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Guide to the

**Thomas Paine letters and other material**

ca. 1779-1808

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## Summary

**Creator:** Paine, Thomas, 1737-1809

**Title:** Thomas Paine letters and other material

**Date:** ca. 1779-1808

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

**Source:** Gift of John Pierpont Morgan, 1899.

**Abstract:** Collection includes original and transcribed letters and other material by English-American political theorist Thomas Paine. Original material includes a January 14, 1779, letter to Henry Laurens with an account of "monies rec'd since I have been in America," and a manuscript copy of the poem "Castle in the Air." Transcriptions include the Laurens letter, as well as an 1808 exchange between Paine and London Corresponding Society activist Thomas Hardy.

**Alternative Form Available:** Letters are published in The Complete Writings of Thomas Paine.

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## Custodial History

Material was originally received as part of the Ford and Moore collections.

## Scope and Content Note

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## **Key Terms**

### **Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Poems

### **Occupations**

Political scientists -- 18th century

### **Names**

Hardy, Thomas, 1840-1928

Laurens, Henry, 1724-1792 -- recipient