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Scope and Contents

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Collection Contents

Ralph Pomeroy Papers; folders 1-9; Folio

b. 1, f. 1	Payroll of sundry persons employed in Public Services by Ralph Pomeroy, Deputy Quarter Master	1781 May 31
b. 1, f. 1	Account, as Deputy Quarter Master General, with the state of Connecticut from 1781 Jan to 1786 Jan. With a note on currency problems, and the method of payment: "...in part by State Notes received for sale of powder..." Initialed "RP" and dated "1791 Sep 5."	
b. 1, f. 2	Circular letters, as "Commissioner of Cloathing Accounts of U.S. Board of War," to Connecticut authorities (1 p.). Philadelphia	1779 April 13
b. 1, f. 3	Huntington, Jedidiah (1743-1818), ALS congratulating Pomeroy "on the Capture of Lord Cornwallis and his Army...about 8,000 including Tories and Negroes..." (1 p.). Peekskill, 1781 Oct 26	
b. 1, f. 4	Mix, John, ALS, transmitting a letter from "General Washington ordering the Chain of Expresses to be discharged..." (1 p. [enclosure wanting]). Newburgh	1782 December 29
b. 1, f. 5	Parsons, Samuel Holden (1737-1789), ALS, an order to "appoint officers in different parts of the State to receive and forward Recruits..." with a description of desirable and disqualifying characteristics ([2] p. on one leaf). Camp, n.p.	1781 February 25
b. 1, f. 6	Peters, Richard (1744-1828), DS, commission of Ralph Pomeroy "to settle and pay all arrearages of cloathing due to the troops of these States for the year 1777" ([2] p. on one leaf). New London	1779 March 6
b. 1, f. 7	Pickering, Timothy (1745-1829), 5 ALS relating to finances and provisions for the troops, with one letter requesting that Pomeroy forward a dispatch from Count Rochambeau to the Duke de Lauzun. Newburgh, ; Philadelphia	1781 February 2, 16; May 7, 22 1782 March 26
b. 1, f. 8	Richards, Guy (1747-1825), ALS (as Deputy Quarter Master) forwarding a Resolve for an "additional sum of #250 in Pay-Table Orders..." (1 p. [enclosure wanting]). New London	1781 December 6
b. 1, f. 9	Trumbull, Jonathan (1710-1785), 3 ALS concerning provision of troops and related finances. (1 p. with wrapper and portion of seal, 2 p. address on each verso). Lebanon	1781 January 24; 1781 November 26; 1781 December 10
b. 2	U.S. Treasury Dept. Pay Table Office. DS (contemporary copy), account with Ralph Pomeroy for the period 1781 Jan 27-1783 Sep 1. Signed: William Denning (2 p. on 1 leaf, folio; on verso: "The within is a true Copy of the Original lodged on file in the Office this day. Oliver Wolcott...Mar 26, 1787."). New York	1785 December 28
Shuldham, Molyneux Shuldham (1717?-1798), baron		
b. 1, f. 10	Papers, correspondence and reports to Lord Shuldham related to his office as vice-admiral and commander-in-chief of British ships in North America, including accounts of the movements of American vessels, petitions by American prisoners and financial documents (12 items)	1777-1779
b. 1, f. 11	2 ALS (presumably to Lord Shuldham) from an American prisoner named De La Carriere, held on board the	1777 August 27, undated

