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PREFACE

This collection is arranged in three major divisions:

Correspondence- letters to and from Arthur Middleton concerning occurrences during the last years of the Revolutionary War in South Carolina, as well as family matters. At the time of this correspondence he was in Philadelphia as a member of the Continental Congress. Some of the letters in this section are by others. (see list of correspondents in the Table of Contents).

Memoranda and notes- largely concerning resolutions, motions, and committee reports during Arthur Middleton's years in Congress. Also miscellaneous lists, accounts, and bills are included in this section.

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W. Savage to Colo. Laurens. Letter about Captains Stirrup and Tucker. 13 Oct., 1767.
- 38-32-2 Henry Middleton, Goose Creek, to Arthur Middleton. Family letter concerning plantations, news, etc. Some mention of the Regulators. 22 Sept., 1768. Published SCHM. XXVII, 108.
- 38-33-1 Henry Middleton, Philadelphia, to Arthur Middleton. Letter, Family news; going to New York to see Mr. Fenwick who is dying of dropsey. His son Ned married to Miss Stuart without his father's knowledge. Endorsed: Answered, July 19, 1775. Published SCHM, XXVII, 116.
- 38-33-2 Peter Timothy, Charleston, to William Henry Drayton. Letter, concerning the Council of Safety, Tories, and the non-supporters of the Association. Endorsement: Timothy No. 3, 13 Aug., 1775. Published SCHM, XXVII, 128.
- 38-33-3 Peter Timothy, Charleston, to William Henry Drayton. Letter, written in the Council Room; about prospects of War and Peace. References to Commissioners of Fortifications. Endorsed: Timothy No. 4, 22 Aug., 1775. Published: SCHM, XXVII, 131.
- 38-33-4 E. Wright (Governor of Georgia), to Graves, Gage, and C. Letters. First addressed to his Lordship; congratulations upon safe arrival at Charles Town. Concern for prevention of interception of letters. Second addressed to Gen. Gage. Lord William Campbell to send "Scorpion" with letters. Have no vessels, no money, nor men and no fort to defend them. The King's government naked and exposed. Third addressed to "Sir", possibly Graves. Has received letters from the Earl of Dartmount dated Feb'y 1, stating an order was gone from the Admiralty to send a cruiser. Five large boats from South Carolina armed with 100 men have been in harbor ten days awaiting arrival of vessels from London with gunpowder which report says will try to take and it is not in the power of the writer to prevent. 27 June, 1775. Endorsed: "Copies of letters from Graves, Gage, etc." Published: SCHM, XXVII, 115.

- 38-33-5 A[rthur] M[iddleton], Charles Town, to [William Henry Drayton]. Letter. Events in Charles Town, Fort Johnson in their hands, three schooners armed for defense of trade, Wragg and Garden in the country, the Bastions garrisoned. 15 Sept, 1775.
- Charles Drayton, Charlestown, to William Henry Drayton, Headquarters, Ninety-Six. Letter. Conditions in Charlestown. Kirkland on the Man of War, Tamar. Capt. McDonald of the Provincals disguised as a cracker visits Lord William Campbell. Endorsed: " No. 5. 15 Sept., 1775. Published: SCHM, XXVII, 136.
- 38-33-6 Pierce Butler, Charleston, to Arthur Middleton. Letter. Invitation to dinner and instructions regarding getting guns on the Prosper so that support may be given the Fort and sparing soldiers from the Barrack to man the ship's guns. Thurs. Morning, [1775]. Published: SCHM, XXVII, 139.
- 38-34-1 P[ierce] Butler, Coosaw River, to [Arthur Middleton]. Letter. Need of a standing army in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia. Militia in settlements unsatisfactory for "war has become a science." So many overseers in militia near seacoast that planting is neglected. Scarcely a white man on the plantations from Purrysburgh to Combahee. Urges that need of a standing army presented to the Continental Congress. 2[1] Mar., 1776. Published: SCHM XXVII, 139.
- 38-34-2 _____ Salisbury, to the Honorable, The Pres. Cong. or of the Council of Safety of N.C. Letter. Is transmitting a letter from the President of South Carolina containing the resolutions of the General Assembly of that colony. Finds that Halifax is out of the way and asks that the receiver forward a similar letter to Virginia. 16 Apr., 1776. Published: SCHM XXVII, 141.
- 38-34-3 Clark & Nightengale, Providence, to the Delegates of the State of South Carolina in Congress at Baltimore. Letter. Have received papers from Gov. Rutledge. Discusses cases in Maritime Courts in Boston and Providence in which S.C. is interested. 15 Mar., 1777.

