

PART I: THE CENTRAL FILES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE 1789-1949

Before 1870 the records that later became the central files of the Department of State were maintained by the bureaus and offices that produced or accumulated them. In 1870 a reorganization of the Department gave the Chief Clerk's Bureau custody of the archives and rolls and the task of indexing the Department's records as they accumulated. The departmental organization was again modified in 1872 (formally accomplished by an act of Mar. 3, 1873; 17 Stat. 485), and the recordkeeping duties of the Chief Clerk's Bureau were transferred to the Bureau of Indexes and Archives.

The three main groupings of the Department's records that had been established by its bureaus and offices before 1870 were Diplomatic Correspondence, Consular Correspondence, and Miscellaneous Correspondence. They were continued as the central files and were maintained by the Bureau of Indexes and Archives until 1906, when an entirely new system of recordkeeping was introduced.

These main groupings of the Department's correspondence were themselves subdivided into smaller series for the convenience of the recordkeeping bureau. Letters between the President and the heads of foreign states were separated from the other series of diplomatic correspondence. There are also special series of instructions to, and despatches from, special diplomatic agents. The miscellaneous correspondence was subdivided more extensively than were the other two main groupings of records. Included in this correspondence are separate series of records containing letters from the publishers of U.S. laws, reports to the President and to Congress, miscellaneous letters and reports concerning seamen, and records on many other special subjects.

Several State Department offices whose functions were chiefly administrative continued to maintain the records of their own activities even after 1870. Such records are described elsewhere in this inventory. The distinction between records kept in the Department's central files, however, and those kept in the administrative or housekeeping bureaus was not clear-cut. Papers concerning miscellaneous administrative or housekeeping functions of the Department are found throughout the principal series of the central files and are recorded in the registers and indexes to these files.

Over the years the Department of State followed the practice of separating some enclosures from the letters they accompanied and sending the enclosures to the Department's library. Because many such enclosures were not annotated to show the related letters, it has become difficult to connect the enclosures with correspondence in the Department's central files. In this inventory enclosures, when possible, have been keyed to the related correspondence.

Practically all the correspondence of 1789-1906 is bound and labeled with series titles, inclusive dates, names of countries or consular posts, names of diplomatic or consular officers or other identifying information. As was often the case in binding records, however, some items that should have been bound were overlooked. These items have now been identified and are described under the series of records to which they belong.

In 1906 the Bureau of Indexes and Archives adopted a subject case filing scheme as a control over the central files. However, by 1910, this system, the Numerical File, had proven unsatisfactory. As a result, the Bureau introduced the more comprehensive decimal filing system that was used, with modifications, until 1963.

Virtually all of the major series of records in the central files for the period 1785-1910 have been microfilmed. Included are diplomatic instructions, diplomatic despatches, notes to and from foreign legations and consulates, consular despatches, domestic letters sent, and miscellaneous letters received. Microfilm publication numbers for these series are listed in appendixes I-V. The Numerical File has been microfilmed as Numerical and Minor Files of the Department of State, 1906-1910 (M862). Many parts of the Decimal File have also been microfilmed and are listed in Diplomatic Records: A Select Catalog of National Archives Microfilm Records (National Archives Trust Fund Board, 1986). Microfilm publication numbers for series not listed in the appendixes are included in the individual series descriptions.

Diplomatic Correspondence, 1785-1906

The diplomatic correspondence of the Department of State, 1785-1906, is for the most part arranged in four main series of letters: instructions sent by the Department to U.S. diplomatic officers in foreign countries, despatches to the Department, Department of State notes to diplomatic representatives of foreign governments in the United States, and notes from such representatives to the Department. The correspondence in each of these four series of records is generally bound separately for each country. When these series are taken as a whole for any given country, they contain information on all phases of U.S. diplomatic relations with that country.

The instructions (entry 5), despatches (entry 13), and notes to and from foreign missions (entries 23 and 28) relate to such matters as the negotiation of treaties; international conferences, commissions, and expositions; claims of U.S. citizens against foreign countries and of citizens of foreign countries against the United States; immigration to the United States; rogatory letters; extraditions of fugitives from justice; protection of U.S. citizens in foreign countries and of foreign nationals in the United States; admiralty prize cases; awards to seamen for lifesaving service; and ceremonial matters. The instructions and despatches also contain information on the general administration of diplomatic posts.

In addition to the notes exchanged between the Department of State and representatives of foreign countries within the United States are the ceremonial letters. These consist chiefly of communications exchanged between the President of the United States and foreign sovereigns and heads of state that relate to such matters as condolences, announcements of births of heirs in royal families, and the recall of ministers. These records are described in entries 31-33. Separate series of records of special agents, missions, and commissions augment the four main series of diplomatic correspondence and are described in entries 34-50.

INSTRUCTIONS TO DIPLOMATIC OFFICERS

1. INDEX TO DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENCE, 1789-1906, ARGENTINA-CHILE. 1920-1925. 24.4 m, 80 ft.

Arranged alphabetically by name of person, place, or topic and thereunder by subtopic or chronologically.

An index, on 3- by 5-inch cards, covering instructions to and dispatches from diplomatic officers, and notes to and from foreign missions for countries whose names fall in the alphabetical span from Argentina to Chile. The series of records covered in part by this index are described in entries 5, 13, 23, and 28. Each card gives the name of the writer or addressee, the post or legation sending or receiving the document, the date, a brief digest of the contents, and the series and volume (occasionally with the page number) where the communication itself appears. This subject index was begun in 1920 but was discontinued in 1925. As a result, only four countries - Argentina, Austria, Belgium, and Brazil - are completely covered. The indexing for Central America includes volumes 1-3 of despatches from Guatemala and volumes 1 and 2 of despatches from Chile.

2. INDEX TO INSTRUCTIONS TO U.S. MINISTERS IN GREAT BRITAIN. 1861 and 1862. 8 cm, 3 in. 1 vol.

Arranged alphabetically by subject and thereunder chronologically.

This index, labeled "To London, Alphabetical Index," provides a subject approach to the instructions sent by the Department of State to the U.S. Minister in Great Britain. The instructions indexed are part of the series described in entry 5. The entries in the index begin with the first instruction to Charles Francis Adams, although there are some references to the last few despatches of his predecessor.

3. REGISTERS OF DIPLOMATIC INSTRUCTIONS. 1831-49 and 1866-77. 30 cm, 1 ft. 7 vols.

Arranged alphabetically by name of country and thereunder chronologically.

These are registers of some of the instructions described in entry 5. Each register entry shows to whom the instruction was sent and its date, number, and subject. The volumes for 1831-49 and 1875-77 are labeled "Index to Instructions"; those for 1865-74 are labeled "Number List."

3. REGISTER OF DIPLOMATIC INSTRUCTIONS AND OF NOTES TO FOREIGN MISSIONS. June 1870-Dec. 1906. 1.2 m, 4 ft. 8 vols.

Arranged alphabetically by country, thereunder as instructions or notes, and thereunder chronologically.

A register of instructions sent by the Department of State to diplomatic officers and of notes to legations and embassies of foreign countries in the United States. Entries show the dates and names of persons to whom instructions were sent, give brief digests of the instructions and notes, and in most cases refer to the volumes and page numbers where the instructions and notes (described in entries 5 and 23) may be found.

5. DIPLOMATIC INSTRUCTIONS. 1785-1906. 13.1 m, 43 ft. 207 vols.

The first 14 volumes (1785-1833) are arranged chronologically without regard to country. The remaining volumes (1829-1906) are arranged alphabetically by country and thereunder chronologically.

Copies of instructions sent by the Department of State to its diplomatic officers in foreign countries. They pertain to all phases of U.S. relations with foreign governments and relate to the general administration of diplomatic posts. For the years 1785-1801 this series also contains some instructions to consular officers. For the period 1791- 1833 there are 13 volumes of instructions, chronologically arranged without regard to country. These are continued by series of volumes for individual countries or for groups of countries, which were begun at different times, the earliest in 1829. Instructions before 1791 are in a separate volume of Foreign Letters, begun under the Continental Congress. Instructions to special missions, 1823-1906, are bound separately in four volumes (entry 34). Most volumes of instructions before 1870 contain registers of their contents; thereafter, the instructions are listed in the register described in entry 4.

For a list of volumes of instructions see appendix I.

6. PRESS COPIES OF INSTRUCTIONS. 1878-1906. 8.2 m. 27 ft. 336 vols.

Arranged chronologically.

Press copies made from the original signed instructions. Other copies are among the series of instructions described in entry 5.

7. MISCELLANEOUS DRAFTS OF INSTRUCTIONS. 1806-70. 3 cm, 1 in.

Arranged chronologically.

Miscellaneous drafts of instructions to diplomatic and consular officers. Included are a draft of "Personal Instructions to Diplomatic Agents of the United States in Foreign Countries," containing regulations adopted by the Department of State about 1830; a letter to the Charge d'Affaires to Brazil, April 1830; a "Form of Personal Instructions to the Ministers of the U.S. to be Variously Modified in Particular Cases," containing regulations for the diplomatic service (undated); and others.

DESPATCHES FROM DIPLOMATIC OFFICERS**8. INDEX TO DESPATCHES FROM THE U.S. MINISTER TO PORTUGAL. 1790-93. 3 cm, 1 in. 1 vol.**

Arranged alphabetically by subject.

Index to Despatches, Portugal, Vol. 1, showing the date and content of each despatch and the page number of the volume in which it is bound.

9. INDEXES TO REGISTERS OF DESPATCHES AND NOTES. 1789-1870. 5 cm, 2 in. 2 vols.

Arranged alphabetically by country and thereunder chronologically.

Indexes to the registers described in entries 10 and 26, showing in which volume and on which page despatches from certain U.S. ministers and notes from ministers of foreign countries are registered.

10. REGISTER OF DESPATCHES. 1789-1870. 2.4 m, 8 ft. 58 vols.

Arranged alphabetically by country or area and thereunder chronologically.

Register of the despatches from U.S. diplomatic officers described in entry 13. Each register entry gives the name of the writer, date of despatch, date received, and a brief digest of contents.

A register to subsequent despatches is described in entry 11.

11. REGISTER OF DESPATCHES FROM U.S. DIPLOMATIC OFFICERS AND OF NOTES FROM FOREIGN MISSIONS. 1870-1906. 1.2 m, 4 ft. 10 vols.

Arranged alphabetically by country, thereunder as despatches or notes, and thereunder chronologically within each volume.

Register of the despatches from U.S. diplomatic officers and of the notes from foreign missions that are described in entries 13 and 28. Each register entry gives the name of the writer, the date, a brief digest of its contents, and the number of the despatch. A register and indexes for despatches sent before July 1870 are described in entries 9 and 10. Notes before July 1870 are described in entries 26 and 27.

12. REGISTER OF DESPATCHES FROM FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS. 1870. 8 cm, 3 in. 1 vol.

Arranged chronologically without regard to source.

A rough register of despatches received from U.S. diplomatic and consular officers. Each entry shows name of the writer, date, number, and subject of the despatch; when and to whom it was referred; date returned; and its disposition. The register is labeled "Diplomatic and Consular Blotter."

13. DESPATCHES. 1789-1906. 185.9 m, 610 ft. 2,197 vols. and unbound papers.

Arranged alphabetically by country and thereunder chronologically, except in cases where U.S. diplomatic officers were accredited to more than one government (as in Central America), in which cases the despatches from several countries are bound together.

Original despatches and reports, with related enclosures, received by the Department of State from its diplomatic officers in foreign countries. They relate to all phases of U.S. diplomatic relations with foreign countries and to the administration of U.S. legations and embassies. Among the related enclosures are newspaper clippings, copies of notes to and from the countries' foreign offices, copies of death notices and marriage certificates, publications, and ceremonial letters. Despatches before 1870 are listed in the register described in entry 10; thereafter they are listed in a register that lists, in addition to despatches, notes from foreign missions (entry 11). For a list of volumes of despatches see appendix II.

14. DUPLICATE DESPATCHES. 1790-1831. 3.4 m, 11 ft. 57 vols.

Arranged in part by country and in part by name of minister.

Original signed duplicate despatches from U.S. ministers in Argentina, England, France, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, and other countries. Among these duplicates are some despatches missing from the series of despatches described in entry 13. The register of despatches described in entry 10 may also be used for these duplicates. Unbound material of similar character is described in entry 15.

15. MISCELLANEOUS DESPATCHES. 1791-1849. 61 cm, 2 ft.

Arranged for the most part by name of minister.

Miscellaneous duplicate, letterpress, and other copies of despatches from U.S. ministers in France, 1798, 1805, and 1829-33; Germany, 1837-49; Mexico, 1845 and 1846; and Russia, 1826-46. There are also a few despatches from Russia and Germany for earlier years and from Great Britain, Portugal, Spain, and Sweden for periods of short duration during the years 1793-1835.

16. DESPATCHES FROM THE U.S. MINISTER TO GERMANY. Sept. 6, 1884-May 20, 1885. 8 cm, 3 in.

Arranged as despatches and notes and thereunder chronologically.

Press copies of the despatches of John A. Kasson, U.S. Minister to Germany, including some press copies of notes sent to the Foreign Office. The originals of the despatches received in the Department are bound in volumes 35-38 of the despatches from Germany, a part of the series described in entry 13.

17. SYNOPSES OF DESPATCHES FROM U.S. MINISTERS AT LONDON, PARIS, AND THE HAGUE. 1855-57. 15 cm, 6 in. 2 vols.

Arranged chronologically by week, thereunder by country, and thereunder chronologically.

Weekly synopses of despatches received from the U.S. Ministers at London, Paris, and The Hague giving the date of each despatch, the date received, and a brief digest of its contents.

**18. LETTERS ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF TRIBUTES TO LINCOLN. July-Aug. 1868.
10 cm, 4 in.**

Unarranged.

Letters from government officials and from private individuals, firms, and organizations in Great Britain acknowledging receipt of the book *Tribute of the Nations to Abraham Lincoln*. Most of the letters were received at the U.S. Legation in London and were forwarded by that Legation to the Department of State as enclosures to despatches 89, 93, 98, and 100 of August 5, 8, 12, and 17, 1868, respectively.

18. REPORTS ON THE CONSULAR SERVICE OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES. Sept. 4, 1897-May 21, 1898. 10 cm, 4 in.

Arranged alphabetically by name of country.

Reports of U.S. diplomatic officers regarding the consular systems of the foreign countries to which they were accredited. Some reports contain, as enclosures, printed or other copies of the consular regulations of foreign nations.

20. OTHER UNBOUND ENCLOSURES. 1881-83.

An undated circular of the Philanthropic Society of England, a copy of the Imperial Russian Proclamation of the coronation of Alexander III, and a map illustrating the boundaries of Patagonia.

NOTES TO FOREIGN MISSIONS IN THE UNITED STATES

**21. INDEX TO NOTES SENT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. 1804-10. 3 cm, 1 in.
1 vol.**

Arranged alphabetically by name of addressee and thereunder chronologically.

Index to notes sent by the Department of State to ministers and other representatives of foreign states showing the name of addressee, the date, and the subject. Included are notes to representatives of Denmark, France, Great Britain, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, and Tunis.

