -total number of bricks for each section of the new barn--sketch of barn placement and surrounding grounds.

Keywords

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Farm management

Architectural documents

Letter, to William Pearce**Unit ID** RM-490-F; MS-4005**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4836**Unit Date** 1795 May 4**Text** 10 (box)**Container** 1795.05.04 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Grain and grass have benefitted by the late rains--flour in the mill is to be inspected--poor prices.

Letter, to William Pearce

Unit ID RM-490-F; MS-4006

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4837

Unit Date 1795 May 10

Text 10 (box)

Container 1795.05.10 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Wheat and grass continue to mend--warm weather and rain--also brought on oats--disposing of flour--midlings and ship stuff--Davenport--mill account for last year--the boy at the mill to go to the garden at Mansion house--two deaths in the family--one of them a young fellow--McKoy--Green--Davis--fence at Dogue-run to enclose the barn--the number of bricks required for the barn in the Neck (River farm).

Letter, to William Pearce

Unit ID RM-490-F; MS-4007

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4838

Unit Date 1795 May 24

Text 10 (box)

Container 1795.05.25 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Washington has enclosed sketches of the barn to be built at River farm--2 inch planks of white oak for the threshing floor--1 inch and a quarter pine plank for the lower floor of the graineries--other directions for construction--Mr. Stuart and the making of bricks--asks of the character of the carpenter who built Mrs. Peak's barn--honey locust plants--speaks of a book which contains information on these--Pekan or Illinois nut-plants sent by a gentleman from Jamaica--Doctor Craik--Cooper Jack.

Letter, to William Pearce

Unit ID RM-490-F; MS-4008

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4839

Unit Date 1795 May 31

Text 10 (box)

Container 1795.05.31 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Crops in need of rain--plenty of rain in Philadelphia--need for bread in Europe will raise wheat prices--wants to plant a good many potatoes--buck wheat--white homony bean is very productive--corn--cutting the forward wheat in good season--Dr. Stuart-transplanting the honey locust--speaks of a disorder in the horses.

Letter, to David Stuart

Unit ID A-508.2

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4699

Unit Date 1796 February 7

Text 10 (box)

Container 1796.02.07 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Washington encloses an advertisement which he plans to put in various gazettes and newspapers -- he

Washington encloses an advertisement which he plans to put in various gazettes and newspapers -- he confides in secrecy his plan to rent his farms & the dower slaves -- he may even interest associations in England or Scotland in farms through advertisements in gazettes -- the intermarriage of dower negroes with others and those on neighboring farms will cause affecting & trying consequences, so Washington cautions Stuart to make no mention of the plan for the present -- he doesn't care to rent farms to "our country farmers" because they wear out the land and little else -- he wants Stuart ask in confidence British merchants in Alexandria and Dumfries about the scheme -- Washington mentions Eliza ("Betsy") Custis's marriage and gives his evaluation of the groom, Mr. Thomas Law -- thinking of G.W.P. Custiss interests, Washington asks Stuart whether there might have been an erroneous division of negroes for Mr. Thomas Peter for his wife's (Martha Custis's) share.

Keywords

Correspondence

Advertisements

Slavery

Stuart, David, 1753-1814

Letter, to William Pearce**Unit ID** RM-490-F; MS-4009**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4851**Unit Date** 1795 June 7**Text** 10 (box)**Container** 1795.06.07 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Details on the shingles--additional directions for the barn--removal of all the cabins at River and Union farms--wants to punish the thief who robbed the meat house at Mt. Vernon--Nathan suspected of this sort formerly--Postilion Joe has been caught in similar practices--Sam would not be restrained if he saw an opening to do the like.

Keywords

Farm management

Enslaved persons

Pearce, William (Farm manager)

Richardson, Joe (Postilion)

Sam, 1759?- (Cook)

Letter, to William Pearce**Unit ID** RM-490-F; MS-4010**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4852**Unit Date** 1795 June 14**Text** 10 (box)**Container** 1795.06.14 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Washington hopes that it rained at Mt. Vernon--insect--distemper among horses--selling hay in Alexandria--Mr. Halley--reducing a lot in Alexandria for an allay--enclosed a newspaper containing some ideas on the culture of potatoes--making them into bread--James Butler--the Academy in Alexandria--Rev. Mr. Muir.

Keywords

Correspondence

Butler, James (Overseer)

Pearce, William (Farm manager)

Letter, to Tobias Lear**Unit ID** 2020-SC-023**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/28474**Unit Date** 1795 June 15**Text** 10 (box)**Container** 1795.06.15 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Extent** 1 pages38 x 22 cm**Scope and Contents**

Autograph letter signed from George Washington to Tobias Lear, personal secretary of George Washington, regarding the purchase of bank shares on his behalf. Addressed on verso in holograph with intact seal and docket in Tobias Lear's writing.

Keywords

Correspondence

Lear, Tobias, 1762-1816

Letter, to William Pearce**Unit ID** RM-490-F; MS-4011**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4853**Unit Date** 1795 June 21**Text** 10 (box)**Container** 1795.06.21 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Speaks of rains which brought disasters--young mule killed--shells gathered for lime--filling between the logs of the cabins with clay--wheat--the scab--the rust--gullies at the Mansion house.

Letter, to William Pearce**Unit ID** RM-490-F; MS-4012**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4854**Unit Date** 1795 July 5**Text** 10 (box)**Container** 1795.07.05 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Washington plans to come to Mt. Vernon about the middle of the month--dormant windows on each side of the pediment--front side of the stable--Donaldson--grain and hay--Davy's lost lambs--very suspicious appearance--he has some sly, cunning and roguish negroes under him--asks how Ben at the mill is employed--Ruth and Ben at the River farm--both Pearce and Groves are ill.

Keywords

Correspondence

Ben, 1729?- (River Farm)

Pearce, William (Farm manager)

Ruth, 1729?- (River Farm)

Letter, to Robert Lewis**Unit ID** W-432**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4855**Unit Date** 1795 July 27**Text** 10 (box)**Container** 1795.07.27 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Washington asks Lewis whether he has purchased any of the Berckley or Frederick leases--is he going to?--directs him to send money collected and names of persons as "I am in want, and have only deprived myself of the use of it from the hope of its laying the foundation of a batter annuity; which my heavy expenditures very much need." "Unless business should require my attendance at the Seat of government sooner it is probable I shall remain at this place until the end of September-".

Letter, to William Pearce**Unit ID** RM-490-F; MS-4013**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4909**Unit Date** 1795 August 9**Text** 10 (box)**Container** 1795.08.09 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Discusses second wheat field at Davy's field on Dogue-run farm--directions for plowing-destruction by storms in GW's locale-chance for wheat next year in Davy's field is hurt by corn-plowing green buck wheat, then sowing wheat thereon immediately, for an experiment-collect money due for flour sold.

Letter, to William Pearce**Unit ID** RM-490-F; MS-4014**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4856**Unit Date** 1795 August 12**Text** 10 (box)**Container** 1795.08.12 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Saving sufficient clover seed--sowing wheat as soon as ground is in order--requests the length and breadth of the two pavements between the steps of the middle door and those of the end doors of the Mansion house.

Letter, to William Pearce**Unit ID** RM-490-F; MS-4015**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4857**Unit Date** 1795 August 16**Text** 10 (box)**Container** 1795.08.16 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Frequent and hard rains--effect on the forward corn--all the wheats and oats are in--Washington wishes the hay was in also--Donaldson is leaving--requests that Pearce hire the carpenter recommended by Col. William Washington (Washington's nephew)--John Neale can have Donaldson's house and garden.

Letter, to William Pearce**Unit ID** RM-490-F; MS-4016**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4858**Unit Date** 1795 August 23**Text** 10 (box)**Container** 1795.08.23 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Plowing Davy's field at Dogue-run--clover being well turned in by good plows and good plowmen--same with the buck wheat--taking the worker force and applying it to another farm that is ready for plowing--barley--Washington asks about the wheat which has already been threshed--asks Pearce to send two bushels of the early wheat to him--Mr. Kitt--900 bushels of oats for sale--Pearce has sold 300--overseers for Union and Dogue-run farms.

Letter, to William Pearce**Unit ID** RM-490-F; MS-4017**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4859**Unit Date** 1795 August 28**Text** 10 (box)**Container** 1795.08.28 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Miss Betsy Custis--an enclosed letter for her--a cover letter.

Letter, to William Pearce**Unit ID** RM-490-F; MS-4018**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4860**Unit Date** 1795 August 30**Text** 10 (box)**Container** 1795.08.30 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Sowing wheat in ground that is not ready for its reception--sowing the lot by the spring, where potatoes are growing, with lucern--abuse of plows--checked by the overseers--constant repair by Isaac--character of Mr. Neale.

Letter, to William Pearce**Unit ID** RM-490-F; MS-4019**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4861**Unit Date** 1795 September 6**Text** 10 (box)**Container** 1795.09.06 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Pearce has recommenced seeding--more favorable weather--all the wheat, sowed by the middle of the month, should be in the ground in good season--Washington fears that Davy's field, at Dogue-run, was too wet to sow--such land as [his], when plowed wet, always bakes hard--expects to set out in two or three days for Mt. Vernon.

Letter, to John Page**Unit ID** A-301.50**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4862**Unit Date** 1795 September 23**Text** 10 (box)**Container** 1795.09.23 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Washington asks Page's advice on what should be done about renting or selling land and in working with the writer of a letter Washington encloses--desires to sell share in Dismal Swamp--it is more expensive than productive. This draft written in the hand of secretary Bartholomew Dandridge, with additions by Washington.

Letter, to William Pearce**Unit ID** RM-490-F; MS-4020**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4864**Unit Date** 1795 October 19**Text** 10 (box)**Container** 1795.10.19 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Postilion Joe--Washington does not expect to reach Philadelphia before Tuesday afternoon--wheat would be a heavy loss should the weevil get into it--let no time be lost in getting it out of the straw and ground up as fast as the mill is able to do it--take the corn out of the field as soon as it can be safely done--gathering white thorn berries--the sooner the potatoes are up and secured the better--trimming the Lombardy Poplar and the Yellow Willow.

Keywords

Enslaved persons

Farm management

Richardson, Joe (Postilion)

Pearce, William (Farm manager)

Letter, to William Pearce**Unit ID** RM-490-F; MS-4022**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4863**Unit Date** 1795 October 25**Text** 10 (box)**Container** 1795.10.25 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Pearce had been sick, but has since recovered--fly is found in the wheat--expresses disappointment with the Englishman overseer--a certificate for Donaldson--hedging--Washington suspects that Pearce can have no dependence on the berry of the white thorn from his friend in Newcastle--after viewing the hedges from Christiana to Wilmington, Washington does not believe that a gallon of seed could be gathered--pamphlet on the subject of manures--death of the trusty old negro Jack--replacing him--Allison.

Letter, to William Pearce**Unit ID** RM-490-F; MS-4023**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4865**Unit Date** 1795 November 22**Text** 10 (box)**Container** 1795.11.22 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Washington wants to enclose all his crops with live fences--asks that Pearce attend to them with as much care as a field of Indian corn--wants to tend less ground--manure and cultivate the smaller quantity higher--English thorn--honey locust--cedar hedge--directions on hedging--Lombardy poplar--Capt. Ellwood--Mr. Hartshorn or Col. Gilpins--has sent 28 1/2 pounds of chiccory seed--directions for sowing--enclosed a small sketch showing the course of a new road--asks Pearce to urge the miller to grind the wheat as fast as he can--inquires about the look of the growing crops and if an overseer for Union farm has been acquired.

Letter, to William Pearce

Unit ID RM-490-F; MS-4024

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4866

Unit Date 1795 November 29

Text 10 (box)

Container 1795.11.29 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Sickness among the negroes--diminishing prospect of a good crop of corn--breaking up the fields for the ensuing crop--preparing the shelters--for the horses at River farm--asks about Neale--list of work for the carpenters--Isaac and Joe--enclosed copy of the invoices of the oznabrigs and blankets--seine twine--payment of Pearce and the overseers--Peter.

Keywords

Correspondence

Enslaved persons -- Diseases

Farm management

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Pearce, William (Farm manager)

Isaac, active 1773-1799 (Carpenter)

Smith, Joe, approximately 1778- (Carpenter)

Letter, to Robert Morris

Unit ID A-750.25

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4867

Unit Date 1795 December 3

Text 10 (box)

Container 1795.12.03 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Washington says he knows nothing further on subject of extract on other side [which is not on our copy]--asks Morris to let him know what answer to give Commissioners of Federal City--"Their credit I know has been stretched to its utmost limits in order to keep the wheels moving even in the slow & unprofitable manner in which they have turned."

Letter, to William Pearce

Unit ID RM-490-F; MS-4025

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4868

Unit Date 1795 December 6

Text 10 (box)

Container 1795.12.06 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Materials for hedging--cedar berries--explains his opinion of tilling less land and increasing the quality of the crops--manure--growing grain looks well--hogs put up for porke.

Letter, to William Pearce**Unit ID** RM-490-F; MS-4026**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4869**Unit Date** 1795 December 13**Text** 10 (box)**Container** 1795.12.13 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

The sickness at Mt. Vernon is abating--tells Pearce to encourage Cyrus to persevere--he is to use money from last year's flour and corn to pay any debts--good price for wheat in Philadelphia--seine twine--Peter choosing two more mules.

Keywords

Enslaved persons

Correspondence

Farm management

Cyrus, 1775?- (Carpenter)

Pearce, William (Farm manager)

Letter, to William Pearce**Unit ID** RM-490-F; MS-4027**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4870**Unit Date** 1795 December 20**Text** 10 (box)**Container** 1795.12.20 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Washington fears Pearce is unwell--price of flour is good--Washington can buy twine in Philadelphia, but no vessel is bound for the Potomack before the river closes--gives some suggestions (including hiring the landing out) should Pearce not be able to get twine from Alexandria in time.

Letter, to Tobias Lear**Unit ID** A-301.51**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4871**Unit Date** 1795 December 26**Text** 10 (box)**Container** 1795.12.26 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Washington introduces Capt. Myers to Lear--wants to know if Myers will be employed as engineer and superintendent for lock navigation by the Directors of the Potomac Company--Lear can determine whether his testimonials as architect and knowledge of locks, etc. is sufficient.

Memorandum, New Room chimney and Piazza windows**Unit ID** W-812/a**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4872**Unit Date** 1796**Text** 11 (box)**Container** 1796.00.00 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Memorandum in the hand of George Washington with dimensions of architectural details in and around

the house -- piazza at west door: brick pavement between the tiles 5 feet 3 inches by 9 feet 6 inches; tiles are 12" square; stone margin around them of 6" on outer edge, 9" on inner next the house. --gives measurements of windows in the new room; the Venetian window is given in exact detail; the two smaller (or end windows); the dimensions of the chimney in the new room in detail.

Keywords

Architectural documents

Piazza

Mansion exterior

Notes, dimensions of rooms at Mount Vernon

Unit ID W-812/b-d

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4873

Unit Date 1796

Text 11 (box)

Container 1796.00.00 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Pearce, William (Farm manager)

Scope and Contents

The Mount Vernon farm manager, William Pearce, sends President Washington a memorandum listing some of the room dimensions in the Mansion. Specifically, he includes "The hight of the Rooms up staires & garrett; the blue room; room over the small dining room; the room the Marques Delafiat [Marquis de Lafayette] Lodged In; the Yellow room; garret rooms; garden gate; gate front of lawn; kitching [kitchen] garden gate; cellar windows." Docketed "Dimentions [Dimensions] of the Rooms upstairs and the Gates and the cellar windows". A second memorandum, possibly in the hand of Tobias Lear. Notes include - of the two sides; That side which fronts the grotto 31' long, distance between corners and window; length of window; hgt of window; the chimney side, height of door, width of wall between door and chimney, sides of chimneys, height of mantle piece; ends 23 ft. wide, doors & windows; list of dimensions. Third document included shows height of Mr. W.'s room, size of windows, upper windows west side of M[ansion] house, size of New Room chimney, the windows on west side of cellar. Autograph document, 2 page, in hand of William Pearce (?) docketed "The Sizes of the windows & C."

Keywords

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Mansion Interiors

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Invitation, to Mr. Gilbert

Unit ID RM-1109; MS-5792

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4874

Unit Date 1796 January 1

Text 11 (box)

Container 1796.01.01 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Partially printed invitation from President of the United States to dine at 4 pm.

Letter, to William Pearce

Unit ID RM-490-F; MS-4028

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4875

Unit Date 1796 January 3

Text 11 (box)

Container 1796.01.03 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Pearce has met with a supply of twine in Alexandria--Washington is not disposed to sell his flour for anything less than it sells in Philadelphia--Davenport should hasten the grinding--suspects that his letter

to Pearce must have been opened before it reached Mt. Vernon--by persons looking for bank and post notes.

Letter, to William Pearce

Unit ID RM-490-F; MS-4029

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4876

Unit Date 1796 January 17

Text 11 (box)

Container 1796.01.07 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Davenport is ill--decline in price of flour--price of fish--fallen timbers to the Waggoners--honey locust--inquires of the standing of the winter grain--grubbing--new road--Allison--salary to Mr. Davis--Mr. Herbert--new race at the mill.

Letter, to William Pearce

Unit ID RM-490-F; MS-4030

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4877

Unit Date 1796 January 25

Text 11 (box)

Container 1795.01.25 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Speaks of a certain letter that accompanies two parcels of rice--gives all the information respecting their cultivation--reminds Pearce to document the time and place of the rice being put into the ground.

Letter, to William Pearce

Unit ID RM-490-F; MS-4031

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4878

Unit Date 1796 January 31

Text 11 (box)

Container 1799.01.31 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Sickness is prevelant among the people--inquires if the grain has been covered with snow--death of Davenport--search for a replacement--Ben at the mill is sick also--salary for Mr. Davis--Mr. Herbert.

Letter, to William Pearce

Unit ID RM-490-F; MS-4033

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4879

Unit Date 1796 February 7

Text 11 (box)

Container 1796.02.07 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Pearce has listed Dower Negroes for Washington--asks for a list of all the remaining negroes on the estate--if a replacement for the miller cannot be had, the mill can be rented on advantages terms--hopes to determine the whole amount of last year's wheat--price--repairing the Mansion house--Washington will have Venetian blinds made--Dr. Stuart--Peter--Pearce is to aid Mrs. Davenport should she decide to move to Norfolk--mentions advertisement for determining the possibility of renting the farms.

Letter, to David Stewart**Unit ID** A-508**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4880**Unit Date** 1796 February 7**Text** 11 (box)**Container** 1796.02.07 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Washington encloses an advertisement which he plans to put in various gazettes and newspapers--he confides in secrecy his plan to rent his farms and the dower slaves--he may even interest associations in England or Scotland in farms through advertisements in gazettes--the intermarriage of dower negroes with others and those on neighboring farms will cause affecting and trying consequences, so Washington cautions Stuart to make no mention of the plan for the present--he doesn't care to rent farms to "our country farmers" because they wear out the land and little else--he wants Stuart to ask in confidence British merchants in Alexandria and Dumfries about the scheme--Washington mentions Eliza ("Betsy") Custis's marriage and gives his evaluation of the groom, Mr. Thomas Law--thinking of G.W.P. Custis's interests, Washington asks Stuart whether there might have been an erroneous division of negroes for Mr. Thomas Peter for his wife's (Martha Custis's) share .

Keywords

Correspondence

Stewart, David

Letter, to Thomas Law**Unit ID** RM-1150, MS-5864**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4881**Unit Date** 1796 February 10**Text** 11 (box)**Container** 1796.02.10 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

On February 10, 1796, upon learning of his eldest step-granddaughter's engagement to Thomas Law, George Washington writes this letter of congratulations to him. Washington's fatherly interest in the betrothal of Eliza "Betsey" Parke Custis is apparent. He expresses surprise, gives his blessing, and invites the couple to visit Philadelphia after the ceremony. Thomas Law earned his fortune in India and met Washington's step-granddaughter shortly after his arrival in America. The couple was married the following month, on March 21, 1796.

Keywords

Correspondence

Law, Thomas, 1756-1834

Custis Family

Letter, to William Pearce**Unit ID** RM-490-F; MS-4034**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4882**Unit Date** 1796 February 21**Text** 11 (box)**Container** 1796.02.21 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Washington is under no apprehension of falling price of flour--wishes to rent the mill after the current crop of wheat is manufactured--250 dollars is not sufficient rent--Mr. Digges--Col. Fitzgerald--tenants near Mrs. French's must pay more than 20/. rent for every acre of tillable land--printer in Alexandria does not have enough types for the advertisement--repairs to the north end of the Mansion--Caesar has been

absent six days--renting the farms--Pearce is entertaining doubts of remaining another year.

Keywords

Correspondence

Caesar, 1749?- (Union Farm)

Pearce, William (Farm manager)

Letter, to William Pearce

Unit ID RM-490-F; MS-4035

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4883

Unit Date 1796 March 9

Text 11 (box)

Container 1796.03.09 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Washington has sent by Capt. Hand, a cask of clove seed and a small box of Apple graffs--apples are of a most extraordinary size--purchasing shares in the Bank of Alexandria.

Letter, to William Pearce

Unit ID RM-490-F; MS-4036

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4884

Unit Date 1796 March 13

Text 11 (box)

Container 1796.03.13 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Scarcity of corn and its high price--new ground at Mansion house--trimming the trees--price of flour and calculations when to sell--renting the mill--100 pounds per year would fall far short--Mrs. French--frost and the look of the winter grain--Allison--Col. Ball--Mr. Robert Lewis--sending out the jacks--Thomas Allison--winter has been open and mild--selling hay.

Letter, to Anne Willing Bingham

Unit ID RM-253; MS-2750

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4885

Unit Date 1796 March 16

Text 11 (box)

Container 1796.03.16 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

President Washington presents a small color miniature bust portrait of himself by the Marchioness de Brehan, with his compliments, to Anne Willing Bingham, the wife of Senator William Bingham. "Not for the representation.--Not for the value;-- but as the production of a fair hand the offering is made and the acceptan[ce] of it is requested.--".

Letter, to William Pearce

Unit ID RM-490-F; MS-4037

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4886

Unit Date 1796 March 27

Text 11 (box)

Container 1796.03.27 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Letter regarding plantation management.

Letter, to William Pearce**Unit ID** RM-490-F; MS-4038**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4910**Unit Date** 1796 April 3**Text** 11 (box)**Container** 1796.04.03 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

On the Commerce, Washington will send eight bushels of field pea, chiccory and eight bushels of winter vetch--directions for the cultivation--wind blowing down trees--selling the flour--Mr. Minor has recommended a Mr. Darnes as a tenant--Mr. Gill and renting the mill--inquires of the dimensions and details on the chimney in the new room at the Mansion.

Keywords

Correspondence

Farm management

Pearce, William (Farm manager)

Letter, to William Pearce**Unit ID** RM-490-F; MS-4039**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4911**Unit Date** 1796 April 4**Text** 11 (box)**Container** 1796.04.04 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Informs Pearce of Sarah Green's distress--if she is in real distress, Pearce should afford her some relief--do not send her money--Washington suspects she may be rigging herself rather than obtaining necessaries for her family--if she cannot support her children, she should bind them to good masters and mistresses who will teach them a trade.

Letter, to William Pearce**Unit ID** RM-490-F; MS-4040**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4912**Unit Date** 1796 April 10**Text** 11 (box)**Container** 1796.04.10 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Mr. Lear--price of Pease (flour) due to European accounts--Mr. Smith--tells Pearce to sell all wheat including midlings and ship stuff--high winds destroying the fences--renting jacks--Peter--Mr. Lewis--hopes the gardener tried the apples graffs--bad season at the fishery.

Letter, to Robert Lewis**Unit ID** 2017-SC-001-004**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6461**Unit Date** 1796 April 17**Text** 11 (box)**Container** 1796.04.17 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Washington to his nephew, Robert Lewis regarding his method of collecting rents. He also mentions that he tries to avoid litigation, when speaking of a land dispute between neighbors Ariss and McCormick and

himself. He ends with a note about his "Jack" or donkey, explaining it was too late to send out for breeding this season.

Keywords

Correspondence

Lewis, Robert, 1769-1829

Letter, to William Pearce

Unit ID RM-490-F; MS-4041

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4913

Unit Date 1796 April 17

Text 11 (box)

Container 1796.04.17 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Maria and Charles Washington are unwell--Dr. Craik--since the wheat crop was so bad, it would be unlucky to have also missed the best market for flour--asks Pearce to inquire to Mr. Christie of the character of Mr. Joseph Gallop and his brothers--renting River farm--repairs to the Mansion--Mr. Robert Lewis.

Letter, to Burwell Bassett

Unit ID W-51

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4914

Unit Date 1796 April 24

Text 11 (box)

Container 1796.04.24 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Washington writes his condolences on the death of Bassett's sister, Fanny Bassett Washington Lear--Tobias Lear recently met in Philadelphia with Washington--they discussed, and now Washington writes about, disposition of the children [of Fanny B. Washington and G.A. Washington]--Washington always intended to take Fayette under his care but now decided it better to keep Fanny's children together--final decision to be postponed "until I bid adieu to public life"--children are all now at Mount Vernon. [Tobias Lear's wife, Fanny Bassett Washington Lear, has died, leaving 3 children by her 1st husband G.A. Washington. These were Anna Maria, George Fayette and Charles Augustine Washington. Lear himself had one son, Benjamin Lincoln Lear by his first wife.]

Letter, to William Pearce

Unit ID RM-490-F; MS-4042

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4915

Unit Date 1796 April 24

Text 11 (box)

Container 1796.04.24 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Drought continues--the prospect for good crops of small grains is unpromising--Washington wishes the loss in grain may be made up in fishing--fall in the price of flour--Mr. Robert Lewis--Mr. Hughes--Joseph Gallop--renting River farm--inquires of the prospect of fruit--lucern seed--chicory and clover--Maria and Charles have got well again.

Letter, to Tobias Lear**Unit ID** RM-490-RM-530; MS-4500**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4916**Unit Date** 1796 April 29**Text** 11 (box)**Container** 1796.04.24 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Washington sends invoice and bill of lading "for the long expected Seeds (which by the bye have cost me at least four times as much as I expected)." Requests Lear to forward the seeds to his Mount Vernon manager William Pearce, "the season for sowing the Peas and succory being already far advanced."

Letter, to Edward Carrington**Unit ID** RM-1210**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4985**Unit Date** 1796 May 1**Text** 11 (box)**Container** 1796.05.01 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Between April and May of 1796, George Washington exchanged letters with Virginia statesman Edward Carrington about the context and expectations set forth by the Constitution. After much political debate, the Jay treaty had been approved by the Senate, but the House of Representatives was withholding funding. John Adams and Thomas Jefferson were setting the stage for the next presidential election and it was a time of intense discussions about politics and the public good.

Understanding that these discussions were an important step in the relationship between the government and the citizens, Washington wrote to Carrington explaining his perspective on these issues: "Whatever my own opinion may be on this, or any other subject, interesting to the Community at large, it always has been, and will continue to be, my earnest desire to learn, and to comply, as far as is consistent, with the public sentiment; but it is on great occasions only, and after time has been given for cool and deliberate reflection, that the real voice of the people can be known."

Washington reflected on the fact that the current debates were not about the Treaty itself, but whether or not there should be a treaty. He wrote a similar letter to Maryland statesman, Charles Carroll on the same day.

Keywords

Carrington, Edward, 1749-1810

Letter, to Charles Carroll**Unit ID** A-301.52**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4917**Unit Date** 1796 May 1**Text** 11 (box)**Container** 1796.05.01 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Creator** Carroll, Charles, 1737-1832**Scope and Contents**

Washington will give the application of Mr. Thomas Freeman the same impartial consideration as other applicants for job of surveyor of western boundaries under new treaties--he mentions the election of Mr. Thomas Sprigg as representative from Maryland--Washington makes a lengthy discussion of opposition in House of Representatives to the Jay Treaty--he opines that the country must stay out of European wars in order first to build up its strength and become a 1st rate power.

Letter, to William Pearce**Unit ID** RM-490-F; MS-4043**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4918**Unit Date** 1796 May 1**Text** 11 (box)**Container** 1796.05.01 (folder)**Language** English.

Abstract The Jay Treaty was a topic of great discussion, the effects of which had a significant impact on Washington's public responsibilities as well as his private dealings. In this letter, also written on 1 May 1796, Washington wrote to his farm manager about the current price of flour, "I am sorry to find that flour continues to depreciate in price; but the present cause for this is, the dispute in the House of Representatives respecting the provisions for carrying the British Treaty into effect; which has, for sometime past, occasioned a suspension in purchasing, shipping, & the Insurance of all sorts of property: but as the discussion is now brought to a close, it is to be hoped, and expected, that matters will recover their former tone again."

Scope and Contents

Drought still continues--has had good rain in Philadelphia--grain and grass in [those] parts look well--Pearce is near the completion of corn--planting--sowing peas and chiccory--winter vetch carefully preserved until Autumn--depreciation of flour price--result of House of Representatives--Mr. Robert Lewis--Messers Bennett and Watts--Washington has sent two dozen Windsor chairs for the new room.

Letter, to William Pearce**Unit ID** RM-490-F; MS-4044**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4919**Unit Date** 1796 May 8**Text** 11 (box)**Container** 1796.05.08 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Rain has fallen, but cold and drying winds have reduced its effect--frosts injuring the fruit--clover seed perished as a result of the drought--need for the crop and high price of seed--constructing a lane at Dogue-run next to the overseer's house--receipts for fish--an account kept of the times the Coach Mares go the jacks.

Letter, to William Pearce**Unit ID** RM-490-F; MS-4045**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4920**Unit Date** 1796 May 15**Text** 11 (box)**Container** 1796.05.15 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Washington is glad to hear that Pearce has sold all the flour--more rain in Philadelphia than at Mt. Vernon--getting supplied with good rams--Mr. Gough--Mr. Darnes--Davis raising the walls of the barn at River farm--repairing the house in the upper garden, called the School house--Paschal is reported sick six days in the week.

Letter, to William Pearce**Unit ID** RM-490-F; MS-4046**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4921**Unit Date** 1796 May 22**Text** 11 (box)**Container** 1796.05.22 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Weather has been reasonable of late, however the rain and snow have prevailed. An early planting order

weather has been seasonable or late, however, the grain and grass have received--transplanting cedar--
damage of the family piece of Marquis de la Fayette, sustained as a result of the sun--Peter--the well
house from the Mansion has been carried to Union farm.

Letter, to Gustavus Scott

Unit ID RM-491: MS-4067

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4922

Unit Date 1796 May 25

Text 11 (box)

Container 1796.05.25 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Interest in the progress toward creating the new Federal City. Refers to the duties of 3 commissioners who were appointed by the Continental Congress--Thomas Johnson, Daniel Carroll and David Stewart.

Letter, to William Pearce

Unit ID RM-490-F: MS-4047

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4923

Unit Date 1796 May 29

Text 11 (box)

Container 1796.05.29 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

A pipe of wine and a box of tea sent from Philadelphia--Windsor chairs--Mr. Aimes traveling to the federal city--Mr. Lear will show him the way to Mt. Vernon--inquires of Maria and the two boys--early wheat and other small grains, peas and grasses--India hemp--expects to have many respectable visitors during his stay at Mt. Vernon, and hopes to find everything in good order.

Keywords

Pearce, William (Farm manager)

Letter, to William Pearce

Unit ID RM-490-F; MS-4048

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4951

Unit Date 1796 June 5

Text 12 (box)

Container 1796.06.05 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

It is not likely that Washington will be at Mt. Vernon before the 20th--everything about the houses should be got in clean and nice order--Neal--Caroline--cleaning servants quarters--abundant supply of meat--inquires of the venetian blinds and the dormant windows in the stables--insists that Pearce mention these and the like in his reports--keep a sufficiency of oats for Washington's horses and those of his visitors--keep the grain and hay harvests from interfering with each other--Miss Nelly Custis.

Keywords

Correspondence

Branham, Caroline, 1764?-1843

Pearce, William (Farm manager)

Bond, with Matthew Ritchie**Unit ID** A-156**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6896**Unit Date** 1796 June 1**Text** 12 (box)**Container** 1796.06.01 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Copy in Washington's hand - Bond Matthew Ritchie to George Washington 1st June 1796 For payment of \$8,820 with interest by Installments - viz. 3469.20 1st June 1797 3292.80. 1 June 1798 and 3116.40. 1 June 1799. The original, of which this is a copy, was on the 22d. of January 1798 enclosed to the Honble. James Ross of Pittsburgh, to be deposited in the Bank of Pennsylvania for Collection agreeably to the tenor thereof - (Signed) G. Washington".

Bond to pay \$17,000 if he fails to pay \$3469.20 on June 1, [1797], \$3292.80 on June 1, 1798, & \$3116.40 on June 1, 1799.

Signed by Matthew Ritchie.

Witnessed by James Ross and John Ritchie.

Received June 6, 1797 for \$3,469.20 by G. Washington.

Letter, to James Anderson**Unit ID** A-283.108**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4952**Unit Date** 1796 September 5**Text** 12 (box)**Container** 1796.09.05 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Washington writes that since Anderson didn't answer many of his queries, nothing can be decided about his employment until Washington can see him, which will be at Mt. Vernon at end of month--Washington expected him to speak with candor about his qualifications, although he is "sensible it is not a pleasant thing for any man to speak of himself"--as Washington will reside on the estate from now on, much work will be taken off superintendant's shoulders--Washington describes the writing of the weekly farm reports, etc. that should take only a few hours each week--he sees no need for assistant--Fredericksburg mails made up every Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday evening.

Keywords

Correspondence

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Farm management

Anderson, James, 1745-1807

Letter, to William Pearce**Unit ID** RM-490-F; MS-4049**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4953**Unit Date** 1796 September 5**Text** 12 (box)**Container** 1796.05.09 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Weather has been extremely wet--seeding must have gone slowly--Washington Custis writes that Mr. Stuart was very ill of a fever--Scoon--Violet--Cash--weevil is very much in Stuart's wheat.

Letter, to William Pearce**Unit ID** RM-490-F; MS-4050**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4954**Unit Date** 1796 September 11**Text** 12 (box)**Container** 1796.09.11 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Washington wishes that the wheat be sown as soon as possible--Mr. Lewis--sowing the winter vetch in proper season--rape seed--inquires if Pearce received any benefit from Dr. Perkin's metallic application--search for new overseers.

Letter, to Bartholomew Dandridge**Unit ID** RM-88; MS-2236**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4955**Unit Date** 1796 October 14**Text** 12 (box)**Container** 1796.10.14 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Re: Impending trip to Philadelphia. Requests house be ready, especially painting done. George and Martha have been ill with colds. Mrs. Stuart was very ill, now better.

Letter, to William Pearce**Unit ID** RM-490-F; MS-4051**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4956**Unit Date** 1796 October 26**Text** 12 (box)**Container** 1796.10.26 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Cyrus--Mr. Frestal and Mr. Lafayette--Mrs. Washington--some butter left in the cellar and some beef in a tub--James--Pearce is to clean out Washington's study and get their baggage and James on the first vessel bound for Philadelphia--Pearce's family is moving to the Mansion house--Dinah--Mr. Blagden to examine the quarry--mules for Washington's carriage.

Keywords

Correspondence

Enslaved persons

Sinah, 1772?- (Mansion House Farm)

Pearce, William (Farm manager)

Letter, to William Pearce**Unit ID** RM-490-F; MS-4053**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4957**Unit Date** 1796 November 14**Text** 12 (box)**Container** 1796.11.14 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

James Wilkes--Mr. Law--Mr. Alexander Smith is not able to take up his note--Pearce is to make arrangements for Smith's repaying, including interest from the time the note comes due--security of

payment--Richmond made an example for the robbery he committed--severe drought--difficulty with wheat--quarters at River and Muddy-hole farms--venetian blinds--dimensions of the window frames.

Keywords

Correspondence

Farm management

Enslaved persons

Richmond, approximately 1778-

Pearce, William (Farm manager)

Letter, to William A. Washington

Unit ID W-421 & RM-18; MS-2020

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4958

Unit Date 1796 November 14

Text 12 (box)

Container 1796.11.14 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Forwarded William A. Washington's letters to Mr. Philips of Andover and sends him the answers--received in years past from Sir Isaac Heard, Garter and principal king at arms, the (Washington) armorial--George Washington at the time sent him his best knowledge of Washington progenitors since their arrival in America--gave all information he possessed on subject, but knows nothing of Lawrence Washington's descendants--asks William A. Washington to give any help he can, from old papers he might have and inscriptions on tombs at old family vault at Bridge-Creek, part William's estate--"Although I have not the least solicitude to trace our Ancestry, yet as this Gentleman (Heard) appears to interest himself in the research common civility requires that he should obtain the aids he asks ...". Includes letterpress copy

Keywords

Correspondence

Letter, to William Pearce

Unit ID RM-490-F; MS-4054

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4959

Unit Date 1796 November 20

Text 12 (box)

Container 1796.11.20 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Drought continues--Egyptian wheat--causey--new road--Davy and Mr. [James] Anderson--scarcity of oznabrigs in Alexandria--paints and oils--Mr. Lear--Mr. Alexander Smith--Pearce is to measure Mrs. Washington's Bed Chamber--dimensions of the chimney in the new dining room--Peter--wants the size of the blue room.

Letter, to Tobias Lear

Unit ID RM-530; MS-4501

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4961

Unit Date 1796 November 25

Text 12 (box)

Container 1796.11.25 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Regarding Maria Washington, Lear's step-daughter. Washington asks Lear to set a date with Mr. Van Vleck, principal of a school for young ladies in Bethlehem, Penn., for Maria's arrival at the school. Wn. proposes that "... if we were to reduce our cultivation [of wheat] ... to half the present quantity, and manure and till that half well ... our profits would be greater while the other half would be improving."

Letter, to William Pearce**Unit ID** RM-490-F; MS-4055**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4964**Unit Date** 1796 November 27**Text** 12 (box)**Container** 1796.11.26 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Mr. Lear-Mr. Smith's debt is to stand upon the security Pearce has placed it-inquires of the look of the winter grain and vetches--the yield of the wheat and corn-Pearce has recovered eleven dollars of James Kirk's money.

Letter, to William Pearce**Unit ID** RM-490-F; MS-4056**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4962**Unit Date** 1796 December 4**Text** 12 (box)**Container** 1796.12.04 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Washington writes that he received no letter from Pearce which leads him to conclude that something more than common has happened--on board of Capt. Ellwood are oil, paint and oznabrigs--directions for distributing and cutting oznabrigs--dependence of the gardener's wife and Allison's wife-planting shrubs--Mr. Anderson--Washington expresses his wishes to have an icehouse prepared when ice forms--hopes Frank has taken care of the tarriers [terriers]--female in heat.

Keywords

Correspondence

Domestic animals

Farm management

Pearce, William (Farm manager)

Lee, Frank, -1821

Letter, to William Pearce**Unit ID** RM-490-F; MS-4057**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4960**Unit Date** 1796 December 11**Text** 12 (box)**Container** 1796.12.11 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Wheat is beginning to heat--floor of the barn at Dogue-run has already given way--Pearce must kill and salt the pork before he leaves--also, tend to the ice house--Mr. Anderson--trimming trees--Mr. Smith--Gray the weaver--hopes the shelters for the cattle are up--Mr. Craik--Clark, an overseer prospect--Washington will send a certificate of his satisfaction in Pearce's services as a manager.

Letter, to William Pearce**Unit ID** RM-490-F; MS-4058**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4963**Unit Date** 1796 December 18**Text** 12 (box)**Container** 1796.12.18 (folder)**Language** English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Lack of rain--Mr. Alexander Smith--Mr. Lear--the ground, where ivy and wild honey suckle are to be planted, is not to be plowed beforehand--Frank, Hercules, and Cyrus--Allison--Washington is displeased with his conduct--would like the new road completed before spring--Mr. Neal continues indisposed and the carpenters do nothing--Sall, Mima and Dick are regularly returned sick--Mr. Anderson expects to arrive by the 27th--clover grass seeds.

Keywords

Correspondence

Enslaved persons

Farm management

Pearce, William (Farm manager)

Lee, Frank, -1821

Cyrus, 1775?- (Carpenter)

Letter, Recommendation for William Pearce

Unit ID RM-490-F; MS-4059

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4965

Unit Date 1796 December 18

Text 12 (box)

Container 1796.12.18 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Pearce's conduct during his three years has given Washington entire satisfaction--reluctantly parts with him, on account of a rheumatic affection--knowledge in farming and mode of managing [GW's] business--Washington has great confidence in Pearce's honesty, sobriety, industry and skill.

Document, to the General Assembly of Virginia

Unit ID W-692

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4966

Unit Date 1796 December 27

Text 12 (box)

Container 1796.12.27 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Washington acknowledges the General Assembly's vote of thanks--he declares that his "highest ambition has been, by faithfully and zealously serving my country to the utmost of my abilities, in all the public employments of my life, to merit the approbation of my fellow citizens."--he now looks forward to his return to "private occupation in the shades of rural retirement."

Letter, to James Anderson

Unit ID A-301.53

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4967

Unit Date 1797 January 15

Text 12 (box)

Container 1797.01.15 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Washington writes a long letter to his new manager--he has received Anderson's letter and reports--intends separating old and new cattle, etc.--approves killing old bulls--"... it has always been my custom to supply [my table] with the best [meat]"--permission to purchase hogs and cattle--distillery, "the place for, and means of conducting it, is left entirely to yourself"--cutting down trees in front of house--"I never expected that that ground [in front of house] would give corn in proportion to the labour I meant to bestow on it--the primary objects of the cultivation are to cleanse it thoroughly of the undergrowth, and to lay it down (as mentioned in my Memorandums) to grass for Pasture, or pleasure grounds, and in

order that it may be well worked and prepared for these ..."--don't finish new road at sacrifice of crops--mill race--wants ditch and fence along this road from Mansion House enclosure to Muddy Hole to be woodland pasture for brood mares--barn floor at Dogue Run--new mill race will avoid high land, which caused leak--boats and seines to be put in order for fishing season--iron for wheel bands--raising turnips, especially Swedish--potatoes--rotation of crops--potatoes planted between corn rows--evaluation of Mr. Pearce's work--filling ice house--fear of fire at Mount Vernon, "there is nothing that fills my mind with more apprehension when I am from home"--encloses grape seeds and eggs of silkworm to give gardener--Mrs. Washington requests to pay particular attention to the [Bacon (?)].

Letter, to John Greenwood

Unit ID RM-685; MS-4663

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4968

Unit Date 1797 January 20

Text 12 (box)

Container 1797.01.20 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Extent 2 pages

Scope and Contents

Concerning a troublesome set of false teeth that Washington was returning for repair.

