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Guide to the

**Israel Putnam papers**

1775-1777

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## Summary

**Creator:** Putnam, Israel, 1718-1790

**Title:** Israel Putnam papers

**Date:** 1775-1777

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

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

**Abstract:** Israel Putnam was a General in the Continental Army noted for his strategic efforts and leadership at the Battle of Bunker Hill. The papers consist mainly of receipts and inventories, including bills for goods and sundries such as wine, household items, and expenses at Fraunces Tavern, and a memorandum of "goods to be sent down to the camps" in August, 1775. Also present is a letter sent from Crosswicks, New Jersey, on January 11, 1777, noting current conditions, activities of Tory troops, and General Washington's planned activities shortly after the battles of Trenton and Princeton.

**Access:** Advance notice required.

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## Custodial History

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## Scope and Content Note

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New Jersey, on January 11, 1777, noting current conditions, activities of Tory troops, and General Washington's planned activities shortly after the battles of Trenton and Princeton.

## **Key Terms**

### **Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Receipts (financial records)

### **Geographic Names**

United States -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783 -- Equipment and supplies

### **Names**

Washington, George, 1732-1799

United States. Continental Army