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Microfilm, 1638-1894, reel M-1680.

Selected papers from the Edward E. Ayer Collection. The major portion of the papers relate to the military conflict between the French and the British in North America. This includes journals, petitions, correspondence, reports, instructions, etc.

Copied in 1970 from originals in the possession of the Newberry Library, Chicago. Also available in xerox form.

The finding aid which follows provides a descriptive list of the papers giving dates, subjects and names of correspondents, following the order of the xerox copies.

Mr. Ayer began to collect his material with the idea of specialization in the archaeology and ethnology of the American Indian. This emphasis involved many phases of exploration, colonial and frontier history. He later expanded his interests to include the geography of the Pre-Columbians and the history of the Hawaiian and Philippine Islands. However, the copies include only selected material which concerns Canadian history.

Manuscript/ manuscrit	Date and/ et Place	names/ noms	Description	
19	30 July 1760 Oswego	Jeffrey Amherst to William Thomas	Donation to the soldiers in America by the Society for the British troops abroad and for the orphans of soldiers slain in battle.	3 pages
48	20 juin 1754		Pétition de Nicolas Barabé de Deschaillons pour élection de tuteurs à ses enfants et accep- tation de Bigot.	3 pages
67	n.d.		Instances entre Jean et Charles Bermen de La Martinière et Jacques Duret.	2 pages
67	1585-1727		Pièces relatives aux titres de Noblesse de Claude Bermen de La Martinière: contrat de mariage entre Louis de Bermen de La Martinière et Françoise Juchereau, etc.	65 pages
69	17 avril, 1638		C. De Biencourt-pouvoir donné au sieur de Vaux d'administrer certaines propriétés.	1 page
104	31 August 1764 Detroit	Col. John Bradstreet to Cap. William Howard	Instructions relating to his taking possession of Fort Michilimachinac.	3 pages
106	6 November 1784 Quebec	Joseph Brant	The Five Nations would be happy to find out whether Government will help them in case war breaks out between them and the Americans.	2 pages

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108	4 août 1644		Concession accordée à Claude Rousseau et ses associés de faire la pêche à la Nouvelle-Zemble, Grenland, Spitzberg, Grande-Baye et Détroit d'Amian. 1 page
118	30 mai 1789		Contrat de mariage de Jean-Baptiste Brunet et Catherine Grignon. 4 pages
134	8 mai 1686	Denonville à Arnoul	Envoi en France de pois et de blé; moyens suggérés pour encourager le commerce et l'industrie en Nouvelle-France. Culture du chanvre. Industrie du bois et de la pêche. Situation militaire déplorable de la colonie. Autorités coloniales "intéressées" dans le commerce. Difficultés d'une expédition contre les Sauvages. Nécessité de construire un fort pour se rendre maître des Grands lacs. Chicanes gouverneurs-intendants. Envoi d'un morceau de cuivre. Envoi de plomb de Gaspé. Désertion de Chailly. La veuve Lemaire. Santé de Mme Denonville. 7 pages
134	28 octobre 1686 Québec	Denonville à Arnoul	Dépenses de l'expédition; bonne entente avec Champigny, envoi de 150 hommes; il s'est opposé au mariage d'officiers de la Marine; friponnerie de Dumont dit Blegmat qui a envoyé de mauvais fusils; situation déplorable de la colonie qui a besoin de secours; voyage de l'évêque en France. 3 pages
134	10 novembre 1686	Denonville à Arnoul	Lettre de présentation pour Sérigny, entré dans la compagnie des cadets de Rochefort. 2 pages

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134	10 novembre 1686 Québec	Denonville à Arnoul	Recommandation en faveur du "petit de Bienville"; il a une lettre pour un des frères de Saint-Michel. 2 pages
134	14 novembre 1686	Denonville à Arnoul	Maladie de certaines gens envoyés au Canada; demande de secours pour une expédition contre les Sauvages; industrie du bois et de la potasse; échantillon d'une mine d'étain ou de plomb; il lui envoie Sérigny; friponneries de Dumont; les Anglais infectent le fonds de la mer et chassent le poisson; arrivée de Huguenots à Manatte; la veuve Le Maire. 5 pages
221	12 November 1774 Dartmouth College	James Dean to Stephen Williams	Caughnawaga and St. François missions; his sister. 2 pages
247	8 octobre 1668		Aveu et dénombrement du fief et seigneurie de Dombourg (Pointe-aux-Trembles) par Jean-François Bourdon. 11 pages
266	24 June 1793 Camp near Fort Washington	William Eaton to Stephen Jacob	Hostilities between the United States and the Indians; hopes of a peace; Indian policy of England, etc. 4 pages
304	Nov. 1755-March 1756 Fort Gaspereau		Orderly book of Major Joseph Frye at Fort Gaspereau afterwards renamed Fort Moncton. 9 pages
308	9 June 1766 New York	Thomas Gage to William Johnson	Disturbance in Detroit; Croghan's bill; complaints of Walker's people. 4 pages