- 38-34-4 The Reverend Mr. Jacob Duche to General [George] Washington. Extracts from a letter. Abuse of Congress. All the reputable characters have withdrawn. 8 Oct., 1777.
- 38-35-1 Richard Peters, York, to Arthur Middleton, Charles Town. Letter. Public matters still in suspense. Army still in want of necessities to distressing degree. The enemy preparing for a campaign by stealing horses. Endorsed: Richd Peters-1778. 5 Feb., 1778. Published: SCHM XXVII, 147.
- 38-35-2 Fran[cis] Hopkinson, Philad[elphi]a, to [Arthur Middleton]. Letter. Looks for a letter from Middleton. Hopes that Count d'Estaing will destroy the English fleet. Is playing the harpsichord as "medicine". Has been removed from the Navy Board by Congress; is now Treasurer of Loans. Expects to dine with Mr. Laurens. Will send some of his verse and prose to Middleton. 21 Aug., 1778. Published: SCHM XXVII, 148.
- 38-35-3 Henry Laurens, Philadelphia, to Arthur Middleton, South Carolina. Letter. About Middleton's house in Philadelphia, and affairs left in Laurens' charge; the enemy's behavior in Philadelphia. News of the War in New York and the West Indies. 23 Nov., 1778. Published: SCHM XXVII, 150.
- 38-36-1 [Arthur Middleton], Charles Town, to [Henry Laurens]. Letter. Writer expresses obligation for addressee's attention to his affairs in Philadelphia. About funds from the publick money. Enemy waiting for reinforcements; expect a vigorous attack which he hopes will be vigorously opposed. Endorsed: Copy of letter to Hy Laurens, 9 June, 1779. Published: SCHM XXVII, 152.
- 38-36-2 Thomas Burke Halifax, to Arthur Middleton, Charlestown. Letter. Acknowledges introduction to Mr. Rutledge. Discusses the conduct of Congress and expresses gratification at Middleton's return to it. 1 Nov., 1779. Published: SCHM XXVII, 153.
- 38-37-1 Compte de Vergennes, Versailles, to J. Adams, Minister Plenipotentiary of the U.S. Letter in French. 10 July, 1781.

- 38-37-2 Aedanus Burke, Baltimore, to [Arthur Middleton, Philadelphia]. Letter. Account of his journey south and cost of same. Warnings and advice to friends about the same journey. Report that the enemy have been routed from Charlestown. 9 Oct., 1781. Published: SCHM XXVI, 184.
- 38-37-3 Aedanus Burke, Petersburg, to Arthur Middleton, Philadelphia. Letter. Expresses surprise that the British made so poor a showing at York. Finds some South Carolina negroes with the British troops. 18 Nov., 1781. Published: SCHM XXVI, 188.
- 38-37-4 Edward Rutledge, Petersburg, to Arthur Middleton, Philadelphia. Letter. Heard report that the enemy has evacuated Wilmington. Refers him to letter of Cotesworth Pinckney for account of affairs in "this part of the world". Burke was sent to Charlestown a week before the evacuation. 25 Nov., 1781. Published: SCHM XXVI, 207.
- 38-37-5 Edward Rutledge, Salisbury, to Arthur Middleton, Philadelphia. Letter. General Greene has moved down to Dorchester. British have retreated to Charleston. The election (for Assembly) to be the 17th or 18th. Garrison from Wilmington has joined. Just before the enemy left Dorchester. Marion made a blow at 90 of them and brought them off. 12 Dec., 1781. Published: SCHM XXVI, 207.
- 38-38-1 Charles Cotesworth Pinckney, Philadelphia, to Thomas Bee, Arthur Middleton, Isaac Motte, and Nicholas Eveleigh, Esqs. Delegates from the State of South Carolina to Congress. Memorial concerning his exchange. 5 Jan., 1782. Published: SCHM XXVII, 55.
- 38-38-2 _____, Philadelphia, to "Sir". Letter. Refers to non-exchange of Earl of Cornwallis and encloses papers explaining reasons. Answers criticism regarding conduct of publick business and says we" are prepared to explain to the Legislature of the country. 15 Jany., 1782.

