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**Unit ID**

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**Unit Date**

1831-1865

**Language**

English .

**Creator**

Mason, J. M. (James Murray), 1798-1871

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# Biographical / Historical

James M. Mason was a United States Representative and United States Senator from Virginia. He was a grandson of George Mason and represented the Confederate States of America as appointed commissioner of the Confederacy to the United Kingdom and France between 1861 and 1865.

## Scope and Contents

This collection consists of correspondence (1831-1865, bulk 1831-1855) of James M. Mason, United States legislator and Confederate diplomat. The collection consists of letters concerning personal financial matters and other personal business. One letter to "Mr. Dallas" (dated August 11, 1855) relates to presidential politics. One letter to "My dear Col." written from London, England on May 16, 1865, comments on the situation in the South after defeat.

## Keywords

United States -- Politics and government -- 1815-1861  
Confederate States of America  
Correspondence

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# Description of Subordinate Components

### Correspondence

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5253  
**Unit Date** 1831-1865  
**Language** English.  
**Extent** 1 Folder

### Correspondence

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5254  
**Unit Date** 1831-1865  
**Language** English.  
**Extent** 7 items

### Letter to John Mason

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5255  
**Unit Date** 1831 July 10  
**Language** English.

### Scope and Contents

Written from Winchester, Virginia. Letter regards personal matters and the fact that James M. Mason has "taken the field against W. Allen."

### Keywords

Correspondence

United States -- Politics and government -- 1815-1861

**Letter to Bene [?] Pigman**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5256

**Unit Date** 1834 November 14

**Language** English.

**Scope and Contents**

Written from Winchester, Virginia.

**Keywords**

Correspondence

**Letter to Mahlon Dickerson**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5257

**Unit Date** 1838 February 26

**Language** English.

**Scope and Contents**

Written from Washington, D.C.

**Keywords**

Correspondence

United States -- Politics and government -- 1815-1861

**Letter to Asbury Dickins**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5258

**Unit Date** 1847 March 9

**Language** English.

**Scope and Contents**

Written from Winchester, Virginia. In the letter James M. Mason inquires about whether a law was passed.

**Keywords**

Correspondence

United States -- Politics and government -- 1815-1861

**Letter to John Y. Mason**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5259

**Unit Date** 1847 March 18

**Language** English.

**Scope and Contents**

Written from Winchester, Virginia.

**Keywords**

Correspondence

United States -- Politics and government -- 1815-1861

**Letter to Mr. Dallas**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5260

**Unit Date** 1855 August 11

**Language** English.

**Scope and Contents**

Letter regards presidential politics.

**Keywords**

Correspondence

United States -- Politics and government -- 1815-1861

**Letter to "My dear Col."**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5261

**Unit Date** 1865 May 16

**Language** English.

**Scope and Contents**

Written from London, England. Letter comments on the situation in the South after defeat.

**Keywords**

Confederate States of America

Correspondence