



# SOUTH CAROLINA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## Henry Laurens papers, 1747-1860 SCHS 037

**Creator:** Laurens, Henry, 1724-1792.

**Description:** 8 linear ft.

**Biographical/Historical Note:** Charleston, S.C. merchant, plantation owner, South Carolina state legislator, U.S. Continental Congressman, and U.S. diplomat.

**Scope and Content:** Papers consist of correspondence, Congressional and military records, and other items. Included are the papers of John Laurens (1754-1782) and William Thompson (1736-1781) and the correspondence of James Laurens (1728-1784), the Marquis de Lafayette (1757-1834), and William Piercy.

Business correspondence includes a letter book (1755-1757) of Austin & Laurens and concerns trade in slaves, rice, indigo, and other commerce. Other letter books contain correspondence regarding financial, business, and plantation affairs, family estate matters, politics, travels, the education of Henry Laurens' son John, and personal and family matters. Also included is a volume (1759-1763) containing invoices for rice, indigo, deer skins, lumber, and other goods, with the names of ships and their destinations.

Papers (1775-1776) pertaining to Henry Laurens activities in the Provincial Congress of South Carolina include a journal of the Council of Safety of the Provincial Congress; receipts; military rosters and pay bills; and correspondence of the Council of Safety and the Committee of Intelligence. Papers pertaining to Laurens' service in the U.S. Continental Congress include correspondence; minutes, journals, resolves, memorials, and reports of the Congress and its committees; speeches and other material (1777-1779) pertaining to the Cherokee, Creek, and Chicasaw Indians, mostly in East Florida; reports on military conditions, engagements, losses, and prisoners; and notes on debates. A letter book (1782-1783) includes correspondence of Laurens in England and France

The "Journal of Observations from 26th March, 1780" (37/22/1; not on microfilm) is Peter Timothy's ten-page account of his military observations in Charleston during the British siege (on exhibit at the South Carolina Historical Society Museum). Other items include an account book (1772-1779) of James Laurens, brother of Henry Laurens; an essay (1763) by Henry Laurens written under the pseudonym "Philoteles"; estate accounts of George Whitefield (handled by Henry Laurens for the Countess of Huntingdon); a "waste book" (1749-1751) containing accounts of business transactions to be transferred later to formal accounts; and legal documents and other material (1840-1860) regarding a dispute involving the estate of Eliza Laurens Toomer, one of Laurens' heirs.

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**Note:** Most papers published in *The Papers of Henry Laurens*, U.S.C. Press, 1992.

**Note:** Use restricted.

**Note:** Most items available on microfilm. Ask for 45/131-149a.

**Search terms:**

Laurens, Henry, 1724-1792.  
Timothy, Peter, 1725?-1782.  
Austin & Laurens.  
South Carolina. Provincial Congress -- Records and correspondence.  
United States. Continental Congress -- Records and correspondence.  
Indians of North America -- Government relations -- To 1789.  
Indigo.  
Plantations -- South Carolina.  
Rice trade.  
Slave trade.  
Charleston (S.C.) -- History -- Siege, 1780.  
South Carolina -- Commerce.  
South Carolina -- History.  
South Carolina -- Politics and government.  
United States -- Foreign relations -- 1775-1783.  
United States -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783.  
United States -- Politics and government.  
Financial records.  
Letters (correspondence)  
Military records.  
Diplomats.  
Merchants.  
Plantation owners.  
Statesmen.

**37/1, Microfilm Roll #45/131**

**Letter book, 1747-1749. 1 vol.**

Charleston merchant. Letter book (1747-1749) of Henry Laurens in Charleston and London, England regarding mercantile and business matters in the trade of slaves, rice, indigo and other commerce. Also family estate matters. Letters to James Crockett, Richard Grubb, Alexander Watson, James Cowles, James Hobersham, Frances Bremar and many others in Bristol, London and Liverpool, England. Index included. Printed in *The Papers of Henry Laurens*, vol. 1. Microfilm available.

**37/2, Microfilm Roll #45/131**

**Letter book, 1755-1757. 1 vol.**

Charleston merchant. Letterbook (1755-1757) of Henry Laurens in Charleston regarding business concerns of Austin and Laurens, factorage dealing in slaves, rice, indigo, and other commerce in Bristol, London and Liverpool, England and elsewhere. Correspondents include Robert and Augustus Boyd, James Cowles, Gidney Clarke, Devonsheir, Reeve and Lloyd, Thomas Easton & Co., William Clarke, John Knight & Co., Samuel Lawrence, Richard Meylar, Sarah Nickelson, John Nutt, Richard Oswald, Richard Shrubrick, and many others. Edited version of this letterbook printed in The Papers of Henry Laurens. vols. 1 & 2. Microfilm available

**37/3, Microfilm Roll # 45/132**

**Letter book, 1762-1764. 1 vol. 527 pgs.**

Charleston merchant, planter and politician. Letter book (1762-1764) of Henry Laurens from Charleston with merchants and planters in SC, GA, London, Bristol, Liverpool, England, Holland, Philadelphia, PA and elsewhere regarding factoring business, political plantation, and other concerns. Letters to Cowles & Horford, Gidney Clarke, Thomas Courtin, Devonshier & Reeves, Thomas Dennison, Augustus and John Boyd, Joseph Bauer, Henry Byrne, William Fisher, Grubb & Watson, John Knight, Isaac King, William Hodshon, Thomas A. Mears, Meyle & Hall, Lachlan McIntosh, John Rutherford, John Tarleton, Richard Oswald and many others. Edited letters printed in The Papers of Henry Laurens. vols. 3 & 4. Available on microfilm.

