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Guide to the

Benjamin Lincoln letters and documents

1776-1806

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Summary

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Title: Benjamin Lincoln letters and documents

Date: 1776-1806

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Abstract: Benjamin Lincoln (1733-1810) served as a major general in the Continental Army, as Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts, and was appointed customs collector for the Port of Boston in 1789. The papers consist predominantly of letters sent by Lincoln pertaining to military matters, including a letter dated September 4, 1779, to General Lachlan McIntosh announcing the landing of Comte d'Estaing with twenty-five ships of the line and describing preparations for what would become the Siege of Savannah. Also present are legal documents, including powers of attorney and loan certificates; a bill of sale for the sloop "Polly," and customs documents generated by Lincoln during his term as Collector of the Port of Boston.

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Scope and Content Note

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Key Terms

Subjects

Customs administration -- Massachusetts

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Legal documents

Geographic Names

United States -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783

Names

McIntosh, Lachlan, 1725-1806 -- recipient

United States -- Continental Army -- Officers