Summary

Creator: Viotti, Giovanni Battista, 1755-1824

Title: Viotti correspondence

Date: ca. 1793-ca. 1822

Size: .16 cu. ft.; 1 microfilm reel

Abstract: The collection consists of 3 undated letters and 12 dated letters from Viotti (1801-1821), all in French; 20 undated and 34 dated letters (1793-1822) to Viotti and several others from various correspondents, chiefly in French with several letters in English or Italian. The earliest dated letter (1793) is from Pugnani. Muzio Clementi, Johann Dussek, and Ferdinando Paer are represented by one letter each. Two unsigned notes are attributed to Mme. de Staël, and 2 unsigned letters, to Stéphanie Félicité Genlis, the author of La duchesse de La Vallière. One letter is signed “Albertine de Staël” (duchesse de Broglie). Several items in 1821 relate to Viotti's having been named Chevalier de l'Ordre royal de la Légion d'honneur. Many letters are from and to the Chinnery family with little musical content. Viotti often signed letters "Amico" or "L'amico."

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Creator History
Italian violinist and composer Giovanni Viotti is best known for his Violin Concerto No. 22 in A minor. Viotti spent much of his life after 1782 in Paris and London. He fled the French revolution in 1792, but was unwelcome in England as a suspected Jacobite between 1798-1801, after which he returned to
London and remained there except for the years 1818-1822 in Paris. An early teacher and colleague in Italy was Gaetano Pugnani. His friends and patrons in London were the Chinnery family.

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**Key Terms**

**Occupations**
Composers

**Genre/Physical Characteristic**
Correspondence
Letters (correspondence)

**Names**
Viotti, Giovanni Battista, 1755-1824
Broglie, Albertine Ida Gustavine de Staël-Holstein, duchesse de, 1797-1838
Chinnery, Caroline
Chinnery, William
Clementi, Muzio, 1752-1832
Dussek, Johann Ladislaus, 1760-1812
Genlis, Ste_phanie Fe_licite_, comtesse de, 1746-1830
Pa_e_r, Ferdinando, 1771-1839
Pugnani, Gaetano, 1731-1798
Stae_l, Madame de (Anne-Louise-Germaine), 1766-1817