**22. REGISTER OF NOTES TO THE BRITISH, FRENCH, AND NETHERLANDS LEGATIONS. 1870.
5 cm, 2 in. 1 vol.**

Arranged as follows: British, French, and Netherlands and thereunder chronologically.

Each entry gives the date of note, the addressee, and a brief digest of the message. A register of notes dated after 1870 is described in entry 4.

23. NOTES TO FOREIGN MISSIONS. 1793-1906. 7.3 m, 24 ft. 124 vols.

One volume (1793-1810) of notes, including notes to foreign consuls, is arranged alphabetically by country and thereunder chronologically. This volume contains copies of some notes assembled to replace the original volume, which is missing. The 1810-34 notes are arranged chronologically for all countries in four volumes, each of which contains an alphabetical index by name of foreign diplomat. The notes after 1834 are arranged alphabetically by country and thereunder chronologically.

Copies of communications sent by the Department of State to foreign legations and embassies in the United States. They relate to many phases of U.S. relations with foreign countries. Not all notes to foreign missions are filed in this series; some notes sent before 1804 are among the series of diplomatic instructions (entry 5) or domestic letters (entry 100). For the period 1812-70 notes to legations of certain countries are listed in the registers described in entries 21, 22, and 27. After 1870 they are entered in the eight-volume register that also lists the diplomatic instructions (entry 4).

For a list of volumes of notes sent, see appendix III.

24. NOTES TO FOREIGN EMBASSIES AND LEGATIONS. 1895-1906. 1.8 m, 6 ft. 60 vols.

Arranged chronologically.

Press copies of notes sent by the Department of State to foreign missions in the United States. These copies were made from the original signed notes. Fair copies of many of these notes may be found among the series of notes to foreign missions described in entry 23.

25. DRAFTS OF NOTES TO FOREIGN LEGATIONS. 1812-15 and 1854. 1/4 in.

Arranged alphabetically by name of country and thereunder chronologically.

Drafts of notes to the British, Danish, French, Russian, and Swedish Legations in the United States, most of them written by Stephen Pleasonton. Attached to the notes are memorandums indicating that they are not recorded in the main series of notes to foreign missions (entry 23).

NOTES FROM FOREIGN MISSIONS IN THE UNITED STATES**26. REGISTERS TO NOTES FROM FOREIGN MISSIONS. 1812-70. 30 cm, 1 ft. 7 vols.**

Arranged by geographic area, thereunder randomly by country (except for two separate volumes for Great Britain and France), and thereunder chronologically.

Registers to the notes received from legations or representatives of most foreign countries for varying periods of time. Five of the volumes are numbered 63.5, 64, 65, 69, and 70 and cover the period 1812-1870. The remaining two are separate volumes for the British and French legations from 1861 to 1865. These registers are continued by the register described in entry 11.

27. INDEXES TO NOTES TO AND FROM FOUR FOREIGN LEGATIONS. 1826-70. 23 cm, 9 in. 8 vols.

Arranged in the following order: Great Britain, France, the Netherlands, and Russia. Thereunder entries are arranged chronologically.

Indexes to notes received from the legations of four European nations, 1826-1870. The notes sent to these same legations are indexed only for the following periods: Great Britain, 1828-64; France, 1826-60; the Netherlands, 1828-59; and Russia, 1827-57. The volumes are numbered 59, 60, 67, and 68 for Great Britain; 61 and 66 for France; 62 for the Netherlands; and 63 for Russia. These indexes are continued by the register described in entry 11.

28. NOTES FROM FOREIGN MISSIONS. 1789-1906. 43.9 m, 144 ft. 573 vols. and unbound papers.

Arranged alphabetically by country and thereunder chronologically.

Original communications and related enclosures received by the Department of State from foreign legations and embassies in the United States. The subjects of these communications are similar to those of the companion series of notes to foreign missions described in entry 23. Enclosures include printed material and ceremonial letters from heads of foreign states. Indexes and registers for the notes from certain foreign missions are described in entries 11, 26, and 27. There are no registers of notes before 1812.

For a list of volumes of notes received, see appendix IV.

29. MISCELLANEOUS NOTES FROM OTHER STATES. 1817-1906. 20 cm, 8 in. 4 vols.

Arranged alphabetically by state (except COUNANI, the Orange Free State, and the South African Republic, which are separately bound) and thereunder chronologically.

Notes from Borneo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, British Colonies, Bulgaria, Colombia, the Congo, COUNANI, Egypt, the Gilbert Islands, Guerrero, Johanna Island, Johore, Monaco, Morocco, New Zealand, Orange Free State, Panama, Papal States, Pernambuco, Rumania, Saint Croix Island, Servia, South African Republic, Tahiti, Tonga, Trinidad, Tripoli, Tunis, West Africa, Yucatan, and Zanzibar. These are states, territories, or regimes that apparently had no

recognized diplomatic representatives in the United States. Each volume contains a list of its contents showing the states and inclusive dates of the notes received. For a list of volumes of notes received, see appendix IV.

30. NOTES FROM JAPAN REGARDING THE TREATY OF YEDO. 1860-62. 30 cm, 1 ft.

Arranged by kind of document.

Original Japanese scrolls received from the first Japanese Embassy in the United States and from the Japanese Foreign Office regarding the treaty of Yedo, courtesies extended to the Japanese Mission, and Townsend Harris and the continuation of his stay in Japan. Included are some letters to the President from the Tycoon of Japan, an album of autographs of members of the mission, and photographs of its members. The first Japanese Mission came to the United States in 1860 to ratify the treaty of July 29, 1858, between Japan and the United States. Translations of some documents are filed with the scrolls; other translations are filed as enclosures to despatches from Townsend Harris.

CEREMONIAL LETTERS

31. COMMUNICATIONS TO FOREIGN SOVEREIGNS AND HEADS OF STATE. 1829-77. 30 cm, 1 ft. 4 vols.

Arranged chronologically.

Copies of letters from the President to the heads of foreign states, including announcements of assignment and recall of U.S. ministers, replies to ceremonial letters from foreign sovereigns, and letters of condolence. Each volume contains an alphabetical index.

32. COMMUNICATIONS FROM HEADS OF FOREIGN STATES. 1778-1907. 1.5 m, 5 ft. 22 vols. and unbound papers.

The bound records are labeled "Ceremonial Letters," and those received before 1895 are arranged alphabetically by country and thereunder chronologically. For the period 1895-1907 the ceremonial letters from all countries are arranged chronologically in two volumes.

Original letters from the heads of foreign states to the President conveying condolences or congratulations, announcing births of royal heirs, or communicating other information of a ceremonial nature. Many of the unbound ceremonial letters are in the form of scrolls, are framed under glass, or have ornate and unusual covers and containers. There is no separate register or index to this series, but some of the letters are entered in the registers of despatches and notes described in entries 9-11.

33. CREDENCES. 1789-1906. 61 cm, 2 ft. 9 vols.

Arranged chronologically, including one volume that contains credences for Haiti, Hawaii, and Latin American states for the period 1869-71.

Copies of letters of credence, commission, full powers, recall of U.S. diplomatic representatives, and acknowledgments of similar communications from foreign governments. Each volume contains an alphabetical index by country or by name of diplomat.

RECORDS OF SPECIAL AGENTS, MISSIONS, AND COMMISSIONS

The President and Secretary of State have sent special agents and missions to many parts of the world on numerous different tasks and have appointed special commissions to undertake specific duties for the Department. During the early years of U.S. history, naval officers entering the ports of countries with which the United States had no formal relations were sometimes given special diplomatic missions in addition to their regular duties. The assignments of these special agents, missions, and commissions have included negotiating and ratifying treaties, collecting information, delivering ceremonial letters, procuring copies of archives of foreign governments, taking testimony in foreign countries, mediating in wars or international disputes, inspecting U.S. consular offices, investigating the slave trade, negotiating land leases, observing and reporting political conditions and public opinion, investigating charges against U.S. consuls, and bearing despatches.

The main series of records concerning special agents and missions, 1789-1906, are the instructions to special missions and the despatches from special agents, described in entries 34, 35, and 37. Other records relating to special agents and missions are among the notes to and from foreign missions (entries 23 and 28), instructions to and despatches from diplomatic and consular officers (entries 5, 13, 59, and 85), domestic and miscellaneous letters (entries 100 and 113), and credences (entry 33). A List of Documents Relating to Special Agents of the Department of State, 1789-1906 (NARA Special List No. 7, 1951), compiled by Natalia Summers, serves as a guide to State Department correspondence with these agents.

Records of certain special agents for commerce and seamen are described with the records relating to the impressment of seamen, entries 928-936. Records of a secret agent of the Department during the War of 1812 are described in entry 945.

Records of agents for boundary and claims commissions and of commissioners sent to represent the U.S. Government at international congresses, conferences, and exhibitions are in Record Group 76, Records of Boundary and Claims Commissions and Arbitrations and in Record Group 43, Records of International Conferences, Commissions, and Expositions.

Instructions to Special Agents

34. INSTRUCTIONS. 1823-1906. 20 cm, 8 in. 4 vols.

Arranged chronologically and indexed alphabetically by name of agent or commission.

Copies of State Department instructions to agents on special missions, together with some copies of related annexes or enclosures, regarding the duties, salary, and allowances of the commissioners; treaty provisions; and other matters. Volume 3 of the series contains only instructions to U.S. missions in other American Republics, 1852-71.

35. INSTRUCTIONS TO SPECIAL AGENT A. DUDLEY MANN. June 26, 1847-July 3, 1848 and Jan. 10, 1861. 5 cm, 2 in. 1 vol.

Arranged chronologically.

Copies of instructions sent by the Department of State to A. Dudley Mann concerning the completion of work on a treaty with Hanover and the extension of the treaty provisions to certain other German states, 1847 and 1848; and an instruction of January 10, 1861, concerning allowances for another special mission on which Mann was to be sent. Included is a list giving the date of each instruction and a synopsis of its contents.

Despatches from Special Agents

36. INDEX TO DESPATCHES FROM SECRET SPECIAL SERVICE AGENTS. 1849-61. 5 cm, 2 in. 1 vol.

Arranged chronologically.

An index to despatches received by the Department of State from secret special service agents and interfiled in the series of miscellaneous letters (entry 113) and despatches from special agents (entry 37). A table of contents in the volume indicates the series of records in which the despatches were filed.

37. DESPATCHES. 1794-1906. 3.1 m, 10 ft. 56 vols. and unbound papers.

Arranged in rough chronological order by mission and thereunder chronologically.

Despatches from special agents reporting on their assignments, presenting their accounts and enclosing copies of pertinent documents and exhibits. Included are a report of Joel R. Poinsett, U.S. Envoy, entitled "Political State of Mexico," ca. 1827; and "Journal of Journey in Japan," 1853 and 1854, by James Morrow of the Department of Agriculture, also a member of the U.S. Expedition to Japan under Commodore Matthew C. Perry. On the inside covers of some volumes are cross-references to related materials in the diplomatic, consular, and miscellaneous correspondence of the Department of State (entries 13, 85, and 113).

In addition to the bound despatches are a copy of a treaty of friendship and trade between Siam and the British East India Company, sent to the Department of State by Special Agent Edmund Roberts; copies of Navy Department

correspondence relating to the mission of Joseph Balestier, 1850 and 1851; and several documents relating to the Mission to South America, 1817-1819, and to U.S.-Hawaiian affairs, 1893.

38. LISTS OF SPECIAL AGENTS. 1785-1912. 8 cm, 3 in. 1 vol. and unbound papers.

Most of the lists are arranged chronologically by date of the agent's appointment; others are arranged alphabetically by the agent's name; and some are unarranged lists of special agents.

Each entry shows the name of the agent, the date of his appointment, and the country to which he was appointed. The unbound papers include some copies of Presidential letters appointing special agents and some memorandums on the appointments and on the history of the practice of appointing special agents.

Records of Special Agents for Securing the Florida Archives

39. DESPATCHES. 1830-35. 30 cm, 1 ft.

Arranged in numbered envelopes and, within each envelope, according to a list of contents.

Despatches of Richard K. Call, William Shaler, R.J. Cleveland, Jeremy Robinson, and Nicholas P. Trist, special agents assigned to obtain the Florida archives from Spain. Filed with the despatches reporting on progress of the negotiations are such enclosures as inventories and lists of records and correspondence with the Captain General of Cuba.

40. JOURNAL OF SPECIAL AGENT JEREMY ROBINSON. 1832-34. 20 cm, 8 in. 6 vols.

Arranged chronologically.

This journal is a detailed account of Robinson's efforts to effect transfer of the archives of Florida and Louisiana to the United States. It contains copies of and excerpts from Robinson's correspondence with Spanish and U.S. officials, his reports on the archives, and his observations on Cuban social and political life.

41. DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENCE CONCERNING THE TREATY FOR THE CESSION OF THE FLORIDAS. 1819-21. 10 cm, 4 in. 2 vols.

Arranged chronologically, with an alphabetical index by name of writer in each volume.

Copies and translations of diplomatic despatches, notes, instructions, treaty drafts, and other papers relating to the Adams-Onis treaty with Spain.

Journal of Special Mission to Venezuela

42. JOURNAL KEPT ON BOARD THE U.S. SCHOONER NONSUCH. July-Aug. 1819. 3 cm, 1 in. 1 vol.

Arranged chronologically.

Journal kept by N.H. Hambleton (acting chaplain of the U.S.S. John Adams) aboard the Nonsuch during its trip up the Orinoco River to Angostura. Besides an account of the voyage, the 19-page journal contains observations on the people, fauna, government, army, and navy of Venezuela. Correspondence between Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry and high government officials of Venezuela is copied on other pages of the volume.

Correspondence and Reports of Diplomatic Commissions

43. CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE COMMISSIONERS TO FRANCE. 1799-1801. 5 cm, 2 in.

Arranged chronologically.

Duplicate, triplicate, and quadruplicate copies of instructions to the U.S. Commissioners (Envoys Extraordinary and Ministers Plenipotentiary) to the French Republic and despatches and copies of notes sent by the Commissioners to the French Government.

44. DESPATCHES OF THE U.S. COMMISSIONERS AT GHENT. 1813-16. 8 cm, 3 in. 1 vol.

Arranged chronologically.

Duplicate, triplicate, and other copies of despatches, with related enclosures, received by the Department of State from the U.S. Commissioners at Ghent. Among the enclosures are drafts of the treaty between the United States and Great Britain, a signed and sealed duplicate of the treaty negotiated at Ghent, memoranda of conversations and protocols of conferences with the British Commissioners, and copies of notes exchanged with them.

45. LETTER BOOK OF THE U.S. COMMISSIONERS AT GHENT. Jan. 18-Nov. 30, 1814. 3 cm, 1 in. 1 vol.

Arranged chronologically.

Letter book, labeled "Archives of Embassey at Ghent, 1814," containing transcripts of letters exchanged between the U.S. Commissioners, the British Foreign Office, the British Commissioners, and the Secretary of State. It also contains copies of letters of appointment and full powers for the Commissioners.

