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American Committee of the Statue of Liberty correspondence

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Summary

Creator: American Committee of the Statue of Liberty

Title: American Committee of the Statue of Liberty correspondence

Date: 1881-1901

Size: .3 linear feet (1 box)

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Abstract: The American Committee of the Statue of Liberty was an ad hoc organization formed to raise financial support for the siting and erection in New York harbor of Auguste Bartholdi's Statue of Liberty Enlightening the World. Bartholdi gave Richard Butler, secretary of the Committee, power of attorney in the United States to handle his affairs regarding the statue. Collection consists of letters, chiefly from Bartholdi to Butler, relating to the design, construction, and financing of the statue and its pedestal. Bartholdi's letters up to 1885 are in French, and thereafter mostly in English. Other correspondents include Joseph Pulitzer, editor of the New York World; Levi P. Morton, Governor of New York State, who accepted the statue on behalf of the people of the United States; Senator William H. Evarts, chairman of the Committee; and Henry F. Spaulding, treasurer of the Committee.

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Key Terms

Subjects

Statue of Liberty (New York, N.Y.)

Names

American Committee of the Statue of Liberty

Bartholdi, Fre_de_ric Auguste, 1834-1904

Butler, Richard

Evarts, William H

Morton, Levi P. (Levi Parsons), 1824-1920

Pulitzer, Joseph, 1847-1911

Spaulding, Henry F.