- 38-38-3 E[dward] Rutledge, Jacksonborough, to Arthur Middleton, Philadelphia. Letter. The assembly have met and are proceeding on matters of great consequence; have the flower of the country, but wish for more business men. On Greene's moving down the enemy evacuated John's Island. 23 Jan., 1782. Published: SCHM XXVI, 209.
- 38-38-4 Ae[danus] Burke, Jacksonborough, to [Arthur Middleton, Philadelphia]. Letter. Discussion of confiscation acts. Endorsed: "Confiscation Lists & c." 25 Jan., 1782. Published: SCHM XXVI, 190.
- 38-38-5 E[dward] Rutledge, [Jacksonborough], to [Arthur] Middleton, [Philadelphia]. Letter. Concerning assembly, election of Governor, etc. Military news. 28 Jan., 1782. Published: SCHM XXVI, 211.
- 38-39-1 Edward Rutledge, Jacksonborough, to [Mrs. Arthur Middleton]. Letter. Gives news from Philadelphia and offers to send messages. Promises return of her horses. 6 Feb., 1782. Published: SCHM XXVII, 1.
- 38-39-2 E[dward] Rutledge, Jacksonborough, to A[rthur] Middleton, Philadelphia. Letter. Concurring to actions of the assembly confiscations; Blake on the list; election of delegates. 8 Feb., 1782. Published: SCHM XXVII, 2.
- 38-39-3 Edward Rutledge, Jacksonborough, to [Arthur] Middleton, [Philadelphia]. Letter. Col. Lee will report on military news; political and domestic news about the same; discussion of confiscation lists; names Blake, Horry, Manigault mentioned. Young Garden in trouble. Since the Confiscation list made its way to town several quondam enemies have expressed desire to return to their countrymen. 14 Feb., 1782. Published: SCHM XXVII, 4.
- 38-39-4 Jno. Mathews, Jacksonborough, to Arthur Middleton, Philadelphia. Letter. Introducing Mr. Hartly. The enemy quiet. 15 Feb., 1782. Published: SCHM XXVII, 67.

- 38-39-5 Jonas Fay, Ira Allen, Abel Curtis, to his Ex. John Hancock, President of Congress. Letter Writers have presented certain official papers to Congress and know that they cannot expect immediate consideration but hope that in time Vermont will be admitted as a state. The delegates must leave the city but are assured that no matters destructive to the peace of Vermont will be persued on their absence but believe that measures will be taken to defend her frontiers. 21 Feb., 1782.
- 38-39-6 Edward Rutledge, Jacksonborough, to [Arthur] Middleton, [Philadelphia]. Letter. Discusses confiscation and his fight to save friends. 26 Feb., 1782. Published: SCHM XXVII, 6.
- 38-39-7 [Arthur Middleton], Philadelphia, to _____. Letter. Gillon at Havana with prizes. Rumors of movement of the British around Charles Town and activity in the West Indies. 27 Feb., 1782. Published: SCHM XXVII, 51.
- 38-40-1 Ae[danus] Burke, Jacksonborough, to Arthur Middleton, Philadelphia. Letter. Activity around Charles Town; rumors; account of Steel who was impressed into British service; exchange of prisoners. Sends news of Mrs. Middleton. 15 Mar, 1782. Published: SCHM XXVI, 195.
- 38-40-2 E[dward] Rutledge, Jacksonborough, to Arthur Middleton, Philadelphia. Letter. Rumors received from Charlestown. Mrs. Middleton is expecting his return. Concerning Horry's detention. Is sending money. 16 Mar., 1782. Note on margin of page one in cypher. Published: SCHM XXVII, 10.
- 38-40-3 Gen. Alexander Leslie, Headquarters, to Gen. Nathaniel Greene; Gen. Leslie to Gov. Mathews; Nathaniel Greene to Gen. Leslie. Exchange of letters concerning the Acts of the S.C. Assembly, confiscation of estates, etc. 4-11 April, 1782.

- 38-40-4 A[rthur] M[iddleton], Ph[iladelphia], to [Aedanus] Burke, to _____, and to _____. Letter drafts (3). First, writer expresses his strong opposition to confiscation as a form of punishment. Second, presents compliments and duty and concludes in cypher. Third, largely in cypher. 7 April, 1782. First draft published: SCHM XXVII, 28.
- 38-40-5 Charles Cotesworth Pinckney, Camp near Bacon's Bridge, to Arthur [Middleton, Philadelphia]. Personal letter. Reports on condition of Middleton's family; news of Rutledges and Pinckneys. Calvary has used so much forage that there is not enough left to supply the country. Georgia distressed for provisions. Gov. Mathews has already sent them 500 barrels of rice. Urges that report on provisions not prevent the sending of more men. Gen. Barnwell has been made Brigadier of Militia and his brigade refuses to serve under him. 24 Apr., 1782. Published: SCHM XXVII, 60.
- 38-41-1 J[ohn] R[utledge], D[avid] R[amsey], A[rthur] M[iddleton], Philadelphia, to [Governor John Mathews]. Letter. An account of the proceedings in Congress. General Moultrie carried all the commissions properly filled out. 6 May, 1782. Published: SCHM XXVII, 53.
- 38-41-2 A[edanus] Burke, to [Arthur Middleton, Philadelphia]. Letter. Description of conditions in South Carolina and the confiscation acts. 14 May, 1782. Published: SCHM XXVI, 197.
- 38-41-3 Guy Carleton, New York, to General Washington; Gen. Washington to Arthur Middleton. Letter and extract of Washington's letter. Expresses willingness to provide transports for the return of "unfortunate inhabitants of S.C., mostly women and children." Extract of Washington's letter expresses unwillingness to be under obligation to Sir Guy. 23-28 May, 1782.
- 38-41-4 E[dward] Rutledge, [Governor's Quarters], to Arthur Middleton, Congress. Letter. Urges Middleton to remain in Philadelphia until the Fall. Expresses great distrust of Great Britain. 23 June, 1782. Published: SCHM XXVII, 17.

