

# A Guide to the Georges LeClerc Collection of Revolutionary War Papers of French Commanders, 1780-1786

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## Scope and Content Information

Letters (in French) of French commanders in the American Revolution. They include material on the French campaigns around Newport, R. I.; a map drawn for the siege of Yorktown, Va.; letters written from Williamsburg, Va., and Lebanon, Pa., regarding the conduct of the war; letters from Versailles to the governor of Tobago; and letters from Lafayette to M. Le Noir regarding negotiations for a treaty of commerce between France and the United States, 1786. There are also projected itineraries for the French army's march from Phillipsburg and White Plains to Philadelphia, and from Baltimore to Gloucester, Va. Among the signatures are those of de Bouill&#39712;de Castries, de Damas, de La Perouse, de Lauzun, de Vaudreuil, Rochambeau, and Viomenil.

## Index Terms

### Persons:

Biron, Armand-Louis de Gontaut, duc de, 1747- 1793.

Bouille, Francois-Claude-Amour, marquis de, 1739-1800.

Castries, Armand-Charles-Augustin de La Croix, duc de, 1756- 1842.

Damas, Claude-Charles de, 1731-1800.

Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert Du Motier, marquis de, 1757-1834.

Le Noir, Monsieur.

Picot de Lapeyrouse, Philippe, baron, 1744-1818.

Rochambeau, Jean-Baptiste-Donatien de Vimeur, comte de, 1725-1807.

Sequer, Louis-Philippe, comte de, 1753-1830.

Vaudreuil, Louis Philippe de Rigaud, marquis de, 1724-1802.

Viomenil, Antoine Charles du Houx, baron de, 1728- 1792.

### Subjects:

Generals--France--Correspondence.

## Geographical Terms:

United States--History--Revolution, 1775-1783.  
Pennsylvania--History--Revolution, 1775- 1783.  
Rhode Island--History--Revolution, 1775-1783.  
Williamsburg (Va.)--History--Revolution, 1775- 1783.  
Yorktown (Va.)--History--Siege, 1781.  
France--Commerce--United States.  
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Maps--Virginia-- Gloucester County--1781.

## Arrangement

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