



C.C. Cotton correspondence, 1794-1804
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Creator: Cotton, Charles C.

Description: 17 items.

Biographical/Historical Note: Anglican minister and educator. Born at Eton, Bucks County, England, he travelled to the United States in 1798 to seek his fortune. Cotton taught at the College of Charleston (Charleston, S.C.) and later accepted an appointment as a minister of the Church of England in Ontario, Canada.

Scope and Content: A letter (1794 Feb. 2) from C.C. Cotton at Oxford University to his father concerns his living expenses at college. A letter (1798 March 29) from Rev. Henry Whitfield to C.C. Cotton discusses church affairs at Wexham (England). A printed circular letter (1798 April 26) addressed to the curate of Wexham concerns services of clergyman in the defense of the country in the event of "invasion or rebellion."

Correspondence dated 1799 and later consists of letters between C.C. Cotton in Charleston (S.C.) and Pennsylvania and family members in England including his father, mother, brothers, and sister. Letters concern the hardships of Cotton's journey by sea to America; the climate, customs, politics, and clothing of Charleston (S.C.); teaching at the College of Charleston; family and financial matters; yellow fever in Charleston (Oct. 1799); C.C. Cotton's health and prospects of obtaining "some handsome appointment" in Pennsylvania or elsewhere; and other matters.

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Letters, 1794-1804, 17 items

College of Charleston instructor and Anglican minister from Britain. Correspondence (1794-1804) of Charles Caleb Cotton and his family between Charleston, Bucks, England, and elsewhere. Letters regarding Charles Caleb Cotton's expenses and Oxford (1794), a circular (1798) regarding British citizens' need to be prepared for any sort of rebellion, the hardships of Charles Caleb Cotton's voyage to Charleston, his teaching jobs at the College of Charleston (1799). Scattered comments of fears of yellow fever and the political situation in the US and Europe (1798-1800). Letters also regarding family matters. Letters partially published with additional letters in South Carolina Historical Magazine 51, 52.