**37/4, Microfilm Roll #45/133**

**Letter book, 1767-1771. 1 vol. 653 pgs.**

Charleston politician, planter, factor. Letter book (1767-1771) of Henry Laurens. Letters regarding mercantile and factor business, plantation and political affairs. Letters to St. Augustine, FL, Savannah, GA, London, England, Philadelphia, PA and elsewhere. Correspondents include William Cowles and Co., Edward Brice, Henry Bright, William Fisher, Gov. James Grant, Alexander Gray, Richard Grubb, James Habersham, James Harford, Isaac King, Lachlan McIntosh, James Poyas, Ross & Mill, Reynolds, Gethy & Co., John Tucker and others. Edited version of letter book printed in The Papers of Henry Laurens. vols. 5, 6, & 7. Available on microfilm.

**37/5, Microfilm Roll #45/134**

**Letter book, 1771-1772. 1 vol. 369 pg.**

Charleston planter, merchant, politician. Letter book (1771-1772) of Henry Laurens in New York, NY and London, England regarding plantation and business concerns, son's education, political and other matters. Letters to Philadelphia, PA, Charleston, Liverpool and Bristol, England, Geneva, Switzerland, GA, and elsewhere. Correspondents include William Cowles, George Appleby, Elias Ball, William Fisher, John F. Grimke, John Lewis Gervais, Richard Grubb, James Laurens, John Laurens, Gabriel Manigault, Elias Vanderhorst, Felix Warley, Alexander Garden and others. Edited versions of letters printed in The Papers of Henry Laurens. vol. 8. Available on microfilm.

**37/6, Microfilm Roll #45/134**

**Letter book, 1773. 1 vol.**

Charleston planter, politician, merchant, traveler. Letter book (4-7/1773) of Henry Laurens while traveling in England, Paris, France, Geneva, Switzerland, Strausbourgh, Germany, Brussels,

Belgium, and elsewhere. Letters to London and Bristol, England, Charleston and elsewhere regarding education of his son John Laurens and niece Mary Bremar at Boulogne, political matters and plantation matters. Correspondents include John and James Laurens, Richard Oswald, Walter Mansell, Samuel Parson, Michael Herries, William Cowles, Robert Smythe, Richard Grubb and others. Edited version printed in *The Papers of Henry Laurens* vol. 9. Available on microfilm.

**37/7, Microfilm Roll #45/135**

**Letter book, 1772-1774. 1 vol. 408 pgs.**

Charleston planter, politician, merchant. Letter book (1772-1774) of Henry Laurens from Westminster, England and elsewhere regarding personal matters, education, politics, business and plantation affairs. Letters to Bristol and London, England, Charleston, Geneva, Switzerland and elsewhere. Correspondents include James Air, George Austin, Mary Bremar, William Cowles, John F. Grimke, John Lewis Gervais, Richard Grubb, Alexander Garden, William Howell, Ralph Izard, John Knight, John and James Laurens, Gabriel Manigault, John Petrie, Richard Oswald, and Edward Pierce and others. Edited version of the letter book printed in *The Papers of Henry Laurens*. Vol. 8 & 9. Available on microfilm.

**37/8, Microfilm Roll #45/135**

**Letter book, 1774-1776. 1 vol. 175 pgs.**

Charleston merchant, planter, revolutionary statesman. Letter book (1774-1776) of Henry Laurens at Charleston regarding plantation, business, revolutionary politics, military matters, personal and education concerns. Letters to Charleston, London, Bristol, Liverpool, England. Correspondents include Dyson Rogers & Co., Ralph Izard, Isaac King, Henry Jr., James and John Laurens, William Manning, Lachlan McIntosh, Reynolds, Getley & Co., and many others. John Laurens letters printed (*SCH & GM* vol. 1-6). Available and microfilm.

**37/9, Microfilm Roll #45/136**

**Letter book, 1776-1779. 1 vol. 130 pgs**

Charleston revolutionary statesman, President of the Continental Congress. Correspondence, memorials, reports, and other material sent to Henry Laurens and Congress from Roderique, Hortalez & Co. (pseudo. Of Caron de Beaumarchais), M de Francey, Arthur Lee, Commercial Committee, Council of Safety & Secret Committees, regarding supplying the US with arms and supplies, the reputations of Caron de Beaumarchais and other revolutionary war matters. Available on microfilm.

**37/10, Microfilm Roll #45/136 and 45/149**

**Letter books, 1776-1778. 1 vol. 264 pgs.**

Charleston revolutionary statesman, President of the Continental Congress. Letter book (1776-1778) of Henry Laurens at Philadelphia and Charleston. Letters regarding revolutionary war, political and military matters, and some personal matters. Letters to London, England, Nantz, France Savannah, GA, Boston, MA, Charleston, Beaufort, and elsewhere in SC and Valley Forge, PA. Correspondents written to include John Adams, Babut & Co., William Brisbane, Elias Ball Jr., Joseph Clay, Francis Dana, James Duane, Daniel DeSaussure, John Ettiwier, John Lewis Gervais, Ralph Izard, Alexander Garden, Robert Howe Baron de Kalb, Marquis de Lafayette, John, James, Henry Jr and Martha Laurens, William Livingston, William Manning,

Gabriel Manigault, Isaac Motte, Lachlan McIntosh, Noodingh & Alaret, Edmund Petrie, John Rutledge, Jacob Sandilands and others. Available on microfilm.

