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Guide to the

Elias Boudinot letters and documents

1777-1820

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Summary

Creator: Boudinot, Elias, 1740-1821

Title: Elias Boudinot letters and documents

Date: 1777-1820

Size: .1 linear feet (1 folder)

Source: Donated by John S. Kennedy, 1896, as part of the Emmet Collection and J. Pierpont Morgan, 1899, as part of the Ford Collection, with additional gifts and purchases, 1921-1958.

Abstract: Elias Boudinot (1740-1821) was an American lawyer and statesman. Born in Philadelphia, he resided in New Jersey for most of his life. During the Revolution Boudinot served in the New Jersey Provincial Congress, was Commissary General of Prisoners from 1777 to 1778, and was a delegate to the Continental Congress in 1778 and from 1781 to 1783, holding a one-year term as its president, 1782 to 1783. He served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1789 to 1795, and as Director of the U.S. Mint from 1795 to 1805. A devout Presbyterian, Boudinot was a trustee of Princeton University and first president of the American Bible Society. The collection consists of letters written by Elias Boudinot, 1778-1786 and 1801-1820, as well as three letters received, 1777-1798; his undated draft proposal to prevent further depreciation of Continental currency; and a clipped signature. Letters to numerous correspondents concern government, business and personal matters, many written during the Revolution. They include his retained copies or drafts, among them two letters to General George Washington, dated June 28-July 6, 1778 and August 16, 1779 [i.e., August 16, 1778]. A letter received from James Drummond of Stobhall, Lord Perth, 1798, inquires about his New Jersey land holdings; a thank-you letter from Boudinot to Thomas Sully, 1818, is endorsed by the painter. The collection also includes a letter from James Buck to an unidentified recipient regarding legal matters involving Boudinot, 1787, and a letter from Mrs. R. Boudinot (Rachel Bradford Boudinot, wife of Elisha Boudinot) to William Sullivan of Boston, 1801.

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Key Terms

Occupations

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Geographic Names

United States -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783

Names

Boudinot, Elias, 1740-1821
Boudinot, Elias, 1740-1821 -- Correspondence
Bradford, Rachel, 1764-1805
Dayton, Elias, 1737-1807
Elliot, Andrew, 1728-1797
Fergusson, Elizabeth Graeme, 1737-1801
Green, Ashbel, 1762-1848
Lincoln, Benjamin, 1733-1810
Lowell, John, 1743-1802
Morris, Robert, 1734-1806
Perth, James Drummond, Lord, 1744-1800
Pintard, Lewis, 1732-1818
Washington, George, 1732-1799
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