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Guide to the

**John Macpherson Berrien letters, legal papers, and miscellany**

1811-1855

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## Summary

**Creator:** Berrien, John MacPherson, 1781-1856

**Title:** John Macpherson Berrien letters, legal papers, and miscellany

**Date:** 1811-1855

**Size:** 0.1 linear feet (1 folder)

**Abstract:** United States Senator from Georgia and U.S. Attorney General under Andrew Jackson. These letters include one from 1825 describing his involvement in the case of the slave ship Antelope.

**Access:** Advance notice required.

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## Scope and Content Note

Includes 1825 letter describing his involvement in THE ANTELOPE case of 1825. The Antelope was a slave ship that was commandeered by a ship named the Arraganta. After the Arraganta was wrecked, its captain transferred remaining supplies and cannon to the Antelope, and renamed it the Ramirez (mentioned in this letter). A subsequent court case ensued about international law regarding slavery. "I have felt myself called upon to give, and have given free expression of my Southern feelings.. "Mentioned in this letter: William Wirt, Attorney General of the United States. Francis Scott Key, Attorney for the Africans and author of U.S. national anthem. Charles Ingersoll- represented Spanish interests along with John Macpherson Berrien John Jackson- Captain of revenue cutter Dallas John Caldwell Calhoun- Vice President of the USA Josiah Tattnall, Georgia Senator Sources of information: <http://mysite.verizon.net/jkesst/Antelope.htm>, accessed 31 August, 2011 <http://supreme.justia.com/us/23/66/case.html>, accessed 31 August, 2011