**37/11, Microfilm Roll #45/137**

**Letter book, 1778. 1 vol. 328 pgs.**

Charleston revolutionary statesman, president of the Continental Congress. Letter book (1778) of Henry Laurens at Yorktown and elsewhere regarding Revolutionary war matters, political matters, personal matters, and much other material. Letters addressed to Albany, NY, Valley Forge, PA, Boston, MA, Charleston, Baltimore, MD, NC, Philadelphia, PA, New Jersey, and elsewhere. Correspondents include Samuel Adams, John Adams, Marquis de Lafayette, General Greene, Alexander Gillon, John Lewis Gervais, Ralph Izard, Baron de Kalb, William Livingston, Rawlins Lowndes, John Laurens, Lachlan McIntosh, William Moultrie, Charles Pinckney, John Rutledge, Baron Von Stuben, General Schuyler, Gov. Jonathan Trumbull, George Washington, John Wells, and others. Available in microfilm.

**37/12, Microfilm Roll #45/137**

**Letter book, 1782-1783. 1 vol. 276 pages**

Charleston Revolutionary statesman, diplomat. Letter book(1782-1783) of Henry Laurens at Bath and London, England and Paris, France regarding treaty negotiations with Great Britain, politics, H.L.'s gout, diplomacy, personal and family matters and other concerns. Letters to London and elsewhere in England, Paris and elsewhere in France, Philadelphia, Brussels, Belgium, and elsewhere. Correspondents written to include George Appleby, John Adams, Charles Creace, Edward Bridgen, James Boudien, Edmund Burke, William Drayton, Thomas Day, delegates from SC, Benjamin Franklin, Marquis de Lafayette, John Lewis Gervais, Benjamin Geurard, James Harford, John Hancock, Countess of Huntington, Ralph Izard, Mrs. Izard, John Jay, William Lee, Richard Lee, William Manning, "Minister American," Richard Oswald, Richard Shrubrick, Elias Vanderhorst, Thomas Wren, George Washington, Robert R. Livingston and others. Available on microfilm.

**37/13/1-98, Microfilm Roll #45/138**

**Letter book, 1759-1763. 98 pages in ½ vol.**

Charleston factor. Copy book (1759-1763) of invoices outward of Henry Laurens for the mercantile firm of Austin, Laurens, and Appleby. Invoices for rice, indigo, deer skins, lumber, pitch, and sundry items with name of ships items were carried on and where the ships were bound. Edited version of invoices printed in The Papers of Henry Laurens vol. 3. Available on microfilm.

**37/13/100-369, Microfilm Roll #45/138**

**Letter book, 1785-1787. pgs 100-369 in ½ vol.**

Charleston diplomat, planter. Letter book (1785-1787) of Henry Laurens from Charleston and Mepkin plantation matters, sales of crops, business and financial matters, personal and family estate matters, and politics. Letters to London, England, Savannah GA, and Philadelphia PA and elsewhere. Correspondents written to include Edward Bridgen, Bourdieu, Chollet & Bordieu, William Bell, Manning & Vaughan, Lachlan McIntosh, John Owen, Thomas Pinckney, Daniel Roberdeau, William Peale, Edward Rutledge, John Vaughan, Bridgen & Waller, John Ettwein, Alexander Garden, Joseph Kershaw, Jacob Read, and many others. Available on microfilm.

**37/14, Microfilm Roll #45/138**

**Letter book, 1782. 1 vol., 76 pgs**

Charleston diplomat, revolutionary statesman. Letter book (12/1782) of Henry Laurens at Paris, France regarding personal matters, his imprisonment o the Tower of London, his health, family matters, diplomatic concerns, politics, treaty negotiations, and other matters. Letters to London, England, Paris and elsewhere in France, Philadelphia PA, and elsewhere. Correspondents written to include Earle of Cornwallis, Edward Bridgen, Babut & Co., the delegates of SC, Benjamin Franklin, John Lewis Gervais, Robert R. Livingston, James Laurens, William Lee, William Manning, Richard Oswald, and others. Available on microfilm.

**37/15, Microfilm Roll #45/138**

**Letter book, 1747-1749. 1 vol, 75 pgs.**

Charleston merchant. Letter book (1747-1749) of Henry Laurens letters from Charleston and London, England mostly to London regarding mercantile business. Correspondents written to include James Crockett, William Sitwell, Pomeroy & Streatfield, Samuel Wilson, Alexander Watson, Richard Grubb, Rogers & Dyson. This volume apparently contains copies of letters in 37-1. Edited versions printed in The Papers of Henry Laurens vol. 1. Available on microfilm.

