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Guide to the Lafayette Manuscripts 1792-1834



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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract	Contains 37 documents, primarily correspondence written by or to Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert du Montier, Marquis de Lafayette (1757-1834). Also included are letters related to Lafayette's son, George Washington du Motier de Lafayette (1779-1849) and grandson, Edmond du Motier de Lafayette (1818-1888). Codex Ms 303.

Information on Use

Access

The collection is open for research.

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Scope Note

The Lafayette Manuscripts (Codex Ms 303) comprise 37 chronologically organized documents written by or to Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert du Montier, Marquis de Lafayette (1757-1834). Also included are letters related to Lafayette's son, George Washington du Motier de Lafayette (1779-1849) and grandson, Edmond du Motier de Lafayette (1818-1888).

Many of the earlier letters in the collection bear witness to Lafayette's fortunes and activities during the revolutionary period in France. Though placed in command of an army that was to attack the Austrian Netherlands in 1792, he was declared a traitor to the Legislative Assembly, and captured while trying to flee the country in August 1792. He was held in Prussian and Austrian prisons until 1797. A letter sent to Lafayette by General Alexis Paul Michel le Veneur (August 11, 1792) documents his military activities, while a fragmentary letter from an American correspondent to an unidentified newspaper on May 26, 1796 protests the conditions of his imprisonment.

Letters dating from 1800 to 1812 document Lafayette's retirement to his country estate during the Napoleonic era.

Soon after the Bourbon Restoration, Lafayette became a deputy, speaking and voting consistently on the liberal side. He took an active interest in revolutionary activities abroad, particularly in South America, Poland, Naples, Spain, Greece and Belgium. The largest group of letters in the collection document Lafayette's political activities and private life during this period. Of particular note is an 1825 letter from Lafayette to inventor and artist Samuel F. B. Morse expressing condolences upon the death of Morse's wife.

The final letters in the collection are related to Lafayette's son and grandson, and primarily document private and family affairs.

Related Resources

The following related resources are located in the Department of Special Collections:

Lafayette : a guide to the letters, documents, and manuscripts in the United States / edited by Louis Gottschalk, Phyllis S. Pestieau, Linda J. Pike.

Bonaventure-Lafayette Collection (Ms 304)

Lafayette-Crawford Correspondence (Ms 916)

Subject Headings

- Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert Du Motier, marquis de, 1757-1834
- Lafayette, Georges Washington Louis Gilbert Du Motier, marquis de, 1779-1849
- Lafayette, Edmond de
- France -- History -- Revolution, 1789-1799

INVENTORY

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Notarized letter concerning the Marquis de Lafayette's estate, 1754 June 5.

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Autograph letter signed: Le Veneur, Alexis-Paul-Michel, comte Tanneguy, 1746-1833, [Mouron?], France, to General Lafayette, n.p., 1792 Aug. 11.

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Autograph letter: Masclet, Joseph, 1760-1833, n.p., to unknown editor, n.p., 1796 May 26.

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Autograph letter signed: Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert Du Motier, marquis de, 1757-1834, Chavaniac, France, to Citoyen du Verdier, Paris, 1800 Sept. 6.

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Autograph letter signed: Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert Du Motier, marquis de, 1757-1834, La Grange, Seine-et-Marne, France, to unknown person, n.p., 1808 July 3.

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Autograph letter signed: Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert Du Motier, marquis de, 1757-1834, La Grange, Seine-et-Marne, France, to Pelet [de la Lozère], Paris, 1809 June 11.

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Autograph letter signed: Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert Du Motier, marquis de, 1757-1834, La Grange, Seine-et-Marne, France, to unknown person, n.p., 1812 Apr. 28.

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Autograph letters signed: Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert Du Motier, marquis de, 1757-1834, La Grange, Seine-et-Marne, France, to Antoine Simon Durrieu, n.p., 1819 Aug. 5 and 1820 Sept. 3.

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Letter signed: Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert Du Motier, marquis de, 1757-1834, Paris, to unknown person, n.p., 1820 Jan. 13.

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Autograph letter signed: Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert Du Motier, marquis de, 1757-1834, n.p., to unknown person, n.p., 1822 Aug. 8.

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Folder 11

Autograph letter signed: Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert Du Motier, marquis de, 1757-1834, La Grange, Seine-et-Marne, France, to Alexandre [Romeuf], n.p., [1823?] May 5.