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308	16 June 1766 New York	Thomas Gage to Sir William Johnson	Murders committed by some of the St. Joseph Indians near the post on the River Rouge. Murder committed by a Negro at Detroit. Extract of letters of Lieut. Col. Campbell commanding at Detroit. 8 pages
308	18 March 1771 New York	Thomas Gage to William Johnson	Peace or War with Spain? 2 pages
325	20 mars 1714 Montréal	Giosan	Pouvoir donné à La Gorgendière de prendre son Panis nommé Michel et d'en disposer à son gré. 1 page
372	8 September 1748	John Hawks and Moses Scott	An account of what John Hawks and Moses Scott lost by the enemy at Hoosuck. The above losses refer to the taking of Fort Massachussetts in 1746. 1 page
373	10 May 1748		A list of names of men who went in pursuit of the enemy from Deerfield. 1 page
399	1745/6, 8 January London	Ellis Huske to Oliver Noyes	French and Indian raids. Alliance between the Mohawk tribes and the New York government. 2 pages
403	c. 1760		Memorandum concerning the importance of attaching the Indian tribes to the English interest. 27 pages
423	1 April 1747 Connecticut River		Indian petition to the General Assembly concerning the defence of frontiers. 1 page

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426	30 January 1777		Treaty held at Easron in Pennsylvania by sundry commissioners appointed by the United States with a number of Indian Chiefs on behalf of the Six Nations and their allies. 4 pages
426	19 février 1685 Québec		Affidavit de Louis Jolliet concernant deux propriétés achetées par lui pour MM. Villeray et Vitré, à Québec, endossé par Rageot, notaire. 1 page
497	31 juillet 1665		Concession de Charles de Lauzon-Charny aux pauvres de Québec, 2 arpents par 40, à la côte de Lauzon; minute de Duquet. 2 pages
511	30 septembre 1761 Michilimackinac	William Leslye à M. de Langlade	Ordre aux habitants de cette place de lui remettre toutes les armes en leur possession. 2 pages
523	2 September 1728 Philadelphia	James Logan to John Wright and Samuel Blunston	Indian relations with the French and English. 4 pages
530	c. 1735		"Relation de la Louisiane": notes sur l'histoire et la géographie de cette région, sur les moeurs de ses sauvages, ses richesses naturelles, etc. 68 pages
565	29 July 1765		Relation of the proceedings of Monsr. Marsac who was sent to the falls of St. Marie to speak to the Upper Nations . . . Detroit. 2 pages

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571	29 August 1689 Massachussetts	Commission to———	as lieutenant in the foot company of soldiers in an expedition against the Kennebeck and Eastern Indians. 1 page
573	5 February 1696 Boston	William Stoughton, Lieutenant-Governor of Massachussetts	Instructions to Symonds Epps: defensive measures recommended. 2 pages
574	24 October 1709 Boston		Memorial of J. Dudley, Nicholson and Samuel Vetch to her Majesty's Board of ordnance concerning an expedition against Nova Scotia, particularly Port Royal. 3 pages
575	18 January 1722 Boston	William Dummer, Lieutenant-Governor of Massachussetts	Instruction to Col. Thomas Westbrock appointed Commander-In- Chief of the Forces Eastward. 4 pages
576	27 July 1724 Boston	William Dummer to Edmund Goffe	Instructions for the forces stationed on the Eastern frontier, between Salisbury and Brookfield. 3 pages
578	19 October 1744		"A Declaration of War against the Cape Sables and St. John's Indians", signed by William Shirley. 4 pages
580	14 June 1746		Commission of Lieutenant delivered to Joseph Frie, appointed to serve in the regiment commanded by Samuel Waldo for the expedition against Canada. 1 page
581	14 December 1747		Passport for John Hawks granting him permission to go to Canada. 1 page

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582	16 July 1755 Halifax		Extract from Lt.-Gov. Lawrence's letter to William Shirley: strengthening upon the Isthmus of Chinecto: French troops sent to Louisbourg. 2 pages
582	28 September 1755 Oswego	William Shirley to Sir William Johnson	Reduction of Ticonderoga and Crown Point. Fortification at Lake George. 3 pages
582	13 November 1755 Albany	William Shirley to Major General Johnson	Captain Rogers' informations and that of the Indians are contradictory; preparation for a campaign. 3 pages
582	30 May 1756 Albany	William Shirley to Sir William Johnson	Garrison at Fort Hunter. Oswego has provisions for Onondago. 3 pages
583	14 January 1756 New York	William Shirley to Henry Fox	Winter expedition projected against Crown Point. Good results of the 1755 campaigns. To conquer Canada would be the effectual measure. 4 pages
584	5 June 1764 Concord	Speech of Francis Bernard to the Council and the House of Representatives, Massachussetts.	Accomodation with the Eastern Indians (Penobscots, Passimaquadies, etc.). 5 pages
585	20 August 1767 Quebec	Eyre Massey to Sir William Johnson	He recommends Major Hughs to succeed Captain Claus in the Northern District. The Caughnawaga Indians are very satisfied with the arrival of the Surveyor General among them. He praises Carleton. 4 pages