**37/16, Microfilm Roll #45/139**

**Letter book, 1777-1784. 1 vol, 348 pages**

Charleston revolutionary statesman. Letter book (1777-1784) of correspondence of Henry Laurens and many revolutionary war leaders. Letters regarding revolutionary war matters, military matters, personal concerns, US politics, Henry Laurens resignation as president of the Continental Congress. Letters from Charleston, CT, NJ, Philadelphia and Valley Forge, PA and elsewhere. Correspondents include Henry Laurens, John Adams, John Rutledge, Jacob Read, William Read, Baron von Stuben, John Trumbull, Gov. Jonathan Trumbull, George Washington, Anthony Wayne, Babut & Labochere, Baron de Kalb, Robert Howe, Horatio Gates, Alexander Gillon, J. Houstoun, Samuel A. Otis, Rawlins Lowndes, William Livingston, and others. Mostly divided by correspondent. Available on microfilm.

**37/17, Microfilm Roll #45/139**

**Letter book, 1778. 1 vol.**

Charleston Revolutionary statesman. Letter book (1778) of Henry Laurens. Letters to the Continental Congress and Henry Laurens as President of Congress and other revolutionary war leaders regarding Revolutionary War matters, Congressional matters. Correspondents include Ethan Allen, George Clinton, various congressional committees, George Galphin, David Hall, Patrick Henry, Henry Laurens, John Laurens, William Livingston, William Manning, Richard Oswald, PM Schuyler, William Smallwood, Jonathan Trumbull, Letters from Valley Forge and Philadelphia PA, Trenton NJ, Williamsburg, VA, London, England, Wilmington NC, and elsewhere. Available on microfilm.

**37/18, Microfilm Roll #45/140**

**Letter book, 1778. ca. 100 pages**

Charleston revolutionary statesman, President of the Continental Congress. Unbound letter book (1778) of Henry Laurens. Letters of Henry Laurens, many George Washington Letters, Benedict

Arnold, Thomas Franklin, John F. Grimke, William Howe, W. Phillips, Gen. Schuyler, William Smallwood, Lord Stirling, John Sullivans, William Tryon. Letters regarding Congressional funding or approval for various military plans and expenditures, revolutionary war matters, political concerns, and other matters. Letters from Albany, NY, Valley Forge and Philadelphia PA, Elizabethtown and Trenton NJ, RI and elsewhere. Index included. Available on microfilm.

**37/19, Microfilm Roll #45/140**

**Letter book, 1776-1777. 40 pages**

Charleston revolutionary statesman. Unbound letter book (1776-1777) of Henry Laurens. Correspondence of Henry Laurens and George Washington regarding revolutionary war and Continental Congress matters, including prisoners of war, clothing, troop movements and other military concerns. Other correspondents include Carter Braxton, John Burgayne, Thomas Conway, Horatio Gates, Henry Hamilton, William Howe. Letters from GW's headquarters, Yorktown VA, Philadelphia PA and elsewhere. Indexed. Available on microfilm.

**37/20, Microfilm Roll #45/140**

**Letter book, 1778-1779**

Charleston revolutionary statesman, President of the continental Congress. Unbound letter book (1779) of Henry Laurens. Letters to Henry Laurens and Congress from John Jay, Benjamin Franklin, Ralph Izard, Robert Morris, Gen. William Moultrie, and others but mostly acts, amendments, memorials, proceedings, resolutions of the Continental Congress regarding Dilas Deane case, revolutionary war material, committee work, various domestic and foreign matters and other concerns. Also material regarding the Moravians, the Maryland Declaration (12/15/1778), the SC General Assembly, and fisheries. Indexed. Available on microfilm.

**37/21, Microfilm Roll #45/140**

**Letter book, 1777-1778**

Charleston revolutionary statesman, President of the Continental Congress. Unbound letter book (1777-1778) of Henry Laurens. Included are broadsides, letters, Congressional minutes, acts, business, petition, resolution and other papers regarding Continental Congress business on revolutionary war military matters, fisheries, political matters, and Henry Laurens resignation from the presidency of the Continental Congress. Correspondents include Henry Laurens, George Washington, James Willing, Robert Morris, SC General Assembly, John Ettwein for the United Brethren, King Louis of France, John Jay, Maryland Delegation Resolution (12/15/1778). Available on microfilm.

**37/22, Microfilm Roll #45/140**

**Letter book, 1776-1780. Approx 40 pages**

Charleston revolutionary statesman, President of the Continental Congress. Unbound letter book (1776-1780) of Henry Laurens. Correspondence and documents of congressional business. Included are a letter (11/5/1779) of George Washington regarding Henry Laurens's appointment as ambassador to Holland, journal of P. Timothy (3-4/1780), oath of army officers(1776), declarations of the British commissioners, extracts of Henry Laurens letters to the British (1778); Henry Laurens to Lafayette (10/24/1778); complaint (1778) of Henry Laurens, extracts of Ralph Izard letters, anecdote on William Drayton (1779) and WD letter and other material regarding

congressional matters, peace treaty material (1779); fisheries matters (1779); and other resolutions, proposals and other congressional matters. Available on microfilm.

**37/23, Microfilm Roll #45/141**

**Letter book, 1779-1780. Approx 30 pages**

Charleston revolutionary statesman, President of the Continental Congress. Unbound letter book (1779-1780) of Henry Laurens regarding Congressional business. Correspondents include George Washington, Robert Morris, Henry Laurens, Carter Braxton, William Aylett, Moses Young, Robert Jewell, General Andrew Williamson, William Manning, James McHenry, James Lowell, Gosseinus Erkeleus of Holland, Stephen West and others. Letters mostly from Philadelphia PA regarding Continental Congress business, revolutionary war matters, military intelligence, commission reports and other material. Available of microfilm.