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Folder 12

Autograph letter signed: Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert Du Motier, marquis de, 1757-1834, n.p., to Samuel F. B. Morse, 1825, Feb. 11.

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Folder 13

Letter signed: Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert Du Motier, marquis de, 1757-1834, La Grange, Seine-et-Marne, France, to [Alexandre] Chevallon, Paris, 1826 June 10.

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Letter signed: Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert Du Motier, marquis de, 1757-1834, Paris, to Charles d'Outrepoint, Paris, 1826 Feb. 21.

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Autograph letter signed: Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert Du Motier, marquis de, 1757-1834, Paris, to [Brice?], n.p., 1826 July 6.

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Autograph letter signed: Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert Du Motier, marquis de, 1757-1834, La Grange, Seine-et-Marne, France, to unknown person, n.p., 1826 July 24.

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Autograph letter signed: Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert Du Motier, marquis de, 1757-1834, n.p., to Francis Allyn, n.p., [1826 Feb.].

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Autograph letter signed: Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert Du Motier, marquis de, 1757-1834, La Grange, Seine-et-Marne, France, to [Marc-Antoine Jullien de Paris?], n.p., 1826 Oct. 15.

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Letter signed: Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert Du Motier, marquis de, 1757-1834, La Grange, Seine-et-Marne, France, to Godin, Chatillon-sur-Seine, France, 1826 Oct. 24.

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Autograph letters: Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert Du Motier, marquis de, 1757-1834, Paris and La Grange, Seine-et-Marne, France, to Antoine Simon Durrieu, n.p., 1828 July 30 and Aug. 8.

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Autograph letter signed: Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert Du Motier, marquis de, 1757-1834, La Grange, Seine-et-Marne, France, to Francis Allyn, n.p., 1828 Nov. 9.

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Letters signed: Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert Du Motier, marquis de, 1757-1834, Paris, to [Alexandre] Chevallon, Paris, 1829 Apr. 12 and May 19.

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Autograph letter signed: Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert Du Motier, marquis de, 1757-1834, n.p., to Mary Taylor, Paris, 1829 June 17.

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Autograph letter signed: Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert Du Motier, marquis de, 1757-1834, [Paris?], to [Dominique Vivant] Denon, Paris, [1825?] May 8.

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Autograph letter signed: Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert Du Motier, marquis de, 1757-1834, Paris, to [Sebastien de] Calvo, n.p., 1830 Oct. 11.

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Autograph letter signed: Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert Du Motier, marquis de, 1757-1834, n.p., to [Marie-Charlotte-Henriette Roberjot Lallemand] , Paris, [1830 Oct. 29].

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Autograph letter signed: Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert Du Motier, marquis de, 1757-1834, n.p., to François-Horace-Bastien Sebastiani, Paris, 1830 Dec. 9.
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Letter signed: Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert Du Motier, marquis de, 1757-1834, Paris, to [Alexandre Roubier] d'Hérambault, Boulogne-sur-Mer, 1831 Feb. 25.
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Autograph letter signed: Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert Du Motier, marquis de, 1757-1834, n.p., to Agricole Lapierre-Châteauneuf, Paris, [1831?].
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Autograph letter signed: Barrot, Théodore Adolphe, 1803-1870, Kingston, Jamaica, to the Marquis de Lafayette, n.p., 1834 Mar. 14.
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Autograph letter signed: Lafayette, Georges Washington Louis Gilbert Du Motier, marquis de, 1779-1849, Washington, D.C., to Captain Allyn, New York, 1825 Feb. 17.
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Letters: Levasseur, Auguste, to George Washington Lafayette, 1826 Jan.-Sept.
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Folder 33

Autograph letter signed: Lafayette, Georges Washington Louis Gilbert Du Motier, marquis de, 1779-1849, Paris, to Mr. Dutrone, Paris, 1826 Jan. 6.
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Autograph letter signed: Lafayette, Georges Washington Louis Gilbert Du Motier, marquis de, 1779-1849, n.p., to [John Stuart] Skinner, [Baltimore?], [circa 1826].
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Autograph letter signed: Lapierre-Châteauneuf, Agricole, n.p., to George Washington Lafayette, Paris, 1837 Sept. 14.

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Autograph letter signed: Lafayette, Edmond de, Paris, to unknown person, n.p., 1852 Nov. 27.

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Autograph letter signed: Lafayette, Edmond de, Paris, to unknown person, n.p., 1852 Nov. 20.

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