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Guide to the

**Philip Schuyler letters and documents**

1763, 1774-1801

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## Summary

**Creator:** Schuyler, Philip John, 1733-1804

**Title:** Philip Schuyler letters and documents

**Date:** 1763, 1774-1801

**Size:** .21 linear feet (1 box)

**Source:** Donated by John S. Kennedy, 1896 as part of the Emmet collection and J. Pierpont Morgan, 1899 as part of the Ford collection, and various purchases, 1932-1976

**Abstract:** Philip John Schuyler (1733-1804), a Revolutionary War general and statesman, was a prominent member of the landed aristocracy of New York State. The collection consists of various autograph letters and documents of Philip Schuyler, including letters and orders written to Peter Curtenius, Richard Varick, Jeremiah Wadsworth, James Duane, and James Clinton during the American Revolution, and letters to his daughters Eliza and Catherine and other family members. Correspondence with Simeon De Witt, a letter to Barent Bleecker, and related documents concern their efforts to build canals in upstate New York during the 1790s. Also present are two documents signed in his role as Commissioner of Indian Affairs, a letter to Richard Davis giving instructions on management of his property, a land indenture, and some receipts.

**Access:** Advance notice required.

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## Key Terms

### Subjects

Canals -- New York (State)

### Occupations

Landowners  
Soldiers  
Statesmen  
Surveyors

**Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Leases

**Geographic Names**

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

**Names**

Bleecker, Barent, 1760-1840  
Clinton, James, 1736-1812  
De Witt, Simeon, 1756-1834  
Duane, James, 1733-1797  
Varick, Richard, 1753-1831  
Wadsworth, Jeremiah, 1743-1804  
Schuyler family

## Container List

- b. 1 Receipt signed by Philip Schuyler 1763 March 29
- b. 1 Receipt to Philip Schuyler 1774 October 7  
Receipt signed by Mary Peterson for payment received for her attendance at the funeral of General Bradstreet
- b. 1 Letter from Philip Schuyler to Peter T. Curtenius 1775 June 3
- b. 1 Order from General Philip Schuyler to Peter T. Curtenius for gunsmiths' tools 1775 July 3  
Document of June 3 copied with added list of items; date emended to July 3
- b. 1 Letter to Jeremiah Wadsworth from Philip Schuyler undated
- b. 1 Letter from Philip Schuyler to Captain Richard Varick 1776 February 2
- b. 1 Order to Captain Richard Varick from Philip Schuyler 1776 February 6
- b. 1 Order to Captain Richard Varick from Philip Schuyler 1776 March 10
- b. 1 Letter from Philip Schuyler to General [John Morin] Scott 1777 October 2  
Transcript of the original letter in the possession of Lewis A. Scott
- b. 1 Extract of a letter from Colonel Richard Varick to General Schuyler 1777 September 19  
Transcript
- b. 1 Letter from Philip Schuyler to James Duane 1778 December 19
- b. 1 Letter from Philip Schuyler to General James Clinton 1780 November 5
- b. 1 Inventory of ammunition delivered to the Indians on behalf of the Commissioners of Indian Affairs 1782 September 26
- b. 1 Letter from Philip Schuyler to the inhabitants of Kings district 1783 April 4
- b. 1 Letter from Philip Schuyler to his nephew John C. Schuyler 1785 November 15
- b. 1 Letter from Philip Schuyler to his daughter Eliza (Mrs. Alexander Hamilton) 1785 February 4
- b. 1 Letter from Philip Schuyler to Major James Van Rensselaer 1786 February 26
- b. 1 Letter from Philip Schuyler to Messrs. Stewart & Jones 1787 April 2
- b. 1 Letter from Philip Schuyler to Barent Bleecker 1793 February 10
- b. 1 Draft statement by Philip Schuyler answering objections to recent canal legislation approximately 1793  
This is probably the enclosed sketch mentioned in the above letter to Bleecker. On December 22, 1792, the New York State Legislature passed "An Act to amend an Act, entitled 'An Act for establishing and opening lock navigations within this State.'"
- b. 1 Statement by Philip Schuyler answering objections to recent canal legislation approximately 1793  
Fair copy in another hand of the preceding item. It contains inserted text as per Schuyler's instructions
- b. 1 Petition to the Legislature of the State of New York approximately 1793  
Draft or copy of a petition by unspecified subscribers, listing their concerns about the recently-enacted "Act to amend an Act ... for establishing and opening lock navigations within this State"
- b. 1 Letter from Simeon De Witt to Philip Schuyler 1794 November 5
- b. 1 Letter from Philip Schuyler to Simeon De Witt and John Thurman 1794 November 8
- b. 1 Letter from Philip Schuyler to Simeon De Witt 1794 November 8
- b. 1 Letter from Philip Schuyler to Simeon De Witt 1794 November 9
- b. 1 Letter from Philip Schuyler to Simeon De Witt approximately 1794

- b. 1 Request of Indian Commissioners for payment to be made in support of Oneida, Onondaga, and Cayuga Indians 1795 April 21  
Signed by Philip Schuyler, John Cantine, David Brooks, and John Richardson
- b. 1 Letter from Philip Schuyler to an unidentified correspondent 1795 May 11
- b. 1 Letter from Philip Schuyler to his daughter Catherine Schuyler 1795 June 18
- b. 1 Letter from Philip Schuyler to Richard Davis 1795 December 19
- b. 1 Indenture between Philip Schuyler and Frederick Coonly 1801 May 9  
For lease of farm number 8 in lot 10 of the Saratoga Patent