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Item Listing

Manuscript

Brief description of a "bore"

Unit Date n. d.

Extent

AMsS,
1 p.

Letters

Melville DeLancey Landon to "My Dear Arthur"

Unit Date 1873 Dec 1

Extent

AMsS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Encourages Arthur in his resolve to stop drinking.]

Melville DeLancey Landon to "My dear Eben"

Unit Date [1876?] Nov 30

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Sends a recipe for a hot rum drink; mentions Rev Mr. Talmodge; on verso is the top half of a page of a letter, dated 1878 Oct 26, to Melville DeLancey Landon regarding a collection of autographs and autographed letters of distinguished Americans since the Revolution.]

Melville DeLancey Landon to Samuel Sidney McClure

Unit Date 1892 May 10

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Discusses columns he will write about women in the Orient for the "Woman's Page" of McClure's syndicate; attached clipping tells of Melville DeLancey Landon's upcoming trip to the Orient; mentions Mrs. Pratt, Buddhism, Shintoism, Christianity.] (with newspaper article pasted on)

Melville DeLancey Landon to Charles F. Wingate

Unit Date 1893 Apr 17

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Mentions his wife's sending \$100 for a share of Sullivan County Club and a lot; says that, since he will do much for the club, he wants Mr. Wingate to take good care of him by picking out a good lot for him; mentions a trip to Oregon; mentions Ik Marvel; attached clipping discusses literature paying well in America, cites Mark Twain and Eli Perkins as examples.]

Melville Delancey Landon to Samuel Sidney McClure

Unit Date [1895] Apr 25

Extent

ALS,
2 p.

Scope and Content

[Discusses writing a little book that "could let daylight through Coin;" says his India, Japan, and China experience with free coinage should help him; mentions upcoming lecture through the 29th; wishes for a meeting with McClure (as possible publisher for the book) on Tuesday, April 30; mentions Mr. Dana.]

Melville Delancey Landon to General Ulysses S. Grant

Unit Date [n. y.] May 4

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Discusses taking "care of Greeley in this direction;" mentions Greeley's "splendid character for satire;" mentions Thomas Nast.]

Photographs

Portrait of Melville Delancey Landon, with reproduction of pencil sketch of him on verso

Unit Date n.d., ca. 1893

Extent

Photo

Full face portrait of Melville Delancey Landon

Unit Date n. d.

Extent

Photo

Miscellaneous

Humorous "Season Ticket" to "Eli Perkins" Lectures

Unit Date n. d.

Extent Ticket

Scope and Content

["Admit the Bearer . . . anywhere in the world, for years and years."]

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