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Guide to the

**William Heath papers**

1777-1782

MssCol 4444

## Summary

**Creator:** Heath, William, 1737-1814

**Title:** William Heath papers

**Date:** 1777-1782

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

**Abstract:** Letters and orders from Major General William Heath of the Continental Army written between 1777 and 1782 and pertaining to his official duties. Includes the dishonorable discharge of a soldier in 1777, letters outlining the terms of parole given to General Burgoyne and his troops after their surrender, and regarding the "abusive behavior of [Burgoyne's] British Soldiers towards the Guards and Sentries;" passports for victuallers carrying goods from Newport to Boston; letters regarding the construction of the Great Chain across the Hudson River in 1781; and other documents discussing the movement of British troops and the activities of the Highland Department of the Continental Army in 1781 and 1782

**Physical Location:** MssCol 4444

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## Custodial History

Material was originally received as part of the Ford and Thomas Addis Emmet collections.

## Key Terms

### Geographic Names

Hudson River (N.Y. and N.J.) -- History

New York (State) -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783

### Genre/Physical Characteristic

Orders (military records)

**Occupations**

Soldiers

**Names**

Alexander, William, 1726-1783

Burgoyne, John, 1722-1792

Clinton, George, 1739-1812

Heath, William, 1737-1814

Ford collection

Thomas Addis Emmet collection

United States. Continental Army