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Manuscript Collections

Name of collection:	Location:
Cuyler, Cornelius, Letterbooks, 1724-1736/7; 1752-1764	Folio volumes "C"

Size of collection:	N.U.C.M.C. number:
4 folio volumes	62-3219
	RLIN id:

Sources of information on collection:

For biographical information on Cuyler, see *Munsell's Collection of the History of Albany*, vol. IV; and Maud Churchill Nicoll *The Earliest Cuylers in Holland and America* (N.Y.: Tobias Wright, 1912).

Source of collection:

Unknown

Collection description:

Cornelius Cuyler (1697-1765) was a third generation emigrant from Holland to New York state. His grandfather, Hendrick, a tailor by trade, was born in Holland, came to America, and in 1664 went to Albany where he acquired property. His oldest son, Johannes (1661?-1740), was a trader, Indian Commissioner, Justice and Mayor of Albany. Cornelius was baptized in the New York Dutch Church, 14 February 1697, and married Catalyntie, daughter of Johannes Schuyler and Elizabeth Staats. He was a fur trader, a mayor of Albany, 1742-1746, and supplier to the troops in the French and Indian War.

These four volumes of letterbooks were kept by Cuyler from 24 October 1724 to 3 March 1736/7 and 30 July 1752 to 5 December 1764. The letters were written from Albany, N.Y., and deal primarily with his mercantile interests. Some of them are in Dutch. Principal correspondents in the earlier volume are Richard Jeneway, Samuel Baker, John Cruger (d. 1774), and Messrs. Storke & Gainsborough. The later volumes include much correspondence with his sons, Philip, Henry, Cornelius, and Abraham, and his son-in-law, Isaac Low, all of whom seem to have been associated with him in his foreign and domestic trading interests. There is also correspondence with Messrs. Henry & John Cruger, Messrs. Storke & Champion, William Baker, Joseph Mico, Richard Wibird, and John Ledyard. There are some references to the French & Indian War and occasional notations of supplies sent to the military forces.

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