Keywords

Correspondence

Dentistry

Greenwood, John, 1760-1819

Letter, to James Anderson

Unit ID A-301.54

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4969

Unit Date 1797 January 22

Text 12 (box)

Container 1797.01.22 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Washington writes detailed instructions about the management of his farms--he has received Anderson's reports and inventory--approves placement of distillery at mill as temporary measure--discusses a new road--the dry well in cellar at north end of house to be filled with ice, leaving it open--it melted before, because it was not done correctly--pork is kept there now--he sends new red clover seed discovered by farmer in Jerseys, also potato seeds--Washington will write Landon Carter about sending peas--Anderson should exercise his own judgment on cutting back thorn hedges to thicken them--Washington mentions that Anderson's inventory indicates the loss of a large boat, which would be the second of his fishing boats to have gone missing--he notes in the Alexandria store accounts the great number of spades, etc., carpenters tools, charged to him, and he fears embezzlement--things are to be bought from merchants only on written order from Anderson, as was done in the past--ends by asking Anderson how the grain and vetch are doing.

Letter, to Landon Carter

Unit ID A-301.55

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4970

Unit Date 1797 January 22

Text 12 (box)

Container 1797.01.22 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Washington writes his thanks for Carter's answers to queries--he will respond when he is not so "occupied with the duties of my public station"--he asks Carter to let manager, James Anderson, know whether he can get 30 bushels of peas from him, as soon as possible, because Washington always likes

to have his seed on hand before he begins to prepare the ground--Washington will pay Carter as soon as delivered.

Letter, to Elizabeth Powel

Unit ID RM-1070; MS-5712

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4971

Unit Date 1797 February 6

Text 37 (box)

Container 1797.02.06 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Washington sells his presidential horses to Elizabeth Powel.

Keywords

Correspondence

Powel, Elizabeth Willing, 1743-1830

Letter, to James Anderson

Unit ID A-301.56

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4695

Unit Date 1797 February 20

Text 12 (box)

Container 1797.02.20 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Washington acknowledges receipt of Andersons reports & letter -- Andersons opinion of the overseers is no doubt correct, and "if the Negroes will not do their duty by fair means, they must be compelled to do it" -- despite Washingtons policy of feeding, clothing, and caring for the slaves, they will try to shirk their work with feigned sickness especially after night walking, and must be examined promptly when claiming sickness.

Keywords

Slavery

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Correspondence

Clothing and dress

Anderson, James, 1745-1807

Letter, to Landon Carter

Unit ID A-301.57

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4972

Unit Date 1797 February 27

Text 12 (box)

Container 1797.02.27 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Washington writes to ask Carter to inform James Anderson when peas will be delivered--he affirms Anderson's suggestion that Carter send the order by wagon to the Potomac where Washington's boat can carry it to Mount Vernon--the roads from Stafford Court House to Occoquon are in terrible shape, making this plan the most expedient--Washington will, of course, pay for the use of Carter's wagon--the matter rests between Carter and Anderson.

Letter, to James Anderson**Unit ID** A-301.58**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4973**Unit Date** 1797 February 27**Text** 12 (box)**Container** 1797.02.27 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Washington writes that he had received Anderson's letter with reports--as "the public business presses me" and as he expects to be at Mount Vernon shortly, he tells Anderson to carry on--enclosed is a letter from Landon Carter about peas he is to furnish, but as it is unintelligible to Washington, he also encloses his reply to Carter so Anderson can read about the transportation plans and forward the letter--Washington adds a comment about wheat.

Letter, to Elizabeth Powel**Unit ID** A-417.33-.34**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4974**Unit Date** 1797 March 6**Text** 12 (box)**Container** 1797.03.06 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Washington writes that he sends the purchased coach horses to her--he hopes they will be treated well as they have been by him--"as taking formal leave is not among the most pleasant circumstances of one's life" he bids her adieu by letter until they see each other at Mt. Vernon--his remaining time in city will be taken up in packing--Nelly and Mrs. Washington join him in saying farewell.

Receipt, to Elizabeth Powel**Unit ID** A-417.35**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4975**Unit Date** 1797 March 6**Text** 12 (box)**Container** 1797.03.06 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Washington's receipt to Powel for \$1000 paid upon delivery to her of his "Town Coach horses".

Letter, to Elizabeth Powel**Unit ID** A-417.39**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4976**Unit Date** 1797 March 26**Text** 12 (box)**Container** 1797.03.26 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Washington responds to Powel's letter teasing him about finding Martha Washington's letters in the writing desk [see letter Elizabeth Powel to George Washington, Mar. 11, 1797]--"But admitting that they had fallen into more inquisitive hands, the correspondence would, I am persuaded, have been found to be more fraught with expressions of friendship, than of enamoured love, and consequently, if the ideas of the possessor of them, with respect to the latter passion, should have been of the Romantic order to have given them the warmth, which was not inherent, they might have been committed to the flames."--he hopes to see Powel in Virginia--gives her names of recommended taverns and inns and distances from Philadelphia to Mt. Vernon--roads in fairly good shape--much repair work to do around Mt. Vernon, "we are like the beginners of a new establishment, having everything in a manner to do."

Receipt, to George Ball**Unit ID** W-685/A**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4977**Unit Date** 1797 April 10**Unit Date** note by George Ball added November 3, 1805**Text** 12 (box)**Container** 1797.04.10 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

"Receipt for £200 Virginia Currency, part payment for 400 acres of land in Gloucester County, the land Washington had purchased from Mr. John Dandridge, Aug. 1, 1789; land to be conveyed to George Ball when he pays £300 more in cash and executes a mortgage for two additional payments, totaling £800. Interest 6% per annum. Signed by George Washington. Memorandum: first payment £3 short, signed George Ball. Second payment to be made before April 10, 1798--signed by Washington and Ball. Under date 1805 Nov. 3, George Ball gives permission for sale and transfer of land by George Washington's executors to Burwell Bassett. Witnessed by Wm. Wirt."

Letter, to John Howard**Unit ID** RM-870; MS-5330**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4978**Unit Date** 1797 April 30**Text** 12 (box)**Container** 1797.04.30 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

George Washington thanks Howard for inquiring of Henry Gough the price of cattle. GW thinks the price of \$200 for "a bull calf of nine months old" too high. However, he will ask his manager if "a calf of this Spring" is worth \$100, he may consider pursuing it.

Note, List of artwork and instructions for whitewashing**Unit ID** W-796**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4979**Unit Date** 1797 May**Text** 12 (box)**Container** 1797.05.00 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

List of pictures with their dimensions: Cupid's pastime, Sunrising, Do setting, the Cottage, The Herdsman, Young Herdsman, the Flight, Evening, Morning, Nymphs Bathing, the Storm, The good Sqr, four Gibraltar pictures, Jones and Pearson, Quebec & dervelast, Prospects, four of them, Thunderstorm, Storm with lights, Moonlight, A Storm, Davis's Straights, The Greenland Fishery, Hunting piece, Portrait of Dogs, Foundg Hospital, From a Picture, 2 landscapes. Reverse side contains instructions for white-washing the garret rooms, painting three of them and the cupulo and roof, painting the Piazza outside and inside, above and below.

Letter, to Mrs. Mary White Morris**Unit ID** W-724**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4980**Unit Date** 1797 May 1**Text** 12 (box)**Container** 1797.05.01 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Washington presents Mrs. Robert Morris with the lustre which hung in the large drawing room in Philadelphia--it came by mistake to Alexandria--he had left the furniture in the two largest rooms of the

house they were renting from the Morris family in case President Adams wanted it--parts of it Washington intended to sell, parts to dispose of in other ways--but except for the pictures, he left it all and offered it to Adams for "reduced prices"--Adams declined and it was left for Mr. Lear and Mr. Dandridge to dispose of them--this explains why the lustre was packed up and sent to Alexandria--Washington sends it back unopened and hopes it will be received without injury--he sends his regards to Bishop White [her brother]--Nelly Custis and her brother [G.W.P. Custis] are in the Federal City.

Document, List of suits

Unit ID W-814

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4981

Unit Date 1797 May 6

Text 12 (box)

Container 1797.05.06 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Dated at the top, the list of 11 suits includes: "1 Full Suit of Regimentals;" ditto half; and suits of Spanish cloth; olive colour; dark brown; lighter brown; half mourning; raven grey; black; then under the heading "Velvet - Silk - & Cassimer" 1 full Suit - Velvet, 1 Uncut.

Keywords

Lists (document genres)

Clothing and dress

Letter, to James McAlpin

Unit ID RM-652; MS-4584

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4982

Unit Date 1797 May 7

Text 12 (box)

Container 1797.05.07 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Letter to James McAlpin, tailor in Philadelphia, regarding an order for clothes and a delinquent order for nankeens. Autograph letter signed, 1 page, with integral address panel. Note on panel, 'By Mr. Custis'

Keywords

Clothing and dress

Letter cover, to Elizabeth Powel

Unit ID A417.41

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4983

Unit Date 1797 May 22

Text 12 (box)

Container 1797.05.22 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Postmarked by hand "Alex 22 May," franked by Washington, excellent black seal with Washington's family seal imprinted, Washington's watermark (incomplete).

Letter, to Clement Biddle

Unit ID RM-731; MS-4918

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5008

Unit Date 1797 June 8

Text 13 (box)

Container 1797.06.08 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Writing to his agent in Philadelphia, Washington asks him to inform John Aitken, Philadelphia cabinetmaker, that no keys came for the secretary (writing desk) and the side table [sideboard].

Letter, to James Anderson

Unit ID A-301.59

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4332

Unit Date 1797 June 18

Text 13 (box)

Container 1797.06.18 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Washington expresses his opinions on Anderson's "Memorial" to him on proposed plan of work at Mt. Vernon -- agrees substantially with his principles for conducting the different farms & modes of carrying them into effect

Letter, to James Anderson

Unit ID A-301.59

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5009

Unit Date 1797 June 18

Text 13 (box)

Container 1797.06.18 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Washington expresses his opinions on Anderson's "Memorial" to him on proposed plan of work at Mt. Vernon--agrees substantially with his principles for conducting the different farms and modes of carrying them into effect--some minor modifications may be necessary--overseers don't need to know anything except to obey orders without question--comments on specifics in Anderson's Memorial--grass and oat fields at Mt. Vernon--farm and woodland pastures--"Although there will be little or no cultivation at the Mansion House after the year 1798, yet keeping up the fences - getting fuel and performing other multifarious jobs" make it difficult to predict force necessary to work it--grass at River Farm--Muddy Hole, Dogue Run, Union Farm turned more to meadows--wishes new mill race to be completed because he wishes to keep mill busy through the season by purchasing wheat to grind--approves Anderson's plan of a distillery to make profit, and will put carpenters to it as soon as possible--is not inclined to place Anderson's compensation for running the distillery and other business on footing Anderson suggests [Washington and Anderson to share the profits from distillery] but prefers to pay a standing wage-- Washington gives his reasons, and will pay £140 to him and if he establishes the distillery which answers purposes, he will increase the salary in appreciation--will also hire a clerk if necessary--but if River Farm is rented, won't increase his wages at all--no overseer necessary for Mansion House, Will can do the work--Washington doesn't want one overseer overlooking both Union and Dogue Run because he has "always found, however, that Negroes will either idle or slight their work if they are not closely attended to."

Letter, to James McAlpin

Unit ID 2023-SC-013

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/37515

Unit Date 1797 July 3

Text 13 (box)

Container 1797.07.03 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Extent 1 pages1 sheet23 x 19 cm

Description

Letter from George Washington to James McAlpin, his tailor in Philadelphia, regarding payment for clothing made for George Washington Parke Custis. Washington instructs McAlpin to contact Clement Biddle, his agent in Philadelphia, to receive payment. Washington then addresses the issue of an

escaped indentured servant named John Cline, stating, 'it was always my intention to have given him his freedom (as I did by the other servants under similar circumstances) when I retired from Public life had he remained with me'. Autograph letter signed, 1 page, with integral address panel.

Keywords

Correspondence

Indentured servants

Clothing and dress -- Purchasing

Custis, George Washington Parke, 1781-1857

Biddle, Clement, 1740-1814

Letter, to William Pearce

Unit ID RM-490-F; MS-4060

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5010

Unit Date 1797 July 17

Text 13 (box)

Container 1797.07.17 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Asks if there is anyone Pearce can recommend as an overseer of Union farm--the dairies and fowls being attended by the overseer's wife--Washington hopes Pearce's crops have been good--his are as good as can be expected--hessian fly--inquires to the possibility of purchasing 3 or 4 hundred bushels of rye in Pearce's neighborhood.

Letter, to Bushrod Washington

Unit ID RM-249; MS-2746

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5011

Unit Date 1797 July 24

Text 13 (box)

Container 1797.07.24 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Washington extends an invitation to Bushrod and wife. Will send a chariot to Colchester to meet them. Will not expect them for dinner which is at 3 O'Clock. With Mrs. Washington (Martha) he extends his best regards and compliments to Col. Blackburn & family.

Letter, to Bushrod Washington

Unit ID A-301.60

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5012

Unit Date 1797 July 28

Text 13 (box)

Container 1797.07.28 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Washington writes that Rufus King, the American Minister in London, had the decree of Virginia's High Court of Chancery published in London Gazette for 2 successive months--King sent copies of the paper to Washington, who forwards one to Bushrod and quotes from King's letter about publishing the decree.

Keywords

Correspondence

Washington, Bushrod, 1762-1829

Letter, to Lawrence Lewis**Unit ID** A-301.61 ; RM-568 ; MS-4244**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4944**Unit Date** 1797 August 4**Text** 13 (box)**Container** 1797.08.04 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Washington commiserates with Lewis over his runaway slave ("the loss of your Servant") -- this will become more frequent -- "I wish from my Soul that the Legislature of this State could see the policy of the gradual abolition of Slavery. It might prevt. much future mischief." -- writes about Lewis coming to make his home at Mt. Vernon -- Lewis will be treated as a member of the family, and not paid -- his duties will be to entertain guests and visitors after the Washington retires to bed or study, & also to record a few papers at times -- Lewis can take advantage of his library ("I have a great many instructive Books, on many subjects, as well as amusing ones") -- he can perhaps also gain some knowledge from observing management of the farms by Anderson.

Keywords

Fugitive slaves -- Virginia

Slavery

Lewis, Lawrence, 1767-1839

Letter, to William Pearce**Unit ID** RM-490-F; MS-4061**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5013**Unit Date** 1797 August 14**Text** 13 (box)**Container** 1797.07.14 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Discussion of William Pearce's employment at Mount Vernon.

Document, Plan for garret chamber**Unit ID** RM-1122; MS-5806**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5014**Unit Date** 1797 September 15**Text** 13 (box)**Container** 1797.09.15 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Manuscript Architectural Plan of a room in the garret of Mount Vernon sent from George Washington to Clement Biddle when purchasing a stove for the room.

Keywords

Martha Washington's Garret Chamber

Architectural documents

Biddle, Clement, 1740-1814

Document, Plan for garret chamber**Unit ID** W-668**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5016**Unit Date** 1797 September 15**Text** 13 (box)**Container** 1797.09.15 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Notes and measured drawing in Washington's hand, specifying how a stove could be installed in a corner of one of the garret or attic bedrooms at Mount Vernon. Drawn at "a scale of a foot to an inch" Washington remarks that "every part of it may be exactly measured and perfectly understood by any workman." While not dated (but on paper watermarked 1795, and therefore possibly as early as that), the drawing appears to be either a draft or Washington's file copy of a similar plan sent to Clement Biddle on 15 September 1797, cf. RM-1122.

Keywords

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Architectural documents

Letter, to Clement Biddle**Unit ID** A-301.62**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5015**Unit Date** 1797 September 15**Text** 13 (box)**Container** 1797.09.15 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Washington writes to Biddle to note that the picture frames arrived unbroken--asks Biddle to send 4 gilt frames without glass for paintings, giving measurements for these--also gives corrected dimensions for stove ordered earlier--encloses autograph plan of the room for which it is intended [see drawing under same date]--the new quarter's interest on his certificates will pay for these things--asks Biddle to insert enclosed advertisement, and to send the history of the United States by author unknown but "which contains Nos. 5 and 6 alluded to in Col. Hamilton's late pamphlet".

Keywords

Correspondence

Biddle, Clement, 1740-1814

Letter, to Marquis de Lafayette**Unit ID** W-948**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5044**Unit Date** 1798 October 8**Text** 14 (box)**Container** 1798.10.08 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Washington sends this letter to Lafayette by his son--he expresses sympathy for Lafayette's sufferings, and joy at hearing of his release from prison--he explains why G.W. Lafayette did not come to live with him immediately on his arrival in America, the "delicate and responsible situation in which I stood as a public officer"--young Lafayette's conduct has been exemplary--filial affection made him impatient to return to France as soon as he heard of his father's release--Mr. Felix Frestel has been like a father to the boy--Lafayette has never stood higher in the affection of the people of America--Washington writes "I have once more retreated to the shades of my own Vine and Fig tree, where I shall remain with best vows for the prosperity of that country for whose happiness I have toiled many years, to establish its Independence—Constitution—& Laws—and for the good of mankind in general, until the days of my sojournment, which cannot be many, are accomplished."--young George will tell Lafayette of affairs in

America and politics.

Keywords

Correspondence

Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert Du Motier, marquis de, 1757-1834

Letter, to Elizabeth Washington

Unit ID A-301.63

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5017

Unit Date 1797 October 8

Text 13 (box)

Container 1797.10.08 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Washington writes that he will write to Bushrod Washington for papers mentioned in her memorandum--says that "Having had as little to do with Lawyers as any man of my age I pretend not to be a competent judge of" the lawyer Swan's claims--claims not to know much about the case at hand [a suit being brought by heirs of Simon Pearson against George Washington, Triplett and others who purchased land from Pearson in 1763; Washington later selling his portion to Lund Washington to make up part of Hayfield farm where Elizabeth resided] but shares what he knows of the merits, possible expense, and prospects of the matter.

Letter, to Bushrod Washington

Unit ID A-301.64

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5018

Unit Date 1797 October 9

Text 13 (box)

Container 1797.10.09 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Washington writes to Bushrod about the suit of Thomas Pearson, heir entail to his brother Simon Pearson for lands sold by latter to George Washington, William Triplett, and George Johnson--Washington had later sold his portion to Lund Washington, making it part of the Hayfield farm now occupied by Lund's widow Elizabeth--the suit is founded on some supposed irregularity in last proceedings of the time--Washington asks Bushrod's opinion on certain points of the case.

Keywords

Correspondence

Washington, Bushrod, 1762-1829

Letter, to William Stowry [Stoy]

Unit ID RM-1203

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5019

Unit Date 1797 October 14

Text 13 (box)

Container 1797.10.14 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

George Washington's letter to William Stoy references medical treatment requested for Christopher, Washington's body servant, who had been bitten by a dog with rabies. Stoy was a minister of the German Reformed Church in Lebanon, Pennsylvania. He discovered a "cure" for hydrophobia and Stoy's Drops, a popular cure-all medicine. Celebrated for curing person bit by 'Mad animals,' Stoy successfully treats Christopher.

Keywords

Correspondence

Enslaved persons -- Diseases
Medicine -- History -- 18th century
Stoy, William, 1726-1801
Sheels, Christopher, 1776-

Letter, to Bushrod Washington

Unit ID A-415

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5020

Unit Date 1797 October 23

Text 13 (box)

Container 1797.10.23 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Washington inquires about the character, etc. of a Mrs. Forbes living in Richmond, recommended by John Brooke to be housekeeper at Mt. Vernon--Mrs. Washington "is exceedingly fatigued & distressed for want of a good housekeeper"--mentions the Pearson suit.

Keywords

Correspondence

Washington, Bushrod, 1762-1829

Letter, to Daniel McCarty

Unit ID A-301.65

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5021

Unit Date 1797 October 30

Text 13 (box)

Container 1797.10.30 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Washington writes McCarty a counter-proposal for a possible exchange of lands (5664 acres of McCarty's Sugar Land holdings in Loudoun County, Virginia, for 12,226 acres of Washington's on the Kanawha and Cole Rivers)--Washington makes a new proposition in the unsuccessful negotiation--he insists his lands on the Kanawha will become more valuable soon--a restored peace in Europe would increase immigration to America--Washington wants no legal difficulties resulting from any entail of McCarty's land.

Keywords

Correspondence

Letter, to Bushrod Washington

Unit ID A-301.66

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5022

Unit Date 1797 October 30

Text 13 (box)

Container 1797.10.30 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Washington writes that he has received Bushrod's letters and the copy of the deed to William Williams for 589 acres of land, but finds it "singular" that the writ docking entail of land cannot be located in the court records--he sends Bushrod further information from his own files to aid the further search in this matter of the Pearson suit.

Letter, to Bushrod Washington**Unit ID** A-301.67**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5023**Unit Date** 1797 November 3**Text** 13 (box)**Container** 1797.11.03 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Washington agrees to high wages demanded by Mrs. Forbes, because of desperate need of a housekeeper at Mt. Vernon--asks Bushrod to make further enquiries concerning Mrs. Forbes and her habits, listing questions of interest--she will not eat at same table with the family, "for if this was once admitted no line satisfactory to either party, perhaps, could be drawn thereafter"--he wants Bushrod to ask Mrs. Forbes about hiring or buying a good Negro cook. Letterpress copy

Letter, to Bushrod Washington**Unit ID** A-366.56**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5024**Unit Date** 1797 November 3**Text** 13 (box)**Container** 1797.11.03 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Washington agrees to high wages demanded by Mrs. Forbes, because of desperate need of a housekeeper at Mt. Vernon--asks Bushrod to make further enquiries concerning Mrs. Forbes and her habits, listing questions of interest--she will not eat at same table with the family, "for if this was once admitted no line satisfactory to either party, perhaps, could be drawn thereafter"--he wants Bushrod to ask Mrs. Forbes about hiring or buying a good Negro cook--the postscript (which is not in the letterpress copy, but present here) inquires about legal practices that could impinge on the Pearson suit.

Keywords

Correspondence

Washington, Bushrod, 1762-1829

Check, to Gideon Worth**Unit ID** A-168; W-1083**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5025**Unit Date** 1797 November 11**Text** 13 (box)**Container** 1797.11.11 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

A printed bank check, completed in George Washingtons hand, made out to Gideon Worth in the amount of \$103 and drawn on the Bank of Alexandria.

Keywords

Checks (bank checks)

Letter, to Bushrod Washington**Unit ID** A-301.68**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5026**Unit Date** 1797 November 22**Text** 13 (box)**Container** 1797.11.22 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Washington writes of the order for the settlement of Colville estate, and Mr. Keith's queries regarding how to publish it--there is no word of Mrs. Forbes--Washington rehashes the correspondence regarding Mrs. Forbes and thinks that the conduct of Robert Brooke "has been very ungenteel" in not answering letters concerning Mrs. Forbes, unless the letters somehow miscarried.

Keywords

Correspondence

Washington, Bushrod, 1762-1829

Letter, to Richard Parkinson**Unit ID** RM-914; MS-5445**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5027**Unit Date** 1797 November 28**Text** 13 (box)**Container** 1797.11.28 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Washington proposing that Mr. Parkinson lease one of his farms and agreeing to allow him to come over from England to see farm.

Letter, to Thomas Law**Unit ID** W-551**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5028**Unit Date** 1797 December 25**Text** 13 (box)**Container** 1797.12.25 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Washington writes that Law's pointer shall be taken care of at Mt. Vernon until he sends for him--pleasing to hear that Maryland to aid "important objects on this River"; hopes Virginia legislature will too--returns letter from the Marquis Cornwallis and other recent enclosures from Law--"To stand high in the estimation of so respectable a character as Lord Cornwallis is a circumstance which must be as pleasing as it is honourable to you."--the Washingtons are glad to hear Mrs. Law and child are well--"we remain in statu quo"--compliments of season.

Letter, to Bushrod Washington**Unit ID** RM-305; MS-2951**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5029**Unit Date** 1798 January 10**Text** 13 (box)**Container** 1798.01.10 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Taxes due on Kanhawa County land. Requests General Lee's original deed of conveyance for Kentucky land.

Letter, to David Stuart**Unit ID** RM-1217.002**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3097**Unit Date** 1798 February 26**Text** 13 (box)**Container** 1798.02.26 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Three page letter written from Mount Vernon that shows Washington's frustration with his adopted grandson.

Keywords

Correspondence

Stuart, David, 1753-1814

Custis, George Washington Parke, 1781-1857

Custis Family

Letter, to Alexander White**Unit ID** A-301.69**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5030**Unit Date** 1798 March 1**Text** 13 (box)**Container** 1798.03.01 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Washington writes to White to thank him for passing on information about the memorial before Congress and debates concerning the "disgraceful topic" occupying House of Representatives [Representative Matthew Lyon's attack on Rep. Roger Griswold]--he decries party feuds--mentions trouble with France and how he had hoped they would unify Congress--asks White what the general opinion of Col. Monroe's "view of the Conduct of the Executive of the United States" is.

Keywords

Correspondence

White, Alexander, 1738-1804

Letter, to William Pearce**Unit ID** RM-490-F; MS-4062**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5031**Unit Date** 1798 May 6**Text** 13 (box)**Container** 1798.05.06 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Some accounts have been sent to Washington, left from Pearce's time at Mt. Vernon--Mr. Lear--Messers Fosters and May--in cradling the wheat, Washington wishes to catch it in the hand--inquires of the possibility of obtaining someone on the Eastern Shore, who understands the business--scythes--Mr. Stuart.

Letter, to Samuel Chase**Unit ID** RM-138; MS-2384**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5034**Unit Date** 1798 June 17**Text** 14 (box)**Container** 1798.06.17 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Washington encloses an extract from Rev. Belknap in order to enlist the aid of Chase in answering the questions. Washington wants to encourage Belknap whom he believes to be a man of merit and scholarship.

Letter, to James Anderson

Unit ID RM-1017; MS-5644

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3661

Unit Date 1798 June 18

Text 14 (box)

Container 1798.06.12 (folder)

Container OUT (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Washington expresses his opinions on Anderson's "Memorial" to him on proposed plan of work at Mt. Vernon -- agrees substantially with his principles for conducting the different farms & modes of carrying them into effect -- some minor modifications may be necessary -- overseers don't need to know anything except to obey orders without question -- comments on specifics in Anderson's Memorial -- grass & oat fields at Mt. Vernon -- farm & woodland pastures -- "Although there will be little or no cultivation at the Mansion House after the year 1798, yet keeping up the fences - getting fuel and performing other multifarious jobs" make it difficult to predict force necessary to work it -- grass at River Farm -- Muddy Hole, Dogue Run, Union Farm turned more to meadows -- wishes new mill race to be completed because he wishes to keep mill busy through the season by purchasing wheat to grind -- approves Andersons plan of a distillery to make profit, and will put carpenters to it as soon as possible -- Washington is not inclined to place Andersons compensation for running the distillery & other business on footing Anderson suggests [Washington and Anderson to share the profits from distillery] but prefers to pay a standing wage -- Washington gives his reasons, and will pay £140 to him & if he establishes the distillery which answers purposes, he will increase the salary in appreciation -- will also hire a clerk if necessary -- but if River Farm is rented, won't increase his wages at all -- no overseer necessary for Mansion House, Will can do the work -- Washington doesn't want one overseer overlooking both Union and Dogue Run because he has "always found, however, that Negroes will either idle or slight their work if they are not closely attended to."

Letter, to William Augustine Washington

Unit ID RM-735; MS-4963

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5035

Unit Date 1798 June 26

Text 14 (box)

Container 1798.06.26 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Washington writes to his nephew about contracting for a supply of corn for his distillery at Mount Vernon; mentions his manager Mr. Anderson.

Letter, to Thomas Peter

Unit ID MSS-253

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5036

Unit Date 1798 July 8

Text 14 (box)

Container 1798.07.08 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Encloses 3 tobacco notes--requests Peter to dispose of them "in safe hands" for what they will bring--60 or 120 days credit make little difference.

Broadside, to John Adams**Unit ID** RM-1017; MS-5644**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3561**Unit Date** 1798 July 13**Text** 14 (box)**Container** 1798.07.13 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Creator** Adams, John, 1735-1826**Scope and Contents**

Washington responds to Adams on accepting the appointment of Lieutenant General and Commander in Chief of the American Armies.

Letter, to Thomas Peter**Unit ID** MSS-254**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5038**Unit Date** 1798 August 12**Text** 14 (box)**Container** 1798.08.12 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Transmit receipt for tobacco note sent by Peter--"I am ignorant of the principles, on which I am called upon to pay for picking a Tenants tobacco; but presuming it was proper, I thank you for having done it"--deposit tobacco in hands of Mr. Peter, "your father" to be disposed of by him--encloses postnote for \$100, deduct what is owned him and return balance.

Letter, to Rev. Jonathan Boucher**Unit ID** 2022-SC-002**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/29873**Unit Date** 1798 August 15**Text** 14 (box)**Container** 1798.08.15 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Extent** 1 Sheets3 pages25 x 20 cm**Scope and Contents**

Autograph letter, signed. George Washington writes to Rev. Jonathan Boucher includes one of Washington's most memorable quotes, his profession that "Peace, with all the world is my sincere wish".

Keywords

Correspondence

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Boucher, Jonathan, 1738-1804

Letter, to Thomas Peter**Unit ID** A-333.1**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5039**Unit Date** 1798 September 1**Text** 14 (box)**Container** 1798.09.01 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Washington writes that he prefers to take a chance on shipping tobacco to foreign markets rather than accept low prices in this country--he desires to know if any foreign bound ships in Georgetown will accept

it on consignment, though, before making a final decision--"I am gathering strength."

Document, Invitation to Edmund Lee

Unit ID MS-5831 & MS-5832

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5040

Unit Date 1798 September 3

Text 14 (box)

Container 1798.09.03 (folder)

Language English.

Letter, to John Francis

Unit ID W-918

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5041

Unit Date 1798 September 16

Text 14 (box)

Container 1798.09.16 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Washington writes that he intends to build 2 houses not far from Capital, but not as large as Francis imagined--he expects to complete them before Congress "as I am never long in executing a measure I have once resolved on."--the plans are in the hands of Mr. White or Dr. Thornton, and Francis can decide himself how many boarders they will accommodate--there will be three flush stories in each building and garret rooms for servants--if these buildings will suit, they will be ready in time.

Letter, to James Anderson

Unit ID A-301.70

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5042

Unit Date 1798 September 16

Text 14 (box)

Container 1798.09.16 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Dated "16th September 1798 at Night" Washington writes that he is too busy to answer lengthy letters of remonstrance or complaints when a short conversation on the road or any of farms would be far more satisfactory--he will never hesitate to express opinion on his own affairs, and resents the implication that he will not listen to Anderson's criticisms and suggestions--gives instructions in planting of different farms--denies he suspects Anderson of unfairness in his accounts--Washington tells him not to buy wheat too fast but adjust it to the market for flour--he won't go into such lengthy correspondence again since he sees Anderson every day--Washington opines that he cannot open his lips to ask question of overseer or make suggestion without hurting Anderson's feelings--"It must be obvious to yourself, that it is by my Rents, and the Sales of my lands that I have been enabled to get along & to support the expence of this house. The Farms do little more than support themselves, and those who overlook them."--Washington writes "I will, once for all, Mr. Anderson, say (and I never profess what I do not feel) that I have an esteem, regard & friendship for you; but I shall repeat that this will never prevent me from expressing my mind fully and freely in all matters relative to my business."--he is also sorry Anderson's son has suddenly decided to quit, but hopes Anderson can quickly find a substitute for him at the distillery.

Notes, Deer park wall

Unit ID RM-770; MS-5082

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5043

Unit Date 1798 October

Text 14 (box)

Container 1798.10.00 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

George Washington's deer park declined while he was away serving as president. In 1792 he replaced its fence with a ha-ha or walled ditch, drawn here in black. Six years later, he planned a new course for the ha-ha, represented by the dotted line following "the natural shape of the hill."

Keywords

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Deer park

Architectural documents

Letter, to Mildred Washington

Unit ID RM-245; MS-2745

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5045

Unit Date 1798 October 18

Text 14 (box)

Container 1798.10.18 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

The entire letter has to do with the financial problems of the Charles Washington's, and George Washington's offer of One Thousand dollars. Washington shows great displeasure in the families "deplorable" state of affairs.

Letter, to Bushrod Washington

Unit ID RM-309; MS-2966

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5046

Unit Date 1798 October 24

Text 14 (box)

Container 1798.10.24 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Pres. Adams had just appointed the 36 year old nephew of Gen. Washington to the Supreme Court of the United States. Gen. Washington indicates his approval of Pres. Adams' choice as well as his awareness of the difficulties Bushrod can expect to encounter as Associate Justice.

Letter, to Bushrod Washington

Unit ID RM-309; MS-2966/a+b

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5128

Unit Date 1798 October 24

Text 14 (box)

Container 1798.10.24 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

President John Adams had just appointed Bushrod to the Supreme Court of the United States. George Washington indicates his approval of Adams' choice as well as his awareness of the difficulties Bushrod can expect to encounter as Associate Justice.

Keywords

Correspondence

Washington, Bushrod, 1762-1829

Letter, to G.W. Snyder**Unit ID** RM-1071; MS-5713**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5047**Unit Date** 1798 October 24**Text** 14 (box)**Container** 1798.10.24 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Final letter of response confirming that he had received the book "Proofs of a Conspiracy" by John Robison-a Baravarian member of the Illuminati. Washington reassures Snyder that he is aware of the Illuminati's objective to overturn ... "all Government and all Religion ..." but he does not believe these tenets were being propagated by the Freemasonry in America. Washington comments he has no time to read being preoccupied with Mt. Vernon repairs.

Letter, to Charles Carter**Unit ID** RM-788; MS-5185**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5048**Unit Date** 1798 October 25**Text** 14 (box)**Container** 1798.10.25 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Washington congratulates the Carters on the anticipated birth of their 12th child. Washington has "abundant reason to be thankful for my own recovery" from a fever which "deprived me of 20 lbs of my weight; which ... is nearly restored."

Letter, to Elizabeth Powel**Unit ID** A-417.42**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5049**Unit Date** 1798 November 17**Text** 14 (box)**Container** 1798.11.17 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Washington writes that, despite what she had heard, he has not been suffering from the "desolating fever"--he dines at Mr. Willing's (Powel's brother) this day and will have tea with Powel afterward.

Letter, to Isaiah and Alex Thomas**Unit ID** A-301.71**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5050**Unit Date** 1798 November 20**Text** 14 (box)**Container** 1798.11.20 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

In the hand and signed by Tobias Lear or Alexander Hamilton, on Washington's watermarked paper. Washington writes in answer to the firm's letter of 24 October that he does not, as a rule, accept gifts such as their offered literary and miscellaneous paper--however because he does like to support such "publications which may be useful & beneficial to our country" he wishes to enter a subscription for it, if they will forward terms.

Letter, to Anna Young**Unit ID** A-301.72**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5051**Unit Date** 1798 November 20**Text** 14 (box)**Container** 1798.11.20 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

In the hand of and signed "G. Washington" Tobias Lear or Alexander Hamilton, Washington writes that, as he has no experience with claims such as hers, he must refer her to Gov. Trumbull or members of Congress for information on how to go about applying for half pay due her on behalf of late father Col. John Durkee.

Letter, to Elizabeth Powel**Unit ID** A-417.43**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5052**Unit Date** 1798 December 1**Text** 14 (box)**Container** 1798.12.01 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Washington writes that he will breakfast with Mrs. Powel "tomorrow at her usual hour, if named to him."

Letter, to Elizabeth Powel**Unit ID** A-417.44**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5053**Unit Date** 1798 December 4**Text** 14 (box)**Container** 1798.12.04 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Washington writes his thanks to Powel for her help in selecting and securing presents for Washington's family members in Virginia--in particular, for the prints and for her offer to choose something handsome to present Eleanor P. Custis--he considers muslin the best gift--asks her to locate some memento for Mrs. Washington--and asks her "to procure the second edition" of the present which she intends for Eliza Law lest there be "a contest ... in which an innocent Babe may become the victim of strife"--he hopes to leave town Friday or Saturday, but will call on her before going.

Letter, to Elizabeth Powel**Unit ID** A-417.45**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5054**Unit Date** 1798 December 7**Text** 14 (box)**Container** 1798.12.07 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Washington writes to Powel expressing his gratitude for the articles she sent and her assistance in selecting them--he encloses \$75 in payment--he will deliver her letter to Mrs. [Eliza Custis] Law and give the doll to Eliza.

Letter, to William Thornton**Unit ID** W-1370**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5055**Unit Date** 1798 December 20**Text** 14 (box)**Container** 1798.12.20 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Washington writes to send a \$500 check drawn on the Bank of Alexandria so Mr. Blagden can proceed laying in materials to build Washington's houses in the Federal City--he briefly describes a building he saw in Philadelphia like what he wants built and "if this is not incongruous with the rules of architecture, I should be glad to have my two houses executed in this style."

Letter, to David Stuart**Unit ID** W-435**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5056**Unit Date** 1798 December 30**Text** 14 (box)**Container** 1798.12.30 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Washington writes to Stuart that he was pleased to find in Philadelphia recently that so many "Gentlemen of family fortune & high expectations" seek commissions in army--this, and the vain attempt to keep him to any literary pursuits, gave Washington idea to get Washington Custis a commission as Cornet--he also has the conviction that if real danger threatened the country "no young man ought to be an idle spectator of its defence;"--this would also divert Custis's attention from thoughts of marriage--Washington wanted to consult Mrs. Stuart and Martha before offering it, but Mr. Lear wrote to Custis about it and concealment of the idea is now impossible--Custis is now a cornet in the troop commanded by Lawrence Lewis--the Lieutenant is Lawrence Washington, Junr. of Chotanck--the matter still must be approved by the President and Senate, of course so it should not to be talked of publicly till then--Mrs. Washington consents but it must have Mrs. Stuart's permission--Washington's caution is because Custis is an only son, the only male of his great great grandfather's family--Providence will protect Custis in camp or field of battle as it would in domestic life.

Memorandum, of Land and Dogue Run Hands**Unit ID** MSS-291**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4938**Unit Date** 1799**Text** 15 (box)**Container** 1799.00.00 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

This memorandum includes totals of the land to be cultivated and that in woods, waste, etc., probably all on Dogue Run farm--list of hands on Dogue Run with their [Ages?, probably drawn up with idea of renting the farm.] Also contains statements that wheat and cattle can be had also at reasonable valuation.

Keywords

Lists (document genres)

Enslaved persons

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Letter, to Lawrence Lewis**Unit ID** RM-1188.002**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/26550**Unit Date** 1799 January 23**Text** 15 (box)**Container** 1799.01.23 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Extent** 2 pages**Scope and Contents**

Washington writes in response to his nephew's query about the offer to become the 'Guardian of Nelly' so as to authorize a license for Lawrence and Nelly to marry. He also encourages Lawrence to acknowledge the Secretary of War's offered military commission and either accept or decline the appointment. Autograph letter signed, 2 pages.

Keywords

Correspondence

Lewis, Lawrence, 1767-1839

Custis Family

Letter, to Jonathan Trumbull**Unit ID** W-423**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5073**Unit Date** 1799 February 6**Text** 15 (box)**Container** 1799.02.06 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Received 4 copies of prints of deaths of Montgomery and Warren [done by John Trumbull]--cannot remember price on subscription lists, so asks T. to let him know the amount and also whether he can receive remittances for his brother in this county--doesn't know whether he paid in advance--papers from Philadelphia have not been unpacked yet--paper accompanying prints says rest of proposed design has been abandoned, due to "peculiarity of the times"--coming marriage of Nelly Custis and [Lawrence] Lewis.

Letter, to Elijah Brainerd**Unit ID** A-301.73**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5074**Unit Date** 1799 March 2**Text** 15 (box)**Container** 1799.03.02 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Washington writes to Brainerd that he sympathizes with his calamities, but cannot give him pecuniary aid--has had difficulty collecting rents due him and adds that "the income of my estate does not at this time hardly meet my current expenses"--further, he believes in helping his friends and neighbors first, and that is all he has the means of doing.

Letter, to Joseph Anthony**Unit ID** 2022-SC-015**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/37281**Unit Date** 1799 March 17**Text** 15 (box)**Container** 1799.03.17 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Extent** 1 pages19 x 23 cm**Description**

Letter from George Washington to Joseph Anthony concerning payment due after the acquisition of a set of engraved prints by the artist, John Trumbull. The prints were titled 'The Death of General Montgomery in the Attack of Quebec (December 31, 1775)', depicting the death of Richard Montgomery during the attack of Quebec; and 'The Death of General Warren - The Battle of Bunker Hill (June 17, 1775)', depicting the death of Dr. Joseph Warren. These prints were sold on a subscription basis and, having made the initial payment in 1790, Washington is requesting how to pay the final installment. This letter is addressed to Joseph Anthony, John Trumbull's agent in America. Autograph letter signed, 1 page.

Related Materials

Two copies of each John Trumbull print discussed in this letter are in the Mount Vernon Fine and Decorative Art Collection.

Keywords

Correspondence

Engravings (prints)

Trumbull, John, 1756-1843

Letter, to James McAlpin**Unit ID** W-412**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5075**Unit Date** 1799 February 10**Text** 15 (box)**Container** 1799.02.10 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

In a former letter Washington had ordered a uniform to be made as instructed by Secretary of War to be ready by Feb. 22 -- here he suggests sending it by way of Judge Bushrod Washington, who should be leaving Philadelphia for Mount Vernon shortly -- Washington wants the goods packed in a custom-built portmanteau of stiff thick leather, 2 feet long and 2 ft. 9 in round with a flap for brushes, blacking, and so on, with an iron bar running through staples, and a good lock -- he says an able craftsman would have no trouble building one from that description.

Survey, Four Mile Run**Unit ID** W-809/B**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5076**Unit Date** 1799 April 15**Text** 15 (box)**Container** 1799.04.15 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Contains Washington's survey of land purchased from George and James Mercer in the neighborhood of Four Mile Run in Arlington, County, Va., known as the Washington['s] Forest tract--Second page shows comparison of three surveys: Gray's & Adams Patents 1724 & 1730; Jn. Houghs, Nov. 1766; Washington's April 3 and 4, 1799. Does not include a map.

Letter, to James McAlpin**Unit ID** W-413**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5077**Unit Date** 1799 May 12**Text** 15 (box)**Container** 1799.05.12 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Washington inquires about the uniform he ordered, saying that the last delay was supposed to have been the gold thread which was expected in spring shipping--he requests no further unnecessary delay--asks McAlpin to send it in a portmanteau mentioned earlier and by some person coming through to Alexandria to be left at Post office or stage office there.

Letter, to Elias Boudinot**Unit ID** A-301.74**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5078**Unit Date** 1799 June 22**Text** 15 (box)**Container** 1799.06.22 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Washington follows up on last winter's conversation in Philadelphia, and accepts Boudinot's offer of some of his wine, since his (Washington's) letters seem to have miscarried and a new order will reach Mr. Pintard in Madeira only after his stock is almost exhausted--Biddle will handle the transaction on his behalf.

Letter, to Alexander Addison**Unit ID** 2024-SC-025-002**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/40277**Unit Date** 1799 July 14**Text** Box 15**Container** 1799.07.14 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Extent** 1 pages1 sheet18 x 24 cm**Description**

Letter from George Washington to Alexander Addison regarding money owed on the sale of land at Millers Run in Pennsylvania. Autograph letter signed, 1 page.