- 38-41-5 Charles Cotesworth Pinckney, Ponpon, to Arthur Middleton, Philadelphia. Letter. Is sending family letters and a newspaper. The paper of the 18th reports that three frigates, a sloop of war, and thirty-six empty transports have arrived (at Charlestown). Savannah has been evacuated. Sends messages to friends in Philadelphia. 24 June, 1782. Published: SCHM XXVII, 63.
- 38-41-6 Jno. Mathews, Cane Acre, to Arthur Middleton, in Congress, Philadelphia. Letter. Concerning evacuation of Charlestown and occupation of Ashley River plantation by the British. They are now at Wragg's and expected at his (Middleton's) in a day or two. Will protect Mrs. Middleton. The army is wanting almost everything hence the laxness of discipline. 26 June, 1782. Published: SCHM XXVII, 67.
- 38-42-1 A[edanus] B[urke], Headquarters, to [Arthur Middleton]. Letter. Descriptions of conditions in Georgia and South Carolina, Courts to try Tories. 6 July, 1782. Published: SCHM XXVI, 203.
- 38-42-2 Charles Cotesworth Pinckney, Ashley River, to Arthur Middleton, Philadelphia. Letter. The Army nearer to Middleton's place; not so easy to prevent the soldiers from marauding when they are so poorly paid. 10 July, 1782. Published: SCHM XXVII, 66.
- 38-42-3 Edw[ard] Rutledge, Ashley River, to [Arthur Middleton]. Letter. Family news. Account of the condition of the Army, no clothes, little fuel, no pay, and no rum. 11 July, 1782. Published: SCHM XXVII, 18.
- 38-43-1 Charles Cotesworth Pinckney, Ashley River, to Arthur Middleton, Philadelphia. Letter. Families of Edward Rutledge and the writer have removed from Pon pon and are under his (Middleton's) roof; evacuation of Charlestown about to take place. Refugees who wish to quit the town to be transported to East Florida. Leslie has sent out flags to propose exchange of prisoners. Merchants sent out a deputation to get permission to remain. 13 Aug., 1782. Published: SCHM XXVII, 64.

- 38-43-2 Francis Skelly, A.D.C. to General Leslie, to Capt. Ker. Letter. General Leslie will not allow any liquors to be carried out of town. Endorsement signed G.K. says interest not adequate. 25 Aug., 1782.
- 38-43-3 John Sanford Dart, Headquarters, Ashley Hill, So. Carolina, to Arthur Middleton, Philadelphia. Letter. Joseph Caly, deputy pay master general to the Southern Army has resigned. Writer has been nominated by Gen. Greene and would like Middleton to use his interest to get the nomination confirmed by Congress. 25 Aug., 1782. Published: SCHM XXVII, 73.
- 38-43-4 Jno. Mathews, Uxbridge, Ashley River, South Carolina, to Arthur Middleton, Philadelphia. Letter. Judge Burke's horses taken by South Carolina troops and returned. Rice stolen by the British. Col. Laurens, imprudently attempting to maintain his ground, fell. The enemy preparing to evacuate Charlestown and delayed by lack of transports. Comment on behavior of the enemy and asks that this be brought to the attention of Carlton by Washington. Encloses letter from Francis Marion. Letter concluded on Sept. 1. 25 Aug., 1782. Published: SCHM XXVII, 69.
- 38-43-5 Ra[lph] Izard, to [Arthur Middleton]. Letter. Genl. Washington has sent Lippencott's trial to Congress which is reading it now. Thinks it likely the affair will be committed and if he is not well enough to come to Congress this day he may still be present for the decision of the question. 26 Aug., 1782. Published: SCHM XXVII, 74.
- 38-43-6 Francis Marion, Wadboo, St. John's, to Gov. J. Mathews. Letter. Gives account of battle near Biggin Bridge, Major Frazier with 100 horses and some coloured dragoons attacked. Capt. Robert Gillis of the enemy killed. 30 Aug., 1782. (Probably the copy mentioned in letter of Gov. Mathews to Arthur Middleton, 25 Aug- 1 Sept., 1782) Published: SCHM XVII, 176.

