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Guide to the

**Jonathan Trumbull Jr. letters and documents**

1776-1808

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## 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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**Related Materials:**

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## **Scope and Content Note**

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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.