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Stephen Van Rensselaer correspondence

1786-1838

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Summary

Creator: Van Rensselaer, Stephen, 1764-1839

Title: Stephen Van Rensselaer correspondence

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Abstract: Stephen Van Rensselaer (1764-1839) was an American soldier, New York State lieutenant governor, U.S. congressman, and the last patroon of the manor of Rensselaerswyck, near Albany. Letters to Van Rensselaer (1786-1826) and from him (1790-1838) pertain to New York State and U.S. politics, business affairs concerning Rensselaerswyck, and personal and family matters. Family correspondents include Alexander Hamilton, Jr., thanking his uncle for supporting his education, 1806, and brother-in-law William B. Paterson, congratulating Van Rensselaer on the honorable termination of his military career, 1813. A letter from the proprietors of the Rensselaer glass works, 1792, seeks his aid in establishing a reputable tavern to replace numerous "dram shops." Also present are some invoices and checks, including two signed in Paris by Van Rensselaer's son Stephen, 1813.

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Account of glass made and sold at the Rensselaer Glass Factory, 1823-1836. Manuscripts and Archives Division, The New York Public Library.

Stephen Van Rensselaer estate inventory. Manuscripts and Archives Division, The New York Public Library.

Key Terms

Occupations

Landowners
Lawyers
Politicians
Soldiers

Geographic Names

New York State -- Politics and government -- 1775-1865
Rensselaerswyck (N.Y.)
United States -- Politics and government -- 1783-1865

Names

Foote, Ebenezer, 1756-1829
Hamilton, Alexander, 1786-1875
Paterson, William B. (William Brown), 1912-
Tallmadge, James, 1778-1853 -- recipient
Van Rensselaer, Stephen, 1764-1839
Van Rensselaer family
Rensselaer Glass Factory