	Anonymous	
b. 1, f. 12	MS, entry in a diary by someone at Brigadier General [Selah] Heart's headquarters noting a report on British movements as given by two deserters and a visit by General Wolcott. On verso are memoranda made in Farmington, or relating to Farmington, General Heart's home ([2] p. on one leaf). Greenwich	1779 August 16
	Platt, Captain Epenetus	
b. 1, f. 13	DS, "confession" to the New Milford Committee of Inspection of "those words and actions which the Committee and others have just reason to complain of" and making retraction so that "we may no longer be Estemed Enimys to our country." With 25 additional signatures. ([2] p. on one leaf) <i>Historical note:</i> Epenetus Platt was appointed captain of the first company or trainband in the town of New Milford in May 1773. In February 1781 he was imprisoned in New Gate gaol for a treasonable writing and freed in May of that year on payment of a fine and bond "for the future peacable and obedient behavior...during the present war with Great Britain."(**) In May 1786 he was released from this conviction.(***) (**) <i>The Public Records of the State of Connecticut from May 1780 to October 1781...</i> Charles J. Hoadly, compiler. Hartford, 1922. v.3, p. 433. (***) <i>Ibid.</i> , v.6, p. 185.	1775 November 27
	Phillips, William	1731?-1781
b. 1, f. 14	ALS to Lieutenant Collier ordering him to pay "six artificers" in Canada and Captain Craig of the Northern Army. (1 p. and accompanying outer leaf with a summary of the letter). New York For additional information relating to Lieutenant Collier, see also the warrant by James Hamilton (1781 Oct 30), in box 2 (Folio)	1780 December 8
	Mason, Mr. and Mrs.	
b. 1, f. 15	AL (in the third person) to Thomas Fayerweather asking for the loan of two pounds of pork. (1 p. with note on verso). n.p.	1779 August 30
	McKinnon, Captain John	
b. 1, f. 16	DS, memorial as Deputy Quarter Master General to Lieutenant Colonel Nisbet Balfour asking him to grant a warrant for fifteen thousand pounds. (1 p. with address portion of another leaf pasted o1 p. with address portion of another leaf pasted on). Charleston, South Carolina	1781 October 1
	Bragg, Thomas	
b. 1, f. 17	Three receipts by Samuel Bridge, Enoch Coe and Ebenezer Gay to Thomas Bragg for payment received for room and board. n.p., v.p.	1780 November 11, 17, 19
	Hazard, Stanton	
b. 1, f. 18	ALS on leaving Hartford to Josiah Pomeroy, thanking him for "softening my captivity." (1 p.) Hartford	1779 September 24
	United States Lottery	

b. 1, f. 19	Lottery ticket issued according to a Resolution of Congress, passed at Philadelphia, 1776 Nov 18. Signed: C. Campbell. (1 ticket: No. 42m350). n.p.	undated
Chittenden, William		
b. 1, f. 20	ALS to the President of Congress, petitioning that body to aid the widow and children of Colonel Seth Warner who died of wounds received "in the late war." ([2] p. on 1 leaf, with thirteen signatures). Bennington Signers: William Chittenden, Thomas Chittenden, 1730-1797, Thomas Topman, Ethan Allen, 1738-1789, Paul Spooner, Timothy Brownson, Samuel Safford, Moses Robinson, 1742-1813, Isaac Tichenor, 1754-1838, Stephen Bendley, Gideon Brownson, Heman Smith, Samuel Canfield.	1786 July 7
Munson, Ezra, et. al.		
b. 1, f. 21	DS, by non-commissioned officers and soldiers of General Hazen's regiment giving Captain William Munson of Connecticut power-of-attorney to receive their wages for the period January through March 1781. (1 p. with twenty-two signatures). New Jersey	1783 March 10
Connecticut		
	Betts, Thaddeus	1724-1807
b. 1, f. 22	DS, certifying as Justice of Peace to the loyalty of James K. Hallett. (1 p.) Norwalk, Connecticut	1779 January 23
	Edwards, [Pierpont?]	1750-1826
b. 1, f. 22	MS, describing the raising of "six thousand Men," for Connecticut, their provisioning, pay, deployment and listing their officers and the system of command. ([3] p. with note on verso: Mr. Edwards Letter No. 36). n.p.	[177-?]
	Howell, Thomas	1719-1797
b. 1, f. 22	DS, attesting that John Miles of S[outh] Newhaven and his family are "thorough friends to America," and that Miner Miles never engaged in trade with Long Island. (1 p. with eleven signatures). New Haven	1780 October 13
	Smith, George	
b. 1, f. 22	DS, certifying as Judge Advocate to the Army that James K. Hallett had "supported the Character of a Friend to His Country." (1 p.). Norwich, Connecticut	1779 February 10
	Wales, Nathanel, and Burr, Thaddeus	1735-1801
b. 1, f. 22	ALS to an unknown recipient announcing their appointment with "Mr [Pierpont?] Edwards...a Committee to visit the Provincial Convention of New York." (1 p. with note on verso: Letter Messrs. Wales and Burr. No. 34). New York See also: letter of Pierpont Edwards, No. 36	1775 May 21
Massachusetts		
Massachusetts Infantry		