Keywords

Correspondence

Finance

Pennsylvania

Real property

Letter, to James McAplin**Unit ID** W-414**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5096**Unit Date** 1799 July 14**Text** 15 (box)**Container** 1799.07.14 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Washington writes that he has received McAlpins letters of the 24th and 27th -- he thanks McAlpin for his

efforts in furnishing uniform coat although he failed -- he mentions Mr. Bahr in New York, a tailor who embroidered a cloak for Washington when the capital was in New York, and suggests asking him -- if this fails and the coat has not been sent to Europe yet, he asks McAlpin to keep it and inform him of its state and what can be done with it.

Document, Detailed list of enslaved workers on French's farm

Unit ID RM-1195

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3303

Unit Date probably 1799 July 15

Text 15 (box)

Container 1799.07.15 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

George Washington rented the slaves from Mrs. Penelope Manley French, widow of Daniel French of Rose Hill. In July 1799, Washington wrote to Mrs. French's son-in-law, Benjamin Delany about returning the slaves.

Keywords

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

French's farm (Mount Vernon, Va.)

Enslaved persons

Lists (document genres)

Business records

Letter, to Thomas Peter

Unit ID A-333.2

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5079

Unit Date 1799 July 18

Text 15 (box)

Container 1799.07.18 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Washington encloses notes for 2 hogsheads of tobacco, and asks Peter to try to sell them in Georgetown or get credit for them--Washington plans to be in Georgetown for a meeting of the Potomac Company on the 5th of August.

Letter, to John Beale Bordley

Unit ID 2018-SC-068

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/14375

Unit Date 1799 August 4

Text Box 15

Container 1799.08.04 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Extent 1 pages25 x 19 cm

Scope and Contents

Autograph letter signed. George Washington acknowledges and thanks John Beale Bordley for presenting him with a copy of Bordley's recently published book, *Essays and Notes on Husbandry and Rural Affairs*. The book was delivered to Mount Vernon by Secretary of War James McHenry.

Keywords

Bordley, J. B. (John Beale), 1727-1804

Letter, to Burwell Bassett**Unit ID** A-301.75**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5080**Unit Date** 1799 August 11**Text** 15 (box)**Container** 1799.08.11 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Some time ago a mulatto girl, body servant to Mrs. Washington, ran away--she was found in Portsmouth, N.H.--asks Bassett that since he is going to Portsmouth, would he take steps to send her back--a Frenchman enticed her away but has left her--if she causes no further trouble, she won't be punished--Washington doesn't wish him to do anything "unpleasant, or troublesome" to bring her back.

Keywords

Correspondence

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Fugitive slaves -- Virginia

Bassett, Burwell, 1764-1841

Letter, to Robert Lewis**Unit ID** A-734.3**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4937**Unit Date** 1799 August 17**Text** 15 (box)**Container** 1799.08.17 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

In this letter George Washington writes to Lewis about the rent and value of his various properties along with the slaves that work on those properties, although he writes about his aversion "to sell the over-plus [of negroes] I cannot because I am principled against this kind of traffic in the human species. - To hire them out, is almost as bad, because they could not be disposed of in families to any advantage, and to disperse the families I have an aversion."

Keywords

Correspondence

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Enslaved persons

Lewis, Robert, 1769-1829

Letter, to Commissioners of the Federal City**Unit ID** RM-186; MS-2574**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5082**Unit Date** 1799 August 28**Text** 15 (box)**Container** 1799.08.28 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Washington takes the liberty of transmitting a letter from Colonel Pickering to the Commissioners of the Federal City for their consideration.

Letter, to Thomas Peter**Unit ID** A-366.64**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5083**Unit Date** 1799 September 7**Text** 15 (box)**Container** 1799.09.07 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Carriage is sent as Mrs. P. requested--expects to see them about 3:00--Mrs. W. has been very ill--sent for Dr. Craik at midnight--"Hers has been a kind of Ague & fever - the latter never entirely, intermitting until now. - I sent for the Doctor to her on Sunday last, but she could not, until he came the second time - yesterday morning - be prevailed upon to take anything to arrest them." On outside of cover Washington has added that since sealing the letter her fever has returned--please inform Mrs. [Eliza P.C.] Law.

Keywords

Correspondence

Medicine -- History -- 18th century

Washington, Martha, 1731-1802

Peter, Thomas, 1769-1834

Letter, to James Anderson**Unit ID** A-301.76**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5084**Unit Date** 1799 September 8**Text** 15 (box)**Container** 1799.09.08 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Mrs. Washington is taking bark for fever and doing better--Washington will have Dr. Craik look at Roberts--if Roberts cannot do the work at the mill, Washington will have to employ another in order not to lose Fall business there--fears Anderson's health won't stand more attention to his work, either--will discuss his ideas on this later.

Keywords

Medicine -- History -- 18th century

Letter, to Edward Rutledge**Unit ID** A-301.77**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5085**Unit Date** 1799 September 8**Text** 15 (box)**Container** 1799.09.08 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Washington writes that he had received by Gen. William Washington the model of the improved gun carriage--he approves of new carriage and thinks that it will be much easier to introduce "valuable improvements" of this kind at the beginning of military exercises than after people become accustomed to the old.

Letter, to James Anderson**Unit ID** A-301.78**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5086**Unit Date** 1799 September 16**Text** 15 (box)**Container** 1799.09.16 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Washington writes that business, many guests, and Mrs. Washington's illness have delayed his answer to Anderson--"Health, being amongst, (if not the most) precious gift of Heaven; without which, we are but little capable of business, or enjoyment" so, since Anderson feels he and family can't be healthy where they live, Washington cannot expect them to live there a year longer--he feels he will have no difficulty superintending his farms himself "on the plain, simple, & regular system I am resolved, undeviatingly to pursue"--he will rent the landing at the ferry, and will try to rent mill and distillery too--the purpose of this letter is to relieve Anderson from embarrassment arising from their bargain on one hand and his desire to leave because of health on the other--Washington reiterates that he has nobody else in mind to replace Anderson and intends to take over farm management himself should Anderson have to step down--he would take \$500 per year for mill; Anderson knows better than he what the distillery should rent for--discusses terms for renting the distillery and mill.

Letter, William Augustine Washington**Unit ID** A-301.79**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5087**Unit Date** 1799 September 22**Text** 15 (box)**Container** 1799.09.22 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Washington writes that he was disappointed in their not being able to visit, but invites him and his wife to Mount Vernon in the Spring--he asks whether there is any wheat available for sale--Washington wants to keep his millers employed but his more alert neighbors bought up local wheat early--Mrs. Washington is still very unwell--he heard of the death of Charles Washington, his brother, in Berkeley, just the previous night.

Letter, to William Augustine Washington**Unit ID** A-301.80**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5088**Unit Date** 1799 October 7**Text** 15 (box)**Container** 1799.10.07 (folder)**Container** OUT (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Washington writes that delays in privately delivered mail caused his nephew's requests not to be fulfilled--no whiskey sent--rye from James Digges Dishman and from William Augustine will be gladly accepted if it is still available, and given gallon for bushel--Washington sends a 5 October 1799 price list of wheat in Alexandria [here separately cataloged].

Promissory note, to William Herbert**Unit ID** W-599**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5089**Unit Date** 1799 October 21**Text** 15 (box)**Container** 1799.10.21 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Washington signed this sixty day note for \$1500, dated at Alexandria, Va. 21 October 1799. On the reverse it is endorsed: "This note was renewed on the 16th Decem. 1799 by Lawrence Lewis's note being discounted for the same Sum, which has been since paid ...", endorsed by Herbert, also "1500 -495 G. Washington Dec. 20."

Letter, to Elizabeth Dandridge Henley with enclosure from Benjamin Stodent

Unit ID RM-752; MS-4998

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5090

Unit Date 1799 October 20

Text 15 (box)

Container 1799.10.20 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Washington writes to Martha Washington's sister informing her of her son John's appointment as a midshipman in the U.S. Navy. On the verso is Washington's draft of a response letter from John Henley to Secretary of the Navy Benjamin Stoddert for young Henley to copy. Enclosure: see October 16, 1799.

Fragment, Distillery and Fisheries Ledger

Unit ID RM-1069; MS-5711

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5091

Unit Date 1799 October 27

Text 15 (box)

Container 1799.10.27 (folder)

Language English.

Abstract Mount Vernon acquired at auction in 2003 a manuscript fragment with the date October 27, 1799 and George Washington's signature. It was described in the auction catalogue as having been removed from a ledger book. But it was a librarian here at Mount Vernon that discovered this fragment matched a missing piece from our bound Distillery Ledger which was acquired several years earlier. This fragment is a wonderful example of just how meticulous Washington was in reviewing the accounts. The account noted that the balance in favor of GW is 395.40. Washington added a note "Error this balance is only 375.40."

Scope and Contents

Washington states he has examined and approved accounts of ledger.

Keywords

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Letter, to Leven Powell

Unit ID W-420

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5092

Unit Date 1799 November 2

Text 15 (box)

Container 1799.11.02 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Washington has heard about Powell using a cutting box of new construction, better and simpler than the common kind--asks Powell to get him one and forward it to Col. Gilpin in Alexandria for him, if he is himself entirely pleased with it. (May refer to a "chaff cutter" or "chaff box" used for cutting straw chaff, hay, and oats into small pieces to facilitate mixing it with other forage.)

Letter, Managers of Alexandria Dance Company**Unit ID** A-301.81**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5093**Unit Date** 1799 November 12**Text** 15 (box)**Container** 1799.11.12 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Washington writes to offer his thanks for their invitation to attend assemblies, but "alas! our dancing days are no more."

Keywords

Correspondence

Letter, to Ralph Wormeley**Unit ID** A-301.82**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5094**Unit Date** 1799 November 18**Text** 15 (box)**Container** 1799.11.18 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Washington writes the rumor of his having been in Norfolk is false--"I have never been farther from home since I left the Chair of Government, than the Federal city except when I was called to Philadelphia by the Secretary of War"--extends his thanks for invitation to visit at Rosegill, however.

Letter, to Charles Alder**Unit ID** A-301.83**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5095**Unit Date** 1799 December 12**Text** 15 (box)**Container** 1799.12.12 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Washington writes to inform Alder that the wine sent by him from Madeira after the order sent through Pintard arrived in good condition will be paid for directly. (Written in Lear's hand, but speaks of him in the third person.)

Keywords

Correspondence

Letter, to Elizabeth Powel**Unit ID** A-417.50**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5097**Unit Date** undated**Text** 16 (box)**Container** ND1 (folder)**Language** English.

Letter, to Elizabeth Powel

Unit ID A-417.51

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5098

Unit Date undated

Text 16 (box)

Container ND2 (folder)

Language English.

Letter, to Samuel Powel

Unit ID A-417.52

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5099

Unit Date undated

Text 16 (box)

Container ND3 (folder)

Language English.

Letter, to Elizabeth Powel

Unit ID A-417.53

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5100

Unit Date undated

Text 16 (box)

Container ND4 (folder)

Language English.

Letter, to Samuel Powel

Unit ID A-417.55

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5101

Unit Date undated

Text 16 (box)

Container ND5 (folder)

Language English.

Letter cover, to Elizabeth Powel

Unit ID A-417.56

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5102

Unit Date undated

Text 16 (box)

Container ND6 (folder)

Language English.

Letter, to Elizabeth Powel

Unit ID A-417.57

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5103

Unit Date undated

Text 16 (box)

Container ND7 (folder)

Language English.

Letter, to Elizabeth Powel**Unit ID** A-417.58**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5104**Unit Date** undated**Text** 16 (box)**Container** ND8 (folder)**Language** English.**Letter, to Samuel and Elizabeth Powel****Unit ID** A-417.59**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5105**Unit Date** approximately 1782 February 13**Text** 16 (box)**Container** ND9 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Are invited to dine with Mr. Jacob Morris on Saturday,"... where, in the conformity to custom, they will be obliged to drink Tea, and consequently must be deprived of the pleasure intended them by Mr. & Mrs. Powell".

Notes, queries on wheat, land, and taxes**Unit ID** A-301.290**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5106**Unit Date** undated**Text** 16 (box)**Container** ND10 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Memorandum of questions about rents, bonds, crops, etc., probably to be asked his manager. Autograph document, fragment, docketed in another hand "General Washington".

Plan, Piazza flooring**Unit ID** W-498**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5107**Unit Date** undated**Text** 16 (box)**Container** ND11 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

The plan below, is supposed to represent the Piazza [Piazza] - The black describes the Tile which it is supposed remains uninjured - & the white stone, which will be necessary to replace the Tile that has been damaged by the Frost - If this mode will answer and Knowles [John Knowles] -or Harry [Henry] Young can be engaged - the work might be set about.

An indentured bricklayer and laborer, John Knowles worked at Mount Vernon from 1773 until 1784, as well as from 1786 until 1790. An indentured stonemason, Henry Young worked at Mount Vernon from 1774 until 1781, with an interruption in his services from 1776 until 1778.

Keywords

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Piazza

Architectural documents

Letter cover, to David Stuart

Unit ID W-426

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5108

Unit Date undated

Text 16 (box)

Container ND12 (folder)

Language English.

Fragment, clipped Washington signature and title cover

Unit ID W-791/B

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5109

Unit Date undated

Text 16 (box)

Container ND13 (folder)

Language English.

Survey

Unit ID W-809/a

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5110

Unit Date undated

Text 16 (box)

Container ND14 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Docketed "Rough field Notes taken by George Washington in running the courses of the Land bot. from George & Jas. Mercer."

Fragment, letter cover to Edward Carrington

Unit ID A-516

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5111

Unit Date undated

Text 16 (box)

Container ND15 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Autograph document, half of a cover, franked by George Washington [only part of a signature remains], broken black seal with George Washington's initials, laminated.

Fragment, letter cover to to Frances Dandridge Henley

Unit ID MSS-472

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5112

Unit Date undated

Text 16 (box)

Container ND16 (folder)

Language English.

Notes, on trees, shrubs, and walks**Unit ID** A-813**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5113**Unit Date** undated**Text** 16 (box)**Container** ND17 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Notes on best methods of planting and transplanting various kinds of trees and bushes, including a notation of the agricultural authority, Langley or Miller, from whom he got information. Also a notation on walks -- should be of gravel or Sand and winding and private -- the sides should be lined with Honey suckles -- sweetbrier-, and many other flowering shrubs.

Keywords

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Gardening

Fragment, letter cover to Governor Caesar Rodney**Unit ID** RM-864; MS-5322**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5114**Unit Date** undated**Text** 16 (box)**Container** ND18 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Address leaf to Caesar Rodney, (the Governor of Delaware), signed by George Washington. Franked "Public Service."

Plat**Unit ID** RM-490-F; MS-4065**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5115**Unit Date** undated**Text** 16 (box)**Container** ND19 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Plat of unidentified farmland. Field with 4 plots. Acreage and brief description.

Memorandum, "Rotations of crops for Dogue Run Farm"**Unit ID** RM-490-F; MS-4064**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5116**Unit Date** undated**Text** 16 (box)**Container** ND20 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Description of rotation schedule for Dogue-run and the other farms--7 field plan.

Invitation**Unit ID** W-827.1**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5117**Unit Date** undated**Text** 16 (box)**Container** ND 21 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Engraved invitation from plate used by President and Mrs. Washington.

Cover, Clifton vs. Carroll**Unit ID** A-680**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6893**Unit Date** undated**Text** 16 (box)**Container** ND22 (folder)**Language** English.**Fragment, Nelly Custis****Unit ID** W-1189**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6898**Unit Date** undated**Text** 16 (box)**Container** ND23 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Fragment, likely from letter cover, "Nelly Custis" written by George Washington

Invitation, to Edward Hand**Unit ID** 2024-SC-026-002**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/40281**Unit Date** undated**Text** Drawer 25**Container** ND24 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Extent** 1 pages1 sheet8 x 6 cm**Description**

Partially printed dinner invitation from George Washington to Edward Hand. Not in Washington's handwriting. 1 page.

Keywords

Invitations

Series 2. To George Washington**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3042**Unit Date** 1755 January 22 - 1799 December 9**Language** English.

Receipt, from Adam Stephen**Unit ID** RM-1068; MS-5710**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3094**Unit Date** 1755 January 22**Text** 17 (box)**Container** 1755.01.22 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Receipt for blacksmithing tools, GW writes out entire receipt and has vendor, Adam Stephen sign it. Tools listed: bellows, tongs, etc. Autograph document, folio, signed by Adam Stephen.

Account, from Adam Stephen**Unit ID** MSS-790**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5133**Unit Date** 1755 January 22**Text** 17 (box)**Container** 1755.01.22 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

"[Ledger A, folio 13, Jan. 25, 1755 ""By 6 black Walnut Chairs ... £3.15;"" folio 19, Jan. 22, 1755 ""By [Col. Stephen] for 6 leather bottomed Chairs ... £3.15""]. £3.15.0 for six common black walnut chairs to be delivered to his order."

Letter, from William Stark**Unit ID** RM-926; MS-5465**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5134**Unit Date** 1756 April 18**Text** 17 (box)**Container** 1756.04.18 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

"Sir - The purp. of this is to acquaint you of an Engagement we had with the Indians late this afternoon. Three of our men going out on pretense of looking after some horses met with a party of Indians within sight of the Fort, two of which escaped and alarm'd us; we immediately pursued them with a party of between forty & fifty men undr command of Capt. Mercer, Lieut. Williams, Ensn. Carten, Ensign McCarty, Lt. Lemen & myself - after following them about a mile & an half, on rising a mountain we were fired on very smartly which we warmly returned"

Keywords

Native Americans

Correspondence

Receipt, for James (enslaved carpenter)**Unit ID** RM-1176; MS-5913**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5135**Unit Date** 1757 February 15**Text** 17 (box)**Container** 1757.02.15 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

An early receipt regarding a slave at Mount Vernon, docketed by George Washington. The receipt reads "Colo. George Washington, for the Hire of Carpenter James [and] Cr. by 5 yds of Negroes Cotton." Carpenter James was likely a slave carpenter hired to work on the renovation of Mount Vernon. The reverse contains a partial notation by Charles Washington, youngest brother of George, dated 23 April

1759.

Keywords

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Slavery

Receipts (financial records)

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Bond, from Sampson Darril

Unit ID W-407

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5136

Unit Date 1757 December 20

Text 17 (box)

Container 1757.12.20 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Bond for one thousand pounds Virginia currency--for 350£ given by G.W. he has sold two tracts of land, one of 200 acres on Dogue Run, originally granted to 1st S. Darrell in 1794, and the other 300 acres on little Hunting Creek, originally part of tract granted to Matthew Thompson.

Letter, from Augustine Washington

Unit ID RM-493; MS-4072

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5137

Unit Date 1760 March

Text 17 (box)

Container 1760.03.00 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, Augustine, 1718?-1762

Scope and Contents

Invitation to his half-brother to stop for a visit on his way to Williamsburg. Accounts with Mr. Carlyle not settled. Advice on the purchase of Clifton's land.

Keywords

Correspondence

Bill, from Valentine Crawford

Unit ID RM-309; MS-2967

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5138

Unit Date 1760 April 26

Text 17 (box)

Container 1760.04.26 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Bill for butter. Note at the bottom by Washington indicating an error of £1.0.0. Washington's endorsement on verso, Oct. 1761.

Letter, from William Digges

Unit ID A-680.5

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5139

Unit Date 1760 June 4

Text 17 (box)

Container 1760.06.04 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

[William Digges of Warburton Manor, Prince Geo. Co. Md. Washington's neighbor, was one of those

named in Clifton's suit against Carroll and other.] In this letter he announces willingness to receive money due and "wash my hands of ye troublesome affr."--also details on exchange of vinegar and other commodities.

Keywords

Correspondence

Receipt, from Valentine Crawford

Unit ID W-597

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5140

Unit Date 1763 January 4

Text 17 (box)

Container 1763.01.04 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

"For carrying 4 hhds tobacco and for kegs of butter. Received by Crawford."

Receipt, from John West, Jr. re. Muster Fine

Unit ID A-516.2

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5141

Unit Date 1765 April 13

Text 17 (box)

Container 1765.04.13 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

"To ""George Washington Esqr. a soldier in Capt. Jno Dalton's Company for being absent from Muster ..."" Teste copy signed by clerk, John West junr."

Letter, Lettice Corbin to George Washington

Unit ID 2022-SC-007-018

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/32662

Unit Date 1766 March 31

Text 17 (box)

Container 1766.03.31 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Corbin, Lettice, approximately 1715-1768

Extent 1 Sheets1 page, 2 pages with text20 x 26 cm

Scope and Contents

Lettice Corbin, Essex VA, writes to George Washington, regarding a slave bricklayer named George whom he has rented out to Washington and wondering if he will need the labor beyond the agreed term. Includes a follow-up receipt from Washington on 9 April 1766 outlining payment of 25 pounds in Virginia currency for the use of the bricklayer and acknowledgement of payment received by Geo. Turberville (signed) for Lettice Corbin. Autograph document signed, 1 page, with integral cover. Docketed in the hand of George Washington.

Keywords

Correspondence

Enslaved persons

Receipts (financial records)

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Custodial History

George Washington Masonic National Memorial Catalog No. 1971.01.035a and 1971.01.035b

Letter, from Scot Pringle Cheap & Co.**Unit ID** A-366.5**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5142**Unit Date** 1766 April 2**Text** 17 (box)**Container** 1766.04.02 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Document signed, partly printed, signed by Jno. Montgomery [Capt.]. Bill for freight charges on one butt of wine shipped on "Alexandria."

Keywords

Correspondence

Bill, from John Montgomery**Unit ID** A-366.6**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5143**Unit Date** 1766 August 2**Text** 17 (box)**Container** 1766.08.02 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Creator** Montgomery, John**Scope and Contents**

Bill for freight charges on one butt of wine shipped on "Alexandria."

Keywords

Financial records

Bills of sale

Letter, from Lund Washington**Unit ID** A-283.119**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5144**Unit Date** 1767 March 22**Text** 17 (box)**Container** 1767.03.22 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Lund, 1737-1796**Scope and Contents**

Report on farming, etc. wheat very poor, gave a very small amount of flour--ground has been either very wet or frozen since Washington's departure, thus holding up the plowing--mention of a good slave whom Mr. Adam will not sell for £50.

Keywords

Correspondence

Farm management

Letter, from Lund Washington**Unit ID** RM-1064; MS-5704**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5145**Unit Date** 1767 March 30**Text** 17 (box)**Container** 1767.03.30 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Lund, 1737-1796

Creator Washington, Martha, 1731-1802

Scope and Contents

Lund writes about crops and planting. Washington in Williamsburg at Burgess meeting, then onto Dismal Swamp. Martha includes a postscript at the end of the letter. One of only two extant examples of correspondence from Martha Washington to George Washington, Martha penned this six line postscript with news and greetings on the second page of a letter from Lund Washington to George on March 30, 1767.

Keywords

Correspondence

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Farm management

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Letter, from Henry Lee and Daniel Payne

Unit ID A-366

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5146

Unit Date 1767 April 24

Text 17 (box)

Container 1767.04.24 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Letter pertains to the estate of the Rev. Charles Green. (See letter of Wm. Savage to George Washington & George Wm Fairfax, 1767 April 24).

Keywords

Correspondence

Letter, from Lund Washington

Unit ID RM-780; MS-5170

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5147

Unit Date 1767 August 17

Text 17 (box)

Container 1767.08.17 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, Lund, 1737-1796

Scope and Contents

Account of weather and activities at Mt. Vernon. "The carpenters are laying the barn floor in the Neck." Waiting for the brickmaker's arrival, "The negroes are all well. Bishop has sowed half his field in wheat and made two casks of cider." Expecting a "great crop of corn." "The Children are very well & were yesterday at Alexandria Church ..."

Keywords

Correspondence

Letter, from Lund Washington

Unit ID A-283.1

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5148

Unit Date 1767 August 22

Text 17 (box)

Container 1767.08.22 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, Lund, 1737-1796

Scope and Contents

Condition of crops, wheat and corn--sowing--ditchers--several of the Negroes lately sick--Alton's Morris', Cleveland's and Bishops farms--brickmaker failed to report for work--timothy and lucerne--Cleveland's barn floor finished--compliments to Mrs. Washington, her children are well and send love, also their love to Coll. Wm. Fairfax and his lady.

Keywords

Correspondence

Letter, from Lund Washington

Unit ID A-283.2

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5149

Unit Date 1767 September 5

Text 17 (box)

Container 1767.09.05 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, Lund, 1737-1796

Scope and Contents

Washington's lost horses have not returned to Mt. Vernon--the corn crop--ditchers--sowing wheat and making cider--Price (brickmaker) has returned because they could get no other--none available in Mr. Piper's shipload of servants--milldam--how to get brickwood across creek?--half planks for Morris' barn floor--children are well--glad Mrs. W. has benefited from springs.

Keywords

Correspondence

Receipt, from John Stadler

Unit ID W-797

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5150

Unit Date 1768 June 2

Text 17 (box)

Container 1768.06.02 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Receipt for £12.18 for teaching Miss [Martha Parke] Custis music "ending in April last."

Bond, of John Posey

Unit ID 2022-SC-019

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/37632

Unit Date 1770 October 14

Text 17 (box)

Container 1770.10.14 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Posey, John

Extent 2 pages1 sheet24 x 37 cm

Description

This bond is the agreement between George Washington and his neighbor, John Posey, confirming Posey's debt of £2000 owed to George Washington. Posey's right as a French and Indian War veteran and part of the Proclamation of 1763 to claim up to 3,000 acres of land west of the Appalachian mountains is conveyed to Washington to pursue these unclaimed western lands. Signed by Posey at the conclusion, with the signatures of John Parke Custis, Martha Parke Custis, and Amelia Posey (John Posey's daughter) as witnesses. The document and docket on verso is in the hand of George Washington. Autograph document, signed by John Posey, 2 pages.

Keywords

Legal documents

Real property

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Custis, John Parke, 1754-1781

Custis, Martha Parke, 1755-1773

Provenance

Previously auctioned at Christie's New York, 2004, lot 458.

Account, from Robert W. McMickan**Unit ID** A-366.16**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5151**Unit Date** 1770-1771**Text** 17 (box)**Container** 1770.00.00 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

"Sales of 69 Barrels Herrings on Acct. of George Washington Esqr of Virginia."--Charges for freight commission, etc.

Letter, from Lund Washington**Unit ID** A-283.120**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5152**Unit Date** 1771 May 12**Text** 17 (box)**Container** 1771.05.12 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Lund, 1737-1796**Scope and Contents**

Deals with mill and farm affairs--"Our mill is once more in a bad way"--wall of water pit falling down.--" ... give yourself no uneasiness or anxiety about the mill, you may depend I will use every precaution to prevent further damages."--sale of flour--wheat fields look promising--all are well.

Keywords

Correspondence

Farm management

Letter, from Robert W. McMickan**Unit ID** A-366.17**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5153**Unit Date** 1771 May 29**Text** 17 (box)**Container** 1771.03.29 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Encloses sales of herring and current account owed them--market for herring and flour low at present.

Receipt, from Joseph Warren**Unit ID** A-238**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5154**Unit Date** 1773 January 20**Text** 17 (box)**Container** 1773.01.20 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Receipt for £3.15 for freight on 300 bushels oats.

Letter, from Francis Willis**Unit ID** A-366.21**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5155**Unit Date** 1773 August 16**Text** 17 (box)**Container** 1773.08.16 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Willis, Francis, 1745-1829**Scope and Contents**

Expects he has "hird" from Col. Fairfax in re selling furniture at Belvoir--asks him to set a date and advertise sale and he will attend--needs 100 bushels of wheat, 20 barrells of corn and money for management of Fairfaxes Berkeley plantation--hopes he won't think him troublesome, but Fairfax has left him in great confusion--asks him to inform W. Peyton if account delivered Peyton by Willis will not be received by Washington in settlement with Peyton.

Keywords

Correspondence

Bill, from Thomas Jett**Unit ID** A-366.24**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5156**Unit Date** 1773 September**Text** 17 (box)**Container** 1773.09.00 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Balance due, plus interest accrued from Oct. 4, 1771 - to Miss Janny Washington.

Letter, from Francis Willis**Unit ID** A-366.22**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5157**Unit Date** 1773 September 17**Text** 17 (box)**Container** 1773.09.17 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Willis, Francis, 1745-1829**Scope and Contents**

Possibly may object to his paying £7 to overseers, but this worked out with Col. Fairfax since four overseers to settle in woods and raise only corn--land nearly worn out, explains his system of crop rotation.

Keywords

Correspondence

Farm management

Letter, from Francis Willis**Unit ID** A-366.23**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5158**Unit Date** 1773 October 17**Text** 17 (box)**Container** 1773.10.17 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Willis, Francis, 1745-1829**Scope and Contents**

West as far as Goose Creek on way to Mt. Vernon but indisposed and could not go further--needs £50 for

management Fairfax estates, if convenient send £10 by bearer and he will get rest when next rides to Belvoir--asks to trouble him with business at General Court--i.e. encloses letter to Augustine Willis for collection of £250, if he gets this will not need the money from Washington.

Keywords

Correspondence

Letter, from Francis Willis

Unit ID A-366.25

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5159

Unit Date 1773 December 22

Text 17 (box)

Container 1773.12.22 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Willis, Francis, 1745-1829

Scope and Contents

Thanks Washington for the money which enabled him to send 5 or 6 hands to Red Stone--understands Mr. Thruston is very much pleased with this country, particularly Washington's property there--his brother to leave for there soon--does not approve of renting Belvoir "for so short a time"--will try to see Mr. Delany soon--please pay Mr. Moore the £40 or £60.

Keywords

Correspondence

Letter, from Samuel Athawes

Unit ID A-366.33

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5160

Unit Date 1774 February 12

Text 17 (box)

Container 1774.02.12 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Writes of Fairfaxes arrival in England, both are pretty well recovered--acknowledges receipt of Washington letters and packages forwarded to Fairfaxes at York--let him know if he can do any favour for the "Neptune" this year--Rev. Bumaly pleased to hear of Washington's health, admires him much.

Keywords

Correspondence

Letter, from Craven Peyton

Unit ID A-366.34

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5161

Unit Date 1774 April 27

Text 17 (box)

Container 1774.04.27 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Peyton, Craven

Scope and Contents

Has collected rents according to promise--forgot to give him tobacco he had in his pocket, what should he do with it?

Keywords

Correspondence

Letter, Francis Willis**Unit ID** A-366.35**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5162**Unit Date** 1774 June 2**Text** 17 (box)**Container** 1774.06.02 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Willis, Francis, 1745-1829**Scope and Contents**

Disagrees with Fairfax on renting raccoon branch to highest bidder--thinks should keep fisheries to encourage sale of whole property--minor tenant problems discussed--Daniel Stone wants refusal of west point fishery and 200 acres at £20--if convenient hopes can have sale before harvest as it would be difficult for him to attend then.

Keywords

Correspondence

Fisheries

Letter, from Craven Peyton**Unit ID** A-366.36**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5163**Unit Date** 1774 November 28**Text** 17 (box)**Container** 1774.11.28 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Peyton, Craven**Scope and Contents**

Bearer Richard Butcher wants to sell bills of exchange--asks approval on bills for Colo. Fairfax.

Keywords

Correspondence

Letter, from Francis Willis**Unit ID** A-366.37**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5164**Unit Date** 1774 December 6**Text** 17 (box)**Container** 1774.12.06 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Willis, Francis, 1745-1829**Scope and Contents**

Requests instructions for bond to be drawn for tenant, Mr. Morton--bond for things purchased at sale [of Belvoir items]--asks for enough bags for 50 bushels of wheat.

Keywords

Correspondence

Letter, from Mr. Morton**Unit ID** A366.38**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5165**Unit Date** 1774 December 17**Text** 17 (box)**Container** 1774.12.17 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Explains reason for delay of his bond because one person he wanted for bondsman has been abroad--

now has Mayor Lowry as security and will get one other before taking over the premises.

Keywords

Correspondence

Letter, from A. Morton

Unit ID A-366.39

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5167

Unit Date 1775 February 1

Text 18 (box)

Container 1775.02.01 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Has arrived at Belvoir with bond unexecuted--since he had intimations from Washington that his own settlement at Belvoir would be disagreeable to Washington and not wanting to give offense, decided he would be content to hold the place for only a year--at end of the time, hopes all prejudices and difficulties will be ironed out.

Keywords

Correspondence

Letter, from John Tayloe

Unit ID A-366.40

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5168

Unit Date 1775 February 22

Text 18 (box)

Container 1775.02.22 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Reference to sale of Mercer's estate--reports he has regained his health by disuse of coffee--announces the death of Philip Ludwell Lee.

Keywords

Correspondence

Letter, from Fielding Lewis

Unit ID A-415

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5169

Unit Date 1775 March 8

Text 18 (box)

Container 1775.03.08 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Request on behalf of local committee to see if Washington could furnish them ten barrells of powder for use of county--heard he had imported more than necessary--if he can get it to Malborough his scyths can be sent at same time--Mr. Fitzhugh informs him he will have the pleasure of Washington's company Friday night on way to meeting of the Delegates.

Bill, from Thomas Contee

Unit ID A-420

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6894

Unit Date 1775 April 12

Text 18 (box)

Container 1775.04.12 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Draft for £40 on Mr. William Molleson. Merchant. London

State for 240 on Mr. William PROBERT, Merchant, London.

Signed over to Wm. Fairfax account by G.W. on reverse and later docketed to that effect.

Keywords

Invoices

Letter, from Lund Washington

Unit ID A-283

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5170

Unit Date 1775 September 29

Text 18 (box)

Container 1775.09.29 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, Lund, 1737-1796

Scope and Contents

Will let Col. Simpson have money, but had difficulty in selling bill of exchange for continental money -- no word of escaped painter Cleveland -- work on store house and wash house [office] -- John [Broad] and negroes sick -- wet weather and wheat sowing -- scarcity of spinning wheels -- Lanphier supposed to repair old ones -- Committee has made choice of officers for militia -- "the remains of our company" to form company and ask Committee of Safety for commissions for officers -- Mrs. Washington to pick up Mrs. [Eleanor] Custis at Mr. B[enedict] Calvert's and go "down the country" -- the "Stoco man" still working on dining room and Sears on chimney -- fears George Washington mistaken about draught of chimney piece -- wash house [office] to have two front doors.

Keywords

Correspondence

Letter, from Lund Washington

Unit ID A-283

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5171

Unit Date 1775 October 5

Text 18 (box)

Container 1775.10.05 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, Lund, 1737-1796

Scope and Contents

Meeting Mrs. W. at Mr. Digges across river--thinks Mr. Harrison will accept W-n's offer--Alexa. & Loudon people worried about Mrs. W.'s presence at Mt. V.--he thinks there's no danger--"her old acquaintance the attorney" wouldn't permit Lord Dunmore to come up river & take her--if necessary he can get her away quickly--she leaves soon for "down the country" with son and daughter-[in-law]--he writes G.W. weekly--rain prevents sowing wheat--repairing tumbling dam--work on wash or servant & store houses--bricklayers working on garden wall--John [Broad] sick--Sears sick--stucco work & chimney piece in dining room unfinished--bill of exchange--no word from [James] Cleveland or Simpson on western lands--John West wants money owed him--will pay Custis' bond from money of [Jenifer] Adams' bond--what to do with [Jenifer] Adams' land in Md.--hopes to see G.W. in winter "for whether things are made up or not I suppose you can leave the army in winter."--painter still absent.

Keywords

Correspondence

Letter, from Lund Washington

Unit ID A-283

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5172

Unit Date 1775 October 22

Text 18 (box)

Container 1775.10.22 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, Lund, 1737-1796

Scope and Contents

Mrs. W. & Mr. & Mrs. John Parke Custis stop a few days in Fredericksburg on way to Col. Bassett's--mill dam repair completed--too wet to plow--John Knowles (bricklayer) sick--John Broad back at work--Judge the taylor & Sears sick--stucco man at work on dining room--carpenters on wash house [office]--letters by Constitutional post most reliable--kept in Alexandria by Mr. Hendricks.

Keywords

Correspondence

Letter, from Lund Washington

Unit ID A-283.39

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5173

Unit Date 1775 October 29

Text 18 (box)

Container 1775.10.29 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, Lund, 1737-1796

Scope and Contents

Sent word to Mrs. W. at New Kent informing her to come to camp--expect her here immediately--discussion by Md. and Alex. residents of plan to blockade river--Indian Head best place--"Captn Boucher [said] he woud undertake with 3 ships [sunk] to stop the Channel so that no ship of Force could get up the River ..."--Mrs. W. packed his papers in a trunk to be sent to Capt. McCarty's for safe keeping--she gave him key to G.W.'s study but he won't touch anything there except in emergency--what to do with Col. Mercer's papers?--John West, Mr. Harper, Mr. Wilson ask for money owed them--Bishop needs money--Dr. Crail's negro came with news from over the mountains--Val Crawford comes, feels it useless to keep building on G.W.'s land there because of danger of British burning everything--should he grind wheat?--Jenifer Adams offers to rent Md. land--Col. Mason very ill since convention--Lund thinks Mt. V. very easily defended by 50 men--will consider making salt peter--Custis and wife with Mrs. W. in New Kent--Knowles is well, Webster sick, John Barry dead.

Keywords

Correspondence

Letter, from Lund Washington

Unit ID A-283

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5174

Unit Date 1775 November 5

Text 18 (box)

Container 1775.11.05 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, Lund, 1737-1796

Scope and Contents

Enclosed letter probably tells of Mrs. W's coming to camp--her long stay in New Kent after being sent for is ill-judged--nothing done about blockade of Potomac River--why he had to pay Mercer money--difficulties of paying in paper money--"John Lowe the Barber says you owe him 7/6 for a false tale for your hair"--James Cleveland came with certificates of improvements on Great Kanawa & Ohio land--settlers there left and went to Wheeling because of Indian attacks--won't return--G.W.'s servants sold and negroes left with Will Crawford--Stephens stayed, will get mill going there--work on dining room continues--little chance of getting absent painter from Lord Dunmore--will plant Bosenberries--difficulties in acquiring spinning wheels--expects another new one, "so that we shall then have 7 ..."--wash house [office] chimneys being set up--considers changing door plan, but hesitates altering G.W.'s plans--Skirmish at Hampton--next letter will be by Mrs. W. when she goes to camp.

Keywords

Correspondence

Letter, from Lund Washington**Unit ID** A-283**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5175**Unit Date** 1775 November 12**Text** 18 (box)**Container** 1775.11.12 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Lund, 1737-1796**Scope and Contents**

Dining room almost finished--"the Stucco Man agrees the ceilg. is a handsomer one than any of Colo. Lewises altho not half the work in it it was a plan recommen'd by Sears."--too late to turf the Ha Ha's-- what proportions to use on gateways?--Lanphier no help on this or anything else--let him know in Spring what brick work to do after building the underpinning & chimney to the house that will be placed opposite the store house--will plaster wash house or Servt's house [office] this winter--"I suppose there is a wall to be built in the new garden next the Quarter I think I have heard you say you'd design'd to have a House Built the whole length for Negroes ..."--miller's time wasted with no wheat to grind--coopers work on mill dam & fencing--unable to buy slave--Lund goes to Stafford to settle mother's estate--will send his own negroes "over the mountain" for lack of anything to do in east--announces his intention to defend Mt. V. property against British--.

Keywords

Correspondence

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Letter, from Lund Washington**Unit ID** A-283.34**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5176**Unit Date** 1775 November 14**Text** 18 (box)**Container** 1775.11.14 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Lund, 1737-1796**Scope and Contents**

Account of money since Washington left, together with money to and from Mrs. Washington--all were bills contracted before he left--Washington's mother wrote asking for "linnen" not obtainable there and other trifles--explains accounts paid--will try to raise stone out of banks for chimney tops to be put up this winter, for kitchen, storehouse and other house to be built opp.--painting kitchen, storehouse, and house--corn crop--if Washington approves will put up a strong house at Morrises for wine, rum, etc.--Comm. sent to sound the river decided channel too wide and therefore plan [to block river] impracticable or very expensive--so must defend plantations on Potomac with muskets--attitudes of people about defending property in area--sales of wheat--will forward spinning--problems and process of making salt peter--Mrs. Washington does not approve leaving Mrs. Barnes as housekeeper in her absence, so Lund will do housekeeping--house has been crowded with company since Mrs. Washington's return.

Keywords

Correspondence

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Letter, from Lund Washington**Unit ID** A-283.40**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5177**Unit Date** 1775 November 24**Text** 18 (box)**Container** 1775.11.24 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Lund, 1737-1796**Scope and Contents**

Will transplant cherry trees, but thinks they will die--also plant vinyards and clean Hell Hole--much farm

work to be done--shortage of help--illness--plasterer still here and Mrs. Washington has decided to have stucco in her room plain--wash house shingled and weather boarded but chimneys not up--report on timothy and other crops--has written every week--payment for sale of Col. Mercer's estate and letter in re. sale to Col. Tayloe--negro quarters need mending--difficulty of getting silver money--will try to collect rents--bull gored a wagon horse--Mrs. Barnes at Mt. Vernon--doesn't believe war ships will come up river this year--shortage of salt in area--his greetings to Mrs. Washington if she gets to camp before his letter--local militia officers.

Keywords

Farm management

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Correspondence

Enslaved persons -- Dwellings

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Boatswain (Ditcher)

Letter, from Lund Washington

Unit ID A-283

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5178

Unit Date 1775 December 1

Text 18 (box)

Container 1775.12.01 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, Lund, 1737-1796

Keywords

Correspondence

Letter, from Lund Washington

Unit ID A-283.33

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5179

Unit Date 1775 December 3

Text 18 (box)

Container 1775.12.03 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, Lund, 1737-1796

Scope and Contents

Will alter servants hall since it is not intended for a wash house--thinks Jennifer Adams has not made a deed for his land unless very recently--Adams wanted to clear himself on charges of cutting timber--will try to get Washington out of bargain with Adams--run-away slave--thinks there will be no action on stopping navigation of Potomac or erecting batteries--will talk to Col. [Geo.] Mason about it--Mason ill--Committee for county chosen recently, lists names--Connelly [Tory] captured while going disguised through Md.--minute scheme for area not up to Conventions expectations--painter [run-away slave calling self Joseph Wilson] among prisoners taken at Hampton, does not want to return--Dunmore proclamation to free all indentured servants and slaves that go over to British--thinks white servants more likely to cause trouble--reviews servant situation, miller being paid and sitting idle--will grind 100 barrels of flour, possibly for export in exchange for arms--promises constant attention to Genl. Washington's affairs.

