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Guide to the

## **Napoleon I correspondence**

1803-1811

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### **Summary**

**Creator:** Napoleon, 1769-1821 -- I -- Emperor of the French

**Title:** Napoleon I correspondence

**Date:** 1803-1811

**Size:** .1 linear feet (1 folder)

**Source:** Gifts of John Pierpont Morgan and James Lenox, with an additional 1957 purchase.

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### **Custodial History**

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### **Scope and Content Note**

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## **Key Terms**

### **Geographic Names**

France -- Foreign relations -- Great Britain

France -- History -- Consulate and First Empire, 1799-1815

### **Subjects**

Political kidnapping

### **Names**

Bonneuil, Michelle de, 1748-1829

Josephine, 1763-1814 -- Empress, consort of Napoleon I, Emperor of the French

Londonderry, Robert Stewart, 1739-1821 -- Marquess of

Napoleon, 1769-1821 -- I -- Emperor of the French -- Correspondence