Guide to the

Van Horne & Clarkson and Streatfeild & Levinus Clarkson Co. letter book

1795-1798 MssCol 23911

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Summary

Creator: Van Horne and Clarkson

Title: Van Horne & Clarkson and Streatfeild & Levinus Clarkson Co. letter book

Date: 1795-1798

Size: .08 linear feet (1 volume)

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Abstract: Van Horne & Clarkson and Streatfeild & Levinus Clarkson Co. were American merchant companies. This letter book contains their copies of letters written to them by the Dutch merchant firm P. en C. Van Eeghen. The American merchants exported American and West Indian goods such as sugar, coffee, potash, tobacco, rice, cotton, wheat, rye, and spices, which were sold by the Van Eeghens in Amsterdam on consignment. Many of the letters written by the Van Eeghens include a list of commodities with their current prices at market. The letters also discuss the French Revolutionary Wars and their effect on the merchants' activities; and the capture of the American merchants' ship, the Cheesman, bound from New York to Amsterdam, in 1797.

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Key Terms

Subjects

International trade -- 18th century
Merchants -- Netherlands -- 18th century
Merchants -- New York (State) -- New York -- 18th century

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Letter books

Occupations

Merchants

Names

P. en C. Van Eeghen Streatfeild and Levinus Clarkson Co.