Keywords

Correspondence

Enslaved persons

Letter, from Lund Washington**Unit ID** A-283**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5180**Unit Date** 1775 December 17**Text** 18 (box)**Container** 1775.12.03 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Lund, 1737-1796**Scope and Contents**

Examination of [James] Cleveland re certificates of improvements on G.W.'s western lands--pd. Tho. Lawson for iron--Jennifer Adams' land--negro won't return to Va. from Adam's; should he be sold?--Col. [George] Mercer's & Col. [Geo. Wm.] Fairfax's estates--Bryan Fairfax's peculiar religious behavior--report of Dunmore attacking 100 men "this side of the great Bridge ..."--convention to raise 4000 men--Dunmore's negro troops--desires privateers to come and take Dunmore's squadron--negroes ill--Col. George Mason getting well--hopes for gunpowder--proposed Potomac battery--Sears still here painting new room and dining room--he has picture frames to make yet--altered wash house (servt. quarters)--Knowles not recovered [from bull's goring].

Keywords

Correspondence

Letter, from Lund Washington**Unit ID** A-283**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5181**Unit Date** 1775 December 23**Text** 18 (box)**Container** 1775.12.23 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Lund, 1737-1796**Scope and Contents**

Mill swamp to be cleared for pasture--coopers cutting trees for staves--corn--several of Oliver Cleveland's people ill--plan for hedging and ditching--suggests following land & putting into wheat, thus saving labor for ditching & hedging--briar hedge planted from mansion to Hell Hole eaten by cattle--cherry trees will not live--"I should be glad to be informd in what manner the House now Buildy. opposite the store House is to be divided into partitions--in one of your Letters you say it is intended for the sick - if so I woud make Three Rooms in it- 1/2 the House or more in the part next the Chimney the Remainder divided into two Rooms each of which will have a window in it - the Door in the gable end to be of no use but still to be there that it may in its outward appearance look like the Store ..."--Col. [George] Mercer's estate-- [James] Cleveland's report on Kanawa lands--he will go to Fincastle & Bottetourt Courts to get evaluation of work--Wm. Stephens & Wm. Skilling here, say buildings on Ohio burnt by Indians--Mrs. Barnes and Milly Posey left today--Dunmore defeated again by Capt. Woodford.

Keywords

Correspondence

Letter, from Lund Washington**Unit ID** A-301.84**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5182**Unit Date** 1775 December 30**Text** 18 (box)**Container** 1775.12.30 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Lund, 1737-1796**Scope and Contents**

Col. [George] Mercer's estate--difficulties in collecting rents in Loudon, no markets for crops, and men indicted there for spreading ideas that they should not be expected to pay--flower knots in garden to be leveled, flowers shrubs planted elsewhere--gravel sorted for walks--one of Cleveland's men left when hardships set in--Wm. Skilling will repair well--John Broad injured "playing Frolick"--wrote to Wmsbg. to

sell the painter, now in jail there--believes Washington should accept wages as General.

Keywords

Correspondence

Letter, from Lund Washington

Unit ID A-283.23

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4932

Unit Date 1776 January 17

Text 18 (box)

Container 1776.01.17 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, Lund, 1737-1796

Scope and Contents

In this letter Lunds writes about trying to recover runaway negro from [Jennifer] Adams and rent from Adams along with affairs of other tenants, among other topics.

Keywords

Fugitive slaves -- Virginia

Correspondence

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Letter, from Lund Washington

Unit ID A-283.25

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5184

Unit Date 1776 January 25

Text 18 (box)

Container 1776.01.25 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, Lund, 1737-1796

Scope and Contents

River frozen--hasn't yet seen Mr. Marshall or Mr. Triplett about land exchange--thinks it bad scheme to raise hogs to take care of surplus corn--pork prices low--well keeps caving in, perhaps will have to ask instructions as to where to dig a new one--good negro shoemaker available from Adams--conduct of negroes--better sell bay or stop using him for breeding--hurts him to see miller and mill idle.

Keywords

Correspondence

Slavery

Farm management

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Bill, from William Hartshorne

Unit ID W-1310/a.23

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5185

Unit Date 1776 January 29

Text 18 (box)

Container 1776.01.29 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

"Bill receipted. Bill for 1 set cart boxes."

Keywords

Invoices

Letter, from Lund Washington**Unit ID** A-283.26**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5186**Unit Date** 1776 January 31**Text** 18 (box)**Container** 1776.01.31 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Lund, 1737-1796**Scope and Contents**

Exchange of Adams and Matthews land still not settled--much alarm in Alexandria, expecting an attack from 5 large ships reported to be off Cone [mouth of Potomac]--river now blocked with ice but women and children evacuating and moving goods--they will fight to defend town--he thinks the ships more apt to be oyster boats--packing Washington's china and glass into barrels and then would be able to move things at short notice to Mrs. Barnes and to Morris' barn--rum and wine to be moved too--everyone says they will come to help defend the Washington property--thinks 100 men could defend it against 1,000--Wm. Stevens paid for going out to [Washington's] Ohio lands--Cleveland--packing bacon--cannot sell flour--"I wish you had said how large you would have the negro houses you speak of in your letter, or whether you would have them built with or without sheds."--one piece of woolen cloth came from weavers--nine wheels at work spinning--John Broad cannot live--tell Mr. [John Parke] Custis cannot deliver letters to Mount Airy because of ice--Mrs. Chichester will stay in Fauquier Co., feels it unsafe in Alexandria--will send his furniture to another county if Washington thinks best, however doesn't believe there will be an attack on Alexandria since Lord Dunmore's troops are too trifling.

Keywords

Correspondence

United States -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783

Letter, from Lund Washington**Unit ID** A-283.27**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5187**Unit Date** 1776 February 8**Text** 18 (box)**Container** 1776.02.08 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Lund, 1737-1796**Scope and Contents**

Several accounts are over-due, one to Lanphier--Mercer's estate--no one has applied for Col. Fairfax's bond--Lord Fairfax at present pretty well--will sell Adams' negro to someone Washington owes money to--problems of the mill [on Bulskin ?]--Simpson--French and Dulany land not settled--John Broad still alive but dying--the well will hold, must make top brick instead of stone--house opposite store framed but not raised--next will work on 2-family quarters in Muddy Hole--salting fish--letter from England by Capt. Kelso here.

Keywords

Correspondence

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Muddy Hole Farm

Letter, from Lund Washington**Unit ID** A-283.28**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5188**Unit Date** 1776 February 15**Text** 18 (box)**Container** 1776.02.15 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Lund, 1737-1796**Scope and Contents**

Question of Lund's wages, he only brought it up because Washington had offered to pay him equal to

what he had had in any former year--never expects to be rich--will serve him faithfully--Mr. Baily wants 10% to collect the rents, thinks 5% is enough--suggests he might collect them himself--Tayloe has instructed him to deliver the bonds to Col. Peyton--problems with Cleveland, who must be paid since he was acting as Washington's agent--John Broad still alive--Adams' land--Triplett questions boundary between Washington's land and his--Adams pressing him to buy 300 acres--John Stone offering 360 acres on river next to former Adams land--spinning of linen going on slowly--sorry to hear Mr. Custis not well--furniture still at Mt. Vernon, hopes to avoid a move if no attack--Col. West will order militia for defense of Mt. Vernon in event of attack.

Keywords

Correspondence

Letter, from Lund Washington

Unit ID RM-106; MS-227.7

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5189

Unit Date 1776 February 22

Text 18 (box)

Container 1776.02.22 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, Lund, 1737-1796

Scope and Contents

Informing Washington of affairs at Mt. Vernon, the condition of the negroes, advising some improvements to Mt. Vernon, and information about the movements of the British.

Keywords

Correspondence

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Enslaved persons

United States -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783

Letter, from Lund Washington

Unit ID A-283.29

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5190

Unit Date 1776 March 7

Text 18 (box)

Container 1776.03.07 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, Lund, 1737-1796

Scope and Contents

Dray colt--use of other horses--Stevens will not get to save the rest of Washington's lands [Kanawha] with only the negroes--he thinks it best to get two other white men and have them appointed by court to appraise work when done--if Washington thinks the upset times not enough excuse for failing to satisfy the legal requirements to save land from forfeiture must give Lund liberty to make best arrangement possible with man to go out--7,000 acres patented in Washington's name and Muse upon Pocatallico--Cleveland here and will record work in April when courts in Fincastle and Bottetourt--Cleveland says bottom lands on Kanawha very rich--packing furniture to move to Morris's barn--Cleveland's trial is Tues.-Cleveland claims his behaviour is not criminal and he has been misrepresented--has heard nothing from Milly Posey since Christmas.

Keywords

Correspondence

Letter, from John Parke Custis**Unit ID** A-516.17**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5191**Unit Date** 1776 June 10**Text** 18 (box)**Container** 1776.06.10 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Custis, John Parke, 1754-1781**Scope and Contents**

Mrs. Washington can accompany the General anywhere now that she's gone thru smallpox [innoculation] successfully--expresses gratitude to Washington for his guardianship--"He deserves the Name of Father who acts the Part of one."

Keywords

Correspondence

Medicine -- History -- 18th century

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Custis Family

Letter, from Joshua Davis**Unit ID** A-366.32**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5192**Unit Date** 1776 September 10**Text** 18 (box)**Container** 1776.09.10 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Safe arrival Norwich with 2 mortars after long delay in Sound because of enemy and wind--better to continue by land--needs money to pay pilots and other expenses--send further orders--Capt. Burbeck with 18 of Gen. Lee's guards with him--believes this will be sufficient help--will send rest of troops on--hears of danger on road to New York--since no provisions, sending part of 130 men on--keeping or only sufficient to hoist mortar.

Keywords

Correspondence

Letter, from Samuel B. Webb**Unit ID** A-750.6**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5193**Unit Date** 1777 February 1**Text** 18 (box)**Container** 1777.02.01 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Requests Washington to write Gov. Trumbull to try to get some bounties for his men as for other Conn. battallions--he enlists men on that promise--has clothing for men, which is great inducement to enlist.

Keywords

Correspondence

Military records

Letter, from Carpenter Wharton**Unit ID** A-750.7**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5194**Unit Date** 1777 February 17**Text** 18 (box)**Container** 1777.02.17 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Supplies to be moved from Philadelphia to Milltown Yorktown and Lancaster--supplies being purchased--all necessities for troops on march provided--defends conduct in not buying--there are two buyer in Philadelphia--sends 6 lemons raised near New York City.

Keywords

Correspondence

Letter, from General Wooster**Unit ID** A-366.29**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5195**Unit Date** 1777 March 1**Text** 18 (box)**Container** 1777.03.01 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Wooster, David, 1711-1777**Scope and Contents**

Can't persuade troops to remain at New Rochelle in face of superior forces--troops not enlisting, army weak--few [English] troops left in New York--he holds two men who ran off to British, then came back to help a widow escape to New York.

Keywords

Correspondence

United States -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783

Military records

Letter, from Charles Gordon**Unit ID** A-366.30**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5196**Unit Date** 1777 May 12**Text** 18 (box)**Container** 1777.03.12 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Appeal by British prisoner of war to be exchanged or parolled for a few days to see his brother who has come from England on family business.

Keywords

Correspondence

Military records

United States -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783

Letter, from Lund Washington**Unit ID** A-283.13**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5197**Unit Date** 1777 December 24**Text** 18 (box)**Container** 1777.12.24 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Lund, 1737-1796**Scope and Contents**

Hopes Washington will come to Mt. Vernon while troops in winter quarters--no crop for sale this year--wheat destroyed, mill idle, short crop of corn--gives corn crop yields from each farm--many visitors and horses cause great use of crops--also 24 of own horses--wants to try making rum, sugar, and molasses from Indian corn stalk for money crop.

Keywords

Correspondence

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Farm management

United States -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783

Letter, from Walter Stewart**Unit ID** RM--115; MS-2322**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5433**Unit Date** 1778 January 28**Text** 19 (box)**Container** 1778.01.28 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Stewart is writing about the conduct of some of the soldiers and the need of supplies.

Keywords

Correspondence

Military records

United States -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783

Letter, from Lund Washington**Unit ID** A-283.22**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5434**Unit Date** 1778 January 28**Text** 19 (box)**Container** 1778.01.28 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Lund, 1737-1796**Scope and Contents**

Trees to be planted--Triplett delays signing bond for land exchange with Washington--mentions Mr. McCarty, Massey and Chichester in relation to agreement--boundary disputes--inquire into purchase of Col. Stone's land--Beck's land sold--new covering horse--Col. Triplett accompanies Mrs. Washington across River today on way to camp--will question tenants.

Keywords

Correspondence

Farm management

Letter, from Lund Washington**Unit ID** A-283.14**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4689**Unit Date** 1778 March 4**Text** 19 (box)**Container** 1778.03.04 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Lund, 1737-1796**Scope and Contents**

Covering horse arrived--bond signed with Triplett for land below mill race--Robt. Adam pd. account--"I have a great mind to put the Money into the Continental Loan office, but perhaps it would be proper to get your approbation first"--[Mrs. Mary Washington] wants Silla sent to her, but Lund hates to part her from Jack--[Charles Washington] wrote for another hand but he didn't send one--tobacco land to be put to flax--pumpkin to be planted--per simmons for beer and spirits--mare sent by Col. Lewis sick--Lund's lip still sore.

Keywords

Correspondence

Enslaved persons

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Letter, from Lund Washington**Unit ID** A-283.15**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5436**Unit Date** 1778 March 11**Text** 19 (box)**Container** 1778.03.11 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Lund, 1737-1796**Scope and Contents**

Rain and snow prevented his going up to see Washington--will leave for camp last of month--flour and corn for sale, had to sell to govt.--will sell barrels of pork and beef--difficulties getting salt--doubts Lanphier will come to work this spring--who to leave to manage housekeeping in his absence?--Bishop not trustworthy and Milly Posey away from home--will sell negroes at private sale--meeting among Loudon draftees--[John Parke] Custis not returned from Williamsburg--Mrs. Custis and children not heard from--sickness among people--Jack and Sylla distressed at parting--lambs died--mare sent by [Col.] Lewis still sick.

Keywords

Correspondence

Enslaved persons

Farm management

Letter, from Lund Washington**Unit ID** A-283.17**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5437**Unit Date** 1778 March 18**Text** 19 (box)**Container** 1778.03.18 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Lund, 1737-1796**Scope and Contents**

Persuaded Lanphier to work by promising him a portion of corn crop and wool in place of money--much plank wasted by his delay--difficulties of getting their privateer into action--difficulties with draft law in county [Fairfax]--volunteer scheme hasn't worked--reassures Washington he will not leave his employ or hold him for higher wages while he is away leading army--Custis returned from Williamsburg--feeling against R[ichard] H[enry] L[ee] for his supposed scheming against Washington--will make molasses, sugar, Rum from corn next fall--won't attempt tobacco--breeding mare.

Keywords

Correspondence
Farm management

Letter, from Lund Washington**Unit ID** A-283.16**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5438**Unit Date** 1778 April 1**Text** 19 (box)**Container** 1778.04.01 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Lund, 1737-1796**Scope and Contents**

Breeding mare--Weaver captured deserter, thus is exempt from serving in army, but he's been let go because of high wages demanded--bargain with Triplett--Blair's bond--money put in Continental Loan office--rents collected from tenants in Loudon and Fauquier--Sam[uel W-n] collected some in Westmoreland--will come to camp after shad is put up for coming year--will send Washington's accounts by Col. Fitzgerald if he leaves first--covering horse thin--progress made on privateer "General Washington"--Lund expresses his faith in the ship and encourages Washington to keep his share.

Keywords

Correspondence
Farm management
United States -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783

Letter, from Lund Washington**Unit ID** A-283.19**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5439**Unit Date** 1778 April 8**Text** 19 (box)**Container** 1778.04.08 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Received letter by Gen. Woodford--can't sell negroes with their consent--negroes from Crawford inoculated with smallpox--getting in shad--covering horses--[John Parke] Custis in New Kent for elections--if not elected He'll come to camp with Lund--corn to sell--money in Loan office--Mercer land and Blair's bond.

Keywords

Correspondence
Slavery

Letter, from Lund Washington**Unit ID** A-283.18**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5440**Unit Date** 1778 April 22**Text** 19 (box)**Container** 1778.04.22 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Lund, 1737-1796**Scope and Contents**

Blair's bond--he and Mr. Custis set out for camp next week--Custis elected in Fairfax county--Col. Bassett inoculated for smallpox--less shad put up than expected--stopped running early--"the Crabs, Thorns, Cedars &c which we planted this Spring for Hedges appear to be all living. The Locusts at the North End of the House are all putting out I believe not one of them are dead, the variety of Trees at the South End are also alive, most of them I hope will live ..."--ship "George Washington" launched--but in mud in Occoquan--loan office certificates--Lanphier worthless, refuses to work--"I wanted much to get the

Window finish'd in the Pediment that I might have the garret Passage plaister'd & clean'd out before Mrs. Washington returns - beside this the scaffling in the Front of the House cannot be taken away before it is finished - This prevents me from putting up with the Steps to the great Front Door ..."--Sickness--will bring letter to Mrs. Washington.

Keywords

Correspondence

Farm management

Letter, from Lund Washington

Unit ID A-283.24

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5441

Unit Date 1778 May 6

Text 19 (box)

Container 1778.05.06 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, Lund, 1737-1796

Scope and Contents

Rain and his indisposition prevented his going to camp by now--[John Parke] Custis not to go, must go to assembly--Capt. Triplett's health forces him to resign commission.

Keywords

Correspondence

Letter, from John Parke Custis

Unit ID RM-1218

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5442

Unit Date 1778 May 29

Text 19 (box)

Container 1778.05.29 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Custis, John Parke, 1754-1781

Scope and Contents

John Parke Custis, stepson of George Washington, wrote to George Washington who was at Valley Forge about various aspects of the war. He notified him that the Virginia legislature passed bills to help raise troops, the arrival of a French ship carrying uniforms and military supplies, and a note to his mom. Docketed by George Washington. Autograph letter signed, 3 pages.

Keywords

Correspondence

United States -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Letter, from Lund Washington

Unit ID A-283

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5444

Unit Date 1778 August 19

Text 19 (box)

Container 1778.08.19 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, Lund, 1737-1796

Scope and Contents

No word from G.W. in 2 posts--conditions of plantations under Davenport & Hill--breeding of cattle from Custis' English bull--wet summer--crops of corn, timothy and wheat--no workmen found but Lanphier & his man--making molasses from corn stalks--"old Billy Harding wants to rent part of the Land you Bought of Mercer on four mile Run ..."

Keywords

Correspondence

Correspondence
Farm management

Letter, from Lund Washington

Unit ID A-283

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5445

Unit Date 1778 September 2

Text 19 (box)

Container 1778.09.02 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, Lund, 1737-1796

Scope and Contents

Will try to buy Barry's and Marshall's land for G.W.--which negroes to sell?--sorry G.W. must forgo buying lands because of losses from farms under his (Lund's) management--wheat crop almost total loss--(the fly)--prepares to plant tobacco--ditching mill swamp--drowning in mill race of valuable slave Cooper James--Carpenter James injured with axe--received £200 from Capt. Lewis for Phaeton--sold flour to Boston for good price (scarcity there)--suggests G.W. speculate in wheat, sell flour at high prices--Wm. Roberts the miller, his merits & weaknesses for drink, & advises not to hire him again--mill race, tumbling dam at Piny & Dogue Run gate & dam which Roberts repaired or built--discusses building houses for prospective tobacco crop--campaign in Rhode Island & departure of Fr. admiral, Lord Howe & Johnstone--cleared money in pork--can't get workmen to assist Lanphier--" ... if so the coverd ways will not get done ... "--sickness among people--good pastures--took paper from G.W.'s trunk, can't get any in Alexa.--letter from Wm. Roberts enclosed.

Keywords

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Farm management

Slavery

Correspondence

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Letter, from John Parke Custis

Unit ID 2020-SC-011

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/25846

Unit Date 1779 January 9

Text 19 (box)

Container 1779.01.09 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Custis, John Parke, 1754-1781

Extent 4 pages

Scope and Contents

Relays problems with recruiting for the army, currency depreciation and counterfeiting, land purchases in northern Virginia, and the management of Mount Vernon.

Keywords

Correspondence

United States. Continental Army -- Recruiting, enlistment, etc.

Farm management

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Letter, from George Lewis

Unit ID A-301.85

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5443

Unit Date 1779 February 23

Text 19 (box)

Container 1779.02.23 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Resigned commission because of ill health--also, "Would my health admit of my continueing in the Service, I could not Consistent with the Character of an Officer or Soldier by any Means Submit to have younger Officers placed over me."

Keywords

Correspondence

Military records

Receipt, from Caleb Gibbs for cask of wine sent to Head Quarters

Unit ID 2018-SC-035-001

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/14103

Unit Date 1779 February 16

Text 19 (box)

Container 1779.02.16 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Gibbs, Caleb, 1755-1818

Extent 1 pages

Scope and Contents

Letter from Caleb Gibbs, commander of the Commander-in-Chief's Guard, to Royal Flint, assistant commissary of purchases, requesting a quarter cask of wine for His Excellency George Washington at Head Quarters. Signed by Gibbs with note that the cask of wine was received.

Keywords

Receipts (financial records)

United States -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783

Letter, from Morgan Lewis

Unit ID MS-2065

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5446

Unit Date 1779 March 4

Text 19 (box)

Container 1779.03.04 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Concerned with auditing of army accounts ... Lewis, informed of a balance in his favor, requests Washington to order the Paymaster Gen. to honor this balance ... nonpayment of debts will injure him as well as the Public Service ...

Keywords

Correspondence

Financial records

Invoice, "Sundries sent to Head Quarters"

Unit ID A-301.86

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5447

Unit Date 1779 March 18

Text 19 (box)

Container 1779.03.18 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Invoice for beer, wine, bacon, sugar, and "1 box directed to Mrs. Washington," etc.

Keywords

Invoices

Letter, from John Neilson**Unit ID** A-366**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5448**Unit Date** 1779 June 3**Text** 19 (box)**Container** 1779.06.03 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Military intelligence--reports movement of British fleet and army in New York.

Keywords

Military records

United States -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783

Correspondence

Letter, from John Parke Custis**Unit ID** A-570**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5449**Unit Date** 1779 August 11**Text** 19 (box)**Container** 1779.08.11 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Custis, John Parke, 1754-1781**Scope and Contents**

Requests George Washington's advice whether to sell Eastern shore lands because of heavy taxes and can get no one to live there & work them--rumors of truce to be offered by British King--appreciates Washington's advice on draining low grounds [at Abingdon] to prevent tidal floods--poor corn crops and depreciation of paper money--everyone paying old debts in paper money--purchase of Alexander's land--army's success at Stony Point. Autograph letter signed, 4 pages.

Keywords

Correspondence

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Letter, from John Parke Custis and 'A list of Cattle bought from Genl. Washington's Plantation'**Unit ID** RM-1188.005 ; RM-1188.006**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/26551**Unit Date** 1779 October 7**Text** 19 (box)**Container** 1779.10.07 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Custis, John Parke, 1754-1781**Extent** 6 pages**Scope and Contents**

John Parke Custis writes to George Washington from his Abingdon regarding an offer of seventy five pounds for his property on the Eastern Shore of Virginia - is confident he can get more. Custis himself is considering purchasing Philip Alexander's land at a tempting price. Expresses his pleasure and congratulatory wishes on the arrival of Count d'Estaing's on the American coast. Custis reluctantly addresses a misunderstanding between himself and Colo. Bassett regarding the valuation and care of Washington's forty-seven head of cattle at Clairborne's plantation in King William County, Va. (part of Martha Washington's dower lands that Washington leased to John Parke Custis in 1778). Autograph letter signed, 4 pages.

Scope and Contents

List of cattle on George Washington's plantation in King George County in the hand of John Parke Custis. The front of the document lists forty-seven cattle including eighteen "Young Cows" of the "common breed & small," sixteen heifers of the "English Breed," three steers, and ten "best work Oxen." The

reverse of the lists cattle valued by Colo. Bassett 'last fall.' Autograph document, 2 pages.

Keywords

Correspondence

Lists (document genres)

Domestic animals

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Letter, from John Parke Custis

Unit ID W-1164

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5420

Unit Date 1779 December 12

Text 19 (box)

Container 1779.12.12 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Custis, John Parke, 1754-1781

Scope and Contents

John writes how the new plantation needs constant attention, but would be "very advantageous to your Estate in the Neck, and will add much to the Prospect from the House."

Keywords

Correspondence

Farm management

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Letter, from Fielding Lewis

Unit ID A-516.6

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5451

Unit Date 1780 March 26

Text 19 (box)

Container 1780.03.26 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Enclosed is letter to Mr. Fras Gallibert, French merchant prisoner at N.Y., to be forwarded to him--his health improves, but George [Lewis'] is poor--George settles on Frederick cty. land; will Washington sell some of his land adjoining?--no news from Charles Town [Charleston, S.C.]--Gen. Woodford moving Va. troops there--"will not the Irish demands of a fair trade operate to our advantage?"

Keywords

Correspondence

Receipt, from James Nivison

Unit ID W-800

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5452

Unit Date 1780 April

Text 19 (box)

Container 1780.04.00 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Bill addressed Master George Washington--total £297.6.0 Va. Curr.--bill for broadcloth, buttons, silk, thread, dressed leather for making coat and waistcoat.

Keywords

Invoices

Bill, from Richard Kaddien**Unit ID** W-1310/a.26**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5454**Unit Date** 1780 April**Text** 19 (box)**Container** 1780.04.00 (folder)**Language** English.**Keywords**

Invoices

Letter, from John Parke Custis**Unit ID** MSS-698**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5453**Unit Date** 1780 April 12**Text** 19 (box)**Container** 1780.04.12 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Custis, John Parke, 1754-1781**Scope and Contents**

Showed Col. Bassett his letter, but doesn't know whether he's complied with it--concern over no news from Charlestown [S.C.]--feeling among gentry and people at large regarding congress's recommendation regarding currency--he and Col. Mason expect to be elected to assembly with no opposition.

Keywords

Correspondence

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Letter, from Nathaniel Peabody**Unit ID** A-366.26**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5455**Unit Date** 1780 October 25**Text** 19 (box)**Container** 1780.10.25 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Incloses Philadelphia paper announcing news of a victory in the south [King's Mountain ?].

Keywords

Correspondence

Newspaper clippings

United States -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783

Letter, from Joseph Lewis**Unit ID** A-301.87**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5456**Unit Date** 1780 December 23**Text** 19 (box)**Container** 1780.12.23 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Receipts and certificates collected for supplies and horses requisitioned last Jan.--Will Washington appoint someone to examine and approve them as per law of state of N.J. which he incloses?

Keywords

Correspondence

Letter, from John Parke Custis

Unit ID MSS-699

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5457

Unit Date 1781 March 29

Text 20 (box)

Container 1781.03.26 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Custis, John Parke, 1754-1781

Scope and Contents

Mortified at actions of [Va.] legislature--wishes to resign his public office but feels it his duty to continue in legislature to express his protests at their actions--emission of 10 million pounds immediately--action between Cornwallis and Genl. Greene--Greene has won universal esteem for his conduct.

Keywords

Correspondence

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Letter, from Joseph Webb

Unit ID A-750.2

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5458

Unit Date 1781 June 30

Text 20 (box)

Container 1781.06.30 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Sends boots Washington ordered from his shoe factory--invites Washington to visit again--sorry to hear Mrs. Washington is ill--suggests she spend summer in Wethersfield rather than go back to Va.--hogshead of boots being sent to Col. Sheldon.

Keywords

Correspondence

Letter, from John Parke Custis and Notice, John Parke Custis to "All Persons whom it may concern"

Unit ID RM-1188.003 ; RM-1188.004

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/26553

Unit Date 1781 July 11

Text 20 (box)

Container 1781.07.11 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Custis, John Parke, 1754-1781

Extent 6 pages

Scope and Contents

John Parke Custis writes to Washington relieved to hear that his mother Martha Washington is back in good health. His family is suffering from an epidemic that his stricken many family members with his youngest son being dangerously ill. Custis apprises Washington of his current circumstances in dealing with a dispute of monies owed to Robert Alexander for land purchase includes a copy of a notice dates 26 May 1781 [see RM-1188.004]. Reports of damages by British troops to nearby neighbors properties including Colo. Bassett. Fortunately, Custis' home and property were unaffected. He is pleased to inform Washington of accounts of 'our Countrymen do not want Spirit or Inclination to join the Marquiss,' with forty-six men from the county volunteering for service. Custis himself has provided clothes and horses for two volunteers. Reports that Genl. Nelson was appointed governor with the assembly granting him very great powers to support the war. Autograph letter signed, 4 pages.

Scope and Contents

On 26 May 1781 John Parke Custis notifies "To All Persons whom it may concern" a dispute between

Robert Alexander and himself regarding the purchase of land and monies owed by Custis to Alexander. Custis appoints Charles Simms as his lawful attorney in the matter. Custis proposes four options to rectify the dispute and if none are disagreeable, Custis' attorney will authorize a payment of forty eight thousand pounds current money. Autograph document, pages. Docketed in the hand of George Washington. Document included in Custis' 11 July 1781 letter.

Keywords

Correspondence

Real property

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Letter, from John Lewis

Unit ID A-301.88

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5459

Unit Date 1782 March 24

Text 20 (box)

Container 1782.03.24 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Lewis, John, 1747-1825

Scope and Contents

Death of his father [Fielding Lewis]--father's will directs Dismal Swamp lands and others to be sold--estate in debt--give opinion on accepting credit and also description of land--mother [Betty Lewis] and family well--" ... as well as is the old Lady--forwards letter from Havana.

Keywords

Correspondence

Real property

Letter, from Lund Washington

Unit ID A-283.10

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5421

Unit Date 1782 November 20

Text 20 (box)

Container 1782.11.20 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, Lund, 1737-1796

Scope and Contents

Detailed description of Dow's land on Cameron Run--Mrs. French will never consent to exchange land--G.W. anxious to have her land--Mrs. W. goes to Mr. Digges across river in company of Dr. Stewart (Stuart)--[Mrs. French's land is between Epsewasson and Little Hunting Creeks, part of Union Farm].

Keywords

French's farm (Mount Vernon, Va.)

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Letter, from Major Murray

Unit ID A-366.18

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5460

Unit Date 1782 December 3

Text 20 (box)

Container 1782.12.03 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Received letters and will forward them to England--will forward Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd's letters under protection of Washington's.

Keywords

Correspondence

Letter, from Lund Washington**Unit ID** A-283.9**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5422**Unit Date** 1782 December 4**Text** 20 (box)**Container** 1782.12.04 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Lund, 1737-1796**Scope and Contents**

Lund encloses [Benj.] Dulany's letter concerning Mrs. French's land and Mr. and Mrs. D. agrees to sale of land.

Keywords

Correspondence

Real property

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Letter, from Lund Washington**Unit ID** A-283.8**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5423**Unit Date** 1782 December 11**Text** 20 (box)**Container** 1782.12.11 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Lund, 1737-1796**Scope and Contents**

Lund writes about further efforts to exchange Dow and French lands, maybe Mrs. F. can be persuaded to trade Manley's land (adjoining French's), and has purchased Dow's land to bargain with Mrs. F along with a description of land.

Keywords

French's farm (Mount Vernon, Va.)

Correspondence

Real property

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Letter, from Lund Washington**Unit ID** A-283.4**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5424**Unit Date** 1783 January 8**Text** 20 (box)**Container** 1783.01.08 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Lund, 1737-1796**Scope and Contents**

Lund writes about how the sale of Custis horses didn't take place although Col. Dandridge offers both to G.W. in exchange for giving up two years payments from Dandridge's estate, both as covering horses may repay quickly and one may do for the turf.

Keywords

Correspondence

Letter, from Lund Washington**Unit ID** A-283.5**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5425**Unit Date** 1783 January 29**Text** 20 (box)**Container** 1783.01.29 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Lund, 1737-1796**Scope and Contents**

Lund writes about how Dow wants payment for land made in Philadelphia and will try to collect rents to repay what G.W. has borrowed. He will also get Gilbert Simpson [on Washington's western lands] to try to get money and James Cleveland to collect debt for Col. Wm. Crawford.

Keywords

Correspondence

Real property

Letter, from Lund Washington**Unit ID** A-283.6**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5426**Unit Date** 1783 February 19**Text** 20 (box)**Container** 1783.02.19 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Lund, 1737-1796**Scope and Contents**

Lund writes about various aspects of the family and the farms including that he believes there is peace in King's speech to Parliament, horses suitable as chariot horses (will get horse [from Custis estate]), shoats only doubled in size, very disappointing, bank froze all winter, grapevines and apple trees, someone cutting timber on G.W.'s land, Custis's legal title to Alexander's land [Abingdon], and that children at Abingdon are well, will come to Mt. V. to stay some time.

Keywords

Correspondence

Farm management

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Letter, from Lund Washington**Unit ID** A-283.7**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5427**Unit Date** 1783 March 12**Text** 20 (box)**Container** 1783.03.12 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Lund, 1737-1796**Scope and Contents**

Lund writes on how the crops are short and other financial matters.

Keywords

Correspondence

Farm management

Letter, from Lund Washington**Unit ID** A-283.11**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5428**Unit Date** 1783 April 23**Text** 20 (box)**Container** 1783.04.23 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Lund, 1737-1796**Scope and Contents**

Lund writes about the amount of wheat from each farm and how few will sell wheat, expecting price to go up because of the peace treaty with Britain.

Keywords

Correspondence

Farm management

Letter, from Betty Lewis**Unit ID** A-301.89**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5461**Unit Date** 1783 August 25**Text** 20 (box)**Container** 1783.08.25 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Lewis, Betty Washington, 1733-1797**Scope and Contents**

Letter by Betty Lewis--hurt at not hearing from him during afflictions--husband and brother Sam died within 3 weeks of each other and she has been ill--" ... My Dear Brother was there not one half our you could spare to write a few lines to an only Sister whoe was laboring under so mutch affliction both of Body and mind ..." Autograph letter signed, 2 pages, integral address panel. Docketed by George Washington.

Keywords

Correspondence

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Letter, from Lund Washington**Unit ID** A-283.12**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5462**Unit Date** 1783 October 1**Text** 20 (box)**Container** 1783.10.01 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Lund, 1737-1796**Scope and Contents**

Unsuccessful in collecting rents--tenants over the ridge will pay as soon as specie is in circulation among them--they have good crops--Mr. Throckmorton undesirable tenant because he would put negroes and overseer on land, lowering quality--describes tenants and plantations--tenants on this side the ridge in bad shape, can't pay--new cook, Richard Burnett ill, very good industrious fellow, but complains of being lonely--refuses to mix with negroes--[Pitman] best kitchen gardner they've had--kiln for drying wheat--Dow's land--Washington's house in Alexandria--Dr. Stuart to build in Alexandria--got negro from Norfolk where he's been since seige of York.

Keywords

Slavery

Farm management

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Correspondence

Letter, from Elizabeth Powel**Unit ID** A-572**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5463**Unit Date** 1783 November 15**Text** 20 (box)**Container** 1783.11.15 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Powel, Elizabeth Willing, 1743-1830**Scope and Contents**

Sends Washington a pamphlet lately out on a political issue--she recommends it as disinterested and sensible--"Some say there is no Cincinnatus in existence; I think there is."

Keywords

Correspondence

Drawing, Lowering and raising boats**Unit ID** MS-5902**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5464**Unit Date** 1784-1794**Text** 20 (box)**Container** 1784.00.00 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

The drawing was known to George Washington who sent it to Tobias Lear on 22 December 1794, describing it as "the sketch which has been presented to me by Mr. Claiborn, of the new method of lowering and raising boats without locks." Washington had received a letter from Claiborne in 1784 in which he discussed navigable rivers to the west; whether Claiborne sent the drawing at that time is uncertain. It could also have been given to Washington in early December 1794 when he and Claiborne met together in Philadelphia, or sent in a follow-up letter Claiborne wrote on 16 December 1794.

Keywords

Drawings (visual works)

Letter, from Fielding Lewis**Unit ID** A-625**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5465**Unit Date** 1784 February 22**Text** 20 (box)**Container** 1784.02.22 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Lewis, Fielding, 1725-1781 or 1782**Scope and Contents**

"Inclosed I have Sent you my Fathers letters wharein you will See his intention Before his death, of relieving me out of my distressis, Occasioned by my Youthfull Folley"--requests a loan--now in jail.

Keywords

Correspondence

Letter, from Thomas Lewis**Unit ID** A-301.90**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5466**Unit Date** 1784 February 24**Text** 20 (box)**Container** 1784.02.24 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Lewis, surveyer of Rockingham County, informs W that he can find no record of registration of land on

Lewis, surveyor of Rockingham County, informs W. that he can find no record of registration of land on "Little Kanaway" by Col. [William] Crawford--lands on Ohio and Shurtee [Chartier] are registered--Michl. Cresap disputes this--most of land in newly formed Mononghela county, should make inquiries there--receives condolences on death of brother [Gen. Andrew Lewis?]-death of Fielding Lewis--.

Keywords

Correspondence

Real property

Letter, from John Lewis

Unit ID A-301.91

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5467

Unit Date 1784 April 27

Text 20 (box)

Container 1784.04.27 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Lewis, John, 1747-1825

Scope and Contents

Little news regarding Washington's Ohio lands and plantations under Simpson--can't write what he heard in a letter--David Bradford, lawyer, has news of lands, enclosed copy of his letter--recommends Bradford as good agent for Washington's business there--people in Washington's Bottom on Ohio leaving after hearing he is to assert claim--rumor that Washington's land there has been recently surveyed among large tracts by Pa. People for sale in Philadelphia--people should be warned of a fraud--leaves west as soon as his [Lewis'] land is surveyed.

Keywords

Correspondence

Real property

Letter, from Edmund Randolph

Unit ID A-366.15

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5468

Unit Date 1784 May 28

Text 20 (box)

Container 1784.05.28 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Randolph, Edmund, 1753-1813

Scope and Contents

Incloses draft of a deed to be executed by Col. Bassett--will accomplish his business at next general court.

Keywords

Deeds

Correspondence

Letter, from Thornton Washington

Unit ID A-301.92

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5469

Unit Date 1784 August 1

Text 20 (box)

Container 1784.08.01 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, Thornton, approximately 1760-1787

Scope and Contents

Wishes to clear up title to land bought from father [Sam. Washington]--originally bought from Col. Phil. Pendleton, and title still in Washington's hand--will be at sweet springs when Washington visits his plantation.

Keywords

Correspondence

Correspondence

Real property

Letter, from George Augustine Washington

Unit ID A-750.1

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5470

Unit Date 1784 August 11

Text 20 (box)

Container 1784.08.11 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George Augustine, approximately 1759-1793

Scope and Contents

Writes by naval officer going to Philadelphia--fatigues of passage to West Indies and here reduced health--hopes to benefit from more settled climate of this place--ships leaving--sends letters to Mrs. Washington and Fanny Bassett by ship for Norfolk.

Keywords

Correspondence

Letter, from Thomas Walker

Unit ID A-366.7

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5471

Unit Date 1784 August 29

Text 20 (box)

Container 1784.08.26 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Affairs of Dismal Swamp Co.--letters from Mr. Jamason, chief manager--intends to advertise meeting in Richmond in Oct.--will Washington do this instead, for greater effect?--agrees to sale of their partnership lands.

Keywords

Correspondence

Letter, from George Augustine Washington

Unit ID A-301.93

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5472

Unit Date 1785 February 25

Text 21 (box)

Container 1785.02.25 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George Augustine, approximately 1759-1793

Scope and Contents

His are only letters which have "... communicated information of my friends."--hopes George Washington has recovered from reported sickness--was very ill after passage, and recovers slowly--Physician in Charleston will probably bleed him to relieve pain in head--will remain til April--always tries to act honorably--thanks for money--will return by water which is cheaper--gratitude to his uncle--can't procure acorns and seeds he wants as "they fall from the Trees early in November."--transplanted 50 or 60 of Magnolia and a number of the live Oak to bring with him--"Miller's description of the Magnolia cannot be two highly embellished--there is a Species of them called the bay Laurel but none that I have yet heard of under the denomination of the Umbrella, from the discription I have had of it, it will not answer Your purpose I presume, as it is said not to exceed the height of 6 or 7 feet--it may rather be considered a shrub."

Keywords

Correspondence

Letter, from William Washington**Unit ID** A-414**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5473**Unit Date** 1785 April 21**Text** 21 (box)**Container** 1785.04.21 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, William Augustine, 1757-1810**Scope and Contents**

Major Washington has remained with them since January, and though he wishes he could say his health was improved by the Southern climate, he fears "his disorder is too inflexible to be remov'd by mere Change of Climate."

Keywords

Correspondence

Document, Shares of great Dismal Swamp**Unit ID** 2022-SC-004**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/31419**Unit Date** 1785 May 1**Text** 21 (box)**Container** 1785.05.01 (folder)**Language** English.**Extent** 1 pages2 pages with text.15 x 19 cm.**Scope and Contents**

Lists number of shares owned by individuals, including G. Washington, 1 share.

Keywords

Real property

Dismal Swamp (N.C. and Va.)

Lists (document genres)

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Receipt, from John Tryford**Unit ID** W-805**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5474**Unit Date** 1785 May 25**Text** 21 (box)**Container** 1785.05.25 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Bill for plank and shingles, total amount £87.9.0.

Keywords

Invoices

Letter, from William Augustine Washington**Unit ID** RM-548; MS-4196**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5475**Unit Date** 1785 July 10**Text** 21 (box)**Container** 1785.07.10 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, William Augustine, 1757-1810**Scope and Contents**

Acknowledges receipt of a gross of bottles (probably rye whiskey) and discusses the purchasing of shares

of Potomac Company stock.

Keywords

Correspondence

Letter, from John Augustine Washington

Unit ID RM-1147; MS-5835

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5476

Unit Date 1785 July 17

Text 21 (box)

Container 1785.07.17 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, John Augustine, 1736-1787

Scope and Contents

John informs George that during a recent visit to Mount Vernon a "great Coat of yours" and book became mixed-up with his own belongings. John then discusses one of George Washington's notable entrepreneurial activities - the breeding of mules. Seeking to emulate his brother, John suggests that George send one of his "Jack Asses" to Bushfield, John's plantation, to breed with his mares.

Keywords

Correspondence

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Letter, from Thomas Jefferson

Unit ID RM-1035; MS-5672

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5477

Unit Date 1785 July 17

Text 21 (box)

Container 1785.07.17 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Jefferson, Thomas, 1743-1826

Scope and Contents

Jefferson requests information about David Bushnell's "submarine navigation" experiments during the American Revolution.

Keywords

Correspondence

Military engineering

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Bushnell, David, 1740-

Letter, from William Washington

Unit ID RM-1144; MS-5830

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5478

Unit Date 1785 December 18

Text 21 (box)

Container 1785.12.18 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, William Augustine, 1757-1810

Scope and Contents

Sends him live oaks plants and acorns of live oak and water oak--also seeds and plants of laurel tree.

Keywords

Correspondence

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Account, with James Craik**Unit ID** W-1310/A.31**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5479**Unit Date** 1786-1788**Text** 21 (box)**Container** 1786.00.00 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Craik, James, 1730-1814**Scope and Contents**

Account from April 1786 - Dec. 1788, for various medicines and spices.