46. DESPATCHES OF THE U.S. COMMISSIONERS TO ALGIERS. June 29, 1815-Jan. 1, 1817. 3 cm, 1 in. 1 vol.

Arranged chronologically.

Despatches from Stephen Decatur and William Shaler, U.S. commissioners, to the Secretary of State. The despatches are bound in a volume labeled "Mediterranean Negotiations," and some are marked as duplicates or copies.

47. REPORT OF THE U.S. COMMISSION TO SANTO DOMINGO. 1871. 20 cm, 3 in.

Arranged chronologically; in part by categories, such as statements of witnesses; and in part according to report numbers.

Report of the Commission appointed by the President, under a resolution of January 12, 1871 (16 Stat. 591), to investigate conditions in Santo Domingo and to report on Dominican opinion regarding annexation by the United States. Included in the report are the journal of the Commission, transcripts of hearings before it, certified copies of state papers and acts of Dominican provincial governments, and copies of the Commission's reports on sanitary, economic, moral, and other conditions on the island.

48. DESPATCHES OF THE U.S. COMMISSION TO CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA. July 14, 1884-Dec. 26, 1885. 8 cm, 3 in. 1 vol.

Arranged chronologically.

Despatches received by the Department of State from the Commission appointed by the President, pursuant to an act of July 7, 1884 (23 Stat. 235), to study means of promoting better international and commercial relations between the United States and Central and South America.

49. DESPATCHES FROM THE U.S. COMMISSION FOR EVACUATING SPANIARDS FROM CUBA. Nov. 17, 1898-Feb. 2, 1899. 1 cm, 1/4 in. Part of 1 vol.

Arranged chronologically.

Despatches from the Commission appointed by the President (under Article IV of the Protocol of Agreement between the United States and Spain, signed August 12, 1898), to arrange for and carry out the evacuation of Spaniards from Cuba. The despatches enclose applications and petitions for release of some Cuban insurgents in Spanish custody.

Records Concerning Filibustering Expeditions Against Mexico**50. CORRESPONDENCE ON FILIBUSTERING RAIDS IN MEXICO. 1811-16. 5 cm, 2 in. 1 vol.**

Arranged chronologically.

Included are letters of Gen. Jose Alvarez Toledo; despatches of U.S. Agent John Hamilton Robinson; copies of notes between Robinson, Spanish officials, and Alvarez; and related letters of William Shaler and others. (Other official correspondence on filibustering expeditions against Mexico is in a volume labeled "Burr's Conspiracy," in the Manuscript Division of the Library of Congress.)

Letters and Lists of Bearers of Despatches

51. LETTERS FROM BEARERS OF DESPATCHES. 1816-51. 5 cm, 2 in.

Arranged chronologically by date of trip.

Letters to the Secretary of State from bearers of despatches announcing their departure or arrival or reporting on their trips. Included are some copies of Russian newspapers, 1826, apparently transmitted to the Department of State by despatch bearers.

52. LETTERS CONCERNING A CLAIM OF J. DOOLITTLE. Oct. 13, 1813-May 2, 1814.

Three letters with enclosures, received from J. Doolittle relating to his claim against the Department of State for services as a despatch bearer.

53. LISTS OF BEARERS OF DESPATCHES. 1816-51. 1 cm, 1/2 in. 1 vol.

Some arranged alphabetically by name of bearer; others by country.

Lists of despatch bearers showing their names, dates of their appointments, and salaries.

Consular Correspondence, 1785-1906

The consular correspondence of the Department of State, 1785-1906, is arranged for the most part in five series of letters: instructions sent by the Department, despatches from consular officers, notes to foreign consuls in the United States, notes from foreign consuls, and a series of miscellaneous consular and diplomatic correspondence.

The instructions (entry 59) and despatches (entry 85) concern such matters as the protection of U.S. citizens, including the issuance of passports and the settlement of estates of citizens dying abroad; the relief and protection of U.S. seamen in foreign ports; commercial matters, including inspections of vessels, certifications of cargo manifests, the undervaluation of goods, and other information for customs officials; and the administration of consulates, including appointments, leaves of absence, equipment and supplies, and funds and expenditures. The despatches also report on foreign economic, political, and social conditions. Many of the despatches are accompanied by such enclosures as copies of correspondence between consuls and local government officials, U.S. diplomatic representatives, other consuls, and U.S. naval officers commanding units in foreign waters; newspaper clippings and other publications; death notices of U.S. citizens and inventories of their effects; lists of U.S. citizens residing in consular districts; and pictures and plans of consular buildings. The notes (entries 96 and 97) relate to protection of citizens of foreign countries in the United States, discharge of foreigners from the U.S. Army, requests for certificates of death and other papers, extradition proceedings, the violation of neutrality laws, and exequaturs for foreign consuls.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CONSULAR OFFICERS

54. INDEX TO INSTRUCTIONS TO CONSULAR CLERKS, STUDENT INTERPRETERS IN CHINA, AND CONSULS GENERAL AT LARGE. 1864-1906. 5 cm, 2 in. 1 vol.

The index entries are arranged under the headings "Consular Clerks," "Student Interpreters," and "Consuls General at Large"; thereunder by name of consular employee and thereunder chronologically. A key to the arrangement of the entries appears in the front of the volume.

This index is a companion to the index described in entry 79. The same persons are listed in corresponding order in both volumes and the dates are approximately the same. This index covers instructions to consular clerks, 1864-1906; to student interpreters in China, 1902-05; and to consuls general at large, July and August, 1906, that are

interfiled in the series of records described in entry 59. This index also applies to the letters to consuls regarding consular bonds (entry 71).

55. KEY TO REGISTER OF CONSULAR INSTRUCTIONS. 1833-1870. 3 cm, 1 in. 1 vol.

Arranged alphabetically by consulate and thereunder chronologically.

This is a key to one of the registers described in entry 56. It shows for each consulate the city and country, the inclusive dates of the instructions, and the register volume and page numbers listing the instructions.

56. REGISTERS OF INSTRUCTIONS TO CONSULS. 1800-1802 and 1833-74. 91 cm, 3 ft. 16 vols.

Entries in the first register, 1800-1802, relate only to the first volume of consular instructions (entry 59) and are arranged alphabetically by name of consul. Entries in the second register, 1833-70, are arranged by First, Second, or Third Consular Bureau: thereunder by city and thereunder by date. The second register is in 13 volumes numbered 39-51. The third register, 1871-74, is also arranged by First, Second, or Third Consular Bureau: thereunder by city and thereunder by date. The third register is in two volumes, each labeled "No. 6."

Most of these register volumes cover death notices of U.S. citizens who died abroad (entry 849), instructions to consuls (entry 59) and to newly appointed consuls (entry 68), notices of consular appointments (entry 67), letters to consuls regarding consular bonds (entry 71), and some related items in the domestic letters (entry 100) and in reports of the Secretary of State to the Congress (entry 145). The entry for each instruction gives its date, the name of consulate or consular officer addressed, an abstract of its contents, and the series of correspondence in which it is filed. There is some duplication of entries in the register volumes. The key to the register of instructions for 1833-70 (described in entry 55) facilitates finding the instructions for particular consular posts.

**57. REGISTER OF INSTRUCTIONS TO CONSULS AND NOTES TO FOREIGN CONSULS.
June 1, 1870-Aug. 31, 1906. 1.5 m, 5 ft. 12 vols.**

Arranged alphabetically by consulate and thereunder chronologically.

This register relates the names of consular posts to the series of instructions to consuls (entry 59) and notes to foreign consuls (entry 96) and to some items relating to consular matters in the series of domestic letters (entry 100). The entry for each instruction or note gives its date, the consulate addressed, and a digest of contents. The register is duplicated in part by the registers of instructions to consuls and the special index of instructions to consuls, January 1-June 30, 1871, described in entries 56 and 66.

**58. REGISTER OF LETTERS FROM THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT FORWARDED TO CONSULS
AND OTHERS. 1893-1907. 3 cm, 1 in. 1 vol.**

Arranged alphabetically by name of person to whom the letter was forwarded.

Register of letters from or transmitted by the Treasury Department to the Department of State and forwarded to consuls and others. The volume is labeled "Letters." Each entry shows the name of the writer, the letter's destination, and the date sent.

59. CONSULAR INSTRUCTIONS. 1800-1906. 12.8 m, 42 ft. 201 vols.

Arranged for the most part chronologically, except for the years 1835-74, which are arranged by geographic areas and thereunder chronologically.

Copies of instructions sent by the Department of State to U.S. consular officers concerning their official duties. Instructions for the years 1789-1800 are recorded in the volume of foreign letters begun under the Continental Congress and continued by the Department of State (part of the series described in entry 5), in the instructions to diplomatic officers (entries 2-7), and in the domestic letters (entry 100). Each volume of the consular instructions before 1833 contains an index of names of addressees. The instructions from 1833 to 1870 are listed in the registers described in entry 56. Those written later are listed in the registers described in entry 57.

**60. INSTRUCTIONS TO CONSULAR OFFICERS. 1855, 1856, 1860, 1861, and 1863-1906. 12.8 m, 42 ft.
436 vols.**

Arranged chronologically.

Press copies made from the original letters, which largely duplicate the copies in the letter books described in entry 59. The registers (entries 56 and 57) to entry 59 also serve for these copies of instructions.

61. MISCELLANEOUS DRAFTS OF INSTRUCTIONS TO CONSULS. 1872-1906. 30 cm, 1 ft.

Arranged chronologically.

Drafts of instructions to consular officers, including some circular instructions. Also included are lists of consular communications with certain consulates in China and Japan.

62. DRAFTS OF INSTRUCTIONS TO CONSULS IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE PACIFIC ISLANDS. 1853, 1854, 1857, and 1858. 10 cm, 4 in. 2 vols.

Arranged chronologically.

Draft instructions to consuls in Central and South America, Mexico, Santo Domingo, and on some islands of the Pacific. Included are drafts of related letters sent by the Department of State to other executive departments and to newspaper editors and others.

63. INSTRUCTIONS TO CONSULS BY THE SECOND CONSULAR BUREAU. June 19, 1866-June 30, 1874. 30 cm, 1 ft. 17 vols.

Arranged chronologically. The first two volumes are indexed.

Press copies of instructions sent to U.S. consular officers by the Second Consular Bureau of the Department acknowledging receipt of consular despatches and giving related instructions, transmitting certificates of appointment, granting leaves of absence, authorizing purchases of books, and notifying consular officers of their confirmation and the approval of their bonds.

64. TELEGRAMS TO CONSULAR OFFICERS. 1894-1906. 91 cm, 3 ft. 11 vols.

Arranged chronologically.

Copies of telegrams sent by the Department of State to its consular officers. The messages concern appointments to the consular service, leaves of absence, health certificates, estates of U.S. citizens, imprisonment of U.S. citizens, and other matters of concern to consuls.

65. CIRCULAR INSTRUCTIONS TO CONSULS. 1830-59. 3 cm, 1 in. 1 vol.

Arranged chronologically.

Printed and handwritten copies of circular instructions sent by the Department of State to U.S. consuls. For other circulars of the same type see entries 726, 728, 731, 732, and 736.

66. INDEX TO SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS TO CONSULS. 1871. 8 cm, 3 in. 1 vol.

Arranged alphabetically by consulate and thereunder chronologically.

Index to special instructions to consuls from the Second Consular Bureau, including instructions acknowledging receipt of consular despatches (entry 73), letters of confirmation of consular appointments (entry 67), letters regarding consular bonds (entry 71), and other letters concerning consular appointments that are described in entries 68-70 and 72. Each index entry gives the date of the instruction, the consulate addressed, the consul's name, and an abstract of the letter.

67. NOTICES OF CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS. Aug. 10, 1861-June 26, 1874. 5 cm, 2 in. 1 vol.

Arranged chronologically.

Copies of form letters notifying consuls of the confirmation of their appointments by the U.S. Senate and transmitting their commissions.

68. INSTRUCTIONS TO NEWLY APPOINTED CONSULAR OFFICERS. Mar. 13, 1873-Dec. 17, 1878. 25 cm, 10 in.

Arranged in rough chronological order.

These are copies of form instructions. Instruction No. 1 is a notice of the consul's appointment and transmits forms for consular bond and the oath of office to be executed by the consul. Instruction No. 2 concerns the consul's compensation and allowances. Instruction No. 3 acknowledges receipt of the consul's bond and transmits the consular regulations and the consul's passport. Instruction No. 4 calls the consul's attention to consular regulations concerning the continuation of employment of personnel at the consulate.

69. INSTRUCTIONS TO RETIRING CONSULS REGARDING THE TRANSFER OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY. Mar. 14, 1857-Nov. 30, 1874. 20 cm, 8 in. 3 vols.

Arranged chronologically with a name index.

Copies of form letters sent by the Department to consular officers notifying them of the appointment of their successors and instructing them to deliver to the new appointees the archives, seal, flag, arms, and other property of the consulate. Each letter shows the name of the consul addressed, the name and State of residence of the person appointed as successor, and the name of the consular post.

70. INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING OATHS OF OFFICE AND OTHER DOCUMENTS. Mar. 14, 1857-Mar. 22, 1873. 15 cm, 6 in. 2 vols.

Arranged chronologically.

Copies of form letters sent to consular officers notifying them of their appointments and giving instructions regarding oaths of office, consular bonds, exequatur, and passports.

71. LETTERS TO CONSULS REGARDING CONSULAR BONDS. Apr. 8, 1857-Apr. 9, 1875. 15 cm, 6 in. 2 vols.

Arranged chronologically.

Copies of form letters notifying consular officers of the receipt of their consular bonds and the approval and deposit of them with the Treasury Department. Alphabetical name indexes are included.

72. INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING COMPENSATION ALLOWANCES. Aug. 12, 1863-Mar. 13, 1873. 15 cm, 6 in 2 vols.

Arranged chronologically, although not all items are in sequence. The two volumes overlap chronologically.

Copies of manuscript and form letters sent by the Department of State to consuls, consular clerks, and consular agents notifying them of their appointment and giving instructions primarily concerning compensation and allowances. Alphabetical name indexes are included.

73. FORM INSTRUCTIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF CONSULAR DESPATCHES. July 23, 1862-June 23, 1870. 61 cm, 2 ft. 8 vols.

Arranged chronologically by date of instruction.

These form instructions acknowledge receipt of consular despatches and notify consuls regarding the approval, referral, and disposition of the despatches. The volumes are labeled "Record A" through "Record A 8."

74. FORM INSTRUCTIONS ON DESPATCHES AND OFFICE SUPPLIES. June 7, 1862-Apr. 16, 1864. 3 cm, 1 in. 1 vol.

Arranged chronologically.

These form instructions (in a volume labeled "Record B") acknowledge receipt of consular despatches and notify consuls of the forwarding of flags, arms, seals, record books, and other office supplies to them through the U.S. Dispatch Agent at New York.

75. NOTICES OF APPROVAL OF CONSULAR MESSENGERS. July 21, 1898-June 3, 1901. 3 cm, 1 in. 1 vol.

Arranged chronologically, with an alphabetical index by consulate.