- 38-44-1 [South Carolina Delegation in Congress], Philadelphia, to [Gov. Jno. Mathews]. Letter. Have received letter sent by Mr. Sansum. Pleased to learn of impending evacuation by British. Enclose resolution of Congress respecting Gen. Greene's continuing in the South. Congress will ask 1,200,000 be raised from the states by taxation or other means for public debts and obligations. Congress will offer the America to France to replace the Magnifique, lost in Boston harbor. Cartel, trial of Lippencott. Enclose copies of Gen. Washington's letters. 10 Sept., 1782. Published: SCHM XXVII, 77.
- 38-44-2 J[ohn] Middleton, Annapolis, to Arthur Middleton, Philadelphia. Letter. Has delivered letter entrusted to him. Sends news of a change in British ministry, derived from a British paper received from St. Thomas's. Would like to know if Charlestown has been evacuated. He intends to leave shortly with his horses to return to Carolina. 13 Sept., 1782. Published: SCHM XXVII, 72.
- 38-44-3 [Arthur Middleton], Philadelphia, to [Edward] Rutledge. Letter. Acknowledges letter sent by Mr. Sansum. Says all news has been included in letter to Gov. Congratulations on the "Belgic Declaration." Alterations in the British cabinet may retard pacification; if they do not soon "pocket their losses," and end the war the writer predicts the separation of Ireland and perhaps of Scotland and national bankruptcy. 17 Sept., 1782. Published: SCHM XXVII, 23.
- 38-44-4 [S.C. Delegation in Congress, Philadelphia, to Gov. Mathews]. Letter. Are sending duplicate of previous letter by Mr. Heyward. A ship from Amsterdam brings word that official independence has been acknowledged by the States General of the United Provinces on 19 April and Mr. Adams recognized as minister of the U.S. No authentic account of the Negotiations for peace. Mentions British change of Ministry. Hear reports of intended evacuation of N.Y., hope to hear of Charleston. 17 Sept., 1782. Published: SCHM XXVII, 25.
- 38-44-5 George Washington, Headquarters, to President of Congress. Letter. Sends intelligence recently received from Canada that reinforcements are being sent to the British and the Indians have been dismissed. 26 Sept., 1782.

- 38-45-1 Ralph Izard, Philadelphia, to Arthur Middleton. Letter. Concerning Izard's property in S.C. Negroes carried off by the British, conduct of the states respecting revenue has totally annihilated all Continental strength and credit. 30 May, 1783. Published: SCHM XXVII, 78.
- 38-45-2 Arthur Middleton, Cedar Grove, to W.Z. Letter. Is too unwell to venture from home; asks that he be waited on by Mr. Glaze and addresses to make his returns of his taxables; he will give an order upon Mr. Smith, payable on sight. 3 June, 1783.
- 38-45-3 Arthur Middleton, Cedar Grove, to P. Smith. Letter. Sends list of medicines to be sent by Cesar to Butler, his manager. Orders salt and three grindstones. 16 June, 1783. With letter of June 18 to Mr. Butler.
- A[rthur] M[iddleton], Cedar Grove, to "Mr. Butler." Letter. Is sending supplies requested by Pompey. Other plantation matters. 18 June, 1783.
- 38-45-4 Arthur Middleton, Ashley River, to P. Smith. Letter. About business; Mr. Harrison's account with regard to Mrs. Izard's affairs; share of the crop. Sends copy of Mr. Butler's account of work done at plantation; asks that Mr. Harrison return Mrs. M's copy of Buchan's Fam. Med. which Mr. Harrison took from Hobonny. 17 Aug., 1783.
- 38-45-5 Arthur Middleton, Ashley River, to Mr. B. Letter. Advises him to go back to Hobonny, give the drivers their orders, and tell Prior and Kenney that he will take their insults to himself, advises them to seek better employment and threatens a course of law. 1 Sept., 1783.
- 38-46-1 W. Heath, H.Q., to Gen. Washington. Letter. The enemy cutting a canal outside New York from North to East River, 2000 men at work. n.d.
- 38-46-2 James McAlpine, Charlestown, to Henry Middleton, at his house, Charlestown. Letter. Concerning hanging Mr. Saxby and Lord Bute in effigy and Mr. McAlpine's own danger. Saturday afternoon.

- 38-46-3 Robert Morris to Mr. Bland, Chairman of Committee of Congress consisting of Mr. Bland, Mr. Ramsay, and Mr. Osgood. Letter. Report of the difficulties of supplying the Southern Army.
- 38-46-4 Benjamin Huger to Mrs. Middleton. Letter. Cornwallis has arrived in Camden; solicitude for Mr. Middleton's health. n.d. Published: SCHM XXVII, 138.
- 38-46-5 W.W., Tradd Street, to James McAlpine. Letter. Warning that he is publicly accused of being a ring leader of the opposers of the Stamp Act. Warns him to keep concealed. Does not sign his name for fear of letter getting lost. Sat. afternoon. Published: SCHM XXVII, 132.

