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Richard Champion letter book

1773-1775

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Summary

Creator: Champion, Richard, 1743-1791

Title: Richard Champion letter book

Date: 1773-1775

Size: 1 v. (173 leaves), 22 cm; 1 v. (173 leaves), 22 cm

Abstract: Richard Champion (1743-1791) of Bristol, England was a noted merchant and porcelain manufacturer. Champion, a Quaker, was active in political and civic affairs and sympathetic to American interests. He worked to elect Edmund Burke to Parliament for Bristol in 1774. Champion emigrated with his family to South Carolina in 1784 and settled near Camden, where he died in 1791. This is the fourth volume in chronological order of five letter books transcribed by Richard Champion and members of his family from original correspondence (the other volumes, numbered I-IV, are at the Bristol Record Office). Incoming and outgoing letters, dating 18 February 1773-21 January 1775, concern civic affairs in Bristol, including the licensing of a theater; the election of Edmund Burke; Anglo-American commerce and politics; family and business matters; his china patent; and other subjects. Among the correspondents are William Baker, Edmund Burke, Richard Burke, Thomas Pitt, the painter Nicholas Pocock, and members of the Champion family and their friends.

Alternative Form Available: Available on microfilm; New York Public Library; *ZL-250 Also available as part of The letterbooks of Richard Champion, 1760-1775, in British records relating to America in microform (BRRAM)

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Key Terms

Geographic Names

America -- Commerce -- Great Britain
Bristol (England) -- Social life and customs
Great Britain -- Colonies -- America
Great Britain -- Commerce -- America
Great Britain -- Politics and government -- 18th century
United States -- History -- Colonial period, ca. 1600-1775

Occupations

Merchants
Potters -- England

Subjects

Porcelain, British -- 18th century

Names

Champion, Richard, 1743-1791
Baker, W. (William), 1743-1824
Burke, Edmund, 1729-1797
Burke, Richard, 1733-1794
Pitt, Thomas, Baron Camelford, 1737-1793
Pocock, Nicholas, 1740?-1821
Champion family