

# A Guide to the John Barnes Letters

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## Container List

### Letters

**John Barnes, Philadelphia, to Charles C. Ludlow, New York,**

**Unit Date** 1798 April 15

**Scope and Content**

concerning the enclosures that the latter had sent previously which needed Col. [Aaron] Burr's decision

**John Barnes, George Town (Potomac), to Charles C. Ludlow, New York,**

**Unit Date** 1800 October 31

**Scope and Content**

noting that a problem with one of their transactions was resolved; and, discussing his options for obtaining sugar from suppliers in Philadelphia, Baltimore, or the immediate area if negotiations do not work out with Mr. Seaman

**John Barnes, George Town, to Charles C. Ludlow, New York,**

**Unit Date** 1801 April 8

**Scope and Content**

concerning a misunderstanding on the part of his friend, Mr. Dean, regarding a draft that was to be sent to Mr. Thomas Legget; and, a fragment pertaining to the purchase of a variety of spirits--Madeira, sherry, port, Cognac--if a bargain can be struck, along with other "merchantable articles" in current use

**John Barnes, George Town, to Charles C. Ludlow, New York,**

**Unit Date** 1801 May 5

**Scope and Content**

writing that his good port wine supply is exhausted, revealing that the President [ Thomas Jefferson] and Mr. [James] Madison both approved of it, and requesting more; negotiating to buy \$2000.00 worth of late deferred stock or other reasonable stock as someone's agent, to be transferred to the Bank of Columbia; discussing a financial transaction subject to the order of Philip Mazzei; and, mentioning Gen. [Thaddeus] Kosciusko

**John Barnes, George Town, to Charles C. Ludlow, New York.**

**Unit Date** 1802 June 22

**Scope and Content**

acknowledging receipt of his letter concerning Mr. William Short's certificate and thanking him for his helpful negotiations; commenting on the unproductive undertaking of doing business there and wanting to resume his "former peaceable situation at Philadelphia"

**John Barnes, George Town (Potomac), to Charles C. Ludlow, New York,**

**Unit Date** 1805 May 28

**Scope and Content**

mentioning a business transaction concerning Mr. Hazzard and the President [ Thomas Jefferson]; negotiating to have sent to him some imported wine from the House of Mr. Woodhouse at Marsallain Sicily(known as Marsalla Madeira Wine), which was brought in by Gen. [ ] Stevens and sent to Gen. [Henry] Dearborn, with postscript commenting that Henry Dearborn is a good judge of wine

**John Barnes, George Town, to Charles C. Ludlow, New York,**

**Unit Date** 1805 June 15

**Scope and Content**

thanking him for the attention given to the [Marsalla Madeira] Wines and commenting that Gen. Henry Dearborn, at his request, sent samples of the wine, and making arrangements to have wine and Cognac delivered in July or August; planning to send \$300.00 to cover expenses and another account; and, mentioning business transactions for the President [ Thomas Jefferson]

**John Barnes, George Town (Potomac), to Charles C. Ludlow, New York,**

**Unit Date** 1805 July 6

**Scope and Content**

enclosing the \$300.00 for the pipes of M[arsalla] M[adeira] Wine and Cognac as well as for Mr. Cheetham; discussing a mistake made previously "owing to the advice of the President to Mr. Hazzard not designating C. Ludlow from D. Ludlow" and the subsequent adjustment made; requesting arrangements be made with Gen. Stevens to have the wine shipped to George Town

**John Barnes, George Town (Potomac), to Charles C. Ludlow, New York,**

**Unit Date** 1805 August 20

**Scope and Content**

acknowledging news that wine and brandy were shipped on the schooner Enterprize

**John Barnes, George Town, to Charles C. Ludlow, New York,**

**Unit Date** 1805 August 22

**Scope and Content**

discussing a problem with Capt. Ellis of the Enterprize over payment of extra freight from Alexandria to Georgetown; acknowledging receipt of the invoice from Charles C. Ludlow and saying that it is satisfactory; and, sending thanks from himself and on behalf of the President [ Thomas Jefferson]