**37/24, Microfilm Roll #45/141**

**Letter book, 1776-1779. Ca. 50 pages**

Charleston revolutionary statesman, President of the Continental Congress. Unbound letter book (1776-1779) of Henry Laurens. Misc. US Navy and Army documents including naval intelligence, Council of War proceedings (1777), narrative of naval engagements, list of ships, returns for the army, location of troops, lists of British prisoners of war, military accounts, and King Louis of France's declaration regarding privateering (1778). Available on microfilm.

**37/25, Microfilm Roll #45/141**

**Letter book, 1779-1780. Approx 75 pages**

Charleston revolutionary statesman, President of the Continental Congress. Unbound letter book (1779-1780) of Henry Laurens. Memorials to Congress, letters, essays, lists and other material regarding military concerns of the Continental Congress. Included are a broadside regarding expulsion of enemies in Georgia, Henry Laurens account with the US, advertisement for settlement of refugees in the Bahamas, troop strength, material regarding officers and crews of various ships, broadside regarding privateering, the Commercial Committee regarding trade, material regarding Florida, the Board of War, plan to secure supplies from France, John Laurens regarding a battle, Henry Laurens's resignation from the Presidency of Congress, exchange of POWs, memorial of Robert Morris and much other material. Available on microfilm.

**37/26, Microfilm Roll #45/141**

**Letter book, 1771-1773. 126 pages**

Charleston merchant, politician. Letter book (1771-1773) of Henry Laurens in Charleston and England. Correspondents written to include Ashburn & hind, James Burnett, William Cowles & Co., William Fisher, William Furman, Richard Grubb, James Habersham, John Holman, Samuel Hinson, Lachlan McIntosh, John Moultrie, Richard Oswald, James Poyas, Reynolds, Getty & Co., John Tarleton and others. Letters sent to London, Bristol, & Liverpool, England, Savannah GA, Philadelphia PA and St. Augustine FL. Letters regarding plantation matters, slaves, export of crops and other business concerns. See The Papers of Henry Laurens vol. 7,8. Available on microfilm.

**37/27, Microfilm Roll #45/141**

**Letter book, 1772. Approx 55 pages**



Charleston planter, factor. Letter book (1772) of Henry Laurens. Travel journal of Henry Laurens at Dover, England, Strausburg, Germany, Lyon France, Geneva Switzerland, including details of travel and daily expenses Also letters regarding business concerns and travel to Richard Grubb, Ross, & Mill, James Laurens, George Appleby, Richard Oswald, John Laurens at London, Charleston, and Geneva. See *The Papers of Henry Laurens*. vol. 8. Available on microfilm.

**37/28, Microfilm Roll #45/142**

**Letter book, 1775. 85 pages**

Charleston president of the SC Council of Safety. Journal (1775) of the Council of Safety for the Province of SC. Minutes, orders, resolutions, list of those attending meetings and other material regarding the Council of Safety and Henry Laurens role in the Council. Available on microfilm.

**37/29, Microfilm Roll #45/142**

**Letters, 1775. Approx 75 items.**

Charleston president of the SC Council of Safety. Correspondence (1775) of Henry Laurens and others for the SC Council of safety regarding military, intelligence, loyalty, supply and other matters. Correspondents include P. Timothy, William H. Drayton, George Galphin, William Thompson, Daniel DeSaussure, Clement Lempriere, Thomas Fletchall, James Mayson, Alan Cameron, Andrew Williamson, James Coachman, Stephen Bull, William Moultrie, Thomas Corbett and many others. Many returns and lists of volunteers for various SC regiments. Many oversized—see 37/29/oversized. Available on microfilm.

**37/30, Microfilm Roll #45/142**

**Letter book, 1776-1778. 1 vol.**

Charleston revolutionary statesman, President of the Continental Congress. Letter book (1776-1778) of Henry Laurens. Copies and some original of letters of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence in Paris, France to Henry Laurens and the Congress. Correspondents include John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Sileas Deane, Ralph Izard and Arthur Lee. Available on microfilm.

**37/31, Microfilm Roll #45/142**

**Letter book, 1776-1780. Approx 200 pages**

Charleston revolutionary statesman, President of the Continental Congress. Letter book of Henry Laurens with misc. incoming documents and copies of some outgoing correspondence regarding foreign affairs and congressional business. Includes instructions to Benjamin Franklin as minister to France, notes on recalling Arthur Lee, memorial regarding for St. Augustine, committee work, Silas Deave, John Paul Jones (copies), Maryland Declaration (12/15/1778), Thomas Paine and others. Indexed. Available on microfilm.

**37/32, Microfilm Roll #45/142**

**Letter book, 1778-1779. Approx 40 pages, 1 vol.**

Charleston Revolutionary statesman, President of the Continental Congress. Letter book (1778-1779) of Henry Laurens with letters, memorials, notes and other transactions between Henry Laurens and Congress with French Minister Gerard and the Marquis de Lafayette. Material regarding revolutionary war troops and diplomacy. Available on microfilm.