Press copies of form instructions sent to U.S. consuls by the Consular Bureau approving the selection of messengers and the messengers' compensation. Each form shows the date of the related despatch received from the consul, the name of the messenger appointed, and the amount of his pay.

76. INSTRUCTIONS ON DESIGNATION OF PHYSICIANS TO EXAMINE PENSION APPLICANTS. Dec. 6, 1902-July 16, 1912. 3 cm, 1 in. 3 vols.

Arranged chronologically, with an alphabetical index by name of pension applicant at the beginning of each volume. Press copies of form instructions to consuls transmitting requests of the Commissioner of Pensions that the consuls designate competent physicians in their consular districts to examine specified individuals who were applying for pensions.

77. TELEGRAMS TO CONSULS REGARDING THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT McKINLEY. Sept. 6-17, 1901. 1 cm, 1/4 in.

Arranged alphabetically by consulate.

Copies of telegrams notifying consuls of the attack on the President, describing his condition, and acknowledging expressions of condolence.

DESPATCHES FROM CONSULAR OFFICERS

78. INDEX TO DESPATCHES FROM CONSULS AND OTHERS. Aug. 1836-Jan. 1853. 23 cm, 9 in. 4 vols.

Arranged by broad geographic area, thereunder randomly by country, and thereunder chronologically.

This index covers despatches received from U.S. consulates in Belgium, China, Denmark, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Italian States, Muskat, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Russia, Spain, Sweden, and Turkish Dominions for the period August 18, 1836-December 21, 1847; and from Central and South America, Haiti, Mexico, and the Pacific Islands for the period September 20, 1836-January 21, 1853. Primarily, the records that are indexed are those described in entry 85, but this index also covers some of the miscellaneous letters (entry 113) that relate to consular matters. The index entries are generally duplicated by those of the registers described in entry 81.

79. INDEX TO DESPATCHES FROM CONSULAR CLERKS, STUDENT INTERPRETERS, AND CONSULS GENERAL AT LARGE. 1864-1906. 5 cm, 2 in. 1 vol.

Arranged in three sections - Consular Clerks, Student Interpreters, and Consuls General At Large - thereunder by name of person, and thereunder chronologically.

This index covers the records described in entries 85 and 87-89. Each entry gives the place from which the despatch was received, name of writer, number and date of despatch, date received, and a summary of its contents. This is a companion volume to the index to instructions to consular clerks, student interpreters in China, and consuls general at large described in entry 54.

80. KEY TO REGISTERS OF CONSULAR DESPATCHES. 1829-70. 3 cm, 1 in. 1 vol.

Arranged alphabetically by consulate and thereunder chronologically. This is a key to the registers described in entry 81. For each consulate it shows the city and country, the inclusive dates of the despatches, and the register volume and page numbers listing the despatches.

81. REGISTERS OF CONSULAR DESPATCHES. 1828-70. 1.8 m, 6 ft. 38 vols.

Arranged by broad geographic area, thereunder randomly by country, and thereunder chronologically.

Registers of the despatches received by the Department of State from its consular officers (entry 85). Each register entry gives the date of writing, the date received, the consulate, and an abstract of the despatch. The registers are divided roughly into the periods 1828-53, 1853-64, 1864- 66, and 1867-70. The volume described in entry 80 is a key to these registers. Registers of despatches beginning in 1870 are described in entry 82.

82. REGISTER OF CONSULAR DESPATCHES. 1870-1906. 1.5 m, 5 ft. 14 vols.

Arranged alphabetically by country, thereunder alphabetically by name of consulate, and thereunder chronologically within each volume. Register of the despatches from consuls (entry 85), giving the date of each despatch, the consulate from which it was received, and an abstract of its contents.

**83. REGISTER OF CONSULAR DESPATCHES AND MISCELLANEOUS LETTERS.
Sept. 1829-June 1830. 3 cm, 1 in. 1 vol.**

Arranged chronologically.

A register of letters received by the Department of State from consular officers and from other Government and private sources (entries 85 and 113) regarding such matters as passports, patents, accounts of expenditures for seamen, leaves of absence, appointments to public office, and the transmittal of reports. Each entry shows the place, agency or name of person sending the letter and its date and subject.

**84. RECORD OF CONSULAR TRADE REPORTS RECEIVED. Dec. 1856-Dec. 1864. 10 cm, 4 in.
2 vols.**

The first volume is arranged randomly by country and thereunder chronologically; the second volume is arranged alphabetically by consulate and thereunder chronologically.

Record of the receipt of consular trade reports by the Bureau of Statistics of the Department of State showing the number and date, the date received, and the consulate that prepared the report; occasionally the report is summarized.

85. DESPATCHES. 1789-1906. 257.0 m, 843 ft. 3,528 vols. and unbound papers.

Arranged alphabetically by consulate and thereunder chronologically.

Despatches and related enclosures received by the Department of State from its consular officers. The despatches reply to consular instructions (entry 59) and report on a wide range of subjects. In addition to routine matters, they deal with economic, political, and social conditions abroad. No register or index of these despatches exists for the period through 1827. For 1828-1906 the despatches are recorded in the registers described in entries 81 and 82. See appendix V for a list of volumes of consular despatches.

86. MISCELLANEOUS CONSULAR TRADE REPORTS. 1892-95. 13 cm, 5 in.

Arranged in part by subject.

Copies of the following reports of U.S. consular officers: reports of consuls at Belfast, Glasgow, Swansea, and Tunstall, together with some printed material, regarding building societies in the British Isles; reports on the manufacture of tinsplate in the British Isles; reports on the poultry industry of many countries; a report entitled the "Transfer of Land Statute of Victoria, Australia"; a report entitled "Debts of Honor"; and reports on the extension of markets for U.S. flour. Consular trade reports for a later period are described in entry 326.

87. DESPATCHES FROM CONSULS GENERAL AT LARGE. 1906. 3 cm, 1 in. vol.

Arranged chronologically.

Despatches from consuls general at large to the Department of State regarding the purchase of equipment, complaints against consuls, the resignation of consuls and appointment of their successors, and other matters. The index to these despatches is described in entry 79.

88. DESPATCHES FROM CONSULAR CLERKS. Sept. 20, 1869-Aug. 16, 1906. 91 cm, 3 ft. 9 vols.

Arranged chronologically.

Despatches received by the Department of State from consular clerks, concerning assignments to consulates, clerical examinations, arrival and departure from posts, travel expenses, leaves of absence, transfers to other posts, and other subjects of interest to clerical personnel of the consulates.

Earlier despatches from consular clerks are bound with the despatches from the consulates to which they were assigned (entry 85). The index to the consular clerks' despatches, 1869-1906, is described in entry 79.

89. DESPATCHES FROM STUDENT INTERPRETERS. 1902-5. 3 cm, 1 in. 1 vol.

Arranged chronologically.

Despatches from student interpreters regarding their status, accounts, compensation, transportation, illnesses, resignations, and other subjects concerning their service. Included are some related memoranda of the Consular Bureau summarizing the service of some interpreters and recommending action to be taken regarding them. These despatches are indexed by the volume described in entry 79.

90. DESPATCHES FROM CONSULS REGARDING THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT MCKINLEY. 1901. 13 cm, 5 in.

Arranged alphabetically by consulate.

Despatches from consuls acknowledging receipt of news of the President's death and conveying expressions of condolence from local government officials of foreign countries.

91. TELEGRAMS RECEIVED REGARDING AN ACCIDENT TO PRESIDENT THEODORE ROOSEVELT. 1902. 1 cm, 1/4 on.

Arranged chronologically.

Telegrams from U.S. consuls deploring the carriage accident at Lenox, MA, and expressing relief to President Roosevelt on his escape from injury. Included are some replies made by the President, through the Department of State, to foreign government officials.

92. REPORT OF CONVENTION OF CONSULS GENERAL AND TREASURY AGENTS AT PARIS. Aug. 1890. 5 cm, 2 in. 1 vol.

Official report of the proceedings of the convention of U.S. consuls general and Treasury agents at Paris in 1890. This convention of all such U.S. officers in Europe was assembled by the State Department to discuss better and more consistent administration of the laws and regulations applicable to the consular service, especially those governing the authentication of invoices of merchandise.

93. ABSTRACT LOGS OF VESSELS. 1861-65. 3 cm, 1 in. 4 vols.

Arranged chronologically within each log.

Abstract logs of the barks Groszherzogin, Wodan, Johann Daniel, and Voss, all of Mecklenburg. These logs were apparently received by the Department of State in response to Circular No. 5 of March 6, 1871, instructing consular officers to transmit to the Department, for the Hydrographic Office of the Navy Department, copies of observations on tides, currents, temperatures, barometric pressure, winds, and storms.

94. LOGBOOKS OF VESSELS. 1864-69. 20 cm, 1 in. 4 vols.

Arranged chronologically within each log.

Logbooks of the following vessels: the brigantine Bell of Weymouth, Mass. (Sept. 6, 1864-Sept. 21, 1865), the bark Albion (Oct, 1863-Aug. 1865), the Justizrat van Paepcke (Aug. 6, 1864-Oct. 19, 1865), the Daniel Draper (Feb. 23, 1868-June 13, 1869), the brig Lolo (Dec. 30, 1864-Oct. 21, 1865), and the bark Brilliant (Apr. 13-May 29, 1865), the last two from Mecklenburg. These logbooks were apparently received in accordance with Circular No. 5 of March 6, 1871 (see entry 93).

95. LOG OF ELVERTON. 1877 and 1878. 3 cm, 1 in. 1 vol.

This logbook, sent by the U.S. consul at Pernambuco to the Department of State, was transmitted as an exhibit to a consular case against the master of the bark Elverton for leaving a sick crewman in port and shipping another seaman in his place without notifying the consul. Included are two certificates of desertion relating to the case.

NOTES TO FOREIGN CONSULS IN THE UNITED STATES

96. NOTES TO FOREIGN CONSULS. 1853-1906. 30 cm, 1 ft. 4 vols.

Arranged chronologically.

Copies of communications sent by the Department of State to foreign consular officers in the United States relating to many phases of their consular duties. Each volume before 1870 contains a register; after 1870 the notes were entered in the register described in entry 57. Notes sent before 1853 are among the domestic letters described in entry 100 and notes to foreign missions described in entry 23.

NOTES FROM FOREIGN CONSULS IN THE UNITED STATES

97. NOTES FROM FOREIGN CONSULS. 1789-1906. 91 cm, 3 ft. 17 vols.

Arranged chronologically.

These are communications, with related enclosures, received in the Department of State from foreign consuls in the United States. Among the enclosures are commissions of consuls and some copies of ceremonial letters from heads of foreign states to the President of the United States. There is no register or index to these notes before 1870; beginning in that year they were entered in the register described in entry 82.

MISCELLANEOUS DUPLICATE CONSULAR AND DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENCE

98. MISCELLANEOUS DUPLICATE CONSULAR AND DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENCE. 1791-1906. 61 cm, 2 ft.

Arranged by kind of correspondence, thereunder by consular post, and thereunder chronologically.

Copies of various kinds of correspondence, including instructions, consular and diplomatic despatches, notes to and from foreign legations, and credences. There are also some treaty drafts filed as enclosures to despatches. Among these records are copies of despatches from the U.S. Commissioners at Ghent, 1814; copies of instructions to John Slidell, 1845 and 1846; and copies of correspondence with Special Agent A. Dudley Mann, 1846-52. Most of the correspondence is dated in the first half of the 19th century.

Miscellaneous Correspondence, 1784-1906

The miscellaneous correspondence of the Department of State generally represents correspondence with persons other than diplomatic and consular officers of the United States and of foreign countries. Many of the correspondents are individuals, firms and Federal and State officials in the United States, but also included are a number of letters to and from persons in foreign countries and in the U.S. Territories. Most of the letters are similar in content to those described as diplomatic and consular correspondence and are distinguished from the letters in those series not so much by subject matter as by source. In the miscellaneous correspondence there are, however, some letters that relate only to domestic affairs in the United States. Such letters concern the appointment of publishers of the laws, the publication of the Biennial Register of Government officials, the administration of the Territories, the taking of the U.S. census, the granting of copyrights and patents, the recording and keeping of Civil War amnesty oaths, and the preparation and recording of Presidential pardons. In the entries below, the main general series of letters sent (domestic letters, entry 100) and of letters received (miscellaneous letters, entry 113) are first described; some of the miscellaneous small series or accumulations of other records that for one reason or another were kept apart from the main series are described later. Several series of miscellaneous correspondence relating to particular functions of the Department or to special events - such as the Civil War Papers and the War of 1812 Papers - were segregated from this file and are described in Parts III and IV of this inventory.

DOMESTIC LETTERS

- 99. INDEX TO DOMESTIC LETTERS. May 1, 1802-Jan. 14, 1811 and Jan. 1, 1840-Aug. 15, 1906. 1.5 m, 5 ft. 15 vols.**

Arranged alphabetically by name of person or agency addressed within each index volume.

Partial index to domestic letters (entry 100) and reports to the Congress and the President (entry 145). The volume for the period 1870-74 also indexes part of the series of miscellaneous letters described in entry 113. For domestic letters written before June 1870 there are name indexes in each volume. The entries in this index give the date of each letter, the name of addressee, and the subject discussed.

- 100. DOMESTIC LETTERS (LETTERS SENT). 1784-1906. 19.2 m, 63 ft. 290 vols.**

Arranged chronologically.

This series consists principally of copies of letters sent by the Department of State to persons other than U.S. and foreign diplomatic and consular officers, although it contains some letters, ca. 1789-1828, to those officers. Many of the letters relate solely to such domestic duties of the Department as the administration of the Territories, the printing and distribution of the laws, the registration of copyrights, the taking of the census, and the publication of the Biennial Register. Other letters of the series concern foreign affairs; among them are letters written to the British and French Legations, 1793-95, regarding alleged violations of neutrality; and letters from the Secretary of State to the Attorney General, the Secretaries of War and Navy, and other Cabinet officers dealing with legal interpretations, assistance from military and naval forces in international relations, and related subjects. A number of the letters are addressed to Governors of States, district attorneys, and other State and Territorial officials on topics with some international aspect. The first four volumes of this series, 1784-92, are labeled "American Letters" and were begun under the Continental Congress and continued by the Department of State. The domestic letters for 1799-1802 are missing. Each volume of letters before June 1870 contains an alphabetical name index; letters written after that time are indexed in the series described in entry 99.

- 101. PRESS COPIES OF DOMESTIC LETTERS SENT. Nov. 23-Dec. 22, 1863; July 15, 1874-Apr. 18, 1875; and Aug. 24, 1878-Aug. 2, 1906. 8.5 m, 28 ft. 338 vols.**

Arranged chronologically.

Press copies of original domestic letters sent by the Department of State. Each volume contains an alphabetical index. Fair copies of these letters are in entry 100.

- 102. DRAFTS OF DOMESTIC LETTERS. 1801-77. 8 cm, 3 in.**

Arranged chronologically.