MEMORANDA AND NOTES

- 38-47-1 List of Grants, 14 July, 1775- 8 Feb., 1779, amounting to £ 7,971,903.15.3 and loans, 31 Dec., 1777- 31 Aug., 1779, amounting to £ 6,978,849.4.11 to the State. Summarizing a balance of Money in the Treasury about 48,000. Inner page headed: "Note of the Paper Cury of So. Cara. outstanding in circulation, 1 Sept., 1778" lists issued from 1748-1775. 31 Aug., 1779.
- 38-47-2 Henry Laurens to Arthur Middleton. Fragment of receipt. 20 Oct., 1777.
- G. Benson, H.Q., Charles Town, to Arthur Middleton. Permit to pass family, servants, and horses to go to Camden District for twenty-one days. Endorsed: with permission from Lord Cornwallis to extend pass to July 20. 9 June, 1780.
- 38-47-3 "Motion by Witherspoon, seconded by Burke". Motion states that it is indispensibly necessary that the United States in Congress be vested with the power of superintending the Commercial Regulations of every state and that Congress have the power to levy a 5% ad valorem duty on imports. 3 Feby., 1781.

- 38-47-4 Memorandum. First page contains record of voting, a conclusion of a previous missing page, also record of voting on report of the Board of War; in inner pages resolutions concerning the Consul General from France, and an unfinished note about a letter from Gen. Washington; on fourth page, notes on attacks on Green's Picquet and Wayne's Picquet. 31 Aug.- 4 Sept., 1781.
- 38-47-5 John Laurance to Arthur Middleton. Bill for carpentry and rent due on house taken by Mr. Bond. n.d.
- 38-48-1 An account, beginning 26th Dec., for hay furnished by Mr. John Penrose, amounting to £ 14.5.8½. 26 Dec., 1781-8 Mar., 1782.
- 38-48-2 "A Motion made by Mr. M. and seconded by Mr. T". Motion declares that Charles Earl Cornwallis ought not to be exchanged because of his barbarity in plundering property, violating treaties, impressing American soldiers into the British army, etc. Also resolution to have commander-in-chief withdraw the parole of Cornwallis unless Henry Laurens is given parole. 23 Feby., 1782.
- 38-48-3 "S.J.F. Rept. of the Application of Monies of the U.S. in France, June, 1782". Shows two items of expected income amounting to £ 10,214,891; followed by twelve items showing the application of the monies, amounting to £ 9,734,000. Note on interest charged by Bankers of Amsterdam. Additional list of sums attributed to Adams, Franklin, Jay, Laurens, Dana, Carmichael. June, 1782.
- 38-48-4 Copy of a resolution dated Congress, Monday, Sept. 9, approving absorption of Maryland Troops into main army, recommending that Gen. Greene be directed to remain in the South, and directing Commander-in Chief to direct Gen. Greene to employ troops in South offensively or defensively. Signed, Chas. Thomson, Secy. 9 Sept., 1782.

- 38-48-5 Memorandum. "By the United States in Congress Assembled, May 26, 1783" and endorsed "Resolution of Congress." Concerns the withdrawal of British troops and the carrying off of Negroes contrary to the Articles of Surrender. Resolves that letters exchanged between the Com.-in-Chief and Sir Guy Carleton and other papers be transmitted to the Ministers Plenipotentiary for negotiating Peace. Copy of the resolves to be sent to the Com. and he directed to continue talking with Sir Guy about the Negroes.
- 38-48-6 Memorandum. "Marine Estem. for 1783." Includes completing, equipment, victualing the America, Bourbon, and Alliance, and for the building of six ships on the model of the Carola. Estimate amounting to £ 2,500.000. Other items numbered 6,5,4. 1783.
- 38-49-1 Notes on the negotiations for the establishment of Peace. Two pages of notes in French on Articles 1,2,3. [1781-82].
- 38-49-2 Memorandum. Resolution to assure the Publick Creditors that Congress will endeavor to maintain faith in the Public Credit and to inform holders of certificates drawing interest upon France that money will shortly be procured and compound interest will be allowed. Note on the reverse: "Satisfaction to the Creditors..." n.d.
- 38-49-3 Memorandum. Resolution concerning dispute between the states of Connecticut and Pennsylvania in which the former had only one representative when two were required. Recommendation that Congress proceed according to the Articles of Confederation. Note in cypher on reverse. n.d.
- 38-49-4 Memorandum. Concerning the right of Congress to dismember a state without its consent, to admit the dismembered part to the Union unless a change is made in the Articles of Confederation. n.d.
- 38-49-5 Memorandum. "To appoint a Director for the Southern Army who's duty it shall be to superintend all purchases & c..." Also provides for an Auditor and outlines his duties and powers. [1781].