Keywords

Medicine -- History -- 18th century

Financial records

Letter, from George Augustine Washington**Unit ID** A-366.41**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5480**Unit Date** 1786 February 3**Text** 21 (box)**Container** 1786.02.03 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George Augustine, approximately 1759-1793**Scope and Contents**

Glad to receive news of Mt. Vernon--will enquire about a she-ass--the Secretary and General Nelson most likely to have one--Mr. Bassett gave him box to convey safely to Mt.Vernon--not finished copying letters--will return soon--thanks him for kind invitation [to live at Mt. Vernon as manager ?] and hopes he will be equal to the job-- "... my experience in business but illy qualifies me for embarking on it, but under Your direction and from your example I flatter myself I shall derive insight, and I must hope that my attention and integrity will in some degree make amends for my deficiencies."--wrote to inform him of act passed in Richmond to discharge interest certificates on all Loan office warrants issued by the state--Dr. Lamey [Le Mayeur?] to deliver this and shoes--lots in Fredericksbg not sold.

Keywords

Correspondence

Invoice, from Washer Blount**Unit ID** W-696**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6895**Unit Date** 1786 March 20**Text** 21 (box)**Container** 1786.03.20 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Autograph document signed, fragment, endorsed "Rect. No. 149 Walker Blunt Block Maker".Bill for £1.3.0.Receipted on April 14, 1786 by Washer Blunt; Endorsed on back by [the officers of the Potomac Company] George Washington, John Fitzgerald and George Gilpin.

Keywords

Invoices

Letter, from Thornton Washington**Unit ID** A-301.17**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5429**Unit Date** 1786 June 6**Text** 21 (box)**Container** 1786.06.06 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Thornton, approximately 1760-1787**Scope and Contents**

Thornton writes to request G.W. to send any papers dealing with Hight [Jost Hite] land, which he bought of his father [Sam. Washington] and is now up for litigation, if turned out, will have to move house he's begun to other of his lands adjoining this.

Keywords

Correspondence

Real property

Lease deed, between Penelope French and George Washington for Dogue Run Plantation and enslaved African Americans**Unit ID** 2022-SC-001**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/28480**Unit Date** 1786 October 18**Text** 21 (box)**Container** 1786.10.18 (folder)**Language** English.

Extent 3 pagesThree pages, bifolium. In good condition with some damage to first leaf that affects a few words of text and is repaired with laid paper. George Washington's edits and additions are interlineated on page 2, and the body of the document concludes with 18 lines of his writing.37 x 23 cm

Scope and Contents

This agreement between George Washington and Penelope French secured for his use the last piece of property he added to his Mount Vernon estate, a parcel that would become part of Union Farm. French, who had a life in interest in the land and buildings, also leased to Washington the use of twenty-one enslaved people including "Will, Paschal, Paul, Abraham, Sabine, Rosanna, Daphne, Lucy, Delia, Grace, Tom, Isaac, Robert, Moses, Julius, Spencer, Nancy, Celia, Nell, Mitty, and Lett", and three young children not named. The agreement stipulated that Washington must ensure the enslaved were "clothed and fed in the same manner as slaves usually are within this commonwealth and shall not be removed and worked out of the said county of fairfax", and is "unreasonably worked or neglected in sickness or treated within humanity", they would be returned to French.

Keywords

Real property

Deeds

Dogue Run Farm

Slavery

Lists (document genres)

Washington, George, 1732-1799

French, Penelope Manley, approximately 1739-

Washington, Lund, 1737-1796

Washington, George Augustine, approximately 1759-1793

Triplett, William

Letter, from George Augustine Washington**Unit ID** A-750.10**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5481**Unit Date** 1786 October 25**Text** 21 (box)**Container** 1786.10.25 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George Augustine, approximately 1759-1793**Scope and Contents**

Thanks to Washington for letter [offering him and Fanny a portion Mt. Vernon land and the stewardship of Mt. Vernon, thus relieving Washington of many duties]--"Both Fanny and myself are happier in this family than we could be in any other, or I am persuaded in a house of our own, ..."

Keywords

Correspondence

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Letter, from Will Deakins, Jr.**Unit ID** A-366.44**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5482**Unit Date** 1786 November 9**Text** 21 (box)**Container** 1786.11.09 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Sends wagon down with spelts [wheat-like grain]--one bag spilled--rest sent to care of Wm. Hartshorn in Alexandria--has engaged part of the Poland oats Washington wants and will procure more.

Keywords

Correspondence

Letter, from Fielding Lewis**Unit ID** A-625**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5483**Unit Date** 1787 February 28**Text** 21 (box)**Container** 1787.02.28 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Lewis, Fielding, 1725-1781 or 1782**Scope and Contents**

Thanks for timber near Rectertown--unable to come see him because of "distressed situation"--clear of debts in Fairfax--sends son with letter--can Washington employ him (son) or get him into business?

Keywords

Correspondence

Letter, from George S. Washington**Unit ID** A-301.94**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5484**Unit Date** 1787 March 2**Text** 21 (box)**Container** 1787.03.02 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George Steptoe, 1771-1809**Scope and Contents**

Concern over Washington's letter--insists he realizes importance of good education and strives for it--

never lets dress or pleasure intervene--does not intend to follow example of his brother Ferdinand.

Keywords

Correspondence

Bond, with John Williams

Unit ID RM-115; MS-2314

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5485

Unit Date 1787 May 29

Text 21 (box)

Container 1787.05.29 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Williams' bond is counter-signed by William Kerchival. Latter part of document tells of the seizing of Williams' property by the deputy sheriff for not paying rent as bound.

Keywords

Correspondence

Real property

Bill, from Thomas Craig

Unit ID W-1310/A.33

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5486

Unit Date 1787 July 16

Text 21 (box)

Container 1787.07.16 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Receipt for £13.2.6 on July 16, 1787 in Washington's hand, signed by Craig. Bill for 6 weeks board for two servants at 25/ each, plus balance of old account--total £13.15.

Keywords

Receipts (financial records)

Financial records

Letter, from Samuel Powel

Unit ID W-1310/A.34

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5487

Unit Date 1787 July 25

Text 21 (box)

Container 1787.07.25 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Powel, Samuel, 1738-1793

Scope and Contents

Has seen coach painter and quotes prices for painting, gilding, etc. the chariot--this is for varnishing coach body and surface polished, with no varnish to be added later--a cheaper mode is painting first and varnishing later--work will take 4-5 weeks--has made no contract with him, nor mentioned names--cannot give price of lining since coach-maker is away--a postscript gives price of lining as £3 exclusive of cloth and lace--quotes price and yardage of lace and cloth.

Keywords

Correspondence

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Receipt, from Joseph Cooke**Unit ID** 2024-SC-011-002**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/38827**Unit Date** 1787 August 10**Text** 21 (box)**Container** 1787.08.10 (folder)**Extent** 1 pages1 sheet19 x 21 cm**Description**

Receipt from Joseph Cook [Cooke], a Philadelphia jeweler and silversmith, to George Washington for one gold watch chain with an engraved 'cypher' as well as a velvet ribbon. The total sum listed is £9.7.3. Docketed in Washington's writing and dated August 10, 1787. Autograph document signed, with Washington autograph, 1 page.

Keywords

Receipts (financial records)

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Receipt, from Richard Sprigg**Unit ID** MS-5500**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5488**Unit Date** 1787 September 8**Text** 21 (box)**Container** 1787.09.08 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Invoice to George Washington from R. Sprigg. Receipted for stud fees of mules.

Keywords

Financial records

Letter, from John Lewis**Unit ID** A-301.95**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5489**Unit Date** 1787 December 15**Text** 21 (box)**Container** 1787.12.15 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Lewis, John, 1747-1825**Scope and Contents**

Incloses copy of account requested--will send account from Mr. Payne--is looking for father's [Fielding Lewis] paper of money payable and receivable from Washington--wants lands sold which father owned with Washington--if possible before he goes west this summer--how much can he get for shares in Dismal Swamp Co.?--has Washington heard of plan to drain it?

Keywords

Correspondence

Real property

Letter, from Jonathan Trumbull, Jr.**Unit ID** A-366.46**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5490**Unit Date** 1788 April 27**Text** 21 (box)**Container** 1788.04.27 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Trumbull, Jonathan, 1740-1809

Scope and Contents

Lt. [Bezaleel] How[e], who intends to enter an enterprize to some part of the Spanish settlements on the shores of [So?] America, desires a letter from Washington, stating he was an officer of the New Hampshire line and in the Guards--Trumbull recommends him to be a man "of probity & honor".

Keywords

Correspondence

Letter, from George Washington, of North Carolina

Unit ID A-301.96

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5491

Unit Date 1788 June 20

Text 21 (box)

Container 1788.06.20 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Begs financial aid--unfortunate marriage ruined him--married again, but can't get wife's inheritance yet--father refuses to help--rented a house in Greensvill "in this state" and has to keep a poor tavern--asks for land in Dismal Swamp to live on--will take care of Washington's business there.

Letter, from Thomas Lewis

Unit ID A-301.97

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5492

Unit Date 1788 August 27

Text 21 (box)

Container 1788.08.27 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Letter discussing Washington's previous note inquiring if Thomas Lewis would serve as his land agent.

Letter, from Jonathan Trumbull, Jr.

Unit ID A-366.45

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5493

Unit Date 1788 October 28

Text 21 (box)

Container 1788.10.28 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Trumbull, Jonathan, 1740-1809

Scope and Contents

Political situation in Conn.--Gen'l Assembly of Conn. passing resolves for organizing Congress under new constitution--will appoint electors in Jan., "this appointment the Assembly have retained in their own power - thinkg it more likely to be exercised with judgment & discretion than it would be to be entrusted in the hands of the people at large"--Senators elected--Representatives to be chosen by people--mentions circular letter from N.Y. state convention--few discordant notes in Conn. assembly--no disagreement over president, but over vice-president--desires Bowdoin for office, since Adams is talked of for Supreme Court--asks after [David] Humphreys.

Keywords

Correspondence

United States--Politics and government

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Letter, from Bushrod Washington**Unit ID** A-301.98**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5494**Unit Date** 1788 November 9**Text** 21 (box)**Container** 1788.11.09 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Asks Washington's advice and aid--his father's estate [John A. Washington] is in danger of being sued by Dr. Stewart for nonpayment of a bond--this was given to aid uncle Sam [Washington] and now Charles, [Sam's executor] won't pay--doesn't want to sue uncle Chas.--Nancy [Anne Blackburn, his wife] sends love--mares being brought down, will pay for season.

Letter, from Bushrod Washington**Unit ID** A-301.99**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5495**Unit Date** 1788 November 20**Text** 21 (box)**Container** 1788.11.20 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Bushrod, 1762-1829**Scope and Contents**

Bushrod to move to Alexandria--can't keep up plantation and practice law too--prefers law--can sell land and negroes to discharge debts due from his father's estate--has rented his land on advantageous terms--Mother will remain at Bushfield--desires Washington's approval--bearer, Mr. Packet goes to Alexandria to inquire about rent of houses.

Keywords

Correspondence

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Invoice, from Philip Conn**Unit ID** RM-873; MS-5336**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5496**Unit Date** 1788 December 3**Text** 21 (box)**Container** 1788.12.03 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Conn requests that Washington pay the bearer (John Middleton) 3 pounds "which the Revd Mr. D. Griffith subscribed for you towards repairing the Church etc." Received and witnessed by Ricahrd Burnet Walker on verso.

Letter, from John Lewis**Unit ID** A-301.100**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5497**Unit Date** 1788 December 7**Text** 21 (box)**Container** 1788.12.07 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Encloses Mr. Cowper's letter respecting N. Carolina land--Mr. Cowper only one who wants land and can pay for it--desires Washington to agree to sell to Cowper because estate of [Fielding Lewis] needs money from sale of lands to pay debts--he leaves for Kentucky next week, and cannot bargain further--has found bill for £50 drawn by executors of Wm. Armistead.

Letter, from Bushrod Washington**Unit ID** A-301.101**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5498**Unit Date** 1788 December 12**Text** 21 (box)**Container** 1788.12.12 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Declines with thanks Washington's offer of a house rent free [in Alexandria ?]--has no office or outbuildings--might be unhealthy--glad Washington approves of decision to give up farming--conscious of competition legal in Alexandria--he and Nancy [Ann, wife] will be at Mt. Vernon after Christmas.

Letter, from John Lewis**Unit ID** A-301.102**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5499**Unit Date** 1788 December 13**Text** 21 (box)**Container** 1788.12.13 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Armistead's Bill of exchange--made no fixed price in offer of Carolina land to Mr. Cowper--asked what it is worth--has heard land is in bad shape and may be sold for taxes--Mr. Riddick and Mr. Godwin attend to paying this--other land bought not assessed--maybe hard to find land in Kentucky--will give Washington best intelligence of it he can.

Bond, from Henry Lee**Unit ID** A-516.12**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5500**Unit Date** 1788 December 18**Text** 21 (box)**Container** 1788.12.18 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Bond of £1000 for 5000 acres of land in Kentucky.

Invoice, from Peter Poole**Unit ID** A-238.5**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5533**Unit Date** 1789**Text** 22 (box)**Container** 1789.00.00 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

"For putting in Buckwheat. Received by Peter Pool with an ""X"" mark."

Petition, from Margaret Stone**Unit ID** RM-683; MS-4660**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5132**Unit Date** 1789-1797**Text** 22 (box)**Container** 1789.00.00 (folder)**Language** English.

Scope and Contents

This is a petition to George Washington requesting a pardon of Margaret Stone. Citing the facts that Stone is about forty years old, mother of seven children, and it is her first offense, the undersigned [including Lund Washington and Peyton Randolph] request a pardon.

Letter, from Bushrod Washington

Unit ID A-301.103

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5534

Unit Date 1789 January 18

Text 22 (box)

Container 1789.01.18 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Thanks for kind offer, but had already rented an office--will repair [Washington's] stable for use--accepts offer of hay--hard to get it and expensive in [Alexandria].

Letter, from George Steptoe Washington

Unit ID A-301.104

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5535

Unit Date 1789 February 19

Text 22 (box)

Container 1789.02.19 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Expresses thanks for Washington's goodness--realizes bad condition of their estate--great need for clothes--have a servant stop by Mr. Hanson's for some things to be repaired.

Letter, from Alexander Donald

Unit ID A-301.105

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5536

Unit Date 1789 February 28

Text 22 (box)

Container 1789.02.22 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Thanks for unmerited kindness and attention--will pay respects at Mt. Vernon before Washington leaves for N.Y.--sure he will accept the presidency despite preference for Mt. Vernon--"... it is the general opinion of the Friends to the New Government, that if you decline being at the head of it, It never can, or will take effect"--returns to London in a few months where he does business under the firm of Donald & Burton.

Letter, from Warner Lewis

Unit ID A-301.106

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5537

Unit Date 1789 March 1

Text 22 (box)

Container 1789.03.01 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Explains inability to answer sooner--will see the land he mentions and give his idea of its value. [This is probably land Washington was considering buying from John Dandridge in Gloucester County.]

Letter, from Lund Washington**Unit ID** A-283.44**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5538**Unit Date** 1789 March 6**Text** 22 (box)**Container** 1789.03.06 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Reports that his nephew Lund Washington, heard in Stafford County that people were saying "we should have a very pretty President at the head of our new Government one who had pd of his Debts within the time of the war with paper money altho it had been lent to him in specia."--Col. [George] Mason responsible--believes Mason's son-in-law started it.

Letter and enclosure, from Warner Lewis**Unit ID** A-301.107**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5539**Unit Date** 1789 March 11**Text** 22 (box)**Container** 1789.03.11 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Washington's letter to him delayed--Gen. Nelson's illness--has seen land Washington is interested in buying--encloses sketch of it taken from old survey--description of land--4 mi. from Gloucester C.H.--"a good, not a fine piece of land"--[Sketch of land is enclosed].

Letter and enclosure, from Warner Lewis**Unit ID** A-301.108**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5540**Unit Date** 1789 March 11**Text** 22 (box)**Container** 1789.03.11 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

2 copies - one retained copy in Warner Lewis' hand. Another contemporary copy in another hand with the docket, "From Warner Lewis Esqr. 11 March 1789 (Copy). Original sent to John Dandridge Esqr. 26th March 1789".

Letter, from Warner Lewis**Unit ID** A-301.109**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5541**Unit Date** 1789 March 11**Text** 22 (box)**Container** 1789.03.11 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

2 copies - one retained copy in Warner Lewis' hand. Another contemporary copy in another hand with the docket, "From Warner Lewis Esqr. 11 March 1789 (Copy). Original sent to John Dandridge Esqr. 26th March 1789".

Letter, from Robert Lewis**Unit ID** H-1199/A**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5542**Unit Date** 1789 March 28**Text** 22 (box)**Container** 1789.03.28 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

In answer to letter of 26th Inst, mentions caution regarding getting ready--is prepared to go with mother and Mrs. Willis on Thurs, or Fri. to Mt. Vernon--remains there till the horses return for his Aunt--hopes to find him at Mt. Vernon when he arrives.

Letter, from John Lewis**Unit ID** A-301.110**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5543**Unit Date** 1789 April**Text** 22 (box)**Container** 1789.04.00 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Lewis, John, 1747-1825**Scope and Contents**

Unable as yet to get information on lands Washington is interested in--goes to New Orleans in 2 weeks--"I have seen a very extraordinary publication in a Fredericksburg Paper wherein mention is made of Gen. W-ks-n [James Wilkinson ?] having prepared a fleet of 25 Boats some of them armed with three Pounders and maned with 150 men who intend fighting their way down the Mississippi into the Gulph of Mexico. It is very extraordinary how such a report could have taken its rise as Ge. W-ks-n is now here and intends down the River at the same time as I do, with only five or six Tobacco [] instead of 25 armed Boats."--sends some "pecaun" nuts from New Orleans--Indians doing mischief--but lands settling fast despite scalplings--price of corn--returns to Mt. Vernon in August.

Keywords

Native Americans

Correspondence

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Letter, from William Hickman, Jr.**Unit ID** A-301.111**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5544**Unit Date** 1789 April 14**Text** 22 (box)**Container** 1789.04.14 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Solicits money from Washington for erection of a Methodist Episcopal church in Alexandria--contributions have been slow--names prominent Alexandrians who have contributed--wishes him a good journey to the north.

Accounts with Pope and Cadle**Unit ID** 2018-SC-040**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/14100**Unit Date** 1789 April 30-May 22**Text** 22 (box)**Container** 1789.04.30 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Pope and Cadle**Extent** 1 pages**Scope and Contents**

PA list of accounts addressed to His Excellency Gen. Washington Esq. from the firm of Pope and Cadle, who sold lace, silk, and other hosiery at 12 William Street, New York. The document shows that on April 30, the day of his inauguration, Washington purchased 3 hat tassels. In May, he purchased 3 pairs of white silk hose and 28 yards livery lace. A note at the bottom states that one pair of hose was for Tobias Lear, who paid for them separately.

It is likely that the hat tassels purchased on Inauguration Day were for Giles and Paris, enslaved men who rode and drove the horses that pulled Washington's carriage.

Keywords

Washington, George, 1732-1799 -- Inaugurations

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Lear, Tobias, 1762-1816

Giles, approximately 1750- (Postilion)

Letter, from William Heth**Unit ID** A-301.112**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5545**Unit Date** 1789 May 3**Text** 22 (box)**Container** 1789.05.03 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Delivered his letter and package to Mrs. Washington--has arranged for Mrs. Washington's trip to N.Y.--hired [Gabriel] Van Horn & Co. to drive her--tries to allay her fears at driving with strange horses and coachman--gives charges for trip.

Letter, from Stephen Gregory**Unit ID** A-301.113**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5546**Unit Date** 1789 July 6**Text** 22 (box)**Container** 1789.07.06 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Mr. Fenwick, bears a gift of a small 2-deck ship which will act as a chimney piece of a large room before a looking glass.

Letter, from Samuel Langdon**Unit ID** A-301.114**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5547**Unit Date** 1789 July 8**Text** 22 (box)**Container** 1789.07.08 (folder)**Language** English.

Scope and Contents

He is sending a sermon preached a year ago which is appropriate today--"When you removed from my house, your goodness allowed me to be conversant in your family as a domestic for some months, before the College was removed to Concord".--lauds Washington's religious attitudes and Christian behavior.

Receipt, from John Marshall

Unit ID RM-1009; MS-5635

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5548

Unit Date 1789 July 10

Text 22 (box)

Container 1789.07.10 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Receipt for inoculating fruit trees.

Keywords

Financial records

Receipts (financial records)

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Letter, from James Dunlope

Unit ID A-301.115

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5549

Unit Date 1789 July 15

Text 22 (box)

Container 1789.07.15 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

According to Washington's directions he has pd. Col. Hooe £700 in part of debt due heirs of Co. Colville by Th. Montgomerie, Adam Stewart and Cumberland Wilson--will make payments of £500 and £250 soon--"The Laws both of Maryland & Virginia authorized me to pay current money at the par of exchange in discharge of Sterling Debts and in the manner Col. Hooe received his money."

Letter, from Richard Graham

Unit ID A-301.116

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5550

Unit Date 1789 July 20

Text 22 (box)

Container 1789.07.20 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

He has been down the Ohio--found a settlement on the Kanawa under James Neal of Frederick County, who patented 2200 A.--he persuaded them they had no right to the land, since it was in center of land surveyed for officers of Washington's old Va. regt. [Fr. & Ind. War]--they agree to buy it cheap if it will be sold, because their settlement has increased value greatly of land--people won't settle unless there's a settlement already there--he has power of attorney to make a settlement for Neal.

Letter, from Abraham Hunt

Unit ID A-301.117

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5551

Unit Date 1789 July 21

Text 22 (box)

Container 1789.07.21 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Mares such as Washington wants can be had for £25 specie--doesn't know cost of sending them to Virginia--his commission for procuring them would be 10%.

Letter, from Leonard Henley, Jr.

Unit ID A-301.118

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5552

Unit Date 1789 July 27

Text 22 (box)

Container 1789.07.27 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Requests loan of about £300 to pay outstanding debts on estate of Mr. Aylett, his wife's first husband [she was Elizabeth Dandridge Aylett Henley, Mrs. Martha Washington's sister]--will give land and negroes as security.

Letter, from Henry Hill

Unit ID A-301.119

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5553

Unit Date 1789 August 10

Text 22 (box)

Container 1789.08.10 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Expresses gratitude for "your powerful friendship" in appointment of Mr. Meredith.

Letter, from Major W. Jackson

Unit ID A-301.120

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5554

Unit Date 1789 August 31

Text 22 (box)

Container 1789.08.31 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Received intimation this morning from Gen. Lincoln, so renewed request made in Philadelphia.

Account, with George Cliland

Unit ID A-238.4

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5555

Unit Date 1789 September-December

Text 22 (box)

Container 1789.09.00 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

£11.5.0 for shoeing horses, "a new handel & ring for a fork," and "to drogs an doctren the whet hors head".

Letter, from Betty Lewis**Unit ID** A-301.121**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5556**Unit Date** 1789 October 1**Text** 23 (box)**Container** 1789.10.01 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Lewis, Betty Washington, 1733-1797**Scope and Contents**

Betty writes that George Augustine Washington, Bushrod and Corbin are there to help settle Mary Washington's estate--Bushrod says she's to have no part of the slaves [of Mary Washington's estate]--discusses division of her property--doctor's bills high--Col. Ball thinks crops will pay off debts of estate. Autograph letter signed, 2 pages.

Keywords

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Letter, from Thomas Lowrey**Unit ID** A-750.12**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5557**Unit Date** 1789 October 1**Text** 23 (box)**Container** 1789.10.01 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Has purchased 2 bay mares for Washington--sends them down next week--with good care, they will be satisfactory next year.

Letter, from William Dawson**Unit ID** A-301.122**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5558**Unit Date** 1789 October 5**Text** 23 (box)**Container** 1789.10.05 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

He was manager for Col. George Mercer's estate in Frederick County when it was sold by Washington--Jas. Mercer kept scolding him and complaining of bad management of farms--Mr. Snickers had written letter to Jas. Mercer maligning his conduct--Capt. Ed. Snickers nailed up his cornhouse door and threatened to serve a writ on him--he was going to bring suit against Mr. Mercer for this treatment, but the war intervened--before war, tried to settle dispute but Mercer refused and he brought suit--sends Washington copy of affidavit--Washington, he is informed, means to bring suit against him for damage--lists a number of questions, seeking testimony of Washington in the suit against Mercer.

Letter, from John Dandridge**Unit ID** A-750.13**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5559**Unit Date** 1789 October 8**Text** 23 (box)**Container** 1789.10.08 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Has recorded deed of the land in Gloucester to Washington for the £800 offered.

Letter and enclosure, from Warner Lewis**Unit ID** A-301.123**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5560**Unit Date** 1789 October 26**Text** 23 (box)**Container** 1789.10.26 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Waited until recess of Congress to bother Washington with another letter--the Gloucester county land, is not worth £800--John Nicholson of Gloucester is interested in leasing the land on back creek [sic]--Nicholson has asked several questions about the land so passes them on to Washington.

Letter, from Warner Lewis**Unit ID** A-301.148**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5561**Unit Date** 1789 October 26**Text** 23 (box)**Container** 1789.10.26 (folder)**Language** English.**Letter, from unknown person****Unit ID** RM-115; MS-2323**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5562**Unit Date** 1789 October 27**Text** 23 (box)**Container** 1789.10.27 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Written at Wilmington, Middlesex County, Massachusetts. The letter expresses the author's laudatory and religious feelings about Washington. This letter was presumably once in the Washington papers.

Letter, from William Dawson**Unit ID** A-301.124**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5563**Unit Date** 1789 November 4**Text** 23 (box)**Container** 1789.11.04 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Seeks settlement for payment for his services as manager of Col. George Mercer's plantations in Frederick County--will accede to arbitration--puts queries to Washington on his management of the farms, the answers will be put as proof--claims Col. Ed. Snickers cast aspersions on his character--sends letter to Clerk of district court of Fredericksburg.

Letter, from Thomasin Gordon**Unit ID** A-301.125**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5564**Unit Date** 1789 November 18**Text** 23 (box)**Container** 1789.11.18 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

She is sick in strange city and begs food for self and fatherless child. Late husband (Col. John White's)

she is sick in strange city and begs food for self and fatherless child--late husband (Col. John White's) acct. can't be settled until Congress meets--Col. Alexander Hamilton knows her character and situation.

Keywords

Correspondence

Letter, from Thomasin Gordon

Unit ID A-301.126

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5565

Unit Date 1789 December

Text 23 (box)

Container 1789.12.00 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

She suffers in prison without heat or bed, with her child, Kitty White--deceased husband's (Col. John White's) daughter has had her imprisoned to give an account of his property which wouldn't pay his debts--she cannot give security until she can write to Georgia and explain the business.

Keywords

Correspondence

Letter, from Thomas Hartley

Unit ID A-750.14

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5566

Unit Date 1789 December 2

Text 23 (box)

Container 1789.12.02 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Glad he's returned safely from eastern tour--breeding mares extremely hard to come by--only the wealthy have them and they prize them highly--Adam Reigart is looking in Lancaster Cty, Mr. Baltzer Spangler searching in the county--will try to send mares to Mt. Vernon before Jan.--compliments to Mr. Lewis and rest of family.

Letter, from Fenwick Mason

Unit ID 2018-SC-029

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/13406

Unit Date 1789 December 5

Text 23 (box)

Container 1789.12.05 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Mason, Fenwick and Company

Extent 2 pages

Scope and Contents

Letter signed by Fenwick Mason and addressed to His Excellency George Washington Esq. President of the United States of America. It refers to various wines ordered by the President for entertaining, including "26 dozen claret and 12 dozen vins de grave."

Keywords

Correspondence

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Document, Bill of lading from Fenwick Mason & Co.

Unit ID A-516.13

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5567

Unit Date 1789 December 6

Text 23 (box)

Container 1789.12.06 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Bill of lading for "dix huit Caisses de Vin en bouteille"--shipped aboard the ship "Le Jean Jacques de St. Malo," captain Le Grand.

Letter, from Thomas Hartley

Unit ID A-301.127

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5568

Unit Date 1789 December 7

Text 23 (box)

Container 1789.12.07 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Encloses a copy of letter from Adam Reigart--sorry so many difficulties have been encountered in finding mares--Mr. Spangler's report not favorable either--has engaged another man--will remain at home 3 or 4 weeks--will write Mr. Miller, mentioned in Reigart's letter--Mrs. Reigart's death and daughter's illness.

Letter, from Bushrod Washington

Unit ID A-301.128

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5569

Unit Date 1789 December 27

Text 23 (box)

Container 1789.12.27 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Explains why his brother wrote Washington twice on same subject--he [brother] goes to Berkeley to try to discover documents to defend title to his land--Bushrod apologizes for not writing, but injured his hand badly--apologizes for applying for federal job [district attorney of Va.], had thought Supreme Court made nominations, not the president, and he realizes position Washington was put in--congratulations of the season.

Account, with George Cliland

Unit ID A-238.17

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5570

Unit Date 1790 January-June

Text 23 (box)

Container 1790.01.00 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Bill for shoeing horses and for bottles of ointment during period Jan. 11-June 15 1790.

Letter, from Warner Lewis**Unit ID** A-301.129**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5571**Unit Date** 1790 February 18**Text** 23 (box)**Container** 1790.02.18 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

At Mr. Nicholson's request, Warner sends a copy of a letter he wrote several months ago, supposing the first was lost in the mail.

Weekly Report, from George Augustine Washington**Unit ID** A-283.65**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5572**Unit Date** 1790 February 21-27**Text** 23 (box)**Container** 1790.02.21 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George Augustine, approximately 1759-1793**Scope and Contents**

Meteorological account--work done on each farm, giving division of labor--work days lost by sickness--stock on each farm--work of ditchers, coopers, and joiners and carpenters--amount of grain ground at mill. Includes putting up post and rail fence around the vineyard.

Keywords

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Farm management

Slavery

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Invoice, from LePrince**Unit ID** W-1310/A**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5573**Unit Date** 1790 March 4**Text** 23 (box)**Container** 1790.03.04 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Creator** Moustier, Eléonore-François-Elie, marquis de, 1751-1817**Scope and Contents**

A list of furniture, including sofas, mirrors, chairs, draperies, miscellaneous small furnishings, lamps, china (Sevres). Used in the New York house; total £665.14.6.

Keywords

Furniture

New York (N.Y.)

Washington, George, 1732-1799 -- Homes and haunts

Letter, from George Augustine Washington**Unit ID** A-301.130**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5574**Unit Date** 1790 March 5**Text** 23 (box)**Container** 1790.03.05 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

[John?] Fairfax wants higher wages than £25 per annum [as overseer]--will probably leave at end of year--difficulty in finding reliable overseers for the salary--thinks Mr. [James] Bloxham's wages (£40) too high--he's not any better than any overseer in the country--suspects him of embezzling funds from ferriages--Fairfax would like to have Bloxham's job at the high salary, but G.A.W. has discouraged him--but he's a good overseer--recommends removing James from carpentering house to act as an overseer--white overseers expensive--remove Davy to Dogue Run and Will to Muddy Hole--hasn't told the Farmer [Bloxham] yet of plans to oust him--G.A.W. goes to Berkeley for his health--wheat and tobacco crops--flour ground and the prices it will bring--new bolting cloth in place, will enable superfine flour to be made--Mr. Wilson to send his corn to the mill--prices in Alexandria high--will increase crops of pease, potatoes, carrots as Washington desires--Ehler appears industrious and able [German gardner]--"I have replaced in the Shrubberies the Dogwood Red Bud Sasafrass Laurel and Crabapples - the Ivy have almost entirely died under both walls - among the shrubs some of these shall be interspersed"--Muse's account with Washington--very cold weather endangers grain crops--barley has suffered much.

Keywords

Gray, Davy, 1743?-

Will, 1739?- (Muddy Hole Farm)

Receipt, from Richard Colles

Unit ID A-238.16

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5575

Unit Date 1790 March 8

Text 23 (box)

Container 1790.03.08 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

For colouring and bordering 2 rooms and mending one room £8.5.0.

Weekly Report, from George A. Washington

Unit ID A-283.69

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5576

Unit Date 1790 March 14-20

Text 23 (box)

Container 1790.03.14 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George Augustine, approximately 1759-1793

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Scope and Contents

Meteorological Account--work done on each farm, giving division of labor--work days lost by sickness--stock increase and decrease for each farm--work of ditchers, coopers, joiners and carpenters--amount of grains ground at mill. Includes "lathing and shingling the shed of the Barn Yard."

Keywords

Business records

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Farm management

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Letter, from George Augustine Washington**Unit ID** A-301.131**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5577**Unit Date** 1790 March 26**Text** 23 (box)**Container** 1790.03.26 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George Augustine, approximately 1759-1793**Scope and Contents**

Paid account to Porter & Ingraham, after satisfying himself they were valid--will no more let mares or jennets be taken away from Mt. Vernon before being paid for breeding with Jacks--rest of mares from Mr. Zantzinger have come--encloses his letters [see letters of March 9 & 14, P. Zantzinger to G.A.W.]--is making inquiries for person to take Fairfax's place as overseer--son of James DeNeil is no good in job at Dr. Stuart's--Mr. Gevins is good, but wants his own plantation when Fitzhugh lets him go--has had application from Anthony Whiting, an Englishman, who seems to know the whole business but wants 40 Guineas--gave Gen. Cadwallader as reference--has given Mr. Bloxham his notice and he wants to leave immediately--Davy doesn't want to go to Dogue Run as overseer--pleads his recent jaundiced condition as reason--Will not as good as Davy, but considers him for Muddy Hole--gives number of hogsheads of tobacco prized--Gardener [Ehler] laments no cabbage seed came with other seeds and buckwheat from Biddle--he's fond of flowers but promises to attend to more practical things--"The posts which stood against the Barn, at the Mansion house I had put within shortly after you left Home."--too wet to complete fencing at Deep Run--when Bishop Green went away, secured the house--they are living at place of Col. McCarty's where Mrs. Barnes formerly lived--dampness delays and hampers sowing--a severe sickness among horses and mules--fluctuating wheat prices--sold all on hand, gives prices taken.

Keywords

Correspondence

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Farm management

Enslaved persons

Gray, Davy, 1743?-

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Will, 1739?- (Muddy Hole Farm)

Letter, from Harriot Washington**Unit ID** A-301.132**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5578**Unit Date** 1790 April 2**Text** 23 (box)**Container** 1790.04.02 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Harriot**Scope and Contents**

Hasn't written him since he left because he's so busy--asks her uncle to please send her a guitar ["gettar"], as all the young ladies are learning music, and it is very simple to learn--a man named Tracy teaches the gettar and harpsichord lessons--hears he and aunt are coming home this summer.

Account with Joseph Corre**Unit ID** 2018-SC-041**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/14099**Unit Date** 1790 April 15-July 7**Text** 23 (box)**Container** 1790.04.15 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Corre, Joseph

Extent 1 pages

Scope and Contents

One page of accounts between the President's household in New York and local confectioner Joseph Corre. Includes purchases of macaroni, bitter almonds, caraway seed, and ice cream. On April 15, the President's household purchased "dinner drest," when John and Abigail Adams, John Jay, and Thomas Jefferson dined with him. "Dinner drest" was ordered again on April 29 when Washington dined with a group of senators.

Signed by Joseph Corre and docketed on verso.

Keywords

Financial records

Cooking -- Equipment and supplies

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Letter, from Lund Washington

Unit ID A-283.71

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5579

Unit Date 1790 April 28

Text 23 (box)

Container 1790.04.28 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Received his assent to agreement between Dr. Stuart and Alexander on Custis estate--glad it's to be compromised even if injurious to Custis estate--had Custis paid in legal currency, transaction would have been legal--high court of chancery may put price anywhere from £48,000 to £8,000--if the higher figure, would ruin the estate for the Custis children--Col. George Mason considers his appointment an insult, because he never approved of the govt.--but Mr. Hector Ross thinks Mason's acrimony against the Constitution is much abated--Mason dislikes "pomp & parade" in N.Y.--" ... swearing by G-d that if the President was not an uncommon Man we should soon have the Devil to pay. but hoped & indeed did not fear so long as it pleased God to keep him at the Head - but it would be out of the power of those Damnd monarchical fellows with the Vice president, & the Women to ruin the nation."--prices high in Alexandria and farmers making money--law passed moving court from Alexandria but another to be passed moving it back--Roger West thrown out of Assembly--Lund's eyes very bad--snowing hard now--wheat crops looking good--describes Washington's stand of wheat at field at Morris, Frenches and the Ferry--hopes to see Washington and Mrs. Washington in summer at Mt. Vernon--"No person has an idea but that you must remain at the head of the Government so long as you Live. Which I pray God may be with some degree of Comfort and satisfaction to yourself, for I have no doubt but your fatigue, trouble & vexation is very great."

Letter, from Betty Washington Lewis

Unit ID RM-493; MS-4070

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5598

Unit Date 1790 May 18

Text 24 (box)

Container 1790.05.18 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Report of the death of her son Lawrence's first wife (Susannah Edmundson) in child-birth. Settlement of Mary Ball Washington's estate. Asks about her son, Robert, who was serving as Washington's personal secretary.

Bill, from George Cliland

Unit ID W-778

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5599

Unit Date 1790 July 12-September 27

Text 24 (box)

Container 1790.07.12 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Blacksmith's bill for shoeing General Washington's horses and making a bolt for a [coach]--part itemized, part lumped together: "To shoeing & repairing shoes &c of 11 horses for 2 months ... "--included are "Two charges for shoeing a gray mare not entered ... being for T. Lear." Received by Cliland on September 27.

Document, Weekly Report, from George Augustine Washington

Unit ID A-301.133

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5600

Unit Date 1790 August 14

Text 24 (box)

Container 1790.08.14 (folder)

Container OUT (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George Augustine, approximately 1759-1793

Scope and Contents

Report of work done on each farm during the week, including report of amount of grain ground at mill, sickness among negroes, increase and decrease in cattle, work of ditchers. Autograph document, 4 pages, in hand of G. A. Washington, docketed by George Washington, "From Maj. Geo. A. Washington 20th Aug. 1790," docketed in another hand "Report Aug. 1790 Mt. Vernon," laminated, watermark (F. Hayes & crown over encircled heraldic device).

Keywords

Business records

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Farm management

Slavery

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Letter, from George Augustine Washington

Unit ID A-301.134

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5601

Unit Date 1790 August 20

Text 24 (box)

Container 1790.08.20 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George Augustine, approximately 1759-1793

Scope and Contents

Safe arrival of Will--expected him home at Mt. Vernon sooner--his great anxiety to do right in Washington's affairs--considering moving Anthony Whiting to place occupied by Fairfax when he goes--estimate of Whiting's capabilities and character--Garner [Wm. Gardener, overseer of the River Plantation?] is leaving too, wants higher wages--Mr. Gwin in Alexandria has recommended a young boy of respectable family to take Garner's place--he has had no experience--no family--George A. Washington disagrees with Washington's theory of having all married men--cheaper to have single one--work terms of new overseer--wheat and buckwheat--corn seed sent from New York good--corn crop--"... a piece of wood of the kind and dimensions you denoted shall be prepared ..."--very little ice left--Peter and Godfrey busy with small odd jobs--mares in pasture are mischievous and troublesome--terrible rain storm and winds delay work--corn broken down--weather warm until yesterday--very cool--red corn George Washington sent destroyed by insects, dying in the hill--pumpkin seed from Col. Platt's prizes he thinks will flourish.

Keywords

Correspondence

Farm management

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Enslaved persons

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Branham, Caroline, 1764?-1843
Charlotte, active 1782- (Seamstress)

Bill, from Childs & Swaine

Unit ID A-238.9

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5602

Unit Date 1790 September 2

Text 24 (box)

Container 1790.09.02 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

For a newspaper subscription--"To Sub to Daily Advn. from the 1st May 17[illegible] [to] this day is 1 Year & 4 months @48[illegible] To Advr [illegible] £4.[illegible]."

Document, Farm Report

Unit ID A.283.76

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/19592

Unit Date 1790 September 5-11

Text 24 (box)

Container 1790.09.05 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George Augustine, approximately 1759-1793

Scope and Contents

Meteorological account -- work done on each farm, giving division of labor -- work days lost by sickness - - stock increase and decrease -- work of ditchers, coopers, joiners and carpenters -- amount of grain ground at mill. Includes work on new barn and stables at Mansion House.

Keywords

Business records

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Farm management

Slavery

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Document, Farm Report

Unit ID A-283.79

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5603

Unit Date 1790 September 12-18

Text 24 (box)

Container 1790.09.12 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George Augustine, approximately 1759-1793

Scope and Contents

Meteorological account -- work done on each farm, giving division of labor -- work days lost by sickness - - stock increase and decrease -- work of ditchers, coopers, joiners and carpenters -- amount of grain ground at mill. Includes work on new barn and stables at Mansion House.

Keywords

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Farm management

Slavery

Business records

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Letter, from Betty Washington Lewis

Unit ID RM-703; MS-4756

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5604

Unit Date 1790 September 16

Text 24 (box)

Container 1790.09.16 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Washington's sister mentions his recent trip to Rhode Island, inquires about his health, and reports her health problems. She would like to visit Mount Vernon before the Washingtons return to Philadelphia; invites them to visit her. Mentions items left to Washington in their mother's will; the accounts of the estate will be settled soon.

Document, Farm Report

Unit ID A-283.89

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4682

Unit Date 1790 December 5-11

Text 24 (box)

Container 1790.12.05 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

In hand of George Augustine Washington and includes; Meteorological account--work done on each farm giving division of labor--work days lost by sickness--stock increase and decrease--work of ditchers and coopers, joiners and carpenters--amount of grain ground at mill. Mentions making stalls in the sheds of the new barn; also, putting up a post and rail fence to enclose cow-house.

Conservation

Conserved November/December 2005 by the Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts (Philadelphia, PA) - Surfaced cleaned, reduced discoloration and acidity, flattened, tears were mended and losses filled in with Japanese paper and wheat starch paste, and finally put together as a folio instead of folded into eight sections.

Letter, from George Augustine Washington

Unit ID A-301.135

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4697

Unit Date 1790 December 14

Text 24 (box)

Container 1790.12.14 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

George A. Washington writes about how he didn't write sooner because George Washington had just left Mt. Vernon -- will be more prompt with reports hereafter -- unable to complete the barn for the stock because of many other jobs for Carpenters & their illness -- some progress made on barn.

Keywords

Correspondence

Slavery

Charlotte, active 1782- (Seamstress)

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Branham, Caroline, 1764?-1843

Account, from David Clark

Unit ID A-238.11

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5606

Unit Date 1791-1793

Text 24 (box)

Container 1791.00.00 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Account with David Clark in Philadelphia for repairing the coach, harnesses, halters, and reins over a period of several years.

Receipt, from Charles Lee

Unit ID W-1310/A.59

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5607

Unit Date 1791 January 17

Text 24 (box)

Container 1791.01.17 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Receipt for £50 from George Washington by George [Augustine] Washington's hands--for his donation for year 1790 to school in the Alexandria Academy.