Massachusetts Infantry (continued)

b. 1, f. 23	"An Abstract for Pay due to Officers and Soldiers raised for the defence of Castle and Governors Island...whereof...John Hancock is Commander...to the 31st March 1780." (1 p. folio (contemporary copy); on verso: Pay Roll Castle and Governors Island 1779-1780). n.p. English	[1780 March 31]
b. 1, f. 23	1st Regt. "Size roll of the Light Infantry Company of Foot in the Massachusetts Regiment..." [giving 38 names with age, height, trade, place of origin and residence.] (1 p. folio with note on verso: Size Roll of the Light Infantry Compy in Col. Voses Regt.) n.p.	1779
6th Regt.		
b. 1, f. 23	"Return of the non Commissioned Officers and Privates of Major Harwoods Company..." [giving names, rank, place of abode, dates and terms of enlistment.] ([2] p. on 2 leaves joined, with note on verso: Majors Returns for the year 1780). n.p. English	[1780 December 31]
b. 1, f. 23	"Return of the Non Commissioned Officers and Privates of Captain Benjamin Heywoods Company..." [giving names, rank, place of abode, dates and terms of enlistment.] ([2] p. on one leaf, folio). n.p. English	[1780 December 31]
b. 1, f. 23	Worcester County. Certification of payments, by town, to soldiers' families, 1777 September to 1780 January. ([2] p. on one leaf). n.p.	1780 April 12
New York (State)		
b. 1, f. 24	Dutchess County Committee. ALS to the "Committee of Safety at Newmilford" concerning William Ellis and Benjamin Ellise, who have been sent to the New Milford court. Signed: Nathan Poane [?], Chairman. (1 p. with address on verso of integral leaf). Pawling	1776 January 16
b. 1, f. 24	U.S. Army. Continental Army. AD, "monthly Return of the Garrison of Stoney Point." Signed: B. Frothingham. ([2] p. on one leaf). Stoney Point, [N.Y.]	1782 January 28
South Carolina		
b. 1, f. 25	Cochran, Robert. DS, Enlistment paper (printed form filled in) signed by five seamen agreeing to serve under Captain Cochran in the service of the colony of South Carolina. (1 p.) n.p.	1777 May 1
b. 1, f. 26	Frederick, Colonel, [i.e. Frederic de Neuhof, 1725?-1797]. ALS to the Duke of Portland, relating to Frederick's request for payment for raising 3000 troops for the English during the American Revolution. ([3] p. on one folded leaf). London	1783 September 20
b. 2	Hamilton, James, ca. 1710-1783. DS, warrant to Charles Bembridge, Deputy Pay Master General to His Majesty's Forces, Quebec, to pay #660. 1. 3 to David Geddes and Lieutenant Collier for sums paid to "artificers." (1 p. with summary of order on verso). New York For additional information relating to Lieutenant Collier, see ALS by William Phillips (1780 Dec 8), in box 1, folder 14	1781 October 30
b. 1, f. 27	Fanning, T____. ALS to Mrs. Sibel Coit describing the capture of Boston from the British on March 17, 1776. ([4] p.). Roxbury, Mass.	1776 March 22

b. 1, f. 28	Dodge, Captain Barnabas (1741-1817). Orderly book kept by Dodge while serving under Major-General Robert Howe, 1732-1796, in the Hudson Highlands, New York, with court-martial accounts, . With a few pages of family accounts, 1792-1798.	1780 April 20 - June 16
b. 2	Hesse. Régiment de Losberg. Compagnie du Corps. DS, muster roll covering the period from December 25, 1781 to June 24, 1782. Signed by Major Emanuel de Wilmowsky and other officers. (3p. with docket title on p.4., from the library of Sir Thomas Phillips). Laurel Hill, Pa.	1782 July 5
b. 2	Appointment of Elisha Bostwick as Second Lieutenant of Captain Isaac Bostwick/ accompanying sketch by Elisha Bostwick: facsimile	1776 January 1
b. 2	Request for remuneration by James Hamilton, Brigadier General	1781 October 30
b. 2	"The United States in Account with Ralph Pomeroy": handwritten copy of final settlement, Pay Table Office English	1787 March 26

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

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Platt, Epenetus
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Trumbull, Jonathan, 1710-1785

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Massachusetts Infantry. 6th Regt., 1780