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Guide to the

**Charles Cotesworth Pinckney letters and other material**

1774-1824

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## Summary

**Creator:** Pinckney, Charles Cotesworth, 1746-1825

**Title:** Charles Cotesworth Pinckney letters and other material

**Date:** 1774-1824

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

**Source:** Donated by John S. Kennedy, 1896; John Pierpont Morgan, 1899; Saul Mindlin, 1952; with additional purchase in 1942.

**Abstract:** Four letters of Charles Cotesworth Pinckney, a South Carolina statesman, Revolutionary War veteran, and delegate to the Constitutional Convention. Three of the letters, dating 1815, 1822, and 1824 are addressed to cotton trader Francois-Didier Petit de Villers of Savannah, and concern the latter's claim against Colonel Joseph Habersham, the death of Pinckney's niece, and a request by Pinckney for information on various local matters. Also present are several autographs, a receipt, related ephemera, and a portion of an opinion written by Pinckney in 1783 on the plundering of a house by a party "attached to the British interest."

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## Custodial History

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## Scope and Content Note

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## **Key Terms**

### **Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Appointment books  
notes

### **Geographic Names**

South Carolina -- Politics and government -- 1775-1865

### **Occupations**

Statesmen -- South Carolina -- 18th century

### **Names**

Petit de Villers, F. D. -- recipient