
Joseph Banks correspondence, 1783-1808

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Joseph Banks Correspondence,

Date (inclusive): 1783-1808

Collection number: 286

Creator: Banks, Joseph 1743-1820

Extent: 6 A.L.S.

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Abstract: 6 autographed letters signed from Joseph Banks to various correspondents including E.A.J. Anisson; Samuel Glasse, 1735-1812; J.J.H. La Billardiere, 1755-1834; Samule Lysons, 1763-1819; and John Symmons, d. 1832.

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Biography

Botanist and naturalist, Sir Joseph Banks, FRS, was born into a wealthy land-owning family on February 12, 1743. He expressed a particular interest in botany at an early age and after inheriting his family's fortune in the 1760's, was free to fully engage in his passion. He accompanied James Cook aboard the H.M.S Endeavor on his first voyage to Tahiti in 1768. The specimens collected on this voyage accounted for approximately 110 new genera and 1300 new species. After this trip, he became actively involved in promoting the British colonization of Australia. Elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1766, he became president in 1778, a post he held until his death on June 19, 1820. The Royal Society of London for the Improvement of Natural Knowledge, also known as the Royal Society, was founded in London in 1660. The Society began in the 1640's as a discussion group among natural philosophers. Its purpose was to investigate and support experiential science. The Society became the United Kingdom's national academy of science, supporting and facilitating the work and education of members of the scientific community throughout the UK and the Commonwealth.

Scope and Content

Collection of 6 autographed letters signed on miscellaneous topics including: 1. 1783 September 6: to E.A.J. Anisson thanking him for his gift to the Royal Society but also noting the resolution made some years ago regarding "not admitting any more members upon the foreign list till the number was reduced." 2. 1804 March 2: to Rev. Dr. Glasser thanking "Mons. Carnot, President of the National Institute of Paris for the liberation of Mr. Osbourne, member of the Royal Society." Banks also notes that "we are not in possession of any correct list as Prisoners of War."

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Subjects

Royal Society (Great Britain)

Anisson, E.A.J., d. 1788

Glasse, Samuel, 1735-1812

La Billardie`re, Jacques-Julien Houtou de, 1755-1834.

Lysons, Samuel, 1763-1819

Symmons, J. (John), 1781-1842

Turner, Dawson, 1775-1858

Folder 1

Collection of letters of Sir Joseph Banks, Soho Square [London]. 1783-1814

Physical Description: 1 folder

Scope and Content Note

6 ALS between Banks and various correspondents