**37/33, Microfilm Roll #45/143**

**Letters, 1772-1779. 31 items**

Charleston planter, politician. Letters (1773-1777) of Henry Laurens at Westminster, England and Charleston to his brother James Laurens regarding personal, business, politics, revolutionary war news, and other matters. Account book (1772-1779) of James Laurens and other letters including one of John Laurens. Some letters printed in The Papers of Henry Laurens vol. 9. Available on microfilm.

**37/34, Microfilm Roll #45/143**

**Letters, 1773-1780. 59 items**

Charleston planter, politician. Letters (1773-1780) of Henry Laurens from Westminster England, Charleston, Yorktown VA, and Philadelphia PA to his son, John Laurens. Some letters of JL to Henry Laurens. Letters regarding JL's education, personal and family matters, politics, revolutionary war, military and business concerns and other matters. Some letters printed in The Papers of Henry Laurens, vol. 9. Also see SCH&GM vols. 1-6. Available on microfilm.

**37/35, Microfilm Roll #45/143**

**Letter book, 1773-1783. 138 pages**

Countess Selina of Huntington agent in SC and GA. Extracts and copies of letters of WP to the Countess of Huntington regarding the Countess' business affairs in England. Extracts sent to Henry Laurens who later took over the Countess' business matters. Much material regarding slaves, the revolutionary war, and estate matters. Available on microfilm.

**37/36/1-63, Microfilm Roll #45/144**

**Letters. 1777-1781. 63 items.**

France-American Army Officer. Letters (1777-1781) to Henry Laurens from Albany, NY, Valley Forge PA, Paris France and elsewhere. Letters regarding Revolutionary War matters. One letter to John Laurens. See SCH&GM vols 7-9. Available on microfilm.

**37/37/1-33. Microfilm Roll #45/144**

**Letters, 1775-1781. 46 items**

Charleston politician. Letters (1775-1781) of Ralph Izard in Paris, France to Henry and John Laurens regarding Revolutionary war diplomacy. Also many copies and extracts of RI's correspondence with Benjamin Franklin, Arthur Lee, and the foreign affairs committee of Congress, Abbe Niccoli of Florence, Italy, the Plenipotentiaries at the Court of France and others regarding diplomacy and foreign affairs during the Revolutionary War. Available on microfilm.

**37/38/1-18, Microfilm Roll #45/144**

**Letters, 1776-1784. Approx 20 items\**

Brother of Henry Laurens. Letters (1776-1784) of James Laurens and his wife, Mary, in England and France to Henry Laurens. Letters regarding family, personal, business and political matters. Available on microfilm

**37/39/1-38, Microfilm Roll #45/145**

**Letters, 1785-1794. 41 items.**

Charleston planter. Letters (1785-1794) of Henry Laurens and Henry Laurens, Jr. from Charleston and Mepkin plantation to William J. Bell, merchant, Philadelphia PA. Letters regarding personal and business matters including order of Henry Laurens for imported goods. Also Henry Laurens memo regarding specifications and cost for a clock. Available on microfilm.

**37/40/1-18, Microfilm Roll #45/145**

**Letters, 1778-1784. 20 items**

Charleston revolutionary statesman, diplomat and President of the Continental Congress. Correspondence (1778-1784) of Henry Laurens with Benjamin Franklin. Letters most from Passy, France. Correspondence regarding revolutionary war matters, US diplomacy, the financing of America (1778), balloon experiments, peace treaty with England including BF's sketch of the Articles of Peace (1783) and other matters. Available on microfilm.

**37/41/1-7, Microfilm Roll #45/145**

**Letters, 1774-1783. 7 items.**

Charleston planter, politician. Family letters (1774-1777) of Henry Laurens with Henry Laurens, Jr. and Martha Laurens. Also letters (1783) of Martha Laurens to her aunt Mrs. James (Mary) Laurens. One letter from Henry Laurens Jr. Letters regarding health, education, family matters, and revolutionary war matters. Available on microfilm.

**37/42/1-10, Microfilm Roll #45/145**

**Letters, 1778-1790. 10 items**

Charleston planter, politician. Letters (1778-1790) to Henry Laurens from John Ettwein, Bethlehem, PA. Letters regarding Moravians or United Brethren religion, persecution (1778) of Moravians who refused to join the Continental Army on religious grounds; regarding desolation of the Christian Indians on Muskingum, Sandusky, and Huron Rivers, blacks converted by the United Brethren in the West Indies (1784). Available on microfilm.

**37/43/1-14, Microfilm Roll #45/145**

**Misc. letters, 1782-1783. 14 items.**

Charleston planter, politician. Misc. letters (1782-1783) to Henry Laurens in England mostly regarding social matters and the pay Henry Laurens was to receive for his diplomatic work and other matters. Correspondents include Mr. and Mrs. Burke, Eliza Westly, Thomas Townsend, Lewis R. Morris, and "supposedly" a letter from Thomas Paine. Available on microfilm.

**37/44/1-23, Microfilm Roll #45/145**

**Letters, 1778-1779. 28 items.**

Charleston revolutionary statesman, President of the Continental Congress. Letters (1778-1779) to Henry Laurens from William Livingston at Trenton and Morristown NJ and elsewhere regarding Continental Congress and revolutionary war matters. Available on microfilm.