Drafts of the same kind of letters as those described in entry 100. They deal with such subjects as trade, the issuance of passports, the suspension of the writ of habeas corpus, Presidential orders to generals in the Union Army during the Civil War, requests for Army commissions or for discharge from the Army, appointment of despatch agents, accounts of the Department of State, relief of U.S. seamen, impressment of seamen, transportation of British prisoners of war to Barbados, distribution of copies of the laws of the United States, resignation of Federal officers, and consular bonds.

MISCELLANEOUS LETTERS

- 103. CALENDARS OF MISCELLANEOUS LETTERS OF 1789-1825. 1897 and ca. 1932. 1.5 m, 5 ft. 5 vols. and unbound papers.**

Arranged alphabetically by name of writer, with some cross- references to persons mentioned in the letters.

Caleendars of the letters described in entry 113, as follows: Calendar of the Miscellaneous Letters of the Department of State, 1789- 1820, a volume published in 1897 for the use of the Department; a typed "Supplement to the Calendar of Miscellaneous Letters," 1789-1820; and a typed volume labeled "Misc. Index, A-J, 1821-25," with typed, unbound pages for K-Z, carbon copies for both A-J and K-Z, and 3- by 5-inch handwritten slips for K-Z.

These calendars provide an index, alphabetical by name of writer, to the miscellaneous letters, 1789-1825, and give the date of each letter and an abstract of its contents.

104. INDEXES TO MISCELLANEOUS LETTERS. 1837-1906. 1.5 m, 5 ft. 46 vols.

Entries in each volume arranged alphabetically by first letter of the writer's surname and thereunder chronologically.

Indexes in annual volumes, 1837-70, and in 12 other volumes, 1860- 1906, covering the letters described in entry 113 and duplicating in part the index described in entry 110. These indexes are in some respects easier to use than the one described in entry 110. Each index entry shows the date of the letter, the name of the sender, and the subject content. The index volume for 1870-74 also indexes the main series of domestic letters described in entry 100.

105. INDEX TO DOMESTIC AND MISCELLANEOUS LETTERS. 1887 and 1888. 3 cm, 1 in. 2 vols.

Arranged alphabetically by subject within each volume.

Index to the domestic and miscellaneous letters described in entries 100 and 113. Each index entry shows the subject of the letter and its date.

106. INDEX TO CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING CLAIMS, 1794-1906. N.d. 12.8 m, 42 ft.

Arranged alphabetically by country and thereunder alphabetically by name of claimant.

An index, on 3- by 5-inch cards and 4- by 6-inch slips, relating to claims of U.S. citizens against foreign governments and of Spain against the United States. The index covers the pertinent correspondence in the series of instructions to and despatches from diplomatic and consular officers (entries 5, 13, 59, and 85), notes to and from foreign missions (entries 23 and 28), and domestic and miscellaneous letters (entries 100 and 113). The typical index entry shows the name of claimant, the country against which the claim was made, and the nature of the claim. Entries also give the series title and volume and page number references. A note preceding the index indicates that it does not cover U.S. claims against Mexico or against the following countries before the dates indicated: Brazil, 1849; Denmark, 1830; Ecuador, 1862; France, 1850; Great Britain, 1853; Peru, 1863; and Venezuela, 1903. The index for Spain (1843-1906) also covers correspondence on claims against the United States.

107. INDEX TO MISCELLANEOUS LETTERS RELATING TO CLAIMS. 1883-89. 10 cm, 4 in. 3 vols.

Arranged alphabetically by country to which the claim relates and thereunder alphabetically by name of claimant.

Index to the miscellaneous letters (entry 113) that relate to claims and to concessions, duties, taxes, imprisonment, murders, seizures, suits, and other matters that gave rise to claims. Each entry shows the name of writer, name of claimant, date of receipt of the letter, date of answer, and subject.

108. INDEX TO REGISTERS OF DIPLOMATIC, CONSULAR, AND MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE. June 1, 1870-Dec. 31, 1873. 15 cm, 6 in. 2 vols.

Arranged alphabetically by subject or personal name and thereunder chronologically within each volume.

This index provides a subject and name approach to the registers of diplomatic and consular correspondence (entries 4, 11, 57, and 82) and to the indexes to miscellaneous correspondence (entries 99 and 104); it also serves as a direct key to the correspondence itself. Each index page is divided into two sections: the upper two-thirds for subject entries and the lower third for personal names. Each entry shows the series of correspondence in which a letter is filed (indicated by the letters A-F) and the series of registers or indexes in which the message is recorded (indicated by name of country if the series reference is C or D and by name of city if the series reference is E or F). The second index volume covers only the registers of diplomatic despatches and instructions and notes from foreign missions.

109. JOURNAL OF AMERICAN LETTERS, FOREIGN LETTERS, AND PASSPORT LETTERS. June 17, 1790-Mar. 22, 1792. 1 cm, 1/4 in.

Arranged chronologically.

A journal recording action on certain correspondence of the Department of State, chiefly the so-called American Letters, Foreign Letters, and Passport Letters. The American Letters form the first four volumes of the series of domestic letters described in entry 100. Earlier journals of the same type are among the Records of the Continental and Confederation Congresses and the Constitutional Conventions, Record Group 360.

110. REGISTER OF AND INDEX TO MISCELLANEOUS LETTERS, CONSULAR DESPATCHES, AND PASSPORT LETTERS. Oct. 9, 1817-Dec. 31, 1860. 1.5 m, 5 ft. 34 vols.

The arrangement of the entries in the volumes varies from one period to another. Volumes 1-3 and 9-20 (Oct. 9, 1817-Sept. 30, 1825, and July 1, 1834-Jan. 1, 1847) are a register of the letters, with the entries arranged chronologically; volumes 9-20, however, contain alphabetical name indexes to their entries. Volumes 4-8 and 21-34 (Oct. 1, 1826-June 30, 1834, and Jan. 1, 1847-Dec. 30, 1860) are an index to the letters with the entries arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the writer's surname and thereunder chronologically.

Consecutive series of volumes that serve as a register of miscellaneous letters (entry 113) for the years 1817-25 and 1834-47 and an index to these letters for the years 1826-34 and 1847-60. These volumes also serve as finding aids to consular despatches (entry 85) for the years 1817-47, and to letters received concerning accounts (entry 244) from the Fifth Auditor and Comptroller (entry 245), from congressional committees (entry 147), and from persons applying for passports (entry 508). The register and index volumes for 1817-47 also contain references to many patent letters (later transferred, with the Patent Office, to the Department of the Interior) and references to some letters in the series of notes to foreign missions (entry 23). The volumes after 1847 also index letters received from despatch agents (entry 247) and reports from departments and bureaus (entry 246). Each entry in the volume shows the date, subject, and name of writer; an occasional entry also gives the date or the tenor of the reply. Since no indication is given in the register or index entries regarding the particular series of letters in which a letter is filed, one must derive this information - often by trial and error - from the subject of the letter or the name of the writer. After the correct series is determined, however, the letter may usually be located by its date. The register entries for volumes 1-3, 1817-25, are duplicated in the calendars described in entry 103. Indexes for 1860-1906 are described in entry 104, which also describes some indexes for 1837-70 that were made in the Department of State after 1870.

111. ROUGH REGISTERS OF MISCELLANEOUS LETTERS. May 14, 1821-Sept. 1, 1829. 13 cm, 5 in. 4 vols.

Arranged chronologically.

Rough registers of miscellaneous letters received by the Department of State from consular officers, U.S. marshals and attorneys, collectors of customs, and others and filed in the series of miscellaneous letters (entry 113), consular despatches (entry 85), applications and recommendations for office (entry 760), and passport applications (entry 508). Each register entry shows the name and address of writer, date of letter and subject.

112. REGISTER OF LETTERS REFERRED TO THE U.S. AND MEXICAN CLAIMS COMMISSION. 1869. Negligible. 1 vol.

Arranged chronologically.

Register of letters received by the Department of State and referred to the U.S. and Mexican Claims Commission established by the Convention of July 4, 1868. Each entry shows the name of the person or vessel claiming damage and the date when the letter was sent to the Commission.

113. MISCELLANEOUS LETTERS (LETTERS RECEIVED). 1789-1906. 128.6 m, 422 ft. 1,533 vols. and unbound papers.

Arranged chronologically.

This series consists of original letters, with related enclosures, received by the Department of State from sources other than U.S. and foreign diplomatic and consular officers. It is the companion series to the domestic letters described in entry 100 and covers a wide range of subjects relating to both domestic and international affairs. Many of the letters contain complaints from U.S. merchants, shipmasters, and travelers about their treatment abroad. Some of these complaints developed into claims against foreign governments that were later settled by diplomatic negotiation or arbitration and are thus recorded in diplomatic and consular correspondence. There are also requests

for information on foreign customs and laws and on the provisions of treaties and their interpretation, and there are communications from the Congress and executive officials, including letters and opinions from the Attorney General on such legal matters as redress for ill-treatment accorded foreign nationals, the rights of aliens, the interpretation of treaties, and the question of diplomatic immunity. Also in this series are almost eight hundred draft letters of George Washington and his secretary, Tobias Lear, and some letters written by the Secretary of State. The domestic functions of the State Department are represented by letters on subjects similar to those of the domestic letters. (Letters from Governors of States and others regarding the adoption of amendments to the Constitution, however, are in Record Group 11, General Records of the U.S. Government.) Many letters concerning patent applications and immigration are listed in the registers to this series, but the letters themselves were later transferred, along with the functions, to other Government agencies.

Small lots of unbound letters, 1783, 1784, and 1790-1906, are included in the series of miscellaneous letters. For calendars of the series, 1789-1825, and registers and indexes, 1817-1906, see entries 103, 104, 109, and 110; for a catalog of Washington's letters, see entry 589.

114. UNDATED MISCELLANEOUS LETTERS. 1790-1843. 5 cm, 2 in.

Undated letters received by the Department of State from sources other than U.S. and foreign diplomatic and consular officers. They concern the U.S. census, treaties, buildings of the Department of State, appointments to Federal office, passports, privateers, U.S. ships, the publication of the laws, and other topics.

SPECIAL SERIES OF DOMESTIC AND MISCELLANEOUS LETTERS

115. LETTERS FROM GOVERNORS OF STATES. 1790-1812. 5 cm, 2 in. 1 vol. and unbound papers.

Arranged alphabetically by name of state and thereunder chronologically.

Letters from Governors of States concerning the British impressment of U.S. seamen, the publishing and receipt of copies of the laws, and other matters. The unbound letters relate to the state of Georgia. Similar communications are filed in the series of miscellaneous letters described in entry 113.

116. LETTERS AND OPINIONS OF ATTORNEYS GENERAL. 1792-1810. 5 cm, 2 in. 1 vol.

Arranged in rough chronological order.

Opinions of Attorneys General, together with some letters and enclosures, regarding matters affecting the Department of State and the foreign relations of the United States. Most of these opinions have been printed (H. Doc. 123, 26th Cong., 2d sess.; and H. Ex. Doc. 55, 31st Cong., 2d sess.). The letters and some of the other papers, however, are not printed with the opinions. One document of special interest extracts "the material parts of depositions and papers relating to a secret society formed at Montreal, and to a proposed invasion of His Majesty's Province of Lower Canada, 1801" (18 p.). Very few papers in this series are dated after 1809.

117. RECORDS RELATING TO THE LIVINGSTON CLAIM TO THE BATTURE IN NEW ORLEANS. 1808-1810. 8 cm, 3 in. 1 vol.

Unarranged.

Letters and related enclosures received by the Department of State from the Governor of Louisiana, citizens of New Orleans, Thomas Jefferson, and others concerning a claim by Edward Livingston to the batture at the suburb of Saint Mary's, New Orleans. Among the enclosures are maps, depositions, and extracts from the registers of the city of New Orleans. The first paper in the volume is a copy of a letter from Thomas Jefferson, May 26, 1812, returning the records to the Department after his examination of the case. For information concerning the claim, see American State Papers; Public Lands, 2:5-9.

118. PAPERS ON CLAIM OF JOSE DE LA FRANCIA. 1814-49. 5 cm, 2 in.

Unarranged.

Correspondence, abstracts of letters, copies of documents, a printed copy of the Case of De La Francia (1849), and other papers concerning a claim of Jose de la Francia to compensation for muskets, powder, flint, and other items that he allegedly furnished to U.S. officers in Florida.

119. RECORDS ON THE KOSLOFF AFFAIR. 1815 and 1816. 5 cm, 2 in. 1 vol.

Arranged chronologically.

Copies of court orders, legal opinions, depositions, and the bill of indictment; copies of letters exchanged between the Secretary of State and the Russian Minister; and other papers relating to the case of Russian Consul General Kosloff, charged by the State of Pennsylvania with rape. This case involved such international questions as diplomatic immunity and the jurisdiction of State courts over accredited foreign envoys.

120. SKETCH OF AND CORRESPONDENCE RELATIVE TO STATUE OF WASHINGTON BY HORATIO GREENOUGH. 1832-41. 3 cm, 1 in.

Arranged chronologically.

Consists primarily of letters from Greenough to Secretaries of State regarding the statue of Washington he was making in Florence, Italy. Among the subjects are Greenough's acceptance of a commission for the project, fees and expenses, plans and progress of the work, and transportation to and erection of the finished statue in Washington. Included as enclosures are a drawing of the statue in its early stages and one of the proposed pedestals. Also included are State Department memorandums on the project.

121. CORRESPONDENCE ON THE LOPEZ EXPEDITION TO CUBA. 1849-51. 3 cm, 1 in. 1 vol.

Arranged chronologically.

Correspondence between the Secretary of State and U.S. district attorneys, notes to and from the Spanish Legation, letters to and from collectors of customs, a letter from the Treasury Department, despatches from the U.S. consul in Havana, a note from the British Legation, and copies of letters exchanged between district attorneys, collectors of customs, and Spanish consuls. This correspondence concerns the surveillance of the activities of General Lopez (who had been training and outfitting in the United States an expedition against Cuba), his apprehension and trial in New Orleans, the outcome of his expedition, and the protection of the Spanish consul and nationals in New Orleans from violence by U.S. citizens after members of the expedition had been executed by Spanish authorities in Cuba.

122. STATE CONSTITUTIONS AND PAPERS RELATING TO ADMISSION OF STATES. 1859-1911. 30 cm, 1 ft.

Arranged alphabetically by name of state.

Certified copies of the constitutions of the States of Arizona (1911), Arkansas (1865 and 1868), Colorado (1876), Kansas (1859), Mississippi (1865 and 1869), Montana (1889), New Mexico (1890), North Dakota (1889), South Dakota (1889), Texas (1866), and Washington (1889); together with copies of election ordinances, certificates of election returns, opinions of the U.S. Attorney General, drafts of Presidential proclamations, and other papers relating to the admission of States into the Union. Included are letters from provisional Governors of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Texas regarding conventions in those States and transmitting copies of State constitutions, as amended, and ordinances and resolutions adopted, as required for readmission to the Union after the Civil War. The latter group of papers was printed as S. Ex. Doc. 26, 29th Cong., 1st Sess.

