Guide to the Presidential Autographs, 1794-1954M0005

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<td>A letter written to a State Department auditor regarding the rates of commission to be allowed Col. Aspinwall, Consul of the US at London, on his disbursements.</td>
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<td>A letter to the President signed by James Buchanan as the first signature as well as other members of the Pennsylvania delegation in Congress. A recommendation to the President on behalf of Thomas Walter of Philadelphia who had recently been a doorkeeper of the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania.</td>
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<td>Hudson and Berkshire Rail-road Co. Bond in the amount of $1000. Countersigned by Fillmore as Comptroller of New York state.</td>
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**Garfield, James A. 6 1870**

Physical Description: ADS, 1 page

Scope and Contents note

Garfield’s retained copy of a telegram to the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury about the Geneva awards entry upon the Treasury books.

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**Harrison, William Henry. 7 1794 July 28**

Physical Description: ANS, 2 pages

Scope and Contents note

A military return for rations.

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**Hayes, Rutherford B. 8 1878 Jan. 26**

Physical Description: ANS on carte-de-visite, 1 page

Scope and Contents note

Brief note written by Hayes as President endorsing a Col. Higgins as a man of character.

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**Jackson, Andrew. 9 n.d.**

Physical Description: ANS, 4 pages

Scope and Contents note

An endorsement by Jackson on verso of last page of a letter written to James Buchanan, then a member of Congress, “referring to the Secretary of War to be read before him. . .”

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**Johnson, Andrew. 10 1856 May 21**

Physical Description: DS, 1 page

Scope and Contents note

Printed commission for a Justice of Peace signed by Johnson while Governor of Tennessee. Countersigned by the Sec’y. of State, Tenn.

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**Madison, James. 11 1816 June 27**

Physical Description: DS, 2 pages

Scope and Contents note

A printed land grant signed by Madison and Josiah Meigs, Commissioner of the General Land Office, granting a quarter section to a Kentucky resident.

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**McKinley, William. 12 n.d.**

Physical Description: ADS, 1 page

Scope and Contents note

A document to the Interior Dept. asking the full name and regiment of a Bixler.

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**Monroe, James. 13 1815 Nov. 16**

Physical Description: AL, 1 page

Scope and Contents note

Regrets from Monroe to Mr. Gray for not having had time to fulfill a promise.

Box 1

**Pierce, Franklin. 14 1851 Feb. 1**

Physical Description: ALS, 2 pages

Scope and Contents note

A letter regarding a legal matter, advising “it will be your duty to take a physician’s certificate showing his [father’s] condition and the case will be continued. . .”
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**Polk, James K. 15 1847 July 12**

Physical Description: AL, 1 page  
Scope and Contents note
A letter in the third person requesting the presence of Governor and Mrs. Morey at dinner.

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**Taylor, Zachary. 16 1823 March 4**

Physical Description: ALS, 2 pages  
Scope and Contents note
A letter regarding a trial, giving legal advice that if the Captain concerned recalls a certain instance it will prove that "Col. Arbuckle was induced from personal motives to exchange the Companies as he did not for the public good. . ."  

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**Tyler, John. 17 1859 March 7**

Physical Description: LS, 1 page  
Scope and Contents note
A printed form letter to which Tyler has added five lines and his signature. Written to Union College, concerning the fire and burning of William and Mary College which destroyed the library.

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**Van Buren, Martin. 18 1829 Jan. 5**

Physical Description: ALS, 2 pages  
Scope and Contents note
Expression of regret that he will be unable to meet friends in the evening.