**37/45A/1-36, Microfilm Roll #45/146**

**Misc. Papers: 1768-1793. Approx 150 items**

Charleston revolutionary statesman, diplomat, planter and President of the Continental Congress. Misc. papers (1768-1792) of Henry Laurens. Letter (1768) of Charles Garth to the Charleston Committee of Merchants. Misc. receipts (1775) of the SC Provincial Congress. Material (1775)

regarding Indian affairs. William Thompson letter (1775), memo (6/28/1776) regarding military attack on Sullivan's Island. William Livingston letters (1778). Letters regarding rice (1778). Memo (1780) regarding war campaigns and deserters (n.d.). Much material (1782-1784) regarding the Treaty of Paris including resolutions of Congress, instructions, proclamations, duties of foreign ministers, financial accounts of Henry Laurens as minister, plenipotentiary, plan for a constitution, and other matters. Letters of Edmund Randolph, Edward Rutledge, and others (1791-1793) regarding Henry Laurens's petition to Congress concerning a rice crop and other matters. Available on microfilm.

**37/45b/1-22, Microfilm Roll #45/146**

**Misc. papers, 1776-1783. 48 items.**

Charleston revolutionary statesman, diplomat. Correspondence (1776-1783) of Henry Laurens and others regarding Continental Congress and revolutionary war, diplomacy, and treaty matters. Correspondents include Marquis de Lafayette, Barbu Dubourg, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas & Robert Morris, John Adams, George Washington, William Read, Lachlan McIntosh, "Humanitas," Jonathan Trumbull, John Dickinson, William Smith, J.D. Schweighauser, William McCulloch, William Lee and others. Letters from Philadelphia, PA, Paris, France, and elsewhere. Other material includes distances from Fort Pitt to the Mississippi River, a plan for a fire boat, list of British war ships, list of the Brest fleet (1778); return of the provisions given to General B. Arnold, US Bills of exchange (1780); list of American prisoners (3/8/1782) and other matters. Also includes John Laurens' "Account of Operations at Charleston, re: Capitulation", May 1779. Available on microfilm.

**37/46/1-25, Microfilm Roll #45/147**

**Indian Affairs Papers, 1777-1779. 28 items.**

Charleston president of the Continental Congress. Letters (1777-1779) to Henry Laurens from George Galphin, Commissar of Indian Affairs regarding Indian matters. Speeches, oaths, proclamations, and transcripts of talks with various Indian tribes including the Creek nation, Talleseys, Cussala, and others, mostly in East Florida. Letters also of John Pigg and Patrick Carr. Available on microfilm.

**37/47/1-5, Microfilm Roll #45/147**

**Estate papers, 1840-1860. Approx 25 items.**

Charleston planter. Estate and litigation papers (1840-1860) of the heirs of Henry Laurens, mostly regarding the estate of Eliza Laurens, later Toomer, dispute with William C. Gatewood. Legal matters handled by James B. Campbell. Available on microfilm.

**37/48/1-6, Microfilm Roll #45/147**

**Papers of William Thompson (1736-1781), 1778. 14 items.**

Revolutionary war general. Petitions, testimony, proceedings, memorials and other papers regarding the court martial in the Continental Congress against William Thompson for calling Congress "rascals." Included are lists of votes on the issue and papers of Henry Laurens. Available on microfilm.

**37/49/1, Microfilm Roll #45/147**

**Essay, 1763. 125 pgs.**

Charleston merchant, politician. Essay (1763) of Henry Laurens under pseudo. "Chilolethes," regarding Christopher Gadsden, criticism of Col. James Grant's conduct in the Cherokee war in SC and the Grant-Thomas Middleton dispute. Available on microfilm.

**37/50/1-84, Microfilm Roll #45/148**

**Papers, 1774-1777. Approx 200 pages**

Charleston President of the SC Council of Safety. Correspondence (1775-1776) of Henry Laurens and the SC Council of Safety with Alexander Innes, Robert Williams, Jr., P[eter]. Timothy, William Campbell, William Thompson, the Committees of Safety at Beaufort, Georgetown and Savannah, GA. Correspondence regarding preparations for war, loyalists, politics, local and military matters. Also includes resolutions and receipts of the Council. Many drafts of letters of Henry Laurens. One letter to James Laurens (1774). Available on microfilm.

**37/51/1-24, Microfilm Roll #45/148**

**Military Records, 1775-1781. Approx 30 items.**

Charleston president of the Continental Congress and president SC Council of Safety. Returns of the first regiment of Charles Cotesworth Pinckney, 2nd Regiment of William Moultrie, the 3rd and 6th regiment of SC and William Thompson's companies of rangers. Also lists of prisoners on board the ship Tobay (1781) and reports of various officers to Henry Laurens or the Council of Safety (1775-1776). Available on microfilm.

**37/52/1-17, Microfilm Roll #45/148**

**Papers, 1770-1783. 20 items.**

Charleston planter, politician. Correspondence (1770-1783) accounts for slaves and other property, and the estate accounts of George Whitfield handled by Henry Laurens for the Countess of Huntington. Included is a cure for gout, some papers regarding lands and slaves in GA inherited by Lady Huntington from George Whitfield to be used eventually as an orphanage and college. Available on microfilm.