- 38-49-6 Memorandum. Endorsed at end of sheet: "Plan for Liquidation & Final Settlement of all Publick Accounts, A.M." First step to draw up a table of depreciation; each state to appoint a delegate to Congress for adjusting accounts; form a Committee of Accounts, aided by Superintendent of Finance, Comp. Treas. & supervised by Congress; Delegates to be vested with full power. n.d.
- 38-49-7 Notes made on the 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 9th of September, concerning the loss of the Magnifique, its replacement with the America; necessity for raising funds to pay interest on the public debt; the domestic debt of the U.S.; and directive to the Commissioners of Loans in the states to issue no Bills of Exchange. n.d.
- 38-50-1 Six lines of doggerel about the "Man from Massachusetts Bay." n.d.
- 38-50-2 "Extracts from M.S. Remins. of W.H. Drayton." Endorsed: Extracts from Wm. Hy. Drayton's narrative. Begins with a list of the Secret Committee consisting of W.H. Drayton, A. Middleton, C.C. Pinckney, and later Wm. Gibbes and Edd. Weyman. Gives page and volume references for 4 extracts; the first Council of Safety; the second fortification of the coast, the third about militia, and the last about seizure of ammunition. n.d.
- 38-50-3 Copies of two resolutions regarding finances with discussion of reasons for them. First concerns draughts made upon Europe; second directs that 3 Commissioners be appointed from Northern, Middle, and Southern departments in all matters involving large sums of money. n.d.
- 38-50-4 "First Charter to Carolina---24 March 15th Car. 2." Gives boundaries of Carolina from 36th to 31st parallel, west to South Seas. 2nd Charter, 30 June, 1666, gives boundaries from 36'30 to 29, as far as South Seas. June 9, 1732, establishes boundary of Georgia from Savannah River to Altamaha, thence westward to South Seas. Extract from Proclamation of Oct. 7, 1763 shows that Georgia boundary was extended from the Altamaha to the St. Mary's. Refers to treaty of peace contracted by S.C. and Georgia with the Cherokees. Endorsed: "For Mr. Middleton." n.d.

- 38-50-5 List of words (11) the last being "Laws" which is followed by a sub-list of such terms as Salique, Feudal, Parlt., etc. Reverse: South Carolina, and a list of 5 terms. n.d.
- 38-51-1 Memorandum. Resolution that any ordinance or report not of a secret nature be copied for each state in Congress before debate. n.d.
- 38-51-2 Anecdote concerning General Lee at Princeton, occurring on Dec. 15, 1776. Endorsed on 4th page: "Anecdote respecting Genl. Lee." n.d.
- 38-51-3 Memorandum. A recommendation should issue from Congress that the states issue currency based upon the deposit of property by those whose virtue and patriotism make them willing to risk all for the salvation of the country n.d.
- Six line note on the Basis of Public Credit, interest, stock jobbing, and compound interest. n.d.
- 38-51-4 Memorandum. Resolution about allowing depreciation in paper currency issued by the United States: word "Question" written seven times. On reverse: List of thirteen states, some followed by numbers, also the word "zeal" written at random; also a note in cypher. [1781].
- 38-51-5 Seven lines concerning the deep-rooted evil, encouraged by men in power, arising from the necessity of supporting prisoners and connected with tobacco contracts. n.d.
- 38-51-6 Three line memorandum about a loan with a sum figured at one side. n.d.
- 38-52-1 Memorandum. Resolution that Gen. Heath is instructed to raise a force in the neighborhood of N.Y. to attack that post as soon as it is weakened by the withdrawal of the enemy's forces for Chesapeake Bay. n.d.
- Memorandum. Resolution that Genl. Heath be instructed to make requisitions to the states for a force. n.d.

- 38-52-1 Memorandum. "J.L. is making an analysis of part of the
(cont.) 2nd Volume but will have finished before Mr. Middleton
has read the 1st. Mr. William & Mr. G. Morris are the
persons who particularly are not to know the Freedom
J.L. takes of lending what he himself borrowed." n.d.
- 38-52-2 Note. "My Lord, I will attempt Phila. rather than sail
to your acquaintances. This releif will I hope be
effectual, 5000 men, 26 transports with 6 sail of
frigates...will enter Delaware." n.d.
- Three line note, last line "General Subvention." n.d.
- 38-52-3 Three line inquiry: "As to the line of Canada..." n.d.
- 38-52-4 Note on the news of Exchange of Lord Cornwallis for
Colonel Laurens. n.d.
- Note. Front: 6 line poem, "He stands upon the vantage
ground" with 2 line Latin quotation at bottom of page.
Reverse: 4 line poem. n.d.
- 38-52-5 Report of the Committee on the papers relative to the
people inhabiting the district called New Hampshire
Grants. "South Carolina" written at bottom. n.d.
- 38-52-6 Report of the Committee appointed to investigate the
facts respecting the Affairs of Vermont. Endorsed:
N. Hamp. Grants. n.d.
- 38-53-1 Draught of message of congratulations to "The Monarch"
and praise for the patriot cause. Half written in cypher.
n.d.
- 38-53-2 2 page draught asking for aid to the U.S. The words
"explanation/relations" written on bottom of reverse.
n.d.
- 38-53-3 Draught of a letter to "Sir" concerning application
made to Congress. Refers to Mr. Ross. n.d.
- 38-53-4 Memorandum. Resolution that Earl Cornwallis should not
be exchanged. Lists grievances against him. n.d.

