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Guide to the

**Autograph letter signed "Veuve de Buonaparte" : to the Controller of Finances**

1787 or 1788

### Summary

**Creator:** Napoleon I, Emperor of the French, 1769-1821

**Title:** Autograph letter signed "Veuve de Buonaparte" : to the Controller of Finances

**Date:** 1787 or 1788

**Size:** 1 item (3 p.), (fol.); 1 item (3 p.), (fol.)

**Source:** Letter: Gift, 2001, Gilder Lehrman Collection

**Abstract:** Autograph letter, 1787 or 1788, to the Controller of Finances of France, signed "Veuve de Buonaparte", 3 pp. folio. In French. The letter, which was written by Napoleon on behalf of his mother, Letizia, petitions the government for compensation for losses suffered when the government canceled its contract made in 1782 with Charles Buonaparte for a mulberry plantation in connection with a plan to introduce the cultivation of silk on the island of Corsica. Bound in full red French levant.

**Access:** Advance notice required.

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### Scope and Content Note

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### Key Terms

#### Subjects

Silk industry -- Corsica (France)

**Names**

Napoleon I, Emperor of the French, 1769-1821

Bonaparte, Letizia, 1750?-1836