

Basic Detail Report

Title Papers Appertaining to the the Silas Deane Claim.

Date probably 1841

Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Photography; salt prints on paper, bound in leather-covered, gilt-stamped boards with marbled endpapers

Description Photographic facsimiles of letters relating to Silas Deane's secret mission to France during the American Revolution, proving that he was authorized by a Secret Committee of Congress to obtain vessels, munitions, and supplies to be shipped to America, and to receive a commission for these transactions. Letters are dated between 16 November 1775 and 3 July 1777 and are signed by Benjamin Frankin, John Hancock, Stephen Hopkins, the Marquis de Lafayette, and others. Some letters are in French.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (image height x width): 13 3/8 x 9 1/2in. (34 x 24.1cm) or smaller Sheet (height x width): 17 x 14 3/4in. (43.2 x 37.5cm) or smaller Other (binding height x width x depth): 17 1/4 x 11 x 3/8in. (43.8 x 27.9 x 1cm)