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592	1723		Mémoire à M. le Cardinal sur les Abénaquis. Historique de leur contestation et moyens de garder leur amitié. Les Anglais ont construit un fort sur leurs terres et ces Sauvages demandent du secours pour les en chasser. 12 pages
593	c. 1726		"Sauvages Abénaquis". Mémoire traitant des empiètements des Anglais sur leurs terres et de l'attitude des Sauvages. Extraits de lettres écrites par les gouverneurs et intendants du Canada sur les entreprises des Anglais (1718-1726). 7 pages
618	9 December 1746		General Assembly of New Hampshire: vote concerning "Accounts relating to the Expedition against Louisbourg". 2 pages
619	4 June 1747 New Hampshire		General Assembly of New Hampshire to John Thomlinson relating to the expenses of the expedition against Louisbourg. 2 pages
620	1744-1749		General Assembly of New Hampshire: funds voted for the expedition against Louisbourg. 18 pages
621	23 August 1703 Portsmouth		Minutes of a Council held at Portsmouth, New Hampshire: detachment sent against the Indian enemies. 2 pages

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622	20 March 1753 Portsmouth	Benning Wentworth to John Thomlinson	General Assembly of New Hampshire has no idea of what he recommended in his speech.	2 pages
622	16 July [1742] Portsmouth	Benning Wentworth to John Thomlinson	Massachussetts and New Hampshire frontiers, Haverhill.	3 pages
622	1 August 1742 Portsmouth	Benning Wentworth to John Thomlinson	Purchase of the New Hampshire & Co.	2 pages
622	20 January 1754 Portsmouth	Benning Wentworth to John Thomlinson	Refund of the money advanced by the Province for the expedition against Canada.	3 pages
622	11 June 1749 Portsmouth	Benning Wentworth	Money due to the Province for the charges of Louisbourg expedition. Opposition of the Assembly to the Governor. Captain Gilman. Expe- dition to St.-François.	10 pages
622	2 September 1749 Portsmouth	Benning Wentworth to John Thomlinson	Major Gilman. The Canada Expedition.	4 pages
623	12 June 1749 Portsmouth	Benning Wentworth to the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury	Expenses of the Louisbourg and Canada Expeditions.	4 pages
634	27 June 1709 New York	Richard Ingoldesby	Order concerning purchase of arms for an expedition and report of committee.	3 pages
635	4 July 1709	Memorial of Lieut.- Governor and Council of New York to Samuel Vetch	Supply of arms to the expedition for the reduction of Canada.	2 pages

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636	June-July 1746 New York	Speech of George Clinton	and messages from the same to the Council and General Assembly respecting a proposed expedition against the French settlement of Canada, Minutes of Resolutions regarding the equipment, provisions and transport of the force. 11 pages
636	26 November 1750- 19 June 1751		Minutes of Councils of the Province of New York held at Fort George, regarding various petitions, reports, warrants, complaints by the Indians, etc. 39 pages
636	1-10 July 1751		Conference between George Clinton, Governor of New York and the Six Nations & the Caughnawaga Indians. Letter from James Glen, Governor of South Carolina to the chiefs of the Six Nations and other Indians meeting at Albany. 28 pages
649	18 May-25 June 1709 New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Pennsylvania		Minutes of Council at Fort Anne. Nicholson's expedition against Canada. 10 pages
701	17 June 1709 Philadelphia	Charles Gookin, Governor of Pennsylvania to Francis Nicholson and Samuel Vetch.	Refusal by Quakers and others of the Assembly to raise money for the expedition to Canada. 1 page
702	19 August 1755 Philadelphia	Robert H. Morris, Governor of Pennsylvania to William Shirley	Refusal by Quakers and Assembly to raise money for the establishment of militia and for an expedition against Canada. The expedition against Fort Duquesne is likely cancelled. Importance of Niagara. 4 pages

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724	June 1709	[John Pickering]	"The way and manner St. John (Newfoundland) was taken according to best information could get of both French and English". 4 pages
726	8 April 1813 Sackett's Harbour	Zebulon Montgomery Pike to Henry Dearborn	Acknowledge receipt of the seal letter conferring on him the command of the expedition to York. 3 pages
728	October-November 1777	Joshua Pilsberry	"A detail of the towns through which we travelled at the Capture of Burgoyne in 1777." Plan of the position which the army under Burgoyne took at Saratoga. 4 pages
733	1745-1747		Journal kept by Captain William Pote Jr., during his captivity among the French and Indians from May 1745 to August 1747. Captain Pote, master of the schooner MONTAGUE, was captured with his vessel in Annapolis Basin and taken by a circuitous route to Quebec and kept there in prison two years. 67 pages
748	c. 1758	Extrait des registres d'intendance et du Conseil supérieur	Tableau de toutes les seigneuries concédées et établies dans l'étendue de la province de Québec. 12 pages
754	1757-1758		Report concerning the Surrender of Fort William Henry, the proposed evacuation of Fort Edward, the fall of Louisbourg, etc. 2 pages

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759	20 octobre 1718 Fort Louis de la Louisiane	M. de Richebourg au ministre	Remerciement pour la croix de St. Louis reçue.	3 pages
774	