Receipt, from James Barnes

Unit ID W-1310/a

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5608

Unit Date 1791 February-April

Text 24 (box)

Container 1791.02.00 (folder)

Container OUT (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Receipted [April] 12 by John Barnes. Account for Feb. 21 and April 2 for Best Bourbon Coffee, amounting to £8.15.4.

Bond, from John Joseph De Barth

Unit ID R-180; MSS-752

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5609

Unit Date 1791 March 21

Text 24 (box)

Container 1791.03.21 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

A bond detailing a loan agreement between De Barth and Washington. Signed by Washington, De Barth, Peter Miller, and Tobias Lear.

Account, from William Burgess

Unit ID A-1310/A.63

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5610

Unit Date 1791 May 23-27

Text 24 (box)

Container 1791.03.23 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Received on [June 2] by H. Burgess. Account includes cotton, linens, gauze, etc., amounting to £6.19.1.

Letter, from Harriot Washington

Unit ID A-301.136

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5611

Unit Date 1791 October 24

Text 24 (box)

Container 1791.10.24 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, Harriot

Scope and Contents

Writes to know if Washington arrived safe in Philadelphia--weather has been miserable since he left--Mrs. Stuart here at Mount Vernon, waiting to go over the river--Mr. and Mrs. Lund Washington here yesterday--he is worse--veal lights, supposed to help his eyes, have made them worse.

Invoice, for services provided by James Craik

Unit ID RM-873; MS-5334

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4946

Unit Date 1791 November 14

Text 24 (box)

Container 1791.11.14 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Craik, James, 1730-1814

Scope and Contents

This document is an account of medical calls and treatments at Mount Vernon, mostly to slaves, from 8 March 1791 - 4 Nov. 1791. "Paid in full." Part of account, which should begin 17 March 1789, is missing.

Keywords

Invoices

Financial records

Medicine -- History -- 18th century

Enslaved persons -- Diseases

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Letter, from Harriot Washington

Unit ID A-301.137

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5613

Unit Date 1791 November 28

Text 24 (box)

Container 1791.11.28 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, Harriot

Scope and Contents

Harriot thanks her uncle, George Washington, for his letter with advice, and she will heed it--always grateful to him for his care and attention--Cousin [Fanny B. Washington ?] and Major are going down in country and she will stay with Cousin Lee--when Cousin returns Harriot will help her keep house--Mrs. Stuart still here.

Document, List of rentals from Robert Lewis**Unit ID** A-301.72**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5430**Unit Date** 1791 December 8**Text** 24 (box)**Container** 1791.12.08 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

This document consists of a listing of the various tenements in Berkeley, Frederick, Fauquier, and Loudon Counties, the location of them, the present tenants, length of lease, and whether tenants were paid up.

Document, List of rentals from Robert Lewis**Unit ID** A-283.88**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5614**Unit Date** 1791 December 25**Text** 24 (box)**Container** 1791.12.25 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Gives partial list of Washington's tenants in Fauquier County with detailed description of status of land they lease, plus amount collected for rent due Dec. 25, 1791.

Letter, from Bushrod Washington**Unit ID** A-301.138**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5615**Unit Date** 1792 February 1**Text** 24 (box)**Container** 1792.02.01 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Respecting trespass on Washington's property--Col. Little detected man loading his wagon with hoop poles and discovered many thousands cut--the trespasser is an overseer to Chas. Alexander--probably much trespass on Washington's lands far from eyes of those who care for his land--discusses legal action against them--"it requires the eyes of Argus to protect property in this neighborhood"--enclosure to Mrs. Powell [Elizabeth Willing Powel].

Letter, from Robert Lewis**Unit ID** A-301.139**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5616**Unit Date** 1792 February 7**Text** 24 (box)**Container** 1792.02.07 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Received letter and expresses thanks for appointment--noted contents of letter to Mr. Muse and received from him all the blank leases and ones already executed with precise accounting of the rents due--great difficulty in collecting rents in Fauquier and Loudon Counties, Virginia--few improvements made there--Berkeley tenants paid rents quickly and have made many improvements--"Most of those who hold Leases for lives have satisfied me that the lives are still in existence - Others again are uncertain, and say the lives are in Kentucky or Georgia - They have all agree'd to produce certificates of this truth from respectable authority."--Amount of rental exceeds what G.A. Washington led him to expect--10% will amply repay him for services--should finish rental rolls shortly--deep snow has prevented communication between Alexandria and this County--Mrs. Lewis has been ill--late fright caused "premature increase of our family".

Poem, from Elizabeth Powel**Unit ID** A-543.8**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5617**Unit Date** 1792 February 22**Text** 24 (box)**Container** 1792.02.22 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Powel, Elizabeth Willing, 1743-1830**Keywords**

Poems

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Letter, from Harriot Washington**Unit ID** A-301.140**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5618**Unit Date** 1792 May 28**Text** 24 (box)**Container** 1792.05.28 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Harriot**Scope and Contents**

Harriot hopes he arrived safely in Philadelphia--she desires a guitar ("guittar") preferably one with keys and strings both--"they are easier to learn to play on, and not so easy to be out of order, but if one with keys is dearer than without, I shall be much obliged to you for one with strings."--will be easy to learn to play--Mrs. Bushrod Washington has offered to teach her.

Bill, from Inskeep & Co.**Unit ID** A-371.2**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5619**Unit Date** 1792 May 29**Text** 24 (box)**Container** 1792.05.29 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

For the carriage of a trunk by stage to Philadelphia 12/.

Letter, from George Augustine Washington**Unit ID** A-301.141**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5620**Unit Date** 1792 July 7**Text** 24 (box)**Container** 1792.07.07 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Has decided to try the water at the springs and delay his return to Mt. Vernon a fortnight in struggle to regain his health, unless he hears something unfavorable from Mount Vernon--physician in the county doubts that he is consumptive--his head very disordered by rheumatic or nervous complaints--sends the letter by gentleman to Frederick Town [Winchester].

Letter, from John Lewis**Unit ID** A-301.142**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5621**Unit Date** 1792 July 24**Text** 24 (box)**Container** 1792.07.24 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Received his favor by Howell--deep apologies for not sending his share of money from Mr. Cowper--Lewis used it to extricate himself from difficulties brought about by a bond he signed, but has now the money to send George Washington--will give Howell the money and give account of sale of land--denies he meant to go to Kentucky without paying money.

Letter, from Betty Washington Lewis**Unit ID** A-301.143**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5622**Unit Date** 1792 September 25**Text** 25 (box)**Container** 1792.09.25 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Has been indisposed--will take Harriot Washington to live with her this winter if she comes well supplied with clothes--last time she was there, Harriot often couldn't appear in public because of a lack of clothes--she (Betty) cannot advance any to her because she is supporting 3 grandchildren and may have more--Fielding very distressed--"his children would go naked if it was not for the assistance I give him"--her family has been very sickly this fall--goes to visit daughter Betty Carter in Albemarle--change of air may help--will return in a few weeks.

Letter, from John Lewis**Unit ID** A-301.144**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5623**Unit Date** 1792 October 3**Text** 25 (box)**Container** 1792.10.03 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Sends copy of Mr. Cowper's account--payments not up to date--had expected to have Howell bring Washington full amount of money due him, but was disappointed in sum promised by Col. Fountain--will send it all within a few weeks--Howell brings £212.6.5 1/2--will substitute another bond for one of Dr. French's on which payment not received.

Elizabeth Willing Powel to George Washington**Unit ID** A-543.10**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5126**Unit Date** 1792 November 4**Text** 25 (box)**Container** 1792.11.04 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Powel, Elizabeth Willing, 1743-1830**Scope and Contents**

On the subject of George Washington's resignation and whether he really would be as happy in retirement as doing good for his country.

Keywords

Correspondence

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Letter, from George Clendenin

Unit ID RM-530; MS-4498

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5624

Unit Date 1792 November 11

Text 25 (box)

Container 1792.11.11 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Clendenin, George, 1746-1797

Scope and Contents

Clendenin introduces, to Washington, King Dequen, leader of the Kascashas, and expresses the chief's intent to prevail "upon the Chiefs of Many [Indian] Nations to Travel with him to you,... Hoping that we may all become the Same people. Firmly United to Each Others Interests."

Keywords

Correspondence

United States -- Politics and government -- 1789-1797

Native Americans

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Document, List of rentals from Robert Lewis

Unit ID A-301.5

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5625

Unit Date 1792 December 25

Text 25 (box)

Container 1792.12.25 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Rental for 1792 on lands in Berkeley, Frederick, Loudoun and Fauquier Counties,--lists tenants and amounts paid--arrearages for years 1791 & 1792--a note by Lewis explains "The above arrearages have been collected by the Sheriffs and no Executions returned. I have had them fined, and am to have a final settlement of accounts this week."

Document, Rental Accounts in hand of Robert Lewis

Unit ID A-468

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5431

Unit Date 1792 December 25

Text 25 (box)

Container 1792.12.25 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

This documents records the accounts of tenants in Berkley, Frederick, and Fauquier Counties.

Letter, from Robert Lewis

Unit ID A-301.145

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5626

Unit Date 1793 January 4

Text 25 (box)

Container 1793.01.04 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Will leave tomorrow to carry out Washington's instructions regarding purchasing Major Harrison's land in Fairfax County adjoining the mill tract--doesn't think the land is very valuable--thanks Washington for

horse.

Letter, from Robert Lewis

Unit ID A-301.146

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5627

Unit Date 1793 January 9

Text 25 (box)

Container 1793.01.09 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Major Harrison of Loudon now has decided not to sell land--seems an honest man--he will get rid of tenants, but must wait until next Fall--title is not clear and he refuses general warrantee--he wants 40 shillings per acre--wants to wait until Congress adjourns in the Spring and Washington comes to Virginia, for Harrison believes that Washington knows more about the title than he does.

Document, Farm Report

Unit ID A-283.96

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/11728

Unit Date 1793 January 6-12

Text 25 (box)

Container 1793.01.12 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Whitting, Anthony, -1793

Scope and Contents

Autograph document, in hand of Anthony Whitting, docketed by G.W., laminated, (not examined for watermark).Papers of George Washington - Reel#2. Meteorological account -- work done on each farm, giving division of labor -- work days lost by sickness -- stock increase and decrease -- work of ditchers and coopers -- amount of grain ground at mill. Also a list of the weights of River plantation hogs and remaining mill hogs. A-283.96 ; A-283.

Keywords

Business records

Farm management

Slavery

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Document, Gardener's Report

Unit ID a-283.90

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4688

Unit Date 1793 January 12

Text 25 (box)

Container 1793.01.12 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

A report of recent work done at Washington's Mount Vernon estate: Digging and planting, cuttings of weeping willow, cleaning and leveling nursery in vineyard, planting fruit trees and leveling gravel walk, gathering haws [red berries of hawthorn].

Keywords

Business records

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Gardening

Document, Spinning Report**Unit ID** A-283.91**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4936**Unit Date** 1793 January 12**Text** 25 (box)**Container** 1793.01.12 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

This document is a report of the recent work done at George Washington's Mount Vernon estate: Spinning, yarn and stocking yarn, making shirts, stockings. Work done by 10 women, all named.

Keywords

Business records

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Spinning

Enslaved persons

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Document, Carpenter's Report**Unit ID** A-283.90**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5629**Unit Date** 1793 January 13**Text** 25 (box)**Container** 1793.01.13 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Report on recent work done at George Washington's Mount Vernon estate: Framing and raising corn house, drawing shingles, making brackets, putting axle tree to carts, mending flax brake and hemp brake -- jointing shingles, making pins, painting, etc. Fragment, docketed by George Washington. A note at end of report, "I will answer your letter by my nex Report."

Keywords

Business records

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Carpentry

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Letter, from Anthony Whitting**Unit ID** A-301.147**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4696**Unit Date** 1793 January 16**Text** 25 (box)**Container** 1793.01.16 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Whitting, Anthony, -1793**Scope and Contents**

Washington's farm manager reports the bad conduct of Thos. Green, carpenter -- will not use delegated authority concerning Green, because realizes he is necessary -- good men are hard to come by -- suggests an addition of carpenters, or estate will be a long time in improving -- mentions all the buildings that need to be built or repaired -- wishes farms to look neat -- will put up fences and gates -- suggests moving post and rail fence at Dogue Run to make meadow correspond to fields -- new corn house going up at River farm -- will move Rich's house to Muddy Hole, for David's house likely to be blown down by high wind -- engaged planks and scantling for [Dogue Run] barn from Mr. Kenzie -- Green keeps sawyers about the corn house -- poor Maj. Washington cannot recover, but he doesn't consider himself fatally ill -- G.A. Washington desires him to continue building on his house -- has treated Whitting like a brother -- will keep carpenters on G.A. Washington's house until they run out of work and he will order no more scantling -- has planted hedges of honey locust, French furz, and cedar berries, but sheep eat them --

need nettle fences on each side of hedge to enable it to grow -- hedges must be given much care to grow -- advises English thorn imported for live fences and estimates cost -- Lombardy and weeping willow cuttings planted about the Mansion house fences -- River plantation will be hard to fence -- Mr. Stuart advises water fences there -- a batteau is needed for this -- should it be built in Alexandria or by one of carpenters? -- Mr. Butler and he can carry on the hedging and fencing, including the night work -- grubbing proceeds to line of locust trees below Vineyard -- will make it a year of fencing -- little wool to spin -- spinning sewing thread and candlewick of tow -- Caroline unwell -- bled her -- trouble with Charlotte -- whipped and refuses to work -- claims she hasn't been whipped for 14 years -- will try to make seine twine -- deer destroying trees at mansion house, especially mulberry -- ice house not filled -- Dr. Stuart and young man managing Custis estates take plough to White House to use as pattern -- Mr. Ring present manager -- shorts from mill can be ground over as ship stuff or fed to cattle -- high price of flour in Alexandria.

Keywords

Correspondence

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Farm management

Enslaved persons

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Charlotte, active 1782- (Seamstress)

Branham, Caroline, 1764?-1843

Letter, from Betty Washington Lewis

Unit ID RM-545; MS-4192

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5630

Unit Date 1793 January 29

Text 25 (box)

Container 1793.01.29 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Concerning her sons Robert and Howell who were with the President in Philadelphia, and her niece, Harriot, who was living with her in Fredericksburg. Also inquires about the price of wheat.

Document, Farm Report

Unit ID A-301.12

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3221

Unit Date 1793 February 10-16

Text 37 (box)

Container 1793.02.10 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Whitting, Anthony, -1793

Scope and Contents

Meteorological account of weather at Mount Vernon -- work done on each farm, giving division of labor -- work days lost by sickness -- stock increase and decrease -- work of ditchers, and coopers -- amount of grain ground at mill -- Also, "clearing the second Vista." -- At end in hand of George Washington is an itemized account of sheep and lambs at each farm. Autograph document, in hand of Anthony Whitting, laminated, 4 pages, docketed by George Washington, watermark.

Keywords

Business records

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Farm management

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Document, Gardener's Report**Unit ID** A-283.94**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3222**Unit Date** 1793 February 16**Text** 25 (box)**Container** 1793.02.16 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Report of recent work done at Mount Vernon by 4 men in the gardens: Wheeling gravel and dung into the garden; cutting wood lost by snow; dressing hemp.

Keywords

Business records

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Farm management

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Document, Spinning Report**Unit ID** A-283.95**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5631**Unit Date** 1793 February 16**Text** 25 (box)**Container** 1793.02.16 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Report of work recently accomplished at Mount Vernon by 8 named women: Spinning hemp, stocking yarn and shoe thread; making shirts, sheets and shift, knitting stockings. Fragment, docketed by George Washington.

Keywords

Business records

Spinning

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Document, Spinning Report**Unit ID** A-283.95**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4691**Unit Date** 1793 February 16**Text** 25 (box)**Container** 1793.02.16 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Report of work recently accomplished at Mount Vernon by 8 named women: Spinning hemp, stocking yarn and shoe thread; making shirts, sheets and shift, knitting stockings.

Keywords

Business records

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Spinning

Enslaved persons

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Document, Carpenter's Report**Unit ID** A-283.93**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4686**Unit Date** 1793 February 17**Text** 25 (box)**Container** 1793.02.17 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Green, Thomas (Carpenter)**Scope and Contents**

Report of recent carpentry work done at Mount Vernon: Getting new logs & gutter piece & shingles for roof & chimney of overseers house at Muddy Hole -- "straching" the well rope & fixing it to well -- preparing plow -- "to drawing the brick kill at dogue Runn" -- mending shoes -- drawing and jointing shingles -- "to trying up stuff for Bench plains."

Keywords

Business records

Carpentry

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Slavery

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Letter, from Anthony Whitting**Unit ID** A-301.188**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5633**Unit Date** 1793 February 20**Text** 25 (box)**Container** 1793.02.20 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Whitting, Anthony, -1793**Scope and Contents**

Drenching rains, fields flooded, mill race broke again, roads almost impassable--Tayler little to be confided in, has kept horse since the Major is away--mill has plenty of wheat--will try to straighten fence from Manley Bridge to the Mill--snows gone, wheat not damaged, but freezing would cause covering of ice--fences and gates can't go in such wet ground--too wet to paint buildings--mixing paints--will let Green have corn--asks whether to continue work on Major Washington's building--Burwell Bassett says Mrs. Fanny Washington will not go to housekeeping--two ships just passed, will probably take flour from Alexandria--Charles' toe may have to be taken off--has called for Dr. Craik--Caroline made a shift for Sarah Flatfoot--2 sheets cut from Oznaburgh linen for there is no change of them while washing.

Keywords

Correspondence

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Farm management

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Branham, Caroline, 1764?-1843

Letter, from Bushrod Washington**Unit ID** A-301.231**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5634**Unit Date** 1793 March 1**Text** 25 (box)**Container** 1793.03.01 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Just returned from Westmoreland--denies neglect of Washington's business--would have written had there been further developments in the case--Mr. Lee informed Mr. Hooe of judgement, but no injunction has been applied for--concludes with greetings from Nancy.

Document, Farm Report**Unit ID** A-283.97**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3944**Unit Date** 1793 March 17-23**Text** 25 (box)**Container** 1793.03.23 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Whitting, Anthony, -1793**Scope and Contents**

In hand of Anthony Whitting, docketed by George Washington including; Report on recent work done at Mount Vernon's several farms: Work done on each farm, giving division of labor -- work days lost by sickness -- stock increase and decrease -- work of ditchers and coopers -- amount of grain ground at mill.

Keywords

Business records

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Farm management

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Document, Carpenter's Report**Unit ID** A-283.98**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4681**Unit Date** 1793 March 23**Text** 25 (box)**Container** 1793.03.23 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Green, Thomas (Carpenter)**Scope and Contents**

Report on recent work done at Mount Vernon by 9 men and 3 boys: Hanging a gate, repairing fishing boat, dressing timber, giving sizes and amounts of timber -- sawing timber, hauling timber, digging brick earth and making brick yard -- painting -- making a batto [batteaux] for fishing.

Keywords

Business records

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Carpentry

Slavery

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Document, Gardener's Report**Unit ID** A-283.99**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4693**Unit Date** 1793 March 23**Text** 25 (box)**Container** 1793.03.23 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

This report is on recent work done at Mount Vernon by 4 men: Planting evergreen, cleaning, digging, sowing and planting.

Keywords

Business records

Gardening

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Document, Spinning Report**Unit ID** A-283.100**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4694**Unit Date** 1793 March 23**Text** 25 (box)**Container** 1793.03.23 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Report of recent work done at George Washington's Mount Vernon estate by 8 women: Spinning tow, "sown shoe maker Thread," stocking yarn, winding twine for seine maker, a shift & knitting stockings, "making 13 bax" [bags?].

Keywords

Spinning

Business records

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Enslaved persons

Letter, from Frances Bassett Washington**Unit ID** A-516**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5639**Unit Date** 1793 March 28**Text** 25 (box)**Container** 1793.03.28 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Letters were delayed--will meet them at Mt. Vernon early next month--estate in good condition--outstanding debts small--property in Berkeley under ignorant overseer and may have suffered--he hasn't sold the crops there yet--overseer on Fairfax property taking liberties--he has a boat and seine for fishing--Dr. Craik's account discharged by corn and wheat Taylor had for sale--desires to live in Alexandria to enable her children to get better education, but looks to Mr. and Mrs. Washington for the guidance to do this or accept their offer to remain at Mt. Vernon--will continue Mt. Vernon chariot in her service, at their suggestion--"My dear little Fayette shall be given up to your kind patronage whenever you think proper ..."--sorry to hear of poor Mr. Anthony Whitting's sickness--will leave April 1 for Mt. Vernon--requests permission to leave Harriot Washington with Mrs. Betty Lewis while she takes a trip to Berkeley--brothers are busy so she will be accompanied to Mt. Vernon by Mr. Joe Foster.

Letter, from Betty Washington Lewis**Unit ID** A-415**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5640**Unit Date** 1793 April 8**Text** 25 (box)**Container** 1793.04.08 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Letter with advertisement came late but will go in next week's paper--intended to write by Cousin Washington [Fanny Bassett] but her stay was short--Harriot needs hat, gloves, and shoes--keeps exact account of everything bought and will send it to Washington--money sent from Philadelphia bought Harriot a dress for the Birthnight, "it must of appeared particular had I refused to let her go, and her having nothing fit for that Purpose ..."--requests a ticket to the Washington lottery.

Letter, from Warner Washington, Jr.**Unit ID** A-301.181**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5781**Unit Date** 1793 May 31**Text** 26 (box)**Container** 1793.05.31 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Hasn't heard from home in 5 months, and has contracted many debts--a Quaker has threatened to prosecute--is a student of medicine under Dr. Rush--has no dependence on anyone--asks for \$300 until his father sends him money from Virginia--although he is unknown to George Washington, he believes Washington knew his grandfather (Washington's first cousin, Warner)--asks him not to make known his request.

Letter, from Warner Washington, Jr.**Unit ID** A-301.182**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5782**Unit Date** 1793 June 4**Text** 26 (box)**Container** 1793.06.04 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Thanks Washington for his offer to write his father--his father's allowance to him is adequate, but has had no remittance for 5 months--he isn't extravagant--encloses letter from man to whom he owes 5 months board.

Letter, from Robert Lewis**Unit ID** A-301.249**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5783**Unit Date** 1793 July 17**Text** 26 (box)**Container** 1793.07.17 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Sickness prevented his visiting Washington's lands on the Potomac and lots at Winchester and Bath--must stay to make harvest now--will inspect lands after sowing corn and wheat--Major Harrison has decided not to sell his lands--he thinks prices will rise--encloses draft on Philadelphia man given for rent by a tenant of Washington's--asks for letter giving information on lots in Winchester.

Document, Gardener's Report**Unit ID** A-283.104**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5784**Unit Date** 1793 August 10**Text** 26 (box)**Container** 1793.08.10 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Report of recent work done in the gardens at the Mount Vernon estate by 4 men "Klening" in the yard, gardens and "winne Yart".

Keywords

Business records

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Farm management

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Document, Weekly Report**Unit ID** A-283.101**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4684**Unit Date** 1793 August 4-10**Text** 26 (box)**Container** 1793.08.04 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Lewis, Howell, 1771-1822**Scope and Contents**

This Farm Report (work done on Mount Vernon farms during the week Aug. 4-10) includes: Meteorological account -- work done on each farm, giving division of labor -- work days lost by sickness - - stock increase and decrease -- work of ditchers and coopers -- amount of grain ground at mill.

Keywords

Business records

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Farm management

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Document, Spinning Report**Unit ID** A-283.102**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4690**Unit Date** 1793 August 10**Text** 26 (box)**Container** 1793.08.10 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Report of recent work done at Mount Vernon by 10 named women spinning yarn and stocking yarn, washing, sewing breeches, knitting stockings.

Keywords

Business records

Spinning

Enslaved persons

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Document, Carpenter's Report**Unit ID** A-283.105**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5786**Unit Date** 1793 August 11**Text** 26 (box)**Container** 1793.08.11 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Green, Thomas (Carpenter)**Scope and Contents**

Recent work at Mount Vernon by 9 men and 3 boys: Putting up bedstead and furniture for it, mending blinds in parlor and mending locks--mending "Dutch fan"--felling and flattening stocks--building walls at Dogue Run--"Plastering weightwashing & painting at ye Mansion House"--mending equipment.

Keywords

Business records

Carpentry

Slavery

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Letter, from Howell Lewis**Unit ID** A-301.248**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5787**Unit Date** 1793 August 14**Text** 26 (box)**Container** 1793.08.14 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Received letter and bank note--recent rain great service to crops--wheat being sown--oxen and horses sick, cause shortage of plows--machine for gathering heads of clover for seed has been found--hay--planting grass-- sent Washington all pamphlets by Capt. Elwood found in his study.

Letter, from Harriot Washington**Unit ID** A-301.208**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5788**Unit Date** 1793 September 10**Text** 26 (box)**Container** 1793.09.10 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Harriot**Scope and Contents**

Thanks Washington for money he sent her--will buy nothing unnecessary--"Aunt Lewis has a very large family at present and a great deal of company, which makes my cloaths ware out much faster than if I was in the country where any thing would do to ware ..."--Aunt Betty Lewis sent letters to Bob Lewis--Cousin Lawrence [Lewis?] left to go to Bath.

Document, shipping bill for harpsichord**Unit ID** RM-1175; MS-5911**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5789**Unit Date** 1793 September 30**Text** 26 (box)**Container** 1793.09.30 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

A stock printed shipping bill on which is recorded in manuscript the arrival from London on board the ship George Barclay, John Collet master, one case containing a harpsichord to be delivered to His Excellency General George Washington, President of the United States. The document is signed at the bottom by Bartholomew Dandridge, Jr., one of Washington's nephews and secretaries. Washington bought the instrument for his wife's granddaughter Nelly (Eleanor Parke Custis) who played it at their residence in the capital city and then later at Mount Vernon.

Letter, from Jonathan Trumbull, Jr.**Unit ID** A-366**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5790**Unit Date** 1793 October 2**Text** 37 (box)**Container** 1793.10.02 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Urges Washington to pick another city for session of Congress other than Philadelphia, where a fatal sickness rages [yellow fever]--suggests tentatively Baltimore or New York, especially the latter.

Letter, from Elizabeth Washington**Unit ID** A-283**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5791**Unit Date** 1793 October 26**Text** 26 (box)**Container** 1796.10.23 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Dr. Stuart's visit so short, she fears he may not have examined her husband [Lund Washington] well enough -- Lund doesn't want to go to Philadelphia for examination and treatment of cancer, for his eyesight is bad, and medicine affects nerves so he needs complete rest -- he is extremely ill.

Letter, from Jonathan Trumbull, Jr.**Unit ID** A-366**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5792**Unit Date** 1793 October 31**Text** 26 (box)**Container** 1793.10.31 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Assures Washington he has power to call legislative assembly in another city and at another time-- quotes laws and Constitution--fears and jealousies in various quarters over a new meeting place--hears accounts that conditions are improving in Philadelphia now from yellow fever epidemic.

Letter, from Hannah Fairfax Washington**Unit ID** A-381**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/27412**Unit Date** 1793 November 2**Text** 26 (box)**Container** 1793.11.02 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Hannah Fairfax, 1742-1804**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

A.L.S. 2 pages. Deals with legacy left her by brother George William Fairfax (d. 1787) -- declines to pay any debts against Mrs. Mildred Washington Bushrod's (d. 1785) estate -- her husband (Warner Washington, 1722-1790) was not a legatee -- her children were, but they are married. Autograph letter signed, incomplete watermark. Name on original manuscript appears as "H. Washington."

Keywords

Correspondence

Letter, from Harriot Washington**Unit ID** A-301.209**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5793**Unit Date** 1793 November 16**Text** 26 (box)**Container** 1793.11.16 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Harriot**Scope and Contents**

Thanks her uncle for the money he sent--she goes to stay with cousin Betty Lewis Carter who has recently lost a child--Mrs. Lewis will come to get her if Mrs. Washington stays at Mt. Vernon this winter and wants her to come there.

Letter, from Frances Bassett Washington**Unit ID** A-301.180**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5794**Unit Date** 1793 November 22**Text** 26 (box)**Container** 1793.11.22 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Mrs. Martha Washington is awaiting President's word to join him in Philadelphia--very apologetic for troubling him, but wonders can another story be added to the house in Alexandria which George Washington has so kindly put at her disposal?

Letter, from Elizabeth Washington**Unit ID** A-283**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5795**Unit Date** 1793 December 23**Text** 26 (box)**Container** 1793.12.23 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Expresses gratitude of herself and her husband Mr. Lund Washington for George Washington's part in getting Dr. Gates' opinion -- Gates hasn't arrived in Virginia yet -- Lund's condition growing worse all the time -- can only see light.

Document, Account of rentals from Robert Lewis**Unit ID** A-301.267**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5796**Unit Date** 1794**Text** 26 (box)**Container** 1794.00.00 (folder)**Language** English.**Letter, from Harriot Washington****Unit ID** A-301.210**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5797**Unit Date** 1794 January**Text** 26 (box)**Container** 1794.01.00 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Harriot**Scope and Contents**

Has been in Culpeper all winter with Cousin Betty Lewis Carter--desires enough money for silk jacket and pair of shoes to wear to Birth Night Ball.

Letter, from Robert Lewis**Unit ID** A-301.250**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5798**Unit Date** 1794 February 5**Text** 26 (box)**Container** 1794.02.05 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Enclosed is deed to be reacknowledged in presence of Mr. Rutherford as the previous copy is now out of

Enclosed is due to be re-acknowledged in presence of Mr. Nathaniel, as the previous copy is now out of date due to the negligence of Dr. Stuart and Col. Ball--just returned from Berkeley County, seeing Washington's tenants and is on his way to Fauquier whence he will write more fully..

Letter, from Harriot Washington

Unit ID A-301.211

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5799

Unit Date 1794 February 9

Text 26 (box)

Container 1794.02.09 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, Harriot

Scope and Contents

Sends her thanks for the bundle containing such pretty things [probably silk jacket and shoes requested by Harriot in letter of 7 January 1794]--Cousin Bob [Robert] Lewis has lost his little boy [William Burnett Lewis, who had died at the end of November 1793].

Letter, from Betty Lewis

Unit ID A-301.166

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5800

Unit Date 1794 February 9

Text 26 (box)

Container 1794.02.09 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Lewis, Betty Washington, 1733-1797

Scope and Contents

Betty writes that Harriot is very pleased with items Washington sent to her from Philadelphia--she is very deserving and takes care of her things--two valuable Negro hands have run away, probably to Philadelphia to be free, and Betty asks her brother's advice in the matter--her next year's crops will be negligible unless they can be returned. Autograph letter signed, 1 page.

Keywords

Fugitive slaves -- Virginia

Correspondence

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Letter, from Bushrod Washington

Unit ID A-301.232

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5801

Unit Date 1794 February 13

Text 26 (box)

Container 1794.02.13 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

With apologies for taking up his valuable time, Bushrod sends the draft of an answer on a question having to do with the estate of Mr. George William Fairfax. Bushrod is doing well in law practice in Richmond.

Letter, from Harriot Washington

Unit ID A-301.212

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5802

Unit Date 1794 March 5

Text 26 (box)

Container 1794.03.05 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, Harriot

Scope and Contents

Desires linen and dimity to make petticoats and great coat-- her great coat is so small she can't get it on.

Letter, from Harriot Washington

Unit ID A-301.214

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5803

Unit Date 1794 March 24

Text 26 (box)

Container 1794.03.24 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, Harriot

Scope and Contents

Sends her gratitude for package--wishes for money to make great coat, and for tape and thread for linen--would make coat herself but no tailor will cut it out unless he makes it too--Harriot had borrowed 24 shillings from Aunt Betty Lewis, and asks for Washington's help to repay her.

Letter, from Betty Lewis

Unit ID A-301.169

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5804

Unit Date 1794 April 13

Text 26 (box)

Container 1793.04.03 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Has had a bad attack of ague and fever, but is now recovered--thanks Washington for present of a mule--heard news of some dying of yellow fever in Philadelphia again this spring--Harriot received money he had sent her.

Letter, from Bushrod Washington

Unit ID A-301.233

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5805

Unit Date 1794 April 22

Text 26 (box)

Container 1794.04.22 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Bushrod has word of an injunction against Washington in High Court of Chancery--his answer is needed quickly as the Court sits on 12 May--Bushrod will draw it up and send it to Washington to be sworn to. The injunction deals with suit by Henshaw, arising out of settlement of George Mercer's estate in Virginia.

Letter, from Bushrod Washington

Unit ID A-301.234

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5806

Unit Date 1794 April 27

Text 26 (box)

Container 1794.04.27 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Introduces Mr. Maund to Washington as carrier of this letter--Bushrod gently reminds the president of his recent letter (22 April) requesting an answer about the suit against him by Henshaw, dealing with estate of George Mercer.

Letter, from Robert Lewis**Unit ID** A-301.251**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5866**Unit Date** 1794 May 7**Text** 27 (box)**Container** 1794.05.07 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Couldn't write to Washington before with information on his rents, tenants, etc. until High Sheriff of the county handed over rental money--they are enclosed herewith--breeding horses and mules--mentions Washington's lots in Winchester and Bath, and suggests exchange of one of Washington's lots on Potomac for one held by a tenant on the Bullskin in Berkeley--should buy out life leases there from tenant John Dimmett--Lewis fears he might lose land Washington gave him in Stafford because of no clear title.

Letter, from Harriot Washington**Unit ID** A-301.213**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5867**Unit Date** 1794 May 7-1794 May 25**Text** 27 (box)**Container** 1794.05.25 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Harriot**Scope and Contents**

Washington's letter to Robert Lewis will be carried to him by Cousin [Betty?] Carter who travels to Fauquier--Harriot requests money for summer dresses, or as goods are cheaper in Philadelphia, she would be happy if he would buy them there for her--wants him to know that she does mend her clothing and wear it as long as possible.

Letter, from Harriot Washington**Unit ID** A-301.215**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5868**Unit Date** 1794 June 27**Text** 27 (box)**Container** 1794.06.27 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Harriot**Scope and Contents**

Again requests some summer dresses--requests permission to go to Philadelphia to visit brother George Steptoe Washington--Aunt Betty Lewis has ague and fever--she and family go to Berkeley soon--wheat crop is bad in Fredericksburg.

Letter, from Lawrence Augustine Washington**Unit ID** A-301.179**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5869**Unit Date** 1794 July 7**Text** 27 (box)**Container** 1794.07.07 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Requests Washington's permission to leave Philadelphia and study law in Berkeley--his actions there are always put under worst possible construction--is in debt now and knows Washington will advance him no more money--says his brother will send money to pay his debts and travel to Berkeley--expresses deep gratitude to Washington.

Letter, from Harriot Washington**Unit ID** A-301.216**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5870**Unit Date** 1794 July 10**Text** 27 (box)**Container** 1794.07.10 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Harriot**Scope and Contents**

She thanks Washington for money he sent her to buy summer dresses--and reports that all there are sorry to hear of Washington's accident on his way to Mt. Vernon--she hope he's recovered--Aunt Betty Lewis's family has been ill all summer.

Letter, from Robert Lewis**Unit ID** A-301.252**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5871**Unit Date** 1794 August 19**Text** 27 (box)**Container** 1794.08.19 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Answers questions Washington raised in letters of 18 May and 18 July respecting his lands to be leased or sold--land on Potomac put up for rent--procured tenant for houses in Bath--rental of lot in Winchester--trouble in buying out leases of tenants in Berkeley--land on Difficult Run--Mr. Muse allowed transfers of leases--money for rents--use of rents to buy out leases of tenants.

Letter, from Frances Bassett Washington**Unit ID** A-301.177**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5872**Unit Date** 1794 September 17**Text** 27 (box)**Container** 1794.09.17 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Happy to hear Washington is well and cancerous growth on his face is much improved--weather promises very good corn crop--she asks his permission to set her overseer and carpenters to build a corn house--not satisfied with school her children are in as it is too crowded--her son Fayette has been ill.

Letter, from Lewis Nicolas**Unit ID** RM-683; MS-4639**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5873**Unit Date** 1794 September 23**Text** 27 (box)**Container** 1794.09.23 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Nicolas, Lewis**Scope and Contents**

Lewis writes: "Casually going into a painter's shop yesterday I there saw some Tent Poles which I was told were for your" use. Since the usual complaint with these tents is that "the standards in the middle [are] of a great inconvenience," Nicola has submitted a sketch [included] of his own for Washington's consideration.

Keywords

Correspondence

Drawings (visual works)

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Letter, from Harriot Washington

Unit ID A-301.217

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5874

Unit Date 1794 October 12

Text 27 (box)

Container 1794.10.12 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, Harriot

Scope and Contents

Writes by Mr. Madison [James ?]--left for Berkeley before receiving answer from Washington because of early conveyance there--has heard Aunt Lewis is ill, but can't go back until Brother George is well enough to take her--very much impressed with new sister [Geo. Steptoe Washington married Lucy Payne, sister of Dolly Payne Madison]--dined with Uncle Charles recently and he is in much better health--refused Mr. and Mrs. [James] Madison's invitation to Philadelphia for fear of angering her dear uncle--thinks Mrs. Madison a charming woman.

Letter, from Harriot Washington

Unit ID A-301.218

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5875

Unit Date 1795 January 4

Text 27 (box)

Container 1795.01.04 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, Harriot

Scope and Contents

Begs Washington for money to buy a stuff skirt and a couple of dark calicoes--she left Berkeley a week ago--Aunt Betty Lewis has been very ill but it recovering.

Letter, from Robert Lewis

Unit ID A-301.253

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5876

Unit Date 1795 January 17

Text 27 (box)

Container 1795.01.17 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Lewis writes that the Berkeley and Frederick rents were easily collected because the lands there are productive--those in Fauquier County are hard to collect--deputy sheriffs won't turn over money that is collected--to Mrs. Haney, "a very genteel old lady" and cousin of Washington's (probably daughter of his mother's half sister Elizabeth Johnson), he has extended money on several occasions according to Washington's direction--has settled her and her teenage daughter on a tenement of his own, because those of Washington that were vacant will bring at least £30 each--it may be expensive to buy up life leases on tenements, but Lewis would recommend Washington do so because the money will be reimbursed by higher rent in 4 or 5 years.

Bond, from Hamilton Cooper

Unit ID RM-115; MS2316

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5877

Unit Date 1795 January 25

Text 27 (box)

Container 1795.01.25 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

1 page each for the two copies which are slightly different. This bond is for rent and signed by Cooper and Robert Lewis, Washington's nephew and secretary.

Letter, from George Lewis

Unit ID A-301.191

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5878

Unit Date 1795 February 6

Text 27 (box)

Container 1795.02.06 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Received Washington's letter with 2 plats of land--he knows little of Washington's land in Kentucky on Rough Creek or of settlement there, but supposes there is some, as he believes Washington's land is near the small town of Hartford, some 18 miles from Vienna--Lewis goes to Kentucky again in April to view his own lands on Green River and will view Washington's at same time--his mother and Harriot send greetings.

Letter, from Harriot Washington

Unit ID A-301.219

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5879

Unit Date 1795 February 17

Text 27 (box)

Container 1795.02.17 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, Harriot

Scope and Contents

She received the money Washington sent--would have sent her thanks before, but was in Culpeper and kept there long by bad weather--Aunt Betty Lewis too busy to write by this post.

Letter, from Harriot Washington

Unit ID RM-378; MS-2459

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5880

Unit Date 1795 April 24

Text 27 (box)

Container 1795.04.24 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, Harriot

Scope and Contents

Harriott addresses her "Honored" uncle with great humility and asks for a pair of stays, a hat "and a few other articles."

Letter, from George Cabot

Unit ID A-750

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5881

Unit Date 1795 May 9

Text 27 (box)

Container 1795.05.95 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Cabot has heard from Judge Phillips--and is happy to report that the young Lees and Brents mentioned in Washington's letters will probably attend academy at Andover, or else at Exeter.

Letter, from George Lewis**Unit ID** A-301.192**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5882**Unit Date** 1795 July 18**Text** 27 (box)**Container** 1795.07.18 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Lewis has just returned from Kentucky--he was unable to see either his own land or Washington's, despite his efforts--he did meet Gen. Spotswood who said he has bought the identical land from Gen. Harry Lee for 4 shillings per acre--Lewis believes it is worth at least twice that--the land has good settlement and a good iron bank on it--he cannot understand what Lee meant by selling it again--300 acres of Andrew Woodrow's should be purchased to improve value of Washington's land--he will purchase it if Washington agrees.

Letter, from William Augustine Washington**Unit ID** A-366**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5883**Unit Date** 1795 August 9**Text** 27 (box)**Container** 1795.08.08 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Introduces [John Neale] whom he recommends to overlook the carpenters at Mt. Vernon--he made no definite agreement with him--encloses the agreement that Washington drew up for "former person"--he will accept £40--is married with children, which William Washington sees as an advantage because married men stick to their business better than single men.

Draft and letter, from Robert Lewis**Unit ID** A-301.254**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5884**Unit Date** 1795 September 1**Text** 27 (box)**Container** 1795.09.01 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Letter and draft of his letter of the same date to Washington but with different closing paragraph. Lewis has purchased no leases because of high prices--he encloses rent roll for past year and has deposited £475.10.2 with his aunt--all above amount of rents to go to his account for 1793 rents sent to Philadelphia--finally got judgment for rents held by sheriff and hopes to pay Washington all arrearages owed--discusses lots in Berkeley--will eject several tenants next year from Frederick and make new leases with industrious farmers--apologizes for not staying at Mount Vernon until Washington arrives, but must see to planting wheat.

Document, account of rentals from Robert Lewis**Unit ID** A-301**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5885**Unit Date** 1795 December 25**Text** 27 (box)**Container** 1795.12.25 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Account of land rents collected by Lewis for year 1795 on lands in Berkeley, Frederick, and Fauquier County, Virginia on behalf of George Washington. Shows description of land and remarks on land rented by William Collins, Henry Shover, and ___ McIntosh--amounts to £354.5.0.

Letter, from James Maury**Unit ID** A-366**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5886**Unit Date** 1795 December 26**Text** 27 (box)**Container** 1795.12.26 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Difficulty getting peas and vetches--has applied to Lords of Privy Council to permit officers of customs to admit it to entry to forestall another confiscation of American goods--sends along Chicorium Intybus [Intibus, or succory] and bill of lading--Captain Tuttel promises special care to this shipment.

Letter, from Bartholomew Dandridge**Unit ID** RM-460: MS-3562**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5814**Unit Date** 1796 January 2**Text** 28 (box)**Container** 1796.01.02 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Dandridge, employed at the time as personal secretary to the President, declares his intention to leave the official household and begin a commercial career in rural Virginia, having found city life in Philadelphia intolerable.

Letter, from Harriot Washington**Unit ID** A-301.221**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5815**Unit Date** 1796 February 8**Text** 28 (box)**Container** 1796.02.08 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Harriot**Scope and Contents**

Harriot apologizes for asking for more money to buy hat and articles for Birth night so soon after having received "liberal presents"--she has been very ill, enough so to require a physician--Aunt Betty Lewis ill with ague and fever.

