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Guide to the

Thomas Tingey letters sent and accounts

1784-1822 [bulk 1801-1812]

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Summary

Creator: Tingey, Thomas, 1750-1829

Title: Thomas Tingey letters sent and accounts

Date: 1784-1822 [bulk 1801-1812]

Size: .1 linear feet (1 folder)

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Abstract: U.S. Navy commodore Thomas Tingey (1750-1829) was a superintendent of the Washington Navy Yard, having planned its construction. In the early years of the 19th century he was employed as agent for the trustees of the Aggregate Fund in Philadelphia, holding the Washington D.C. land investments of Robert Morris (1734-1806), John Nicholson (1757-1800) and James Greenleaf (1765-1843). Collection consists of letters sent mainly to John Miller, Jr. for the trustees of the Aggregate Fund in his capacity as agent, advising of real estate transactions, opportunities and concerns. Personal items include letters to U.S. Navy commodore Richard Dale (1801-1802, 1822), touching briefly on plans for the Yard and naval matters, and to John H. Sherburne, 1822, advising him of a chance to apprehend a slave. A small number of accounts and receipts relate to the Fund and to business on ships under Tingey's command.

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Scope and Content Note

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Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Accounts

Subjects

Land speculation -- Washington (D.C.)

Real estate investment -- Washington (D.C.)

Slavery -- Washington (D.C.) -- 19th century

Occupations

Speculators

Geographic Names

Washington (D.C.) -- History

Names

Dale, Richard, 1756-1826 -- recipient

Greenleaf, James, 1765-1843 -- recipient

Sherburne, John Henry, 1794-1850? -- recipient

Tingey, Thomas, 1750-1829

United States. Navy -- Officers

Washington Navy Yard