123. LETTERS REGARDING THE WASHINGTON AQUEDUCT. Mar. 1857 and Sept. 1858. Negligible. Part of 1 vol.

Arranged chronologically.

Press copies of letters sent to the Secretary of State and a letter to the U.S. Counsel for the Washington Aqueduct regarding the construction of the aqueduct and related legal questions.

124. MISCELLANEOUS LETTERS SENT REGARDING CONSULAR AFFAIRS. 1871-1910. 7.6 m, 25 ft. 304 vols.

Arranged chronologically, with an alphabetical name index in each volume.

Press copies of letters sent by the Consular Bureau of the Department of State to other Government agencies and departments, to the Congress, and to private organizations and individuals. The letters deal with claims of U.S. citizens, appointments to the consular service, consular service appropriations, tariff and trade questions, and other consular affairs.

125. MISCELLANEOUS LETTERS SENT REGARDING CONSULAR AFFAIRS. 1884-1906. 24 vols.

Arranged chronologically, with an alphabetical name index in each volume.

Press copies of letters similar to those described in entry 124.

126. MISCELLANEOUS LETTERS SENT BY THE SECOND CONSULAR BUREAU.

Mar. 9, 1871-July 1, 1874. 3 cm, 1 in. 3 vols.

Arranged chronologically.

Press copies, badly faded, of letters sent by the Second Consular Bureau to persons and agencies in the United States concerning consular personnel, consular bonds, and other matters.

127. GOVERNORS' REPLIES TO A CIRCULAR ON CAPITAL PUNISHMENT. 1896. 1 cm, 1/4 in.

Arranged alphabetically by State.

Replies of Governors of States to the State Department circular of February 25, 1896, requesting information from each State on the mode of capital punishment prescribed by State laws. Copy of the circular and a list of the replies received are included.

128. CORRESPONDENCE ON U.S. INTERVENTION IN THE CUBAN REVOLUTION AGAINST SPAIN. 1897 and 1898. 1 cm, 1/4 in. Part of 1 vol.

Arranged chronologically.

Correspondence between the Secretary of State and the U.S. Ministers in Spain and Great Britain, letters from Cuban insurgents, and newspaper clippings from the New York Journal and the Evening Star (Washington). These records are bound as part of a volume labeled "Miscellaneous Archives."

129. RECORDS ON U.S. NEUTRALITY IN THE BOER WAR. 1900-1902. 1 cm, 1/2 in. Part of 1 vol.

Arranged chronologically.

Extracts from the Grondwet of the South African Republic of 1896, letters from the New York Committee to Aid the United Republics of South Africa, letters from delegates of the South African Republic and the Orange Free State, a memorandum of an interview of the delegates with the Secretary of State, a letter of the Justice Department, and copies of various Louisiana court papers. The records concern the efforts of Boer delegates to enlist U.S. influence against continuance of the war and also relate to an alleged violation of U.S. neutrality by British representatives in Louisiana, who were reported to be purchasing mules for military use in South Africa. These records are bound as part of a volume labeled "Miscellaneous Archives."

130. LETTERS SENT REGARDING THE BOXER REBELLION. 1900-1901. 1 cm, 1/2 in. 1 vol.

Arranged chronologically.

Press copies of letters sent by the Secretary of State to the President and the War and Navy Departments pertaining chiefly to the transmittal of reports on the Boxer Rebellion. The volume is labeled "China Book."

131. CORRESPONDENCE ON PROPOSED ACADEMIC EXCHANGES WITH ITALY. 1905-1906. 3 cm, 1 in.

Arranged chronologically.

Copies of despatches from the U.S. Embassy in Rome, letters from the Italian Embassy in the United States, letters from the U.S. Senate, State Department instructions to diplomatic and consular officers, and a letter of Joseph

Spencer Kennard to the Assistant Secretary of State, all relating to a project of Kennard's for the exchange of professors between U.S. and Italian universities.

Enclosures to Miscellaneous Letters

132. "ACCOUNT OF DAMAGES PREFERRED BY THE SEVERAL STATES." N.d. Negligible.

Arranged by state or location as listed below.

This account lists names of persons by State and shows, opposite each name, certain commodities or items and their value. The account is for the States of Maryland, Virginia, Georgia, Delaware, and Maine, and for Alexandria, VA. One page contains a recapitulation of the total amount of damages claimed by each state.

133. DRAWINGS TO ACCOMPANY REPORT ON THE ALEXANDRIA AQUEDUCT. 1838. 8 cm, 3 in.

Arranged numerically by plate number.

Drawings to accompany the report of Capt. William Turnbull on the survey and construction of the Alexandria Aqueduct. The report was made to the House of Representatives on July 2, 1838 (printed as 25th Cong., 2d sess., H. Doc. 459).

134. RECORDS ON THE PLEBISCITE ON THE RETROCESSION OF ALEXANDRIA COUNTY TO VIRGINIA. 1846. Negligible.

Arranged in the order listed below.

Records concerning the poll taken by commissioners appointed by the President under an act of July 9, 1846 (9 Stat. 35), entitled "An Act to retrocede the County of Alexandria in the District of Columbia to the State of Virginia." The records include the pollbook of votes cast at the courthouse of Alexandria County on September 1 and 2, 1846; clippings from the August 26 Alexandria Gazette and the August 28 Southern Churchman giving public notice of the poll; copies of letters sent by the commissioners to the Governor of Virginia and to the President reporting the result of the poll and transmitting notaries' certifications to oaths taken by the commissioners; and a copy of a resolution of the commissioners designating one of their members to present a statement of the poll to the President.

135. PAPERS RELATING TO THE CASE OF JOSEPH SMOLENSKI. 1855 and 1856. 1 cm, 1/4 in.

Arranged chronologically.

Depositions in the case of Joseph Smolenski, who illegally recruited men in the United States for service in a British regiment.

136. REPORTS OF TREASURY AGENTS ON U.S. CONSULATES. 1870-73. 13 cm, 5 in. 2 vols.

Arranged chronologically.

A series of reports of Treasury Agent Randolph Keim to the Secretary of the Treasury regarding conditions of consulates in China, including statements on the commercial or other importance of the district or port in which the consulate was located; the laws and treaties affecting consular functions in each district; the consuls' powers, rights, and privileges; the capability of the officers in charge; their services to seamen; the condition of consular fee books and other records; and other subjects concerning each consulate visited. There are also some similar reports by other agents on certain consulates in Europe, as well as letters transmitting the reports from the Treasury to the State Department.

137. LINEAGE OF GEORGE WASHINGTON. Aug. 1873. 1 item.

A sketch of Washington's family tree showing lines of descent. This document, dated August 1, 1873, was presented by James Philippe as a gift to President Grant and was referred to the Department of State by the President on August 28.

138. PHOTOGRAPHS AND MAPS OF THE RIO GRANDE AT BROWNSVILLE. 1880. 1 cm, 1/2 in.

The photographs are arranged numerically; the maps are unarranged.

Seven photographs and three maps of the Rio Grande at Brownsville, Texas, showing the banks of the river, changes in the river banks between 1858 and 1880, and the construction of brush mattresses to prevent erosion. These records were received in the Department of State with a letter from the War Department dated August 14, 1880.

139. PLANS OF MEMORIAL AT WASHINGTON'S BIRTHPLACE. 1881 and 1882. 5 cm, 2 in.

Unarranged.

Plans drawn by Charles C. Perkins, of Howe and Dodd, architects, Boston, Mass., for a memorial building to mark the birthplace of George Washington. These plans are referred to in correspondence, 1881 and 1882, between the Department of State and the firm of Howe and Dodd.

140. PLANS FOR IRON GATE AND FENCE AT MONTICELLO CEMETERY. 1882. Negligible.

Arranged numerically.

Plans of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for an iron gate and fence at Monticello Cemetery. The plans, numbered 1-4, were received in the Department of State with a letter of July 3, 1882.

141. ANSWER OF THE PANAMA RAILROAD CO. IN A SUIT FOR RECOVERY OF LANDS. June 1887. 3 cm, 1 in. 1 vol.

Printed copy of the answer of the Panama Railroad Co. to allegations made by Rafael Reyes, a resident of Bogota, Colombia, in a suit brought by him in the Supreme Court of Colombia seeking recovery of certain lands on the island of Manzanillo as public lands of the Government of Colombia. This document is mentioned in a letter from Messrs. Barlow and Coudert to the Secretary of State, May 10, 1889.

142. REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS IN THE CASE OF THE PEOPLE V. GEORGE S. SMITH ET AL. Oct. 16, 1893-Feb. 1, 1894. 3 cm, 1 in, 1 vol.

Report of proceedings of the police court of San Francisco, Calif., in the case of The People v. George S. Smith et al., on the charge of grand larceny. The report, which related to an investigation instituted by John Joseph Nouri through the Department of State, was transmitted to the Department by the Governor of California with a letter of March 31, 1894.

143. RECORDS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION ON THE "NORTH SEA INCIDENT." Nov. 12-25, 1904. 15 cm, 6 in.

Unarranged.

Printed and processed copies of the rules, reports, and proceedings of the international commission established by agreement between Russia and Great Britain to investigate the destruction of certain British fishing boats by the Russian fleet in the North Sea. These records were received in the Department of State from the Navy Department with a letter dated July 13, 1905.

Correspondence With the President and the Congress

144. GEORGE WASHINGTON'S CORRESPONDENCE WITH HIS SECRETARIES OF STATE. 1789-96. 13 cm, 5 in. 3 vols.

Arranged chronologically.

Copies of letters received and sent by George Washington. These letter books, labeled "State Department Correspondence," were once part of the Washington papers but were not transferred to the Library of Congress with those papers because they contained copies of correspondence between Washington and his Secretaries of State. The first volume contains an index. (Microfilm Publication M-570).

145. REPORTS OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS. 1790-1906. 1.5 m, 5 ft. 22 vols.

Arranged chronologically.

Copies of reports of the Secretary of State to the President and the Congress on such diverse topics as the proposed system of weights and measures, gold coinage, the situation of U.S. citizens in captivity in Algiers, proposals for publishing the U.S. laws, the Territories of the United States, appropriations for the Department of State and its organization and functions, and other matters upon which the Secretary was called to report. Each volume of reports made before June 1870 contains a subject index; reports after 1870 are entered in the index described in entry 99. The volumes are labeled "Report Books."

146. REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT ON THE SALE OF LAND TO PENNSYLVANIA. Dec. 19, 1791. Negligible.

Unarranged.

Report of Secretary of State Jefferson to President Washington on the sale of lands along Lake Erie to the State of Pennsylvania. Filed with the report are copies of related letters and other papers, 1787-91.

147. MISCELLANEOUS LETTERS FROM CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES. Mar. 2, 1830-Jan. 25, 1861. 8 cm, 3 in. 1 vol.

Arranged chronologically.

Letters received in the Department of State from congressional committees, usually requesting information. They concern, among other subjects, petitions of claimants, censuses of slaves, estimates of appropriations, and costs of printing. Similar letters are interfiled in the series of miscellaneous letters described in entry 113.

Miscellaneous Letters and Reports on Seamen

148. MISCELLANEOUS LETTERS FROM COLLECTORS OF CUSTOMS CONCERNING SEAMEN. 1817-24. 3 cm, 1 in.

Arranged chronologically.

Letters and related enclosures received by the Department of State from collectors of customs transmitting complaints and protests of masters of vessels, consular certificates for discharged seamen, and abstracts of certificates of citizenship granted to U.S. seamen.

149. SEAMEN'S CERTIFICATES AND PROTESTS. 1817-20. 3 cm, 1 in.

Arranged chronologically.

Letters, depositions, petitions, and other papers received from masters of vessels and other interested parties for use by collectors of customs in cases involving the prosecution of masters of vessels for violation of shipping and seamen's laws of the United States. Included is some correspondence between the Secretary of State and collectors concerning these documents.

150. ABSTRACT OF RETURNS OF COLLECTORS OF CUSTOMS. 1825. Negligible.

Arranged geographically by State (north to south) and thereunder randomly by city.

Abstract of returns made to the Department of State by collectors of customs under an act of March 2, 1799 (1 Stat. 731), entitled "An Act to revive and continue in force certain parts of the Act for Relief and Protection of American Seamen and to amend same." According to a note in one of the pamphlets, a copy of the abstract was sent to the Congress on March 22, 1826. The abstract shows the number of native and naturalized seamen reported as registered by each collector during each quarter of 1825.

Correspondence Regarding Publishers of the Laws

The act establishing the Department of State required that the Secretary have the acts and resolutions of the Congress published in three newspapers and that he distribute the printed copies of the laws (slip laws) to specified individuals. The Congress later made the Secretary responsible for the publication of session laws and of various collected editions of the laws. The most noteworthy publication was the Statutes at Large, published under contract by a private firm until 1874. Since then the Statutes have been printed by the Government Printing Office under the direction of the State Department until 1950 and thereafter under the direction of the General Services Administration. From time to time the Congress increased the number of newspapers in which the laws were to be published, until such publication was discontinued in 1875. The principal series of records concerning publishers of the laws are described below. Other records concerning these publishers are among the domestic and miscellaneous letters (entries 100 and 113) and the records of the Bureau of Accounts (entries 249 and 274).

151. MISCELLANEOUS LETTERS RECEIVED REGARDING PUBLISHERS OF THE LAWS. 1789-1875. 2.4 m, 8 ft.

Arranged numerically by Congress and thereunder by session.

Letters from publishers of newspapers and from others applying for appointment or recommending newspaper publishers for appointment; notifying the State Department of the sale or transfer of ownership of newspapers; and accepting, declining, or resigning appointments to publish laws.

152. LISTS OF RECOMMENDED NEWSPAPERS. 1833 and 1851-55. 5 cm, 2 in. 3 vols. and unbound papers.

Arranged geographically by State (from the northeast, southward then westward) and thereunder chronologically.

Lists of newspapers showing the name of publisher, place of publication and name of person recommending the newspaper as a publisher of the U.S. laws.

153. LIST OF NEWSPAPERS TO PUBLISH THE LAWS IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA. 1854. Negligible.

Arranged chronologically.

List of District of Columbia newspapers appointed to publish the U.S. laws during the period 1834-53. The list shows the years during which each newspaper published the laws, the name of the newspaper, and the act under which authority for publication was granted.

154. LISTS OF PUBLISHERS OF THE LAWS. 1850-74. 8 cm, 3 in. 2 vols.

Arranged numerically by Congress, thereunder numerically by session, and thereunder geographically by State or territory (from New England to the western territories).

Lists of persons selected and authorized to publish the U.S. laws, showing the place where each newspaper was published, name of printer or publisher, name of newspaper, when published, and acceptance or rejection of appointment.

155. LIST OF NEWSPAPERS TO PUBLISH THE LAWS IN THE SOUTHERN STATES. 1867. Negligible. 1 vol.

Arranged randomly by state.

List of Southern newspapers selected by the Clerk of the House of Representatives to publish the U.S. laws. Each entry shows the name of newspaper, the date of its authorization to publish the laws, and the city and state in which it was located.

156. NEWSPAPERS FORWARDED TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT BY PUBLISHERS. 1865-67. 15 cm, 6 in.

Unarranged.

