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**TITLE:** American Historical Financial Documents Collection

**DATES:** 1734-1874

**BULK DATES:** 1777-1790

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 4.76 linear feet (6 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Correspondence, accounts, receipts, checks, printed currency, circular letters, printed forms filled out in manuscript, and other printed material related to American finance, currency and lotteries during and after the Revolutionary War. Series I, Currency and Public Debt Documents, includes letters by Jacques-Pierre Brissot de Warville; Albert Gallatin; John Gibson; Alexander Hamilton; Gouverneur Morris; Robert Morris, and Thomas Willing. There is a small group of letters between Gouverneur Morris and the London bankers Sir Francis Baring, Edmund Boehm, and Thomas Henchman concerning their possible investment in the "new American funds" in 1790 and 1791. Printed material includes Thomas Paine's *Decline and Fall of the English System of Finance* (Philadelphia, 1796) as well as circular letters and debt payment tables. Other contents include reports on Revolutionary War loans and other contemporary financial matters; receipts issued by several states, particularly Connecticut and Massachusetts, between 1780 and 1789; and samples of state and Continental Congress paper money. Series II, United States Lottery Documents, contains letters by state agents for the Continental Lottery; accounts and account logs for the lottery; memoranda; and a printed lottery ticket from 1779.

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

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### Custodial History

This collection was formed by the firm Donaldson, Lufkin, & Jenrette [DLJ]. and was known in the research community for a long period of time as the DLJ Collection.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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### Preferred Citation

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### Processing Information

This collection consists of materials formerly classed as Uncat MSS 474 and Uncat MSS 516. In 2014, the collection received a baseline level of processing, including rehousing. The existing arrangement of material in each accession was retained. Folder titles were based on information provided by the bookdealer. Some names were updated to conform to Library of Congress name authorities.

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## Arrangement

Organized into two series, both arranged in the order in which the material was received. Series I., Currency and Public Debt Documents, contains examples of currency and printed forms issued by various states

and the Continental Congress, followed by alphabetically arranged correspondence, circular letters, official documents and printed ephemera. Series II, United States Lottery Documents, contains roughly chronologically arranged correspondence and other papers.

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## 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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