- 38-53-5 Memorandum. Resolution considering the letter respecting the murder of Capt. Huddy. Reverse in cypher. n.d.
- 38-53-6 Memorandum. Reports of the Committee appointed to prepare an exposition of the Confederation... n.d.
- 38-53-7 List of full Colonels in the American Continental Service 1775-78 taken from Volumes in the War Office. n.d.
- 38-53-8 Lists: Men holding commissions, Civil and Military. Enemies to this country. Subscribers to a memorial to Col. Balfour. Signers to congratulations to Henry Clinton. Signers of congratulations to Ld. Cornwallis. n.d.
- 38-53-9 Letter cover. "P-trs for Cara. y Sept. 10th by___ & Letter from G. Washington." n.d.
- 38-53-10 Letter cover. Arthur Middleton. Des [] politiques, Faux pas militaires, Coup d' Etat. n.d.

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- 38-54 Translation of notes in cypher and memoranda. Also list of shorthand signs.
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- 38-55-2 John Jay. Letter in cypher. 20 Sept., 1781. Translated, 38-54-9.
- 38-55-3 Benjamin Harrison, Virginia in Council, to Major General Greene. Letter in cypher. 21 Jan., 1782. Translated, 38-54-6.
- N[athaniel] G[reene], Headquarters, St. Paul's to J.H., Esq. Letter in cypher. 10 Feb., 1782. Translated, 38-54-7.

- 38-55-4 _____, Office of Finance, to Sir. Letter in cypher, 4 pages. Feb., 1782. Page 1 translated, 38-54-18; Page 2 translated, 38-54-10; Page 3 translated, 38-54-11(1st part & 11 cont.); Page 4 translated, 38-54-8 (1st part & 2nd part).
- 38-55-5 "Extracts Governor M's letter of 11th April 1782." Page 1, note in cypher. Translated, 38-54-11.
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- 38-55-6 "Letter from _____ to Dr. Franklin." 26 Mar., 1782. Letter in cypher. Translated, 38-54-28.
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- 38-55-8 Note in cypher. Endorsed: "Copy of Letters from A.M. to sundries." 29 May, 1783. Translated, 38-54-19.
- 38-55-9 "Minute of a Communication made 28 April, 82 from letters from (France);V. to Mr. Luz, 24th Dec.& 22 Jan. last." signed R.R.L. 28 April, 1782. Note in cypher, 2 p. Page 1 translated, 38-54-5. Page 2 translated, 38-54-12.
- 38-56-1 "I have considered the proposition." Note in cypher. n.d. Translated, 38-54-26.
- 38-56-2 Note in cypher. n.d.
- 38-56-3 "Power," - "Policy." Note in cypher. n.d. Translated, 38-54-14.
- 38-56-4 Note in cypher. n.d.
- 38-56-5 "We dare not conceal Truths which affect not only your Welfare but your Existence as an Independent people." Note in cypher. n.d. Translated, 38-54-23.

- 38-56-6 "Maxims political." Note in cypher. n.d. Translated, 38-54-24.
- "State of Vermont." Note in cypher. n.d. Translated, 38-54-15
- 38-56-7 "We have this power by Confederation..." Note in cypher. n.d. Translated, 38-54-35.
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- 38-56-9 "My dear P." Letter in cypher. n.d. Translated, 38-54-30.
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- 38-57-1 "Confederation." Notes in cypher. n.d. Translated, 38-54-17.
- 38-57-2 "Report of Committee on Exposition of Confederation and Supplemental Powers." Notes in cypher. n.d. Translated, 38-54-3a-3c.
- 38-57-3 Notes in cypher. n.d.
- 38-57-4 "L' Institution permanente de la publicite..." Note in French and in cypher. n.d. Translated, 38-54-25.
- 38-57-5 Note in cypher. n.d.
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- 38-57-7 "Introduction" - "As all Just laws or rules of action..." Notes in cypher. n.d. Translated, 38-54-31.
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- 38-59-9 "do not agree, Because..." Note in cypher. n.d. 1 page translated, 38-54-38.
- 38-59-10 "Communications from the Minister of France of Letters from Vergennes..." 17-20 Oct. Translation, 38-54-37.
- 38-60-1 "Vernal harangue like a pig with a soap'd tail." Note in cypher. n.d. Translated, 38-54-33.
- 38-60-2 Notes in cypher. 2 p. n.d.
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