Single copies of newspapers (published on different dates from December 14, 1865, to March 14, 1867) include the following: Delaware State Journal and Statesman, Sioux City Register, Nemaha Courier (Seneca, KS), Daily Rocky Mountain News, Pennsylvanier, National Union (Greenville, TN), Weekly Examiner (San Francisco, CA), and Montana Democrat.

157. FORM LETTERS AND CIRCULARS TO PUBLISHERS. Ca. 1840-46. 3 cm, 1 in.

Unarranged.

Copies of printed and handwritten letters and circulars sent to publishers of the U.S. laws notifying them of their appointment, requesting notices of acceptance of appointment and the name of the person to be paid for publication, and giving instructions concerning publication.

Reports of District Courts

During the period 1789-1870, Federal judges, clerks of district courts, marshals, and attorneys corresponded with the Secretary of State not only on domestic matters under the jurisdiction of the Department of State but also on matters now under the direction of the Attorney General. The judges occasionally and unsystematically reported to the Secretary of State. The attorneys and marshals, however, received instructions from and reported to the Secretary of State on many matters until the establishment of the Department of Justice in 1870.

All the records described below are dated in the early part of the 19th century. There are also similar materials among the miscellaneous letters described in entry 113.

158. BANKRUPTCY RETURNS OF DISTRICT COURTS. 1845 and 1846. 3 cm, 1 in.

Arranged alphabetically by State.

Copies of U.S. district court clerks' reports, assembled for a report of the Secretary of State to the Congress. The clerks' reports show the number of each bankruptcy case, name and residence of bankrupt, aggregate number of creditors, aggregate amount of debts, amount of property surrendered, amount paid to creditors, amount of judicial expenses, the discharge from bankruptcy, and other pertinent facts. Included is a list of the returns and a related letter of August 6, 1846, to Edmund W. Hubbard, House of Representatives.

159. RETURNS OF DISTRICT COURTS ON CASES INVOLVING FEDERAL OFFENSES. 1827. 3 cm, 1 in.

Arranged alphabetically by name of State.

These returns of cases, 1798-1827 (submitted to the Department of State in 1827), include four different forms from each court: return of commitments, convictions, discharges, punishments, and pardons for offenses against U.S. laws; account of fines imposed, recognizances, or appearance bonds forfeited and moneys collected; account of expenditures and forfeitures recovered; and recapitulation. The returns are from Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, and Tennessee.

160. LETTERS TRANSMITTING COPYRIGHTS. 1831-34. 1 cm, 1/4 in.

Arranged chronologically.

Letters and related lists received by the Department of State from the clerks of the U.S. district court for Vermont. They concern copyrights recorded and deposited in the clerks' offices in conformity with an act of February 3, 1831 (4 Stat. 436).

Miscellaneous Petitions and Memorials

161. PETITIONS FOR THE RECOGNITION OF LIBERIA. 1849 and 1850. 1 cm, 1/2 in.

Arranged chronologically.

Petitions of private citizens of eight Northern and four Southern States and the District of Columbia calling for the recognition of Liberia.

162. PROCLAMATIONS ADDRESSED TO PRESIDENT LINCOLN BY ANTISLAVERY SOCIETIES. 1862-64. 1 cm, 1/4 in.

Arranged chronologically.

These three proclamations were enclosures to despatches from the U.S. Minister at London.

163. MEMORIAL ON BEHALF OF WASHINGTON A. BARTLETT. 1863. Negligible.

A memorial to Secretary Seward asking that Washington A. Bartlett, former Lieutenant, U.S. Navy, be reinstated in the Navy.

164. ADDRESS TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON BY THE BRITISH AND FOREIGN ANTISLAVERY SOCIETY. Sept. 1, 1865. Negligible.

An enclosure to a despatch from the U.S. Minister at London, dated September 19, 1865.

165. RECORDS RELATING TO THE CASE OF CAPT. LOUIS RATHIER DE VERGE. 1887-90. Negligible.

Arranged chronologically.

Petitions for the release of De Verge requesting his transfer to the United States, a copy of the sentence of the court, and other papers dealing with his trial and conviction for manslaughter by the U.S. consular Court of Tamatave, Madagascar. These records were received in the Department of State from the White House with a letter of December 20, 1890.

166. RECORDS RELATING TO THE CASE OF MRS. FLORENCE MAYBRICK. 1889-1903. 10 cm, 4 in. 2 vols.

Arranged chronologically.

Letters from individuals and organizations in the United States petitioning the President to obtain Mrs. Maybrick's release from prison in England; copies of instructions from the Department of State to the U.S. Minister in London; and enclosures, among which are copies of British newspaper clippings and a pamphlet entitled "The Maybrick Case" by Helen Dinsmore. (Mrs. Florence Maybrick, a citizen of the United States, was imprisoned on the charge of poisoning her husband, was tried in Liverpool in August 1889, and was sentenced to be hanged on August 27, 1899). Other records concerning this case are among the miscellaneous letters described in entry 113.

167. MEMORIAL FROM THE CLERGY OF NEW YORK CITY. Apr. 30, 1889. 5 cm, 2 in.

Memorial urging the issuance of a proclamation of thanksgiving and praise on the centennial of George Washington's inauguration as President.

168. TELEGRAMS PROTESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF U.S. CIVIL GOVERNMENT IN CUBA. Nov. 28-Dec. 4, 1899. Negligible.

Arranged chronologically.

Telegrams to the President (with translations) from various Cuban organizations supporting a telegram from the Cuban Society of Veterans of Independence, November 25, 1899, that is filed among the miscellaneous letters described in entry 113. The telegrams from the Cuban veterans association protested the rumored changing of the U.S. Military Government to a U.S. civil government.

169. MEMORIAL FROM TRINITY CHURCH, NEW YORK, ON THE DEATH OF PRESIDENT MCKINLEY. Sept. 17, 1901. 1 cm, 1/2 in.

Memorial on the assassination of President McKinley. For other documents concerning McKinley's death, see entries 77, 90, 180, and 181.

170. MEMORIAL ADDRESS BY JOHN HAY ON THE LIFE AND CHARACTER OF WILLIAM McKINLEY. Feb. 27, 1902. 1 cm, 1/2 in.

Memorial address delivered by John Hay before the two Houses of Congress. (Washington: G.P.O., 1903.)

171. PETITION TO THE EMPEROR OF RUSSIA BY U.S. CITIZENS. 1903. 8 cm, 3 in. 2 vols.

A petition presented to the Department of State by the Independent Order of B'nai B'rith concerning the massacre of Jews at Kischineff, Bessarabia, in 1903. After each signer's name is his occupation and place of residence. Filed with the petition is a Brief History of the Kischineff Petition prepared and published by B'nai B'rith.

172. LETTERS RECEIVED REGARDING THE KISCHINEFF MASSACRE. 1903-1905. 1 cm, 1/2 in.

Arranged chronologically.

Letters to the President from individuals and organizations asking him to use his good offices with the Russian Government to assure the safety of Jews in Russia and prevent a recurrence of such pogroms as that at Kischineff.

173. MEMORIAL REGARDING AFFAIRS IN THE CONGO. Oct. 1904. 1 cm, 1/4 in.

Memorial to the President from the Congo Reform Association, supported by the British Anti-Slavery Association and the Aborigines Protection Association.

174. PETITIONS REGARDING CHINA AND THE OPIUM TRADE. Nov. 1904. 1 cm, 1/4 in.

Unarranged.

Petitions of several missionary societies in Pennsylvania asking the Secretary of State to persuade Great Britain to withdraw from the Opium Treaty of 1904 with China.

175. MEMORIAL TO MRS. CLARA HAY ON THE DEATH OF HER HUSBAND. Oct. 2, 1905. Negligible.

Memorial address from Jews of the United States and Great Britain in honor of former Secretary of State John Hay.

Miscellaneous Messages of Condolence

176. LETTERS ON THE DEATH OF PRESIDENT LINCOLN. 1865. 3 cm, 1 in.

Unarranged.

Letters of condolence from public officials and private citizens in the United States. Included are letters from citizens of Erie, Pa., inmates of the U.S. Army hospital at Camp Parole, citizens of Connecticut, and the Philadelphia Customs House.

177. FOREIGN MESSAGES ON THE DEATH OF LINCOLN. 1865. 30 cm, 1 ft.

Arranged numerically.

Approximately 450 letters and resolutions of condolence received in the Department of State from towns, private organizations, and individuals in foreign countries. The messages were received as enclosures to despatches from U.S. diplomatic and consular officers.

178. FOREIGN NOTES ON THE DEATH OF SECRETARY GRESHAM. May 18-31, 1895. 1 cm, 1/2 in.

Arranged alphabetically by name of country.

Notes from foreign legations and embassies in the United States expressing regret at the death of Secretary of State Walter Q. Gresham. Included are some notes from foreign consuls in the United States.

179. TELEGRAMS ON THE DEATH OF SECRETARY GRESHAM. May 28-June 2, 1895. Negligible.

Arranged alphabetically by name of country.

Telegrams received by the Department of State, chiefly from officers of the diplomatic posts of the Department, expressing their condolence and that of foreign officials on the death of Walter Q. Gresham.

180. MESSAGES ON THE DEATH OF PRESIDENT MCKINLEY. 1901. 15 cm, 6 in.

Arranged in part alphabetically by name of country.

Telegrams and letters from heads of foreign states, foreign diplomatic officers, and others in foreign countries expressing condolence on McKinley's death. Included are some telegrams sent in reply by the Department of State.

181. LETTERS REPLYING TO MESSAGES ON THE DEATH OF PRESIDENT MCKINLEY. Sept. 9, 1901-June 4, 1902. 5 cm, 2 in. 2 vols.

Arranged chronologically.

Press copies of letters sent by the Department of State in reply to letters of condolence concerning McKinley's assassination, received from U.S. consular and diplomatic representatives and from foreign diplomatic representatives and other officials. Each volume is indexed.

182. OFFICIAL MESSAGES ON THE SAN FRANCISCO EARTHQUAKE. Apr. 19-25, 1906. 1 cm, 1/2 in.

Unarranged.

Telegrams from officials of foreign governments, including many heads of state, expressing sympathy after the earthquake and fire at San Francisco; also replies by the President. Included is a list of the telegrams.

Correspondence on Official Ceremonies and Visits

The Department of State has long been responsible for the reception and entertainment of visiting heads of state and other foreign dignitaries. For the visit to the United States of Prince Henry of Prussia in 1902, President Theodore Roosevelt appointed delegates from three executive departments, including the Department of State, to make suitable arrangements. David J. Hill, Assistant Secretary of State, was the State Department's delegate. Later in 1902, when French guests were invited to the United States for the unveiling of the Statue of Marshal Rochambeau, the President appointed another committee to receive them and arrange for their entertainment. Herbert H. D. Pierce, Assistant Secretary of State, was chairman of this committee. The records of the State Department's representatives on these two committees are described below. The Office of Chief Special Agent of the Department of State for a time had the duty of providing services and protection for visiting foreign dignitaries. Records relating to this activity, 1918-27, are described in entry 354. Records relating to luncheons, dinners, and receptions for foreign visitors, 1942- 63, are among the records of the Chief of Protocol, described in entries 562-568.

183. CORRESPONDENCE OF THE RECEPTION COMMISSION FOR PRINCE HENRY OF PRUSSIA. Jan.-Mar. 1902. 5 cm, 2 in.

Arranged chronologically.

Correspondence between the Reception Commission and city officials, railroads, hotel managers, and others regarding suggestions for the reception, applications for appointment on the reception commission, tickets to the launching of the imperial yacht, invitations to visit cities, offers of hotel accommodations, the program of the Reception Commission, and other matters connected with Prince Henry's visit.

184. TELEGRAMS RECEIVED AND SENT CONCERNING PRINCE HENRY'S VISIT. Jan.-Mar. 1902. 3 cm, 1 in.

Arranged chronologically.

Telegrams received and sent by the Reception Commission regarding offers of services and facilities, invitations to official functions, requests for programs and itineraries, and other subjects pertaining to arrangements for Prince Henry's reception and his tour of the United States.

185. MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS OF THE RECEPTION COMMISSION FOR PRINCE HENRY.

Jan.-June 1902. 3 cm, 1 in.

Arranged by subject in the order listed below.

Included are a printed copy of the Executive order of January 24, 1902, appointing delegates to make arrangements for Prince Henry's reception and entertainment; a protocol of agreement as to the ceremonial to be observed during Prince Henry's visit to the White House; tentative schedules of visits to Boston, Milwaukee, Philadelphia, and St. Louis; a list of officers aboard the German ship Hohenzollern and their order of precedence; floor plans of the Willard Hotel in Washington and of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York; itineraries of the special train for Prince Henry and his suite; a schedule of car assignments on the special train; and a report of expenses incurred by the Department of State on account of the visit of Prince Henry.

186. REQUESTS FOR AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF THE SOUVENIR VOLUME OF PRINCE HENRY'S TOUR. Jan.-June, 1902. 1 cm, 1/2 in.

Separated as postcards or letters and arranged thereunder chronologically.

Letters and postcards requesting or acknowledging receipt of the souvenir volume, Tour of H.R.H. Prince Henry of Prussia in the United States.

187. RECORDS CONCERNING THE UNVEILING OF THE ROCHAMBEAU STATUE.

Apr. and May 1902. 15 cm, 6 in.

Arranged in part alphabetically by name of guest.

Correspondence and related papers concerning preparation for the reception and entertainment of guests from France and the printing of tickets for the unveiling of a statue of Marshal Rochambeau in Washington, DC.

Numerical and Minor Files, 1906-10

The records that comprised the central files of the Department of State from 1789 to 1906 were divided into several series on the basis of origin and type of record - instructions, despatches, miscellaneous records, and so forth. On August 15, 1906, the Bureau of Indexes and Archives discontinued these series and began to file most of the records according to subject in one main series - the Numerical File. As new subjects arose they were designated by case numbers that were assigned sequentially. Therefore, the first communication received on a new subject was given a case number, 707, for instance; each subsequent communication received concerning the same subject was assigned a subordinate "enclosure number," 707/1, 707/2, and 707/3. Copies of outgoing communications were given the same number as the incoming communication to which they replied or referred. The numerical file number and the enclosure number were stamped on each letter or document. An example of a typical case file number would be 707/30: 707. This number would signify the 707th subject case established and would indicate that there are at least 31 incoming communications and replies filed as part of this case.

Some communications received by the Bureau, however, were not filed in the Numerical File. These communications were generally routine or administrative and were arranged alphabetically by subject, correspondent, Foreign Service post, or country. This file was called the Minor File. As in the earlier period, a few of the offices of the Department, such as the Passport Office and the Bureau of Accounts, continued to maintain their own files separate from the central files.

For the control of the documents in the Numerical File, two kinds of card records were maintained: record cards, which contained synopses of case documents and index cards to the correspondents and subjects. The index cards refer also to the Minor File.

The Numerical File did not meet the recordkeeping demands of the Department of State; at the time the file was discontinued the Bureau had to establish 25,982 separate cases. A new and more comprehensive filing system was adopted in 1910 - the Decimal File.

