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Rufus & James Backus letters received

1794

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Summary

Creator: Rufus & James Backus

Title: Rufus & James Backus letters received

Date: 1794

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Source: Purchased from W. Todd, 1931.

Abstract: Rufus Backus and James Backus (1764-1816) were merchants in Norwich, Connecticut. The partnership of Rufus & James Backus dissolved in 1796. The collection comprises eight letters to the firm dated 1794 March 19-September 7, written chiefly by Gilbert Saltonstall at New York, as well as John D. Blanchard at Philadelphia, and William Stewart at New London. Letters refer to the British seizure of American vessels trading in the French West Indies, the resulting U.S. embargo of March 26, 1794, and the depressed domestic trade in provisions.

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Key Terms

Subjects

Merchants -- Connecticut

Merchants -- New York (State) -- New York

Merchants -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia

Occupations

Merchants.

Geographic Names

Norwich (Conn.) -- Commerce
United States -- Commerce -- West Indies
United States -- History -- 1783-1815
West Indies -- Commerce -- United States

Names

Saltonstall, Gilbert
Rufus & James Backus
Rufus & James Backus -- Correspondence