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Jedidiah Morse letters

1801-1824

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Summary

Creator: Morse, Jedidiah, 1761-1826

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Abstract: Jedidiah Morse (1761-1826), a Congregational clergyman, was known as "the father of geography". His lectures on geography included *Geography Made Easy* (1784), the first geography publication in the U.S. Morse established the Andover Theological Seminary (1808), the New England Tract Society (1814), and the American Bible Society (1816). He started several periodicals and devoted the latter part of his life to working in behalf of American Indians and the poor. Collection consists of three autograph letters signed by Morse, 1801-1824: to an unidentified recipient, 1801 April 17, regarding political matters and efforts to counteract the influence of the Illuminati in the United States; to Rev. Dr. Benjamin Trumbull, 1809 March 2, regarding Trumbull's manuscript history, presently under review by John Adams; and to Messrs. Davis & Force, Washington, D.C. booksellers, concerning their stock of his works, with a request to sell some copies of his report on Indian affairs without commissions, for the benefit of Native Americans.

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Indians of North America
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Geographic Names

United States -- Politics and government -- 1783-1865

Names

Morse, Jedidiah, 1761-1826
Trumbull, Benjamin, 1735-1820 -- recipient
Davis & Force -- recipient