Summary

Creator: Trumbull, Jonathan, 1740-1809

Title: Jonathan Trumbull Jr. letters and documents

Date: 1776-1808

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.

Abstract: Jonathan Trumbull, Jr. (1740-1809) was Governor of Connecticut from 1797 until his death in 1809. He was the son of Jonathan Trumbull (1710-1785), Governor of Connecticut from 1769 to 1786. During the American Revolution, Trumbull was a Paymaster of the Continental Army, comptroller of the Treasury, and aide-de-camp to General George Washington. He served in the U.S. Congress as a representative and senator for Connecticut, 1789-1796. The collection consists of letters sent to military officers and others, mainly in his capacities of paymaster and governor; several signed certificates for Connecticut civil appointments and military commissions; and a document signed by Trumbull and other presidential electors, 1800, appointing a courier to deliver their votes to Washington, D.C. Recipients include Ebenezer Huntington (1754-1834) and Jeremiah Wadsworth (1743-1804) of Connecticut, both military officers and politicians. Early letters and receipts concern Army and government accounts, 1776-1780; a 1790 letter to Huntington from Philadelphia discusses the politics of moving the U.S. capitol to Washington. Letters written during his governorship pertain to state militia, personal property and family matters.

Access: Advance notice required.

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Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic
Accounts
Certificates
Military records

Geographic Names
Connecticut -- History -- 1775-1865
Connecticut -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783
Connecticut -- History, Military
Connecticut -- Politics and government
United States -- History -- 1783-1815
United States -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783

Occupations
Governors
Politicians
Soldiers

Subjects
Governors -- Connecticut

Names
Huntington, Ebenezer, 1754-1834 -- recipient
Trumbull, Jonathan, 1740-1809
Wadsworth, Jeremiah, 1743-1804 -- recipient
Connecticut. Militia
United States. Army -- Pay, allowances, etc.