188. CARD INDEX TO THE NUMERICAL AND MINOR FILES. 1906-10. 61.0 m, 200 ft.

Arranged alphabetically (by subject, by individual names, by Foreign Service post or country, and by Government department), thereunder as "to" or "from," and thereunder chronologically.

Index, on 3- by 5-inch cards, to the Numerical File described in entry 192 and to the Minor File described in entry 196. Each card gives the name of sender or addressee, the date, and a brief summary of the message and shows whether the paper is in the Numerical or the Minor File. For papers in the Numerical File, the case and document numbers are given.

189. LISTS OF ANTECEDENT PAPERS ON SUBJECT CASES. 1905 and 1906. 30 cm, 1 ft.

Arranged sequentially by case numbers.

Lists, some of which are on 3- by 8-inch cards, of papers on each subject case filed before the establishment of the Numerical File in August 1906.

190. "PURPORT LIST" OF THE NUMERICAL FILE. 1906-10. 12.2 m, 40 ft.

Arranged according to the decimal filing scheme adopted by the Department of State in 1910.

Listings, on 3- by 8-inch slips, indicating for each paper in the Numerical File (entry 192) the date received, file number assigned, and subject and giving a summary of its contents.

191. CONVERSION BOOK. N.d. 5 cm, 2 in. 1 vol.

A book containing information for converting case numbers in the Numerical File (entry 192) to corresponding numbers in the Decimal File (entry 205) adopted in 1910.

192. NUMERICAL FILE. 1906-10. 113.4 m, 372 ft. 1,172 vols.

Arranged sequentially by subject case number.

General correspondence of the Department of State, including correspondence with U.S. consular and diplomatic officers; foreign missions; delegates to international conferences, commissions, and expositions; firms; and individuals. The purport list, indexes, and tally cards for this series of correspondence are described in entries 190, 196, and 195, respectively. A conversion book (entry 191) enables the searcher to find in the Decimal File (entry 205) related material dated after July 1, 1910. (Microfilm publication M862).

193. OVERSIZE ENCLOSURES TO THE NUMERICAL FILE. 1906-10. 61 cm, 2 ft.

Arranged by case number.

Oversize records (reports, printed and processed documents, and maps) that were filed separately from the main set of volumes of the Numerical File because of their size. Each package of the oversize material is stamped with the Numerical File number.

194. PETITIONS IN BEHALF OF JAN POUREN. Ca. 1908. 91 cm, 3 ft.

Arranged for the most part alphabetically by State of origin.

Petitions to the President on behalf of Jan Janoff Pouren who was detained after the decision of U.S. Commissioner Shields in New York to extradite him to Russia for alleged burglary, arson, and attempted murder. Most of these petitions were circulated by a committee that believed Pouren to be a political refugee entitled to asylum. Related correspondence on the case is in Numerical File 10,901. Enclosure 40 of the case file states that the petitions were to be turned over to the State Department by William English Walling, a representative of the Pouren Defense Committee.

195. TALLY CARDS FOR RECORDS CHARGED OUT OR MISSING FROM THE NUMERICAL FILE. 1922-25. 30 cm, 1 ft.

Arranged by case number.

Cards, 3- by 5- inches, containing information regarding records that were, in the period 1922-25, charged out or found to be missing from the Numerical File (entry 190).

196. MINOR FILE. 1906-10. 6.1 m, 20 ft. 62 vols.

Arranged alphabetically by name of country for the diplomatic correspondence, by name of city for the consular correspondence, and by name of correspondent for the letters to and from private individuals.

Correspondence of the Department of State with foreign governments, U.S. diplomatic and consular officers, U.S. Government agencies, and private individuals in both the United States and foreign countries. This correspondence consists of routine communications that the Department of State decided not to incorporate into the Numerical File of correspondence described in entry 190. The correspondence of the Department with its Foreign Service Officers in the Minor File consists of communications acknowledging receipt of instructions, reports, or office supplies; notices of forwarding translations of publications; reports on certificates of appointment; inventories of property and archives at consulates, legations, and embassies; and the like. The notes from foreign legations in this file are mainly requests for exequaturs for consuls and requests for customs courtesies to the legations' personnel. The letters from private sources are chiefly requests or recommendations for appointment to positions in the Department of State or its Foreign Service, requests for passports, and requests for publications or information. For an index to these records, see entry 188.

197. INVENTORY OF NUMERICAL AND MINOR FILES. 1906-10. 1 cm, 1/2 in. 1 vol.

Arranged by volume number.

An inventory listing the bound volumes of the Numerical and Minor Files and showing the beginning and ending case numbers or letters of each.

Decimal File, 1910-49

As earlier noted, the Numerical File, 1906-10, proved unsatisfactory for control over the central files of the Department of State. To find a solution to its filing problems, the Department engaged a private firm to survey its recordkeeping practices. In part as a result of this survey, the Bureau of Indexes and Archives in 1910 adopted a more comprehensive filing system: the Decimal File. This filing scheme was used with modifications until January 1, 1963. Variations of the scheme were used for other separate records, such as those of the Office of the Counselor (see entry 343) and the Records of the American Commission to Negotiate Peace (RG 256).

The system is basically a subject file with predetermined subjects designated by a decimal code. All the subjects are grouped into nine major classes, which may be briefly defined as follows:

0. General and miscellaneous matters, including such subjects as records of the Department, publications, tours and visits, and the diplomatic pouch service.
1. Matters pertaining to the administration of the U.S. Government, including its Foreign Service.
2. Matters pertaining to the negotiation, application, and interpretation of extradition treaties and to individual extradition cases.
3. Matters pertaining to the protection of U.S. private and national interests.
4. Matters pertaining to the negotiation, application, and interpretation of treaties on claims and to individual claims cases.
5. Matters of common interest to the governments or the people of several countries, such as international congresses and conferences, multilateral treaties, and the League of Nations.
6. Matters pertaining to commerce, customs administration, and trade agreements.
7. Matters pertaining to political relations of states, including diplomatic and consular representation and bilateral treaties, conventions, and agreements.
8. Matters relating to the internal affairs of states, such as heads of governments, departments of governments, legislation, public welfare, finance, currency, commerce, transportation, mining, and forestry.

The subjects are defined within each class and identified by a decimal classification. An example of a part of the subject breakdown under Class 1 is the following:

- 195.00 American Merchant vessels.
- 195.01 Fees.
- 195.03 Rates.
- 195.1 Registration, enrollment, license.
- 195.2 Sale-purchase, charter, hypothecation.
- 195.21 Status of American-owned vessels, not documented.

As papers accumulated under a specific subject they were assigned consecutive numbers, called enclosure numbers, subordinate to the decimal classification. The enclosure number is set off from the decimal classification by a slash mark (/), and the incoming communication and accompanying reply are assigned the same enclosure number. The decimal number and enclosure number are stamped or typed on each paper in the file.

An example of a typical decimal number with an enclosure number is 711.12/10. In this case 7 signifies political relations between states, 11 signifies the United States, and 12 signifies Mexico; and the number following the slash mark indicates that this is the 11th document filed under this subject. (The first document filed under a subject is not assigned an enclosure number.) In July 1944 the consecutive numbering system was discontinued and a date filing system (the Date File) was begun. The date of the document was inserted, following the slash mark, with the number of the month listed first, then a hyphen, the day of the month, and finally the last two digits of the year. Thus a document dated July 1, 1945, was numbered 7-145.

Three devices were developed to control the records: purport books and, beginning in July 1944, purport cards, that contain numerical listings of all papers filed under particular subjects; a subject and name index; and an index by the communication's place of origin (U.S. Foreign Service posts, foreign legations in the United States, U.S. Government departments and agencies, and so forth) and thereunder by date. The indexes, on 3- by 5- inch cards, give brief resumes of the contents of the communications and the Decimal File classification and enclosure numbers.

Even after the decimal file system had been adopted, however, a few of the offices and bureaus of the Department of State continued to keep their own records apart from the central files. Some of these, known as lot files, are described in Part Two of this inventory.

For a detailed explanation of the Decimal File, see H. Stephen Helton, Record Keeping in the Department of State, 1789-1956, NARA Reference Information Paper No. 74, 1975. The filing manual of the Department of State, entitled Classification of Correspondence (the fourth edition of which appeared in 1939), serves as a guide to the arrangement of the records in the Decimal File.

198. INDEX TO COMMUNICATIONS SENT AND RECEIVED (SOURCE CARDS). 1910-49. 1,611.5 m, 5,287 ft.

Arranged alphabetically by country, post, or agency; thereunder as "to" or "from"; and thereunder chronologically.

Index, on 3- by 5-inch cards, to the communications described in entry 205. Most of the cards refer to despatches from Foreign Service posts (embassies, legations, and consulates) and to instructions sent them by the Department. Other cards refer to internal memorandums to communications between the Department of State and other Government agencies, and to communications with foreign embassies and legations. Each card gives the name of the sender, the date, and the document's Decimal File classification, a summary of the message, and the number of the despatch or instruction.

199. NAME INDEX. 1910-49. 962.3 m, 3,157 ft.

Arranged alphabetically by name and thereunder chronologically.

Index, on 3- by 5-inch cards, to the records described in entry 205. The cards refer to private persons, organizations, and companies. Each card gives the subject and date of document, the names of sender and addressee, the Decimal File classification, and a summary of the message.

200. MICROFILM OF INDEX TO COMMUNICATIONS SENT AND RECEIVED (SOURCE CARDS). 1945-49. 12.2 m, 40 ft.

Arranged alphabetically by country, post, or agency; thereunder as "to" or "from"; and thereunder chronologically.

Microfilm (16mm.) of the cards described in entry 198. There are 479 cartridges.

201. INDEX TO MINUTES OF THE CONFERENCE OF AMBASSADORS. 1920-30. 2.7 m, 9 ft.

Arranged alphabetically by country and thereunder by subject.

An index, on 3- by 5-inch cards, to minutes of meetings of the Conference of Ambassadors. The minutes are filed in the State Department Decimal File (entry 205) under the classification 763.72119. Each card gives the subject, date, conference document number, page number of the document on which reference to the subject occurs, decimal file enclosure number, and a digest of contents.

202. LISTS OF DOCUMENTS (PURPORT BOOKS). 1910-44. 148.7 m, 488 ft.

Arranged according to Decimal File classification.

Lists of those letters and other documents received and sent by the Department of State that are described in entry 205. Each entry gives the names of the sender or receiver, the date and number of despatch or telegram, and a purport or summary of the subject matter. Until June 30, 1944, the entries were listed on 8- by 12 1/2-inch sheets of paper (which were fastened in binders as purport books); after June 30, 1944, they were listed on 3- by 5-inch cards. The series is continued in entry 203.

203. LISTS OF DOCUMENTS (PURPORT CARDS). 1944-49. 148.7 m, 1,357 ft.

Arranged according to Decimal File classification.

A continuation of the purport books (entry 202) on 3- by 5-inch cards. The cards contain the same kind of information previously listed on the sheets. They were begun at the same time as the Date File. Those dated July-December 1944 are filed separately from those dated 1945-49.

204. MICROFILM OF LISTS OF DOCUMENTS (PURPORT CARDS). 1945-49. 8.8 m, 29 ft.

Arranged according to Decimal File classification.

Microfilm (16mm.) of the portion of the lists described in entry 203 and dated 1945-49. There are 344 cartridges.

205. DECIMAL FILE. 1910-49. 4151.9 m, 13,620 ft.

Arranged according to Decimal File classification.

Correspondence between the Department of State and its diplomatic and consular officers, other Government agencies, foreign governments, the Congress, the President, and the public dealing with practically all activities of the Department except those relating to appointments, passports, publications, accounts, and a few other subjects. This correspondence constitutes the central file of the Department from 1910. The decimal subject classification system adopted in 1910 provides for nine major subject classes, as outlined above. The Decimal File is divided into four time periods: 1910-29, 1930-39, 1940-44, and 1945-49; the classification scheme, however, was continued without major changes through these periods. Lists of the papers in this file and card indexes to them are also divided into these four time periods and are described in entries 198-199 and 202. For a list of parts to the Decimal File that have been microfilmed, see appendix VII.

206. OVERSIZE ENCLOSURES TO THE DECIMAL FILE. 1910-49. 48.2 m, 158 ft.

Arranged according to Decimal File classification.

The enclosures to some of the letters, reports, and despatches in the series of records described in entry 205 were apparently filed separately because of their bulk and size. Among the enclosures are post reports of U.S. consulates; a diary of the U.S. vice consul general at Boma in the Congo; records relating to claims of U.S. citizens against foreign countries; records relating to extradition; departmental orders; reports of U.S. consuls regarding foreign laws on the expulsion of aliens; a manual of commercial precedents of the Department of State; Foreign Service inspection reports; a volume of records relating to the visit of the Secretary of State to Cuba, 1912; and processed and printed documents of international conferences.

Miscellaneous Unindexed Records

Although the Decimal File functioned as a comprehensive central file, some records were occasionally omitted. Various offices kept working files that were retired to the recordkeeping units of the Department. Some of these were sorted for later indexing; others were retained intact as lot files. The latter are described in Part II of this inventory, primarily as records of organizational units. Those selected from the office files but never indexed are described below.

207. MISCELLANEOUS OFFICE FILES. 1910-44. 4.6 m, 15 ft.

Arranged alphabetically by office and/or division, thereunder randomly by subject, and thereunder chronologically.

Miscellaneous unindexed records accumulated from various retired office files by the Records Management Office of the State Department. Included are correspondence, memorandums, studies, reports, and other kinds of records. There are records from various geographic offices, such as American Republic Affairs, European Affairs, Far Eastern Affairs, and Near Eastern Affairs; and from other offices, such as International Organization Affairs, the Legal Advisor's Office, and the Office of Intelligence Research. In addition there is a block of records relating to economic policy during World War II.

208. MISCELLANEOUS UNINDEXED RECORDS. 1915-44. 2.1 m, 7 ft.

Arranged for the most part chronologically, with some arranged randomly by subject, and thereunder chronologically. There is also approximately one foot of records, dated in the 1915-29 period, that lacks systematic arrangement. The records are divided according to the corresponding blocks of the Decimal File, i.e., 1910-29, 1930-39, and 1940-44.

Included are miscellaneous correspondence, memorandums, and other kinds of records from the central files of the State Department that were never indexed for the Decimal File and accumulated in the Records Management Office from various retired office files. Those arranged by subject include folders from the files of the Imperial Russian Financial Attache, 1916-21, relating to a claim against the Canadian Pacific Railroad. The folders are marked "Ide Maru - General Average." Other subjects include the Bahrein Islands oil concession, 1929; the U.S.-Haitian treaty of August 5, 1931; trade agreement negotiations, 1938; miscellaneous White House correspondence, 1933-38; U.S.-Panamanian relations (particularly the Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation of 1936), 1903-39; U.S.-French relations, February-November, 1942; War Prisoner's Aid of the World's Committee of YMCA's, 1943 and 1944; and retransfer of military supplies (received under lend-lease), 1944.