**37/53, Microfilm Roll #45/148**

**Waste book, 1749-1751. 1 vol.**

Charleston merchant. "Waste book" (1749-1751) of Henry Laurens with accounts of various agricultural or grocery items or cargos imported or exported but mostly sold to Charlestonians. Available on microfilm.

**37/54/1, Microfilm Roll #45/149**

**James Laurens Letter book, 1772-1775, 1 vol.**

Brother of Henry Laurens. Letter book (1772-1775) of J.L. mostly from Charleston while tending Henry Laurens' plantation and business affairs during H.L.'s residence in England. Correspondents written to include Henry Laurens, John Petrie, William Fisher, Richard Grubb, William Cowles, Bourdieu & Challett, Richard Oswald, Reynolds, Getley & Co., and others. Letters written to Philadelphia PA, London, England, Geneva Switzerland, and elsewhere. Some of the letters printed in The Papers of Henry Laurens vol. 8 & 9. Available on microfilm.

**37/54/2-11, Microfilm Roll #45/149**

**Misc. Papers, 1766-1786. 9 items**

Charleston planter, politician. Misc. correspondence (1766-1786) of Henry Laurens with William Fisher, Philadelphia PA, John Laurens, Alex Innes, William Manning, and others. Letters from Charleston, Bristol, England and elsewhere. Letters regarding business, political and family matters. Also letter (12/20/1781) of Henry Laurens from the Tower of London to Congress regarding his imprisonment, and a letter (1786) outlining the political conduct of John Bremer in England during the American Revolution. Available on microfilm.

**37/55/1-79, Microfilm Roll #45/149**

**John Laurens Papers, 1777-1781. Approx 85 items.**

Revolutionary war Colonel, US diplomat, son of Henry Laurens. Correspondence, Congressional minutes extracts, diplomatic commission, lists and memos (1771-1781) of JL regarding his war experiences and his diplomatic mission to Paris, France (1780-1781) to secure supplies. Correspondents include William Manning, George Washington, A. Hamilton, King Louis of France, Benjamin Franklin, Samuel Huntington, Benjamin Lincoln, J.D. Schweighauser, Alex Gillon, Ethis de Corney, John Adams, Veimerange, A. Iazard, Babut & LaBouchere and others. Other materials include lists of clothing and warlike stores needed, undated letter regarding imprisonment of Henry Laurens and questions regarding diplomatic policies. Available on microfilm.

**Pamphlets cataloged individually but housed with collection:**

\*Use Restricted

Laurens, Henry. *Extracts from the proceedings of the High Court of Vice-Admiralty : in Charlestown, South-Carolina, upon six several informations, adjudged by the Honourable Egerton Leigh, Esq ; sole judge of that court, and His Majesty's attorney-general in the said province, in the years 1767 and 1768 : with explanatory remarks, &c. and copies of two extraordinary oaths : to which are subjoined, recapitulation, reflections arising from a retrospect of a late case, and some general observations on American custom-house officers, and courts of vice-admiralty.* Charlestown, Printed by D. Bruce, 1769

Includes *An appendix to the Extracts from the proceedings of the High Court of Vice-Admiralty in Charlestown, South-Carolina, &c. : Containing strictures upon, and proper answers to, a pamphlet entitled, The man unmask'd, published by Egerton Leigh. Together with a full refutation of Mr. Leigh's attempts to vindicate his judicial proceedings.* Charlestown, Printed by D. Bruce, 1769.

“The *Appendix to the Extracts* is listed under Item 57c as part of the second edition of the *Extracts* in Thomas R. Adams’ *American Independence, The Growth of an Idea, A Bibliographical Study of the American Political Pamphlets Printed Between 1764 and 1776, Dealing with the Dispute Between Great Britain and Her Colonies* (Providence, R.I., 1965), p. 43. Adams lists the South Carolina Historical Society as having the only surviving copy of the second edition of the *Extracts* and the *Appendix to the Extracts*. Although the historical society has the only complete set, the American Philosophical Society has a copy of the *Appendix to the Extracts*”—*The Papers of Henry Laurens*, Volume 7. (Columbia, SC, 1979), p. 4.

**Call Number: PAM 347 1769 Laurens**

Laurens, Henry. *Mr. Laurens's true state of the case : by which his candor to Mr. Edmund Jenings is manifested, and the tricks of Mr. Jenings are detected.* [London? : s.n.], 1783.

**Call Number: PAM 973.3 1783 Laurens**

Jenings, Edmund, 1731-1819. *A full manifestation of what Mr. Henry Laurens falsely denominates candor in himself and tricks in Mr. Edmund Jenings.* London : [s.n.], printed in the year 1783.

**Call Number: PAM 973.3 1783 Jenings**

Jenings, Edmund, 1731-1819. *The candor of Henry Laurens, Esq., manifested by his behaviour to Mr. Edmund Jenings.* [London : s.n., 1783]

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Ford, Timothy, 1762-1830. *Address, delivered before the Literary and Philosophical Society, of South Carolina, on the 19th of November, 1817, on physical science, and particularly the science of chymistry.* Charleston, S.C., Printed for the Society, by J. Hoff, 1818.

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Moravian Historical Society. *Transactions of the Moravian Historical Society.* Volume 4, part 4. Bethlehem, PA : Cormenius Press, 1894.

**Call Number: PAM 284.6 1894 Moravian**