Letter, from Robert Lewis**Unit ID** A-301.255**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5816**Unit Date** 1796 February 17**Text** 28 (box)**Container** 1796.02.17 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Lewis reports that he met with unexpected success in rent collecting for Washington's properties "over the ridge and in this county"--few have made required improvements--he suggests the life leases be put into hands of lawyer to decide how to proceed--Mr. Muse says Col. Simm of Alexandria thinks leases badly drawn and ejectments won't be supported by court--reports repossession of lots in Frederick and Berkeley, and rental of some lots--difficulties in collecting from sheriffs--Lewis's late cousin Thornton Washington's estate has cut timber on 35 or 40 acres of Washington's prime reserve in Berkeley because of neglect by Mr. Muse in maintaining the lines (Thornton Washington, son of Samuel Washington, inherited rights to cut timber on Lawrence Washington's land, which bordered George Washington's)--Lewis is unable to rent poor land on Deep Run, and suggests procuring situation for sawmill there, for good pine timber on land--he must see Washington on next trip to Mount Vernon.

Account, with James Maurey

Unit ID RM-97; MS-2258

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5817

Unit Date 1796 February 22

Text 28 (box)

Container 1796.02.22 (folder)

Language English.

Account, with James Maurey

Unit ID RM-115; MS-2313

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5818

Unit Date 1796 February 22

Text 28 (box)

Container 1796.02.22 (folder)

Language English.

Account, with James Maurey

Unit ID RM-418; MS-3354

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5819

Unit Date 1796 February 23

Text 28 (box)

Container 1796.02.23 (folder)

Language English.

Letter, from Harriot Washington

Unit ID A-301.220

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5820

Unit Date 1796 February 26

Text 28 (box)

Container 1796.02.26 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, Harriot

Scope and Contents

Harriot reports that she is now at Matapony, where is seldom chance of sending mail--she sends her sincere thanks for money Washington sent her to buy articles for Birthnight.

Letter, from Bushrod Washington

Unit ID A-301.235

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5821

Unit Date 1796 February 29

Text 28 (box)

Container 1796.02.29 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Bushrod reports that he has received and will retain bundle of papers dealing with the [Thomas Colvill] estate settlement--he will ask for settlement as soon as possible, and explains some possible outstanding issues to Washington--Mr. Keith has furnished some information--has not yet received appraisement of estate--received hogs from Washington and thanks him for them.

Letter, from George Lewis**Unit ID** A-301.198**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5822**Unit Date** 1796 March 19**Text** 28 (box)**Container** 1796.03.19 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Lewis agrees that Washington is wise to wait until September, as described in the advertisement, to sell his land--Kentucky lands rising in value--he hears there was large emigration last year and some of it to Green River, which should help boost value of Washington's land--discusses military lands and state grant lands--land fever can make prices fluctuate--he was unable to purchase Woodrow's inholding within Washington's property yet--Lewis says that Col. Willis's and Gen. Spotswood's horses still for sale, may be at reduced price.

Letter, from Timothy Pickering**Unit ID** RM-1178**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3334**Unit Date** 1796 March 21**Text** 28 (box)**Container** 1796.03.21 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Concerning "the claims of the Cohnawaga, or Seven Nations of Canada." The Seven Nations were an Indian confederacy of Mohawk, Abenaki, Huron, and Onodaga that supported the French during the French and Indian War, and later the British in the American Revolution.

Letter, from James Monroe**Unit ID** RM-1041; MS-5682**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5824**Unit Date** 1796 March 24**Text** 28 (box)**Container** 1796.03.24 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Monroe, James, 1758-1831**Scope and Contents**

In cypher, Monroe alerts President to interception by French of Washington's letter re XYZ affair. Message also decoded.

Keywords

Correspondence

United States -- Politics and government -- 1789-1797

France -- Foreign relations

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Letter, from Betty Lewis**Unit ID** A-301.170**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5825**Unit Date** 1796 March 27**Text** 28 (box)**Container** 1796.03.27 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Betty writes to Washington on Harriot's behalf, who wants to inform him that Andrew Parks, a merchant of Fredericksburg, has been courting her and she would like to marry him--Betty says that Parks is "very

much respected by all his acquaintances ... a sober sedate young man and attentive to business"--she has left town for a healthier place which has the advantage of having a mill as well.

Letter, from Robert Lewis

Unit ID A-301.266

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5826

Unit Date 1796 April 6

Text 28 (box)

Container 1796.04.06 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Lewis blames delays in his letters on the fact that there are no post riders in this area--since his mother left Fredericksburg, Washington should direct letters to the attorney James Lewis there--he explains not paying Washington money collected so far from rentals--he had wanted to pay in lump sum, but will not remit it as he collects it--denies using funds for own use--Washington's advertisement posted at Court House--describes the property dispute between McCormick and Ariss, one of whom has encroached on Washington's property--it is too late in season to bring Jack to breed in Fauquier County--next season will do so--Mrs. Haney (or Haynie) [G.W.'s kinswoman, see letter of R. Lewis to G.W., Jan. 17, 1795 and R. Lewis's diary for that year] is dying of consumption.

Letter, from George Lewis

Unit ID A-301.193

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5827

Unit Date 1796 April 9

Text 28 (box)

Container 1796.04.09 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Lewis desires to know, because others have asked him, whether Washington will exchange western lands for some improved estates in this area which might be rented to advantage--he will pursue the purchase of Woodrow's inholding--Mrs. Lewis [Catherine Daingerfield Lewis] has been ill, and that will prevent his going to Kentucky this year.

Letter, from George Lewis

Unit ID A-301.195

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5828

Unit Date 1796 April 19

Text 28 (box)

Container 1796.04.19 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Mrs. Lewis's [his wife] illness had prevented him from retrieving Washington's letter before now--gives opinion of Andrew Parks as suitor for Harriot Washington--he is an industrious young man with good prospects, but considers their marriage at this time "madness in the extreme"--he advises any marriage be put off until Washington can come to Virginia and look into things himself--Washington's letter to his mother sent to Culpeper.

Letter, from George Lewis

Unit ID A-301.196

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5829

Unit Date 1796 May 4

Text 28 (box)

Container 1796.04.05 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Lewis writes that he forwarded to Howell Lewis, his brother, the papers from Washington concerning debt he owes--it should never have gone to Washington, and Howell considers it a "rude attempt" on the part of others to collect their money--they would have been paid had it been presented correctly to Howell--Mrs. Catherine Daingerfield Lewis still ill--they will go to Culpeper for change of air after court terminates in Fredericksburg.

Letter, from Robert Lewis

Unit ID A-625

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5830

Unit Date 1796 May 5

Text 28 (box)

Container 1796.05.05 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Lewis writes that he tried to obtain possession of land on Accokeek Run in Stafford County, Va. which Washington said (both in person and in a 29 April 1793 letter) he might have, but finds title belongs jointly to Washington and other heirs of his mother [Mary Washington]--Lewis will give up all efforts to obtain it--Mrs. Haney [Washington's cousin, Elizabeth Haynie] died of rapid consumption [see letter of Jan. 17, 1795]--her daughter Sally Ball Haynie cannot find employment because the people in the neighborhood "are uncommonly industrious and do every thing with in themselves."--Mrs. Lewis has taught Sally reading, writing, and useful needlework, etc.--she would make an extraordinary housekeeper for some genteel family--she is welcome to take her board in his house, but he defers to Washington's judgment--sister [Betty Lewis] Carter is delivered of a son [Charles E. Carter].

Letter, from Elizabeth Powel

Unit ID A-543

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5831

Unit Date 1796 June 1

Text 28 (box)

Container 1796.06.01 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Powel writes that she cannot harbor resentment after all that passed yesterday, and is determined to dine with him tomorrow, "when I will endeavor to meet your Ideas with Fortitude".

Letter, from Bushrod Washington

Unit ID A-301.236

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6009

Unit Date 1796 July 3

Text 28 (box)

Container 1796.07.03 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Bushrod writes that he is grateful for Washington's bounty [see Writings, XXXV, 107-108 - Washington's offer of some lots he won in a lottery]--the Colville estate business is finally settled by County Court, but this not binding, so he will seek another settlement--Bushrod will take his wife, Anne ("Nancy") Blackburn Washington up to Berkeley Springs for her health--he encloses an order to be published in England.

Document, share of stock in Bank of Alexandria**Unit ID** W-598**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6010**Unit Date** 1796 July 5**Text** 28 (box)**Container** 1796.07.05 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

One share (No. 1355) of augmented stock in the Bank of Alexandria. Endorsed on back, "The within Share was Transferred to Robert Beverley August 19th 1802. M. Sutton B.K."

Letter, from Betty Washington Lewis**Unit ID** MS-246**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6011**Unit Date** 1796 July 24**Text** 28 (box)**Container** 1796.07.24 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Received the bills--Harriot [Washington] was married July 15, and has gone to her Brother's in Berkeley [Geo. Steptoe Washington]--expects to go to son Lawrence's in Frederick for her health--"My Dear Brother it is with Infinite Pleasure I here you intend to retire to your owne Home, there I hope you will Enjoy more statisfaction than you Possibly can do in Public Life ...".

Letter, from George Lewis**Unit ID** A-301.196**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6012**Unit Date** 1796 August 1**Text** 28 (box)**Container** 1796.08.01 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Lewis encloses bill of \$100. from his brother Howell--Howell is sorry his uncle should have been troubled by receiving the note for money due [See letter of May 4, 1796, George Lewis to George Washington].

Letter, from George Lewis**Unit ID** A-301.197**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6013**Unit Date** 1796 August 7**Text** 28 (box)**Container** 1796.08.07 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Lewis notes Washington's acknowledgement of the bank note forwarded to him for Howell--he agrees that his brother should have considered interest on the principal--he will see his brother about this on the latter's return from "over the ridge" with his family [see letters of Aug. 1 and May 4, 1796].

Letter, from Richard Meade**Unit ID** A-301.227**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6014**Unit Date** 1796 August 18**Text** 28 (box)**Container** 1796.08.18 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Meade conveys to Washington a character reference for Mr. [James] Anderson from a Mr. Fitzhugh--Anderson is a man of industry and clever, but advanced in years.

Letter, from James Anderson**Unit ID** A-283.107**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6015**Unit Date** 1796 August 28**Text** 28 (box)**Container** 1796.08.28 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Anderson writes from the Selden family's Salvington Plantation near Fredericksburg that he has received Washington's letter telling of William Pearce's advance of salary from £100 to 100 Guineas--he himself would accept 100 Guineas with house, garden, etc--Anderson believes Washington's superintendent should have an assistant to take over much of writing business inside--he hears that Washington's superintendent "has as much to do as any one man can execute"--describes his knowledge of farming and grazing as "two branches of the same business" that he "was bred to from my youth" in Scotland--he leaves his character reference to others.

Letter, from James Anderson**Unit ID** A-283.109**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6016**Unit Date** 1796 September 11**Text** 29 (box)**Container** 1796.09.11 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Anderson, James, 1745-1807**Scope and Contents**

Anderson writes that his failure to answer Washington's earlier queries was not caused by deceit--he then relates his background and experience in farming north of Edinburgh, Scotland, in the English border lands, and in America--he came to U.S. in 1791--has seen Mt. Vernon estate--mentions the distillery he runs on Salvington plantation and that he thinks a properly conducted distillery of much gain to owner--mentions crop rotation and the use of manure as necessary components in improving the land--he is content in present situation with Mr. Cary Selden, but would delight in serving Washington if he can make it profitable for both.

Keywords

Correspondence

Agriculture

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Letter, from James Anderson**Unit ID** A-283.109**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3658**Unit Date** 1796 September 11**Text** 12 (box)**Container** 1796.09.11 (folder)

Language English.

General

Original Location: To GW Box 12

Letter, from James Anderson

Unit ID A-283.110

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6017

Unit Date 1796 September 18

Text 29 (box)

Container 1796.09.18 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Anderson informs Washington that he sent a letter on 11th to Philadelphia--he will be glad to come to Mt. Vernon to see Washington at earliest opportunity.

Letter, from James Anderson

Unit ID A-301

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6018

Unit Date 1796 October 12

Text 29 (box)

Container 1796.10.12 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Anderson writes that he can procure good overseer with experience in "the management of Negroes" if Washington's current overseer is leaving--Anderson will shortly take measurements of John Francis Mercer's "thrashing machine", so that he can cut timber in winter for mounting one for Washington--suggests cost could be lowered by using Washington's own carpenters and a millwright.

Receipt, from Charles Lee (fragment)

Unit ID W-820

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6019

Unit Date 1797 January 7

Text 29 (box)

Container 1797.01.07 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Rec. No. 258 annotated by G.W. "School Alex £50.0.0--dated, addressed to Charles Lee Esq. in another hand.

Letter, from Hannah Fairfax Washington

Unit ID A-301.176

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6020

Unit Date 1797 January 17

Text 29 (box)

Container 1797.01.17 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Hannah Washington writes to introduce her son Fairfax to George Washington, as he arrives in Philadelphia to study law under Charles Lee--Hannah asks whether Washington "would sometimes take the trouble to advise him in regard to his moral conduct, as he is much too young to be in such a city, without a guide & true friend."

Letter, from Bushrod Washington**Unit ID** A-301.245**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6021**Unit Date** 1797 January 21**Text** 29 (box)**Container** 1797.01.21 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Bushrod writes that he is just recovering from attack of pleurisy--the deed enclosed not recorded as prescribed by law--no news of Kanawa lands.

Letter, from Elizabeth Powel**Unit ID** A-543.14**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6022**Unit Date** 1797 February 6**Text** 29 (box)**Container** 1797.02.06 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Powel offers to pay Washington \$1000 for his carriage horses, which she intends for the use of her nephew, on the condition that they are as she describes them--however, if Mr. Adams wants them and will pay full price, she will yield all claim.

Letter, from Elizabeth Powel**Unit ID** A-543.13**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6023**Unit Date** 1797 February 8**Text** 37 (box)**Container** 1797.02.08 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Powel writes that she would certainly like to purchase Washington's coach, but that since she doesn't buy his horses for herself, she has no use for the coach--her nephew prefers to follow fashion and wants a new carriage, though Washington's is a superb piece of workmanship and will outlast modern one--Washington's successor is to be legally announced today, and Powel believes that Adams should buy the coach--she will pay Washington cash for the carriage horses any time.

Letter, from Elizabeth Powel**Unit ID** A-543.15**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6024**Unit Date** 1797 March 6**Text** 29 (box)**Container** 1797.03.06 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Powel encloses her check for \$1000 to pay for Washington's carriage horses, and indicates she does not wish to have them before he leaves Philadelphia.

Letter, from Elizabeth Powel**Unit ID** A-543.16**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6025**Unit Date** 1797 March 11**Text** 29 (box)**Container** 1797.03.11 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Powel teases Washington because he had "without design put into my possession the love letters of a lady addressed to you under the most solemn sanction"--these letters from Mrs. Washington were found in the writing desk she got from him--she tried to give them to Tobias Lear who was present when she discovered them, but as he refused, she sealed them up and will return them to Washington by whatever means he directs. Includes a self-deprecating note in which she promises to pay Lear \$245 for the writing desk and praises Washington's "wise and peaceful administration for eight years."

Letter, from Thomas Erskine**Unit ID** RM-1116; MS-5799**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6026**Unit Date** 1797 March 15**Text** 29 (box)**Container** 1797.03.15 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Erskine writes Washington that he has used his name in a pamphlet he has written about the French Revolution entitled "Causes and Consequences of the war in France". He also expresses his great admiration for Washington.

Invoice, from Joshua Humphreys**Unit ID** RM-266; MS-2779**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6027**Unit Date** 1797 April 1**Text** 29 (box)**Container** 1797.04.01 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Invoice for certain materials and labor used in the construction of a boat. At the bottom, Humphries has signed (in full) a receipt for the total sum of £55.16.3 (\$148.83).

Letter, from George Lewis**Unit ID** A-301.199**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6028**Unit Date** 1797 April 15**Text** 29 (box)**Container** 1797.04.15 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Lewis has made inquiries on Washington's behalf for a workman [housejoiner] desired by Washington, but can find none available now, neither among blacks (who are generally hired out a year at a time) nor among whites (who would come burdened with families to support)--he suggests that Col. Ball might have some such workman whom he will rent out--Mrs. Lewis's health has been bad for several years and growing worse, else they would have visited Mount Vernon already.

Letter, from Elizabeth Washington**Unit ID** A-283.111**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6029**Unit Date** 1797 April 22**Text** 29 (box)**Container** 1797.04.22 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Elizabeth Washington writes that she has been informed that she cannot, as had been her custom, get herrings from George Washington's fishing landing--her hands at the ferry landing have only gotten 300 herring--it is too late to apply elsewhere--she asks the favor of 6 or 7000 herrings from Washington's seine.

Letter, from Elizabeth Washington**Unit ID** A-283.112**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6030**Unit Date** 1797 April 24**Text** 29 (box)**Container** 1797.04.24 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Elizabeth Washington writes to protest that she only wanted justice done in getting her turn at the fishing landing--when she applied for fish there were two others before her, the fish did not run while her negroes were at the fishery, and then she heard that others were supplied out of order before her--she did not expect George Washington to "disfurnish" his own family of their herrings for her--[see letter of April 24, 1797]--can't come to Mt. Vernon to see Mrs. Washington because roads are impassable between Hayfield and Mount Vernon--and while writing the above she has just had word to send negroes down for fish--she thanks Washington for his intervention and says she is now sending the letter only to explain that she wanted nothing more "than what was the common rule of fishing landings, to have my turn."

Letter, from Samuel Washington**Unit ID** A-301.178**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6031**Unit Date** 1797 July 29**Text** 29 (box)**Container** 1797.07.29 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Samuel Washington writes to express thanks to George Washington for advice ("there is no person fonder of receiving advice than what I am")--he states that the money he wants to borrow from his uncle is mainly to pay debts contracted by his father [Charles Washington], particularly to Dr. Stuart--he will come to Mount Vernon in few weeks--wife is expecting a little one at any time [Samuel T. Washington?].

Invoice, from James Craik**Unit ID** H-1197**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4754**Unit Date** 1797 August 25 - 1799 January 22**Text** 29 (box)**Container** 1797.08.25 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Craik, James, 1730-1814**Scope and Contents**

Dr. Craik's bill from Aug. 25, 1797 - June 14, 1799 for £ 97.11.9, for visits to & treatment of members of G.W.'s family and servants on all the farms--includes visits to attend Mr. Peter's child & "a visit to &

attendce on yourself from 21st to 26th and prescription" £4.0.0--a dozen oranges--"Bleeding yourself ..."
docketed by G.W. "Receipt Doct. Jas. Craik, Bal. \$128.88 27 June 1799,"

Keywords

Invoices

Financial records

Medicine -- History -- 18th century

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Receipt, from Samuel Washington

Unit ID W-798

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6033

Unit Date 1797 September 13

Text 29 (box)

Container 1797.09.13 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Note for the sum of one thousand dollars, in George Washington's hand, signed by his nephew Samuel Washington.

Letter, from Elizabeth Washington

Unit ID A-283

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6034

Unit Date 1797 October 9

Text 29 (box)

Container 1797.10.09 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Elizabeth Washington writes to George Washington to clarify her earlier remarks about William Triplett -- she refers to the suit by Thomas Pearson concerning land sold years earlier to George Washington and others by his brother Simon Pearson, some of which now makes up Hayfield farm on which she lives -- her nephew looks for papers relative to land in Stafford and Prince William.

Bill, from John & Thomas Vowell

Unit ID W-1310/A.71

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6035

Unit Date 1797 October 12

Text 29 (box)

Container 1797.10.12 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

"Received Dec. 18, 1797 by John & Thos. Vowell. Bill for Shingles, amounting to £8.4.5."

Letter, from Thomas Lewis

Unit ID A-301.230

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6036

Unit Date 1797 October 13

Text 29 (box)

Container 1797.10.13 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Lewis writes a recommendation for Thomas Alsbury, who formerly served Washington "in the wars with the savages" and "in your family"--Alsbury now wants to lease land from Washington on the Ohio or Kanawha Rivers.

Letter, from Hannah Bushrod Washington**Unit ID** RM-340; MS-2327**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6037**Unit Date** 1797 October 15**Text** 29 (box)**Container** 1797.10.15 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Regrets that she cannot visit Mt. Vernon at this time. Her grandsons, Augustine and Corbin, are sick. Must remain at Haywood. Promises to visit at first opportunity.

Letter, from Bushrod Washington**Unit ID** A-301.237**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6038**Unit Date** 1797 October 20**Text** 29 (box)**Container** 1797.10.20 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Bushrod, 1762-1829**Scope and Contents**

Bushrod Washington answers George Washington's legal queries dealing with Thomas Pearson's suit concerning land sold by his late brother Simon Pearson to Washington and others in 1763 [see letter, G.W. to Bushrod W., Oct. 9, 1797]--Bushrod will take the case should it go to a higher court--Gen. Marshall may know something further about the case, as Bushrod met a man named Pearson at Marshall's office recently.

Keywords

Correspondence

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Letter, from Bushrod Washington**Unit ID** RM-259; MS-2758**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6039**Unit Date** 1797 October 20**Text** 29 (box)**Container** 1797.10.20 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Bushrod, 1762-1829**Scope and Contents**

Bushrod records a legal opinion for Washington concerning a suit initiated by Thomas Pearson, against his late brother's estate (Simon Pearson). The suit involved a parcel of land which Washington purchased from Simon Pearson some thirty-five years earlier.

Keywords

Correspondence

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Letter, from Bushrod Washington**Unit ID** A-301.239**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6040**Unit Date** 1797 October 25**Text** 29 (box)**Container** 1797.10.25 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Bushrod sends his uncle a copy of grant requested--he can't find the Inquisition, but has directed the clerk to continue his search for the document related to Pearson's suit.

Letter, from Robert Lewis

Unit ID A-301.256

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6041

Unit Date 1797 October 26

Text 29 (box)

Container 1797.10.26 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Lewis sends orchard-grass seed, a gift from Mr. Francis Whiting, after a 6 week delay for lack of transportation to Alexandria--Washington's tenant on his tract of land above Bath has removed to Kentucky, and the land is being denuded of its valuable timber by the neighboring "set of lawless rascals"--Lewis strongly suggests that the land should be rented out to protect the remaining timber--furthermore, Washington's land on Lost Mountain (then in Prince William County, now Fauquier County) is being stripped of bark by tanners working by moonlight on the pinnacle of the mountain--the perpetrators have been caught.

Letter, from Bushrod Washington

Unit ID A-301.238

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6042

Unit Date 1797 October 27

Text 29 (box)

Container 1797.10.27 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Bushrod writes that he has investigated Mrs. Forbes and found her fully satisfactory for the job of housekeeper at Mt. Vernon--"She is honest, industrious, & well acquainted with nice as well as common cooking"--she never received letters from Washington, however--Bushrod will investigate at the post office--mentions having written earlier about the Pearson suit.

Letter, from Bushrod Washington

Unit ID A-301.240

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6043

Unit Date 1797 October 30

Text 29 (box)

Container 1797.10.30 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Bushrod writes that he has located and interviewed Mrs. Forbes, who says that her price is \$150 a year--Bushrod thinks this is "extravagant" for a housekeeper at Mt. Vernon, but that he is persuaded she would do well--he asks Washington to advise him whether or not this will be satisfactory.

Letter, from Bushrod Washington

Unit ID A-301.241

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6044

Unit Date 1797 November 8

Text 30 (box)

Container 1797.11.08 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Bushrod writes that he has talked with Mr. Brooke and received good references for Mrs. Forbes--he answers Washington's queries about her from his 3 November letter--there is good cook to be sold in Fredericksburg by Geo. Murray--he had cooked for Brooke who says his only fault is a fondness for liquor--Bushrod will ask Murray not to sell him until he hears from Washington--Mrs. Forbes is being directed to head for Mount Vernon as early as the next stage.

Letter, from Bushrod Washington

Unit ID A-301.242

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6045

Unit Date 1797 November 13

Text 30 (box)

Container 1797.11.13 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Bushrod writes that, having examined the records in the General Court, he finds that surveys were rarely done in cases like Washington's and that he is therefore quite certain that the law is on side of Washington in the Pearson suit--he also encloses an order for settling Washington's accounts as executor of Thomas Colville.

Letter, from Bushrod Washington

Unit ID A-301.243

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6046

Unit Date 1797 November 26

Text 30 (box)

Container 1797.11.26 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Bushrod writes that Mrs. Forbes' delay in leaving for Mt. Vernon was due to lack of funds--Mr. Brook owes her money but has been out of town--Bushrod will advance money to send Forbes to Mt. Vernon on the next day's stage--Mr. Brook has been very ill and now in back country for his health--Bushrod refers again to the settlement of the Colville estate--Mr. Keith advertises the decree in the Alexandria Gazette for 8 weeks.

Letter, from Bushrod Washington

Unit ID A-301.244

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6047

Unit Date 1798 January 9

Text 30 (box)

Container 1798.01.08 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Bushrod writes to Washington with a report of what he has discovered about taxes due on Washington's Kanawha land--lands in Kanawha and Berkeley to be forfeited unless back taxes are paid--he urges fast action to avoid having the land seized and sold.

Letter, from Bushrod Washington

Unit ID A-301.287

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6048

Unit Date 1798 February 1

Text 30 (box)

Container 1798.02.01 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Bushrod writes that the auditor can find nothing further on taxes due on Washington's western lands

along the Kanawha and Ohio rivers--the records are in poor shape and the auditor blames the inattention and inaccuracy of the commissioners in that part of the country--Bushrod gave him Washington's paper containing a list of his lands on the Ohio and Kanhawa to check more in detail--there are no other Washington lands returned for non-payment of taxes, and as Bushrod paid the arrearages Washington's property is clear for now.

Letter, from John Parker

Unit ID RM-683; MS-4644

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6049

Unit Date 1798 February 9

Text 30 (box)

Container 1798.02.09 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Parker, who is "now engaged in [publishing] "The Journals of Congress" from the year 1775 to the present time, ..." asks Washington to patronize his work. "My undertaking has met with the encouragement of Mr. Jefferson & the Committee of Congress" assigned to this project, "... yet the honor of your name ... will be the greatest satisfaction I can feel."

Letter, from Bushrod Washington

Unit ID RM-259; MS-2756

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6050

Unit Date 1798 March 13

Text 30 (box)

Container 1798.03.13 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Bushrod advises his uncle regarding several legal problems relating to taxes on Washington's western lands as well as a land title paper concerning a transaction between Generals Lee and Washington. Bushrod also explores the circumstances of the "Langhorne Affair."

Letter, from William Augustine Washington

Unit ID RM-548; MS-4197

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6051

Unit Date 1798 March 23

Text 30 (box)

Container 1798.03.23 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Speaks of his recent loss (the death of his son Augustine). Agrees with Washington's advice to send his remaining children to public school. Corn crop will be low this year. Discusses his knowledge of Washington family genealogy.

Letter, from William Augustine Washington

Unit ID RM-356; MS-2358

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6052

Unit Date 1798 April 23

Text 30 (box)

Container 1798.04.28 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Letter regarding agreement between George Washington and Wm. Washington whereby George Washington may purchase 500 barrels of corn annually from Wm. Washington Discussion of terms of sale.

Letter, from Bushrod Washington**Unit ID** A-301.246**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6053**Unit Date** 1798 April 26**Text** 30 (box)**Container** 1798.04.26 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Bushrod writes that he disapproves Washington's deed to General Lee, but has drawn a better one for him to follow--in order to avoid any possible confusion in the future the new one states that the original deed was not recorded in a timely fashion and that the present one is a replacement--they should check the boundaries to see if they are accurate.

Letter, from Bartholomew Dandridge**Unit ID** A-301.184**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6054**Unit Date** 1798 May 11**Text** 30 (box)**Container** 1798.05.11 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Dandridge writes that Washington's is first letter he's received from America except one of a few lines from G.W.P. Custis last fall--he knows Washington is busy repairing houses, farms, etc. at Mount Vernon--he has himself led a retired life in the Netherlands, going to no public entertainments except now and then to the theater, though he has been to Paris--his health has been poor--mentions Elbridge Gerry, Gen. Marshall, and Gen. Pinckney--he will try to procure a good joiner to send to Washington--many Germans go to Amsterdam to get employment or passage to America, and Dandridge has asked a "merchant of eminence" to assist in the search for a joiner among them with a good character reference--Dandridge gives his explanation of 1100 and odd dollars which was charged by him to Washington's account for "losses, errors &c" as having occurred not in a single year, but over the whole course of his employment by Washington--the 200 some dollars charged against Washington in April 1796 is a little harder to explain.

Letter, from Robert Lewis**Unit ID** A-301.257**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6055**Unit Date** 1798 May 23**Text** 30 (box)**Container** 1798.05.23 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Lewis writes that he encloses a draught on Mr. James Russell of Alexandria by Mr. Ariss for last year's rent (against Washington's usual practice) because Ariss had been infirm--if the funds are not immediately collectable, he asks Washington to return the draft so that he can follow up--a tenant on one of the Berkeley lots is unable to pay, so another was procured temporarily to take care of growing crop--he asks Washington's wishes about leasing that property--wheat crops in the area and up to the Blue Ridge are virtually destroyed by Hessian fly, there has also been a 5 week drought.

Letter, from Bartholomew Dandridge**Unit ID** A-301.186**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6319**Unit Date** 1798 July 16**Text** 30 (box)**Container** 1798.07.16 (folder)**Language** English.

Scope and Contents

Dandridge writes that he had no success in finding a joiner to send to Washington, despite several applications and having others search for suitable candidates--the danger of war with U.S. leaves country in unsettled state--the Texel blockaded by British ships, and French privateers are swarming the Maese--preparations of U.S. for defense worry French government--Mr. Gerry leaving Paris soon--expectation is for war between France and America at any time--the Congress at Rastadt is dissolving--war on the Rhine expected--"we hold ourselves in readiness to march".

Letter, from John Smith

Unit ID A-301.283

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6320

Unit Date 1798 July 24

Text 30 (box)

Container 1798.07.24 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Smith writes that he desires to make a vitrified stained glass portrait of Washington like that of His Excellency the president [John Adams]--describes the long-lasting nature of such portraits.

Letter, from Charles Carter, Jr.

Unit ID A-420

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6321

Unit Date 1798 July 25

Text 30 (box)

Container 1798.07.25 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Solicits for his brother William Champe Carter of Albemarle County a commission as Captain in the provisional army or as aide de camp to a general officer--suggests that it would be good to distribute commissions in that area of the state to counteract the attempts by "a certain character in his route from Philadelphia to Monticello" [i.e., Thomas Jefferson] to dampen patriotic ardor of people there--he and Mrs. Carter had wanted to visit last spring, but the loss of a carriage and horse is compelling them to postpone that until next Spring.

Letter, from Thomas Marshall, Jr.

Unit ID A-301.203

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6322

Unit Date 1798 August 4

Text 30 (box)

Container 1798.08.04 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Marshall writes that his father directed him to pay Washington's back taxes on his land on Rough Creek [Hardin County, Ky.]--discusses arrangements for reimbursing his father--Mr. Rawleigh Colston of Frederick authorized to draw upon Washington for the money--as Marshall's father is aged and infirm, Marshall himself can assist Washington in such matters in the future.

Letter, from Bushrod Washington

Unit ID RM-259; MS-2757

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6323

Unit Date 1798 August 7

Text 30 (box)

Container 1798.08.07 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Bushrod continue to keep his uncle informed about the circumstances of the "Langhorne Affair," and his own involvement as a "dignified observer." He assures the General that the man John Nicholas is of excellent character.

Letter, from James Welch

Unit ID A-301.204

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6324

Unit Date 1798 August 9

Text 30 (box)

Container 1798.08.09 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Welch writes to Washington that he has surveyed the tract of Great Kanawha land of 10990 acres--it appears to be short 610 acres, so he is going to check it again--also surveyed Cole River tract--30 settlers on land are doing well--immigration is good, though the migrants themselves are poor--he expects many from Pennsylvania--people in the area all support existing constitution.

Letter, from Bartholomew Dandridge

Unit ID A-301.185

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6325

Unit Date 1798 August 20

Text 30 (box)

Container 1798.08.20 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Original copy of this letter. Dandridge's poor health induces him to resign job of secretary to Mr. Murray, and since Washington helped him get the position, Dandridge wants to let him know--he seeks more a active life--he seeks a subaltern commission in the army of United States--Murray is writing to the President and Secretary of War on his behalf--Dandridge has still had no success in finding a joiner for Washington--"all communication from this country is quite at a stand except thro Hamburg and England".

Letter, from Bushrod Washington

Unit ID A-301.247

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6326

Unit Date 1798 August 20

Text 30 (box)

Container 1798.08.20 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Bushrod writes his recommendation of Col. Heth as a friend of the government and a sober citizen--he mentions the fictitious John Langhorne [i.e., Peter Carr] letter and Nicholas--Gen. Marshall is anxious to visit Washington and Bushrod may accompany him.

Letter, from Bushrod Washington

Unit ID RM-493; MS-4071

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6327

Unit Date 1798 September 21

Text 30 (box)

Container 1798.09.21 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Request that his uncle consider Thomas Turner and Capt. Blackburn for military commissions.

Letter, from A. Spotswood**Unit ID** RM-212; MS-2676**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6328**Unit Date** 1798 September 27**Text** 30 (box)**Container** 1798.09.27 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Spotswood reports the results of his efforts in securing an overseer, a certain Mr. Garret, for Washington. "He would not determine whether to receive your offer or not until he returned home and consulted his wife -".

Letter, from G. W. Snyder**Unit ID** A-301.190**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6329**Unit Date** 1798 October 1**Text** 31 (box)**Container** 1798.10.01 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Snyder, G. W.**Scope and Contents**

Snyder writes that some weeks ago he had sent Washington a letter with Robison's Proof of a Conspiracy--since then, he is more confirmed in opinion that groups called "Illuminati—German Union—Reading Societies—and in France by that of the Jacobine-Club" are operating for overthrow of this government--many of these groups are of French sympathies and begin by trying to destroy all religion--prays that God, who set Washington "as a Deliverer of, and Father of his Country" may keep him safe until this crisis passes.

Keywords

Correspondence

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Letter, from Rawleigh Colston**Unit ID** A-836**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6330**Unit Date** 1798 October 6**Text** 31 (box)**Container** 1798.10.06 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Encloses letter from Mr. Thomas Marshall Jr. of Kentucky who wishes payment of small balance due his father Col. Marshall from Washington.

Letter, from G. W. Snyder**Unit ID** A-301.189**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6331**Unit Date** 1798 October 17**Text** 31 (box)**Container** 1798.10.17 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Snyder writes to apologize for having sent second letter on 1 October, but he received Washington's letter of 25 September only an hour after mailing his own--"I rejoice very much that you are recovered from your late Sickness"--he fears pernicious effects of "the illuminati" or Jacobinism on people of the United States--Snyder informs Washington that he recently wrote articles in gazettes under name of

"Cicero" giving a compendium of extracts from "Robison's Proofs of Conspiracy".

Letter, from George Blagdin

Unit ID A-301.207

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6332

Unit Date 1798 October 18

Text 31 (box)

Container 1798.10.18 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Blagdin writes that although Washington will provide glass, painting and ironmongering he cannot undertake to complete the work on Washington's buildings in Washington, DC for less than \$11,000.

Letter, from Samuel Washington

Unit ID A-301.175

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6333

Unit Date 1798 November 7

Text 31 (box)

Container 1798.11.07 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Samuel writes that he is distressed that his mother (Mildred Thornton Washington) wrote Washington asking for more money--all debts of his father (Washington's late brother Charles) and his estate lie on him now--he is sure he can pay by selling land, but nobody will buy land in these unsettled times, with war with France possible--he hopes to sell at better prices in the next year--Samuel refuses the \$1000 Washington offered his mother because that would make creditors all come to him at once and ruin him, "Whereas if they come on gradually I can have a better chance."

Letter, from John. B. Church

Unit ID A-750

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6334

Unit Date 1798 November 14

Text 31 (box)

Container 1798.11.14 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Church presents his son, Philip Church, who enters the army under his uncle's (probably Alexander Hamilton's) auspices-- church recommends him to Washington's protection.

Letter, from Philip Rootes

Unit ID A-301.202

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6335

Unit Date 1798 November 16

Text 31 (box)

Container 1798.11.16 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Rootes writes that he had visited Mount Vernon, but not seen Washington--this follow-up letter requests a certificate from Washington that his late father, John Rootes, served as a captain in Col. William Byrd's regiment in the French and Indian wars--Rootes wants this in order to secure bounty land for his father's service, that his father never applied for.

Letter, from Philip Schuyler**Unit ID** RM-165; MS-2466**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6336**Unit Date** 1798 November 20**Text** 31 (box)**Container** 1798.11.20 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

"Autograph letter signed, draft. First part of draft is a letter to General Washington of the same date introducing Church, his grandson. In the part of the draft addressed to the grandson, Schuyler warns him how to approach the general as Church hopes to gain some military favors."

Bill, from Joseph Anthony**Unit ID** A-516**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6337**Unit Date** 1798 November 24**Text** 31 (box)**Container** 1798.11.24 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Anthony bills Washington for a gold seal, 12 dollars; and repairing buttons, seal and chain, 2 dollars--total, 14 dollars. Receipted by Joseph Anthony.

Letter, from Alexander Spotswood, Jr.**Unit ID** RM-115; MS-2293**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6338**Unit Date** 1798 December 9**Text** 31 (box)**Container** 1798.12.09 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Re: Spotswood's opinion of the Alien and Sedition Acts and A forgery of Spotswood's name in a previous letter to Washington. Docketed by Washington. Folio size.

Letter, from William Russell**Unit ID** A-301.205**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6339**Unit Date** 1798 December 20**Text** 31 (box)**Container** 1798.12.20 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Russell writes to Washington that he was mortified to discover that all conveyances for bringing Washington's ram and straw machine from Middletown, Connecticut to Mount Vernon had failed and now that the river is frozen it will take until spring to deliver them--he looks forward to his friend's report on planting wheat in England which Washington procured for him--with the sheep and chaff Engine, Russell proposes sending a "Ground Borer" for digging fence post holes--it can also be of use in military operations where chevaux de fries are wanted.

Keywords

Correspondence

Agriculture

Letter, from David Garland**Unit ID** A-301.284**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6340**Unit Date** 1798 December 24**Text** 31 (box)**Container** 1798.12.24 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Garland writes to ask Washington for information on land set aside between Great Kanhawa and Sandy River as part "payment of some Officers and Soilders who was on an Expedition Against the Indians about or before Braddocks Campain."

Bill, from Cath. Roberts**Unit ID** A-283.117**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6341**Unit Date** 1799 January 25**Text** 31 (box)**Container** 1799.01.25 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

For £ 1.5.0, or \$3.33 for 1 bushel blue grass seed and a keg. Received by Samuel Simes for Cath. Roberts.

Bill, from Isaac Parrish**Unit ID** A-283.118**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6342**Unit Date** 1799 February 5**Text** 31 (box)**Container** 1799-02-05 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

This receipted bill charges Washington £6. for a cocked Beaver hat, a round white hat, and box. Marked "Recd. pay of C. Biddle for Isaac Parrish," by Joseph Parrish.

Letter, from Robert Lewis**Unit ID** A-301.258**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6343**Unit Date** 1799 February 13**Text** 31 (box)**Container** 1799.02.13 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Lewis, Robert, 1769-1829**Scope and Contents**

He writes that he received a copy of an earlier letter to Maj. Harrison [Nov. 4]--desires to take Young Royal Gift to his stable to stand--another Jack in Culpeper now will cut down profits of the stud service--collection of rents goes badly--plight of tenants pitiable--tenants in Frederick and Berkeley mostly paid up--he will come to Mt. Vernon to bring rents and attend the marriage of his brother Lawrence with Miss [Eleanor Parke] (Nelly) Custis.

Keywords

Correspondence

Domestic animals

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Letter, from Jonathan Trumbull, Jr.**Unit ID** A-366**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6344**Unit Date** 1799 February 22**Text** 31 (box)**Container** 1799.02.22 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Trumbull, Jonathan, 1740-1809**Scope and Contents**

Trumbull writes that he knows nothing of arrangements for paying amounts due on sets of prints ["Death of Warren," and "Death of Montgomery"] sent to Washington from London--he counsels don't send money to England--his brother John has agents (whom he names) handling affairs of the prints in the States--comments on "malign influence" in councils of state in Virginia--takes the opportunity of wishing Washington a happy birthday--extends his best wishes to Nelly Custis on her marriage to Lawrence Lewis.

Keywords

Washington's Birthday

Correspondence

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Trumbull, John, 1756-1843

Lewis, Eleanor Parke Custis, 1779-1852

Letter, from Macleod & Lumsdon**Unit ID** RM-707; MS-4850**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6345**Unit Date** 1799 March 16**Text** 31 (box)**Container** 1799.03.16 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Macleod & Lumsdon**Scope and Contents**

Concerning Washington's recent order for English Crown glass from Alexandria merchants Macleod & Lumsdon. The glass was not available, and the merchants offered to order it for Washington.

Keywords

Correspondence

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Letter, from Jonathan Trumbull**Unit ID** A-366**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6346**Unit Date** 1799 March 24**Text** 31 (box)**Container** 1799.03.28 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Trumbull writes that he recently sent 4 pairs of his prints, which Washington had subscribed to, by way of the Nancy Davidson--most of the letter is political beginning with "I trust, Sir! that you are now destined to act a more important part, in this great Drama, than you have done in the former period of your Life: to save again your Country, and to establish her Security and Greatness upon a Basis broad and firm as is the Continent of which She forms a part."--he expresses opinions on political situations of Europe, especially England and France--fears French taking over Spanish and Portuguese colonies in America, thereby creating hazard to Americans--it is to America's interest to see that Spanish colonies are inculcated with true spirit of liberty and rational freedom--writes "that Europe is rotten to the Heart. and that, in Europe, America has not one friend, on whose support She can rely"--there is one year left in which to act--"I hope to have the happiness of seeing the Evening of your Life more useful and more glorious than its Noon, and of saluting you My dear Sir, not merely as the Father of the United States but

of the United Empires of America."

Letter, from Samuel Washington

Unit ID A-301.174

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6347

Unit Date 1799 March 28

Text 31 (box)

Container 1799.03.28 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Samuel writes that the executions against him for £300 or 400 are beyond his power to pay, except by selling all his slaves, and then he would be unable to grow a crop which is all he has for the support of two families--if Washington can lend him the money, then Samuel will be enabled to get clear of debt and repay him in the fall by selling land--once free of the sheriff he intends never to go into debt again--his father [Charles Washington] has been very ill.

Letter, from Bushrod Washington

Unit ID A-301

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6348

Unit Date 1799 April 10

Text 31 (box)

Container 1799.04.10 (folder)

Language English.

Letter, from Samuel Washington

Unit ID A-366

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6349

Unit Date 1799 April 25

Text 31 (box)

Container 1799.03.25 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Samuel thanks his uncle for the letter telling of money to be loaned him, it was seriously delayed in the postal system -- he describes his difficulties in settling Uncle Samuel Washington's estate, as his own father and his uncle John both kept poor accounts -- Bushrod Washington won't help any, and Samuel mentions it hoping that Washington will speak to Bushrod this summer -- Samuel expects a bad wheat crop for the 4th straight year -- he intends to sell all his land & buy small amount in Culpeper County at low price -- his father Charles Washington is much improved.

Letter, from Bushrod Washington

Unit ID A-301.248

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6350

Unit Date 1799 April 26

Text 31 (box)

Container 1799.04.26 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Bushrod encloses a deed from Washington to Gen. Lee, and tells him that Lees deed to Washington is being registered -- Washington should send the enclosed one to the clerk of General Court -- speaks of congressional elections in this district that will be close -- Jacobins & opponents of Federal government spread scandalous assertions against Gen. Lee, who is only recently "making great exertions" in his own behalf -- Mr. Tayloe will resign his army commission, and Mr. Thomas Turner has asked that Bushrod intervene with Washington about securing a commission in the cavalry.

Letter, from William Augustine Washington**Unit ID** RM-548; MS-4198**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6351**Unit Date** 1799 May 2**Text** 32 (box)**Container** 1799.05.02 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Concerning a transaction of corn, whiskey and herrings. Congratulations on General Lee's and General Marshall's election to the Congress.

Letter, from William Augustine Washington**Unit ID** RM-548; MS-4199**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6352**Unit Date** 1799 May 20**Text** 32 (box)**Container** 1799.05.20 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Conveying 166 barrels of corn and discussing future corn transactions. Mentions his new (third) wife (Sarah Tayloe).

Letter, from James Anderson**Unit ID** A-301.265**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6353**Unit Date** 1799 June 23**Text** 32 (box)**Container** 1799.06.23 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Anderson sets forth his new scheme for managing Washington's farms, to make more profit from them--he compares profits and loss for his new scheme and the older system, showing large edge of profit to new scheme, using the Union Farm as the example although the principles could apply to River Farm and Dogue Run with slight alterations--Muddy Hole should be planted in peach trees--Anderson advocates fewer workers on each, and a new system of crop rotation.

Letter, from Robert Lewis**Unit ID** A-301.259**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6354**Unit Date** 1799 August 7**Text** 32 (box)**Container** 1799.08.07 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Lewis sends Washington a draught for Mr. Ariss's rent--Ariss's infirmities make Lewis hesitate to be so rigid in collecting his rent, although he is always backward in paying--Lewis will send rents collected--he saw his brother Lawrence and his lady [Nelly Custis Lewis] at sister Carters--Lawrence has sulphur mud on his eye and drinking spring water improves him--this year's hay crop diminished by a monthlong drought in July--last fall's drought and Hessian fly deprived them of seed wheat--corn and tobacco good.

Document, Notes for Plats of Ferry and French's Farms

Unit ID W-179

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6365

Unit Date undated

Text 32 (box)

Container ND7 (folder)

Language English.

Keywords

Ferry Farm (Fairfax county, Va.)

Agriculture

Letter, from Jonathan Trumbull

Unit ID A-366

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6355

Unit Date 1799 August 10

Text 32 (box)

Container 1799.08.10 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Trumbull comments on the delays in post offices--"in too many instances there is not that punctual attention to their duty in our post offices which the Public have a right to expect"--he agrees with Washington's reply to Col. John Trumbull on a project of taking over South America (see letter of March 24, 1799, John Trumbull to Washington)--offers comments on a candidate for presidency--hints strongly that Washington is the only one to unite the party and win for Federalists--expresses his "hope and trust" that Washington's life will "be elongated beyond the term of three core and ten years"--offers comments on President John Adams. On letter from Timothy Pickering to Jonathan Trumbull, 29 July 1799

Account, with Josiah Conyton

Unit ID RM-418; MS-3353

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6897

Unit Date 1799 August 9

Text 32 (box)

Container 1799.08.09 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

\$1.25 for repairing Mrs. Washington's watch.

Letter, from William Smith

Unit ID A-366

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6356

Unit Date 1799 August 12

Text 32 (box)

Container 1799.08.12 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

"Smith writes to Washington concerning claims of heirs of Robert Stobo to land on account of his services in French & Indian War--he asks Washington to help the family to get the land due under the claim--Stobo was with Washington at Fort Necessity and was surrendered to the French as a hostage--Smith transcribes a letter dated 19 March 1799 from Alexander McCaul to William Smith, saying land due Stobo can still be claimed. Encloses letter from Alex. McCaul to Wm. Smith, saying land due Stobo can still be claimed. [See letter dated Mar. 19, 1799]."

Letter, from Mr. Vans Murray**Unit ID** MS-255**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6357**Unit Date** 1799 October 20**Text** 32 (box)**Container** 1799.08.20 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Belgium & "this Republic" seem to be fixed as heritage and satellite of French Republic--describes moves of British, Russian, French, & Austrian armies--Duke of York's inglorious evacuation of the Dutch Republic--this liberates all French troops for campaign on Rhine--will present G.W. a model of the Dutch water-throwing mill, or windmill, such as he sent rude sketches of last summer--may be applicable for draining Dismal [Swamp]--La Fayette at Utrecht, won't go to U.S. this autumn.

Letter, from Mary, Sarah, & Hannah Washington**Unit ID** MS-256**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6358**Unit Date** 1799 December 9**Text** 32 (box)**Container** 1799.12.09 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Letter from three orphaned children of Thomas Washington of [Nevis] Island in West Indies--17 yrs. ago a gentleman in Newcastle upon Tyne wrote G.W. & sent old papers belonging to them to determine whether they are any kin to him, but received no reply--father had son by 1st marriage, still living in [Nevis]--their mother and father died & left them destitute--were brought up as servants--asks some small relief, are all married to poor men [The truth of this letter sworn to by Chas. Charleton, Vicar, & Wm. Jowsey & Wm. Tayloe, Churchwardens of Parish of Tynemouth [Northumberland].

Letter, from Robert Lewis**Unit ID** A-301**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6359**Unit Date** undated**Text** 32 (box)**Container** ND1 (folder)**Language** English.**Letter, from Robert Lewis****Unit ID** A-625**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6360**Unit Date** undated**Text** 32 (box)**Container** ND2 (folder)**Language** English.**Letter, from Elizabeth Powel****Unit ID** A-543.20**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6361**Unit Date** undated**Text** 32 (box)**Container** ND3 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Powel sends Chevalier Chastelloux's Essay on Public Happiness for his perusal. She hopes it meets with his

Powel sends Chevalier Chastelloux's essay on public happiness for his perusal -- hopes it meets with his approval -- knows author will be flattered that the General has read his work. Name on original manuscript appears as "Mrs. Powel". Autograph letter, in 3rd person, integral cover, laminated, watermark (D & C Blau). Dated only "Wednesday Noon".

Letter fragment, from Jonathan Trumbull

Unit ID A-366.72

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6362

Unit Date undated

Text 32 (box)

Container ND4 (folder)

Language English.

Letter, from Fielding Lewis

Unit ID A-301.206

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6363

Unit Date undated

Text 32 (box)

Container ND5 (folder)

Language English.

Letter, from unknown sender

Unit ID RM-115; MS-2321

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6364

Unit Date undated

Text 32 (box)

Container ND6 (folder)

Language English.

Series 3. Ledgers and Bound Manuscripts

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/7013

Language English.

Bound Manuscript, Survey Notes, Grant, Letter, and Indenture

Unit ID RM-737; MS-4966; MS-4967; MS-4968; MS-4969

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6841

Unit Date 1762 November 4-5

Unit Date 28 November 1694

Unit Date 9 October 1759

Unit Date 19 May 1760

Mixed Materials F : * (Shelf)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Four documents are bound together: Survey Notes, Washington's surveying notes on a portion of his Mount Vernon property that he has purchased from Sampson Darrell in 1757, 4-5 November 1762; Grant, to Sampson Darrell, 28 November 1694; Letter, Darrell Smith to George Washington, 9 October 1759; Indenture, from Sampson Darrell, 19 May 1760

Keywords

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Surveying

Book, Overseer's Account book**Unit ID** AA-6; W-1171**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4934**Unit Date** 1785-1798**Text** 38 (box)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

This ledger includes a list of slaves at the Mount Vernon Plantations, clothing allotted to them each year, inventory of cattle, Nov. 15, 1785, accounts with the several plantations, accounts with shoemakers, overseers, and bricklayers. With other Accounts (including ones from George Augustine and Lawrence A. Washington, Tobias Lear, John and H. Fairfax, and Anthony Whiting).

Keywords

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Farm management

Slavery

Business records

Ledgers (account books)

Leaves, Record of Work Done on Mount Vernon Farms**Unit ID** W-1174**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6842**Unit Date** 1786-1787**Mixed Materials** 39 (box)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

This is a record of the work done at the various farms making up George Washington's Mount Vernon, reporting the number of hours worked by which workers, just what was being done on each farm during a particular week. Farms include Dogue Run, Ferry Plantation, Muddy Hole, River Plantation, and Frenchs Plantation (or Frenchs Quarter). Work by tailors, carpenters, shoemakers, coopers, ditchers, and millers are recorded separately. Includes "Fairfaxs Report on House People" for several weeks. Begins November 1786 and ends in April 1787. At the end of the volume there is a document titled "Memorandum of things delivered to the different Plantations from the 12th of Apl. 1786, 1786 April 12-August 31" that begins at the last page and works its way back toward the center of the volume. This used to be bound, but has since been unbound and is just leaves.

Keywords

Business records

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Farm management

Slavery

Two surveys bound together**Unit ID** W-1208**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3421**Unit Date** 1788 November 15**Mixed Materials** 39 (box)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

These surveys seem to be concerned with a road from the Ferry to Cameron.

Mount Vernon Store Book

Unit ID W-676

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4757

Unit Date 1787 January 1-1787 December 31

Text E : 11 (Shelf)

Language English.

Material Specification Bound in leather, printed in gold "Geo. Washington's Mount Vernon Store-Book 1787," written on inside, "Mount Vernon, Jany. 1st 1787. Store-Book to Decr. 31t. 1787", incomplete watermarks (crown over encircled armed figure).

Scope and Contents

This covers the period of the building of the Green house and the final stucco work and painting of the New Room.

Includes "Skins put into the Vatts," "Articles received into the Store, Articles delivered out of the Store, Rum account of rum received & doled out (giving reasons in many cases for the dole).

Keywords

Business records

Existence and Location of Copies

Papers of George Washington - Reel#6

Ledger, Mount Vernon distillery and fishery ledger

Unit ID RM-929; MS-5468

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4939

Unit Date 1799-1801

Text F : * (Shelf)

Language English.

Creator Anderson, James, 1745-1807

Creator Lear, Tobias, 1762-1816

Scope and Contents

In the handwriting of Tobias Lear (1762-1816), Washington's private secretary, and James Anderson, Mount Vernon's farm and subsequent distillery manager from 1797 to the time of Washington's death in 1799. Washington endorsed the ledger twice and approved accounts for fisheries, whiskey, shad, and herring.

Keywords

Business records

Ledgers (account books)

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Fisheries

Distilleries

George Washington family bible

Unit ID W-408

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/31614

Unit Date undated

Text F : 6 (Shelf)

Language English.

Creator Washington, Mary Ball, 1708-1789

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Extent 1 Volumes approximately 1030 pages (various paginations), 133 illustrations 19 x 25 cm

Scope and Contents

King James version, containing the old and new testaments. Includes a page located in the book of Jeremiah, inscribed with family genealogical information. It lists the marriage date of Augustine Washington (ca. 1694-1743) and his second wife, Mary Ball (1708-1789), as well as the birth dates of their six children. George Washington, their eldest child, was born "about 10 in the Morning" on February 11, 1731/32, according to the Julian calendar then in use. The leather bound volume is missing the title page and has had extensive conservation work completed.

Diary of George Washington

Unit ID A-372 ; W-1490

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/37836

Unit Date 1797

Text for George Washington autograph diary (box)

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Extent 1 Volumes5 in x 3.5 in

Scope and Contents

Small book bound in leather, entitled "The American Repository of Useful Information containing a Calendar of the present Year ...", engraved on front is "Autograph of General Washington" and "Given to C. Hughes at Mount Vernon, 1825, Judge B. Washington". Originally pasted in front were two letters, one dated December 24, 1825, Bushrod Washington to G.C. Washington, and one December 23, 1825, George Corbin Washington to C. Hughes [see letters under proper date]. The letter were removed from the diary during conservation treatment.

Related Materials

Housed with two letters: Bushrod Washington to George Corbin Washington, 1825 December 24; George Corbin Washington to C. Hughes, 1825, December 23

Keywords

Diaries

Letter, Bushrod Washington to George Corbin Washington

Unit ID A-372 ; W-1490

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/37845

Unit Date 1825 December 24

Text for George Washington autograph diary (box)

Language English.

Creator Washington, Bushrod, 1785-1830

Extent 1 pages

Scope and Contents

Bushrod Washington responds that he is glad to have him (George Corbin Washington) and Mr. Hughes to visit Mt. Vernon. Name on original manuscript appears as "Bush Washington". Directed "By Harry" [pasted in back of G.W.'s diary for year 1797]. Autograph letter signed, 1 page.

Related Materials

Stored with George Washington's diary, 1797.

Keywords

Correspondence

Washington, George Corbin, 1789-1854

Letter, George Corbin Washington to C. Hughes

Unit ID W-372 ; W-1490

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/37846

Unit Date 1825 December 23

Text for George Washington autograph diary (box)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George Corbin, 1789-1854

Extent 1 pages

Scope and Contents

George Corbin Washington wrote to Mr. Hughes to confirm that he told Judge [Bushrod] Washington of their intention of dining with him tomorrow [letter found in George Washington's diary for year 1797]. Autograph letter signed, 1 page.

Related Materials

Letter found in George Washington's diary for year 1797. Housed in diary enclosure.

Keywords

Correspondence

Series 4. Oversized

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6366

Text Oversized (Shelf)

Language English.

From George Washington

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6367

Unit Date 1753 March-1799 December, undated

Language English.

Document, "An Inventory of the Estate of Lawrence Washington Esqr. deceased, as Apprais'd by us the Subscribers..."

Unit ID RM-736; MS-4964

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6368

Unit Date 1753 March 7-8

Text 33 (box)

Container 1753.03.08 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Compiled by and entirely in the hand of George Washington, the inventory of his late elder half brother's estate lists, by room, furniture, books, and other household items in the Mansion as well as slaves, horses, livestock and other chattels.

Keywords

Washington, Lawrence, 1718-1752 -- Estate

Inventories

Lists (document genres)

Enslaved persons

Indenture, with George and Ann Lee

Unit ID RM-726; MS-4912

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6369

Unit Date 1753 December 17

Text 33 (box)

Container 1753.12.17 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Washington leased the two tracts of land that formed his late brother Lawrence's estate, and 18 slaves, from Lawrence's widow Ann and her new husband George Lee for an annual rent of 15 hogsheads of tobacco or the cash equivalent. Document is signed by GW and both Lees, and witnessed by William Fairfax, John Dalton, and Denis McCarty.

Document, Indenture for the leasing of the Mount Vernon estate from George and Ann Lee to George Washington

Unit ID RM-726; MS-4912

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6840

Unit Date 1754 December 17

Text 33 (box)

Container 1754.12.17 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

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witnessed by William Fairfax, John Dalton, and Denis McCarty.

George Washington, Philadelphia, to Governor Robert Dinwiddie

Unit ID 2019-SC-014

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/19530

Unit Date 1757 March 10

Text 33 (box)

Container 1757.03.10 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Extent 4 pages1 bifolium sheet45 x 37 cm; 22 x 37 cm

Scope and Contents

Autograph letter signed. Washington writes about the service and loyalty of the Virginia Regiment during the French and Indian War.

Keywords

Correspondence

United States -- History -- French and Indian War, 1754-1763

Dinwiddie, Robert, 1693-1770

Quit claim deed by John Carney to George Washington

Unit ID 2018-SC-027

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/13407

Unit Date 1765 February 26

Text 33 (box)

Container 1765.02.26 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Creator Washington, Lund, 1737-1796

Extent 1 pages

Scope and Contents

Quit claim deed written on handmade laid paper in the hand of George Washington. The quit claim is by John Carney to George Washington for 200 acres of land at Cliftons, formerly Piscataway Neck, which later became part of the Mount Vernon River Farm. Signed by John Carney (his mark), Lund Washington, Walter Magowan, Eno Williams (his mark), and Thos. Bishop.

Keywords

Legal documents

Deeds

Real property

Survey of lands in Frederick County left to John Augustine Washington by Lawrence Washington

Unit ID 2019-SC-016-001

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/19521

Unit Date 1767 December 1

Text 33 (box)

Container 1767.12.01 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Creator Washington, John Augustine, 1736-1787

Extent 2 pages

Scope and Contents

Autograph survey and plat signed "G. Washington." Docketed on verso by John Augustine Washington, "An Including survey of all the Lands left me in Frederick, by my brother Lawrence Washington, done by George Washington Esqr." A survey of four parcels of land in present-day Jefferson County, West

Virginia.

Keywords

Surveying

Washington, Lawrence, 1718-1752 -- Estate

Real property

Plat, Mount Vernon tract

Unit ID W-1096

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6370

Unit Date 1769 July 10

Text 33 (box)

Container 1769.07.10 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Docketed on back "West v Posey Plat & Report", in G.W.'s hand, laminated, watermark (crown over heraldic device & motto, & crown over GR), oversize document. [This was part of the original grant to Spencer which George Washington purchased from Captain Posey to help cancel that gentleman's debt to him and others]. The plat showing survey lines is attached to the report. A cover is attached, docketed "Papers Relating To Mount Vernon Trace of Land."

Keywords

Land surveys

Surveying

Real property

Posey, John

Survey, Fairfax County

Unit ID RM-93; MS-2241

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6371

Unit Date 1770

Text 33 (box)

Container 1770.00.00 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Original; docketed on reverse in Washington's handwriting, as follows: "Plats of Sundry Tracts of Land Belonging & Adjoining those of George Washington Fairfax County."

Indenture, to John Posey

Unit ID RM-1155; MS-5874

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6372

Unit Date 1772 June 10

Text 33 (box)

Container 1772.06.10 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

This indenture is the purchase agreement by which George Washington acquired six acres of land from John Posey. This tract of land was situated along the Potomac River between the mouths of Little Hunting Creek and Dogue Creek. The document is partially printed and filled out by George Washington in his own hand on June 10, 1772. Washington signed his name five times within the text, and Posey signed it at the conclusion. Witnesses John Parke Custis, Jonathan Palmer, Thomas Bishop and another individual, whose autograph is indecipherable, all signed that this document was sealed and delivered in their presence. An inscription at the bottom of the document states that on October 19, 1772, court was held for the County of Fairfax and this lease was proved by the oaths of the witnesses to be the deed of John Posey. The acquisition of this document by the Mount Vernon Ladies'

Association closes the circle on this important story and piece of Mount Vernon land which is approximately where the wharf of today is located. It is the third in a series of documents between John Posey and George Washington. The first two documents, GEORGE WASHINGTON'S SURVEY FOR JOHN POSEY, OCTOBER 10, 1769 (A-481.1) and LEASE FROM JOHN POSEY TO GEORGE WASHINGTON, APRIL 23, 1770 (RM-1022, MS-5650) already in Mount Vernon's possession, demonstrate Washington's longstanding interest in acquiring this tract of Posey's land. This third and final document, negotiating the sale of the property to Washington, tells the story of his eventual success in acquiring the land and expanding his Mount Vernon estate. Captain John Posey was a veteran of the French and Indian War, and George Washington's neighbor. John Posey's home, Rover's Delight, was just a mile downriver, southwest, of Mount Vernon. Posey farmed his plantation and operated a public ferry across the Potomac to Maryland. Posey was a friend of Washington's and often joined him in fox hunts and to play cards. John Posey suffered financial trouble throughout the 1760's and took loans from George Washington as well as other creditors. For example, on October 1, 1763, Washington took a £700 mortgage on Posey's property. Over the years the interest on Posey's debts grew and by October 1769 Posey's debt to Washington had grown to nearly 1,000 pounds Virginia currency. On October 10, 1769, George Washington surveyed the land later purchased in this agreement (see A-481.1). At that time this portion of land was under dispute between Posey and John West. As a result of the demands of Posey's many creditors, the remainder of Posey's Virginia property, which was not under dispute, was auctioned off under court order on October 23, 1769. With the 1769 sale, Washington was recompensed for his loans to Posey and Washington was able to acquire 200 acres of Posey's land. However, Washington also desired ownership of the small area of disputed land which contained Posey's ferry and fishery. Fortunately for Washington, Posey soon found himself back in debt. On April 23, 1770, George Washington began to lease from Posey the land which had been under dispute between Posey and John West. Washington was interested in leasing this land because it was located adjacent to Mount Vernon and on the Potomac River very close to his fishing and shipping operations. With this 1770 lease, Washington assumed the management of Posey's land and ferry. At some point during the following year, Posey resettled in Queenstown on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Washington continued to lease this land until finally acquiring it with this purchase document in 1772. THE PAPERS OF GEORGE WASHINGTON state that the eventual purchase of this tract of land took place on June 8, 1772, because a deed of release from Posey to Washington now in the Rosenbach Museum and Library in Philadelphia carries this date (Colonial Series Vol. 8 187). However, this official purchase agreement in the collection of Mount Vernon is dated June 10, 1772, and an inscription notes court was held on October 19, 1772. By the time Washington made this agreement Posey was so broke that Washington was able to acquire the land, as well as Posey's house, ferry and horse-all for 50 pounds (Rees 154). Witness Jonathan Palmer was George Washington's master carpenter. Once Washington began leasing Posey's land, Washington had Palmer and his family move into Posey's home. Washington records this in his diary on May 16, 1770. It is because of Palmer's place of residence and connection to Posey and Washington that Palmer was eventually selected as one of the witnesses to this purchase agreement.

Keywords

Indentures

Real property

Posey, John

Conservation

This document was conserved by Frank Mowery of the Folger Shakespeare Library on January 11, 2009. He described the document's condition, "This document was split into three pieces, with numerous tears at folds and along edges, with a few areas of loss at the corners and along the left margin and at the corners of folds." Mr. Mowery described his treatment, "The document was bathed in an ethanol and water bath to remove soluble acids. It was then extensively mended and the losses were filled with specially toned Japanese paper, adhered with zin shofu wheat starch paste. Mends were on the verso and were toned with pastel. It was deacidified and encapsulated in Mylar." For photographs of the document before and after this treatment see the object file.

Survey, for Joseph Fox

Unit ID RM-490; MS-5518

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6544

Unit Date 1772 October 6

Text 33 (box)

Container 1772.10.06 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Inscription with a date of 1774. Then Hanover Co. (now Louisa Co.) Virginia.

Indenture, Deed of release, Charles West

Unit ID W-1236

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6545

Unit Date 1772 October 28

Text 33 (box)

Container 1772.10.28 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Witnessed by G. Johnston, John Thornton, John Gunnell, Matthew Campbell.

Proved at court 16 Nov. 1772, signed by P. Wagoner.

Receipt for £605 on reverse signed by West and same witnesses.

Docketed "West to Washington Release Nov. 1772 Nov. 18" etc.

For 484 acres "Land lying in Fairfax County on the head of Dogues' creek", part of the tract West's wife Ann Brown inherited from her father who bought it from Zephaniah & Valinda Wade from the head of Dogue Run creek to W-n's stone mill house etc. for £605.

Document, Sales of Furniture

Unit ID RM-851 ; MS-5306

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4170

Unit Date 1774 August 15

Text 33 (box)

Container 1774.08.15 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

When George William and Sally Fairfax moved to England before the Revolutionary War, they asked their neighbor and friend George Washington to help them rent their Belvoir estate and sell the mansion's furnishings. On August 15, 1774, Washington administered an auction of their furniture, utensils, and books and docketed this inventory titled Sales of Furniture at Belvoir. This document includes items listed for sale, their selling prices, and purchaser's totals. Purchasers listed include Washington and his stepson John Parke Custis. George Washington was the high bidder of the event, spending a grand total of £169.12.6, over half the total receipts. Autograph document, one-page folio, docketed by George Washington on the verso.

Keywords

Inventories

Furniture

Belvoir Mansion

Fairfax, George William, 1724-1787

Fairfax, Sally Cary, 1730-1811

Letter, to David Grier

Unit ID RM-1171; MS-5907

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6546

Unit Date 1777 March 12

Text 33 (box)

Container 1777.03.12 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Extent

2 pagesMattedMat dimensions: 50 x 41 cm

Document dimensions: 41 x 32

Scope and Contents

Letter, 1777 March 12, in Alexander Hamilton's hand, from George Washington, Morristown, N.J., to Lt. Col. David Grier of the 7th Pennsylvania Regiment ordering him to submit a complete return of his regiment and to take new recruits who have not had smallpox to Philadelphia where they would be inoculated against the disease.

Related Materials

Included in: The Papers of George Washington, Revolutionary War Series, vol. 8. (Charlottesville: University Press of Virginia, 1998) page 556. There titled "Circular to the Colonels of Various Continental Regiments."

Keywords

Correspondence

United States -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783

Medicine -- History -- 18th century

Grier, David

Plat, Ferry and French's farms

Unit ID W-179

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6547

Unit Date 1783

Text 34 (box)

Container 1783.00.00 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Date on original catalog card appears [1783].

Subdivisions of fields of Ferry and French's farm--on reverse is an explanation--in another hand, of the alterations in the arrangement of the field.

Keywords

Surveying

Land surveys

French's farm (Mount Vernon, Va.)

Ferry Farm (Fairfax county, Va.)

Indenture, deed of William and Sarah Berry for Mount Vernon land

Unit ID A-373.2

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6548

Unit Date 1783 June 16

Text 34 (box)

Container 1783.06.16 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Signed by Wm. Barry and Sarah Barry. No witnesses.

Receipts for money signed by Wm. Barry on reverse.

Attested on reverse by P. Wagener, Comm. of Court.

Deed for part of original Spencer grant, which had been sold to Zephaniah Wade & descended to William Barry--" ... William Barry and Sarah his wife for and in consideration of the Sum of three hundred and fifty pounds ... grant bargain ... unto the said George Washington ... all that moiety of the remainder of the said five hundred acres of Land ... which upon the survey then made was found to contain one hundred and eighteen acres ..."

Indenture, deed of lease, George and Elizabeth Muse

Unit ID A-861

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6549

Unit Date 1784 April 8

Text 34 (box)

Container 1784.04.08 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Printed mss., blanks filled in by G.W., laminated, oversize document, watermarks (armed figure, rampant lion with arrows, motto "Pro Patria").

Signed by Geo. and Elizabeth Muse. Witnessed by Peyton Sterns, Jno. Hawkins, John Pendleton, Henry Pendleton & [J. Sims?].

On reverse, in G.W.'s hand is Receipt for the £20 & "a Tract of Two thousand acres of Land lying in the county of Botetourt, on the River Kanhawa, which together is in full for the within mentioned Land." Singed by Geo. Muse.

Proved on April 20, 1784, in Richmond by J. Brown, clerk.

George Muse and wife Elizabeth "... for and in Consideration of the Sum of Twenty pounds Current Money of Virginia, and other valuable considerations ..." convey to George Washington "a certain tract of Land containing Three Thousand three hundred and twenty three acres in the County of Botetourt, on the East side of the Great Kanhawa River ..."

Indenture, deed of lease, John Ariss

Unit ID A-516.9

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6550

Unit Date 1786 April 20

Text 34 (box)

Container 1786.04.20 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Signed by John Ariss, Witnessed by John Gaunt, Edwd. McCormick & Francis Waller.

George Washington's signature does not appear; probably clipped for autograph.

On reverse, docketed twice, "John Ariss to George Washington 700 Acres rent £60 and to pay Land Taxes" in hand of [G.A. Washington ?].

A grant "for and during the Lives of the said John Ariss and his present wife Elizabeth Ariss Seven hundred Acres of Land, lying in the County of Berkeley on the Waters of Bullskin being Part of Several Tracts had by Deeds from the Proprietor of the Northern Neck ..." for "Sixty Pounds...to be paid in specie on the Twenty Fifth day of December in Each and Every Year ..."--also contains specifications for concerning timber on the land & planting trees, grass, and building houses.

List of workmen employed at the Great Falls for the Potomack Company

Unit ID 2017-SC-001-002

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/17367

Unit Date 1786 November 13-December 20

Text 34 (box)

Container 1786.11.13 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Creator Gilpin, George, 1740-1813

Creator Fitzgerald, John, -1799

Extent 1 Sheets108 x 21 cm

Scope and Contents

Document signed by George Washington, George Gilpin, and John Fitzgerald listing about 85 employees of the Potomac Company. The employees include 7 overseers, 2 borers, 2 carpenters, 2 blacksmiths, 1 coaler, and 68 laborers. There are three women on the list - Nurse Margaret Cosgrove, Cook Mary Twinch, and Washer Polly Firth.

Keywords

Potomac Company

Survey, partial, Ferry Farm with two crop rotation tables**Unit ID** RM-595; MS-4480**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6551**Unit Date** 1787**Text** 34 (box)**Container** 1787.00.00 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Portion of a large folio document containing approximately half of a survey of Ferry Plantation and 2 crop rotation tables for 1787 and 1797, entirely in George Washington's hand.

Related Materials

Survey is apparently identical to W-179 which may be a letterpress copy of MS-4480.

Keywords

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Surveying

Land surveys

Ferry Farm (Fairfax county, Va.)

Document, Society of the Cincinnati certificate for James Williams of Virginia**Unit ID** RM-838; MS-5366**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6552**Unit Date** 1787 March 1**Text** 34 (box)**Container** 1787.03.01 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Society of the Cincinnati**Scope and Contents**

Engraved Society of the Cincinnati certificate for James William, Esquire of Virginia. As president of the Society, George Washington signs the document at Mount Vernon on March 1, 1787. The document is also signed by secretary Henry Knox. Certificate is mounted to a board and has some staining and a tear.

Keywords

Certificates

Document, List of Workmen employed at the Great Falls**Unit ID** RM-986; MS-5603**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6553**Unit Date** 1787 April 11-May 12**Text** 35 (box)**Container** 1787.04.11 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Creator** Gilpin, George, 1740-1813**Creator** Fitzgerald, John, -1799**Scope and Contents**

List of workmen employed at the Great Falls by the Potomack Company digging the C&O Canal. Columnar style. Includes names, occupation, number of days, rations and total amount due in Virginia currency. George Washington as an incorporator of the Potomac Company along with the signatures of John Fitzgerald and George Gilpin appear on the reverse authorizing payment. Additional note from overseer Richardson Stuart regarding the final balance. Autograph document, 1 page.

Keywords

Lists (document genres)

Financial records

Potomac Company

Survey, distances from Cameron to Colchester

Unit ID W-370

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6554

Unit Date 1788

Text 35 (box)

Container 1788.00.00 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Survey by George Washington of distances from Cameron to Colchester.

Keywords

Fairfax County (Va.)

Surveying

Land surveys

Document, Reference and Observations (notes on roads near Mount Vernon)

Unit ID RM-389; MS-2491

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6555

Unit Date 1788 December 15

Text 35 (box)

Container 1788.12.15 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Key to accompany 1788 map of roads in MV area (also in MV collection) a summary of existing roads and recommendations for improving roads.

Document, Articles of Agreement with Thomas Green

Unit ID RM-690; MS-4702

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6556

Unit Date 1793 October 25

Text 35 (box)

Container 1793.10.25 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Document signed, docketed by Washington. Body of text in handwriting of Bartholomew Dandridge. Witnessed by Dandridge and signed by Green.

Renewal of Green's yearly contract as overseer for the slave carpenters at Mount Vernon.

Account, ledger account of kitchen staples

Unit ID RM-595; MS-4481

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6557

Unit Date 1794 March

Text 35 (box)

Container 1794.03.00 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Ledger account of kitchen staples purchased for the Presidential household in Phila. for Mar. 3-16, 1794, entirely in the hand of GW. A leaf from ledger in oversize manuscripts which begins Apr. 1794.

Account, ledger account of kitchen staples**Unit ID** W-678**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6558**Unit Date** 1794 April-June**Text** 35 (box)**Container** 1794.04.00 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Scope and Contents**

Day by day account in G.W.'s hand, of amt. and price of each item of food bought during the period-- for month of June, no day by day account is included, but a total of each thing for 30 days of June.

Keywords

Cooking -- Equipment and supplies

Financial records

Ledgers (account books)

Document, three-language ship passport**Unit ID** RM-1223**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6559**Unit Date** 1795 June 27**Text** 35 (box)**Container** 1795.06.27 (folder)**Language** English.**Broadside, Land to Rent and Sell****Unit ID** RM-1108; MS-5788**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6560**Unit Date** 1796 February 1**Text** 35 (box)**Container** 1796.02.01 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Printed Broadside.

Signed in print by George Washington.

Some of George Washington's land at Mount Vernon to be sold or rented.

Presidential land grant for Samuel Eddins**Unit ID** 2024-SC-025-001**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/40279**Unit Date** 1796 July 18**Text** Drawer 25**Container** 1796.07.18 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, George, 1732-1799**Extent** 1 pages1 sheet32 x 38 cm**Description**

Presidential land grant issued by U. S. President George Washington to Samuel Eddins for his service in the Virginia Regiment. The grant consists of 1000 acres of land located northwest of the Ohio River, between the Little Miami and Sciota Rivers. Embossed paper wafer presidential seal at lower left. Document signed by George Washington and Secretary of State Timothy Pickering, 1 page.

Keywords

Land grants

Real property

Washington, George, 1732-1799 -- Presidency
Pickering, Timothy, 1745-1829

Document, Slave Census

Unit ID A-366.65; W-1475

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4698

Unit Date 1799 July

Text 35 (box)

Container 1799.07.00 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Lists Mount Vernon enslaved people, their relationships, occupations, and place of residence on the estate -- a list of "the negroes hired from Mrs. French." Autograph document, entirely in hand of George Washington, oversize document, laminated, George Washington's complete watermark. | Date on original catalog card appears [1799][July]. | [Probably prepared for information of his executors at the time he was drawing his will in July, 1799]. |

Keywords

Lists (document genres)

Enslaved persons

French, Penelope Manley, approximately 1739-

Letter, to Robert Lewis

Unit ID RM-648; MS-4579

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6561

Unit Date 1799 December 7

Text 35 (box)

Container 1799.12.07 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Washington writes that the recent death of John Ainess, who had leased one of the Shenandoah farms, may give Lewis an opportunity to take over the lease. This in turn would give Washington a chance to transfer some slaves from Mount Vernon. He mentions that "Mrs. Lewis has a girl born." See also GW to R. Lewis, 8/18/99.

Document, rotation with annual plow schedule

Unit ID RM-1156; MS-5875

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6562

Unit Date undated

Text 35 (box)

Container ND1 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Pair of plans for crop rotation and the plowings it required in the hand of George Washington. One plan is neatly headed "Rotation by AW with the Plowings necessary to carry it into effect." The initials may refer to John Augustine Washington (1736-1787), for whom this plan may have been devised. The second plan is similarly headed "Rotation by CW...," and was perhaps intended for Corbin Washington's use. Both plans are based on 75 acre plots of farmland. The number of days to plow or harrow the plot is carefully tabulated at the right of the list. In the lower part of each plan, Washington lists, month-by-month the sequence of plowings and harrowings, to calculate the labor needed.

Keywords

Farm management

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Agriculture

Survey, notes and plot of grounds in Northeast part of the pasture at Mount Vernon

Unit ID W-515

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6563

Unit Date undated

Text 35 (box)

Container ND2 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, George, 1732-1799

Scope and Contents

Partial document of a plat of Mount Vernon, 'Old Plat of the Grounds in the NE part of the Pasture of Mount Vernon from the Summit of the Hills on which the Log'd Cabbins are.' Page one is the survey, page two includes surveying notes in Washington's hand.

Keywords

Surveying

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Land surveys

To George Washington

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6564

Unit Date 1748-1786 February, undated

Language English.

Map, Spencer/Washington tract

Unit ID MSS-242

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6565

Unit Date 1748

Maps 36 (box)

Container 1748.00.00 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Map with notes and 'A table of explanation this platt.' See 1748, March 29, Depositions in the Suit of Thomas Marshall against Samson Darrell [W-243/A-D]

Keywords

Land surveys

manuscript maps

Indenture, quit claim deed from Lawrence Washington

Unit ID A-373.1

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6566

Unit Date 1752 June 16

Text 36 (box)

Container 1752.06.16 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Signed by Law Washington and witnessed by Mary Washington, Sam[uel] Washington, Charles Washington, John Washington, Martha Posey, & W[illiam] Fairfax.

Proved July 7, 1752 in Spotsylvania County.

Conveying 3 lots in Fredericksburg.

Letter, from Warner Lewis**Unit ID** A-301.282**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6567**Unit Date** 1755 August 9**Text** 36 (box)**Container** 1755.08.09 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Lewis, Warner, 1720-1779**Scope and Contents**

His friends in Wmsburg, including Speaker, desire to see him & have him accept command of troops to be raised--if he will proceed on expedition "twoud give a general satisfaction to our Country."-- Assembly has voted £40,000 & 1200 men immed. raised --"I believe, were you present, that the greatest regard wou'd be shewn any proposals you shou'd think proper with regard to the expedition." Congratulations on his safe "arrival among us" [after Braddock's expedition] --condolences on his late illness.

Keywords

United States -- History -- French and Indian War, 1754-1763

Correspondence

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Letter, from Lund Washington**Unit ID** A-283.30**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6568**Unit Date** 1775 October 15**Text** 36 (box)**Container** 1755.10.15 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Letter to be delivered by Mr. Harrison who accepts invitation to camp--lists letters received from G.W.; never received others--some "villon" is intercepting letters--mentions construction & appearance of "wash house" which G.W. does not intend as a wash house--Jenifer Adams has sold timber off land--bad rains washed out nearly completed tumbling dam--coopers & miller again at work on it--sowing wheat delayed by rains--Bennett Jenkins from western lands arrived--claims Simpson & Crawford didn't pay him--paid in Pa. currency--Simpson & son coming to Mt.V.--bought 6M 20d nails and 4000 ft. of inch plank--"by the time the House is finishd that is now just Raised, we shall not have one foot of inch & 1/4 plank left beside what is put away for the addition of the great House"--bricklayers doing garden wall & chimney of wash house--stucco man still working on dining room--"the ceily. is not clumsey, I think it light & handsome it is altogether worck'd by Hand which makes it tedious - as to puty. down the plaster in the new Room, it will not make two days odds in his doing the Room, for he can plaister in one day more than our two men can in a week.--if the sides is done in plain stoco it will not take him long, as to the seilg. I can form no judgment how long it will take him ..."--Mrs. W. wants it finished so she can get into it this winter--she will talk to Col. [Fielding] Lewis about it--Webster making bricks--John [Broad] & the taylor & negroes sick--Mrs. W. not afraid of [Lord] Dunmore--valuables packed in trunks to be moved quickly if necessary--his papers will be sent away anyway--Sears still sick.

Letter, from Lund Washington**Unit ID** A-283.31**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6569**Unit Date** 1775 October 29**Text** 36 (box)**Container** 1775.10.29 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Sent word to Mrs. W. at New Kent informing her to come to camp--expect her here immediately--discussion by Md. and Alex. residents of plan to blockade river--Indian Head best place--"Captn Boucher [said] he woud undertake with 3 ships [sunk] to stop the Channel so that no ship of Force could get up the River ..."--Mrs. W. packed his papers in a trunk to be sent to Capt. McCarty's for safe keeping--she

gave him key to G.W.'s study but he won't touch anything there except in emergency--what to do with Col. Mercer's papers?--John West, Mr. Harper, Mr. Wilson ask for money owed them--Bishop needs money--Dr. Crail's negro came with news from over the mountains--Val Crawford comes, feels it useless to keep building on G.W.'s land there because of danger of British burning everything--should he grind wheat?--Jennifer Adams offers to rent Md. land--Col. Mason very ill since convention--Lund thinks Mt. V. very easily defended by 50 men--will consider making salt peter--Custis and wife with Mrs. W. in New Kent--Knowles is well, Webster sick, John Barry dead.

Survey, plat of Woodstock Manor

Unit ID A-366.48

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6570

Unit Date 1793 January 2

Text 36 (box)

Container 1793.01.02 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

A plat and survey by Hezekiah Veatch, assistant Surveyor of Montgomery County, by request of Francis Deakins & Benjamin Jones, of Woodstock Manor, divided it into 2 equal tracts, correcting lines in a survey made in 1782 -- Signed statement by Deakins & Jones "By request of the President of the United States and Colo. Mercer we have divided Woodstock into two Lots of Equal Value as per the above plat & certificate". This land was conveyed to George Washington on 1 April 1793 by John Francis Mercer, his wife Sophia Sprigg Mercer, and by James Steuart and his wife Rebecca Sprigg Steuart in payment for a debt owed him by the estate of Mercers father, John Mercer.

Document, "Terms on which the Farms at Mt. Vernon may be Obtained"

Unit ID RM-490; MS-4032

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6571

Unit Date 1796 February 1

Text 36 (box)

Container 1796.02.01 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Description of rental terms for River, Union and Dogue-run farms--all will rent for the same amount--terms for Muddy hole will be slightly less--leases will run for 14 years--rent will be paid in the form of wheat (or cash equivalent)-.

Also, included in document is GW's ideal rotation plan for a farm with six fields--gives annual production of crops and the possibilities for financial reward on the part of the tenant farmer.

Patent, to Jonathan Dickerson

Unit ID RM-740 ; MS-4972

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6971

Unit Date 1791 July 30

Text 37 (box)

Container 1791.07.30 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

This printed document is a patent for a method of controlling tides, signed by George Washington as President, Thomas Jefferson as Secretary of State, and Edmund Randolph as Attorney General.

Keywords

Legal documents

Dickerson, Jonathan

Map, A map of the most inhabited part of New England: containing the provinces of Massachusetts Bay and New Hampshire, with the colonies of Conecticut and Rhode Island, divided into counties and townships: the whole composed from actual surveys and its situation adjusted by astronomical observations

Unit ID W-786

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/38588

Unit Date 1755 November 29

Maps 40 (box)

Language English.

Creator Jefferys, Thomas, -1771

Creator Green, John, -1757

Creator Jefferys, Thomas, -1771

Material Specification Scale [ca. 1:150,000]. Prime meridians: London and Ferro. Relief shown pictorially.

Extent 1 Sheets1 hand-colored map104 x 98 cm

Description

Detailed hand-colored map of New England, compiled by Braddock Mead (alias John Green) and published by Thomas Jefferys in 1755. Green was an Irish translator, geographer, and editor, as well as one of the most talented British map-makers at mid-century. This map is a George Washington original edition and was part of Washington's personal library.

Related references

LC Maps of North America, 1750-1789, 797.

Keywords

Maps (documents)

Washington, George, 1732-1799 -- Maps -- Original editions

New England

Created/Published

[London] : Thos. Jefferys, 1755