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Guide to the

James Monroe papers

1772-1836 [bulk 1795-1822]

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Summary

Creator: Monroe, James, 1758-1831

Title: James Monroe papers

Date: 1772-1836 [bulk 1795-1822]

Size: 4 linear feet (18 boxes); 8 microfilm reels

Source: Gift, Cadwalader, John L, 1899

Abstract: James Monroe (1758-1831) was a soldier, statesman and the fifth President of the United States. Collection consists of correspondence and Monroe's writings. Correspondence, 1772-1836, is largely political, focusing on constitutional issues, Monroe's diplomatic assignment in France, Virginia politics, treaty negotiations with Great Britain, France and Spain, the slave trade, and Bank of the United States. Also discussed are foreign policy and war issues. Writings, 1785-1831, include manuscripts of Monroe's autobiography, notes, drafts of speeches and articles on foreign and domestic policy, drafts of treaties with Great Britain and Spain, draft of proposed Bill of Rights, and copies of Monroe's cipher and Jefferson/Monroe cipher.

Conditions Governing Access:

Researchers must use microfilm in lieu of originals for entire collection.

Alternative Form Available: Entire collection available on microfilm; New York Public Library

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Creator History

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Arrangement: Two series: I. Correspondence, 1772-1836; II. Writings, 1785-1831

Key Terms

Subjects

Diplomacy
Diplomatic and consular service, American
Slave trade

Occupations

Diplomats
Politicians
Presidents

Geographic Names

United States -- History -- 1783-1865
United States -- Politics and government -- 1783-1865
United States -- Social conditions -- To 1865
Virginia -- Politics and government -- 1775-1865

Names

Monroe, James, 1758-1831
Adams, John Quincy, 1767-1848
Astor, John Jacob, 1763-1848
Jackson, Andrew, 1767-1845
Jefferson, Thomas, 1743-1826
Madison, James, 1751-1836
Pickering, Timothy, 1745-1829
Skipworth, Fulwar, 1765-1839
Bank of the United States (1791-1811)
United States