Joseph Banks correspondence, 1783-1808

Collection processed and machine-readable finding aid created by UCLA Biomedical Library staff.
Louise M. Darling Biomedical Library History and Special Collections Division
History and Special Collections Division
UCLA
12-077 Center for Health Sciences
Box 951798
Los Angeles, CA 90095-1798
Phone: 310/825-6940
Fax: 310/825-0465
Email: biomed-ref@library.ucla.edu
URL: http://www.library.ucla.edu/libraries/biomed/his/
©2008
The Regents of the University of California. All rights reserved.
Descriptive Summary

Title: Joseph Banks Correspondence, 1783-1808
Collection number: 286
Creator: Banks, Joseph 1743-1820
Extent: 6 A.L.S.
Repository: University of California, Los Angeles. Library. Louise M. Darling Biomedical Library History and Special Collections Division

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; Samuel Lysons, 1763-1819; and John Symmons, d. 1832.

Access
Collection is open for research. Materials are available on site for use.

Publication Rights
Property rights in the physical objects belong to the UCLA Biomedical Library. Literary rights, including copyright, are retained by the creators and their heirs. It is the responsibility of the researcher to determine who holds the copyright and pursue the copyright owner or his or her heir for permission to publish if the Biomedical Library does not hold the copyright.

Preferred Citation
[Identification of item], Joseph Banks Correspondence (Manuscript collection 286). Louise M. Darling Biomedical Library History and Special Collections Division, University of California, Los Angeles.

UCLA Catalog Record ID
UCLA Catalog Record ID: 5343921

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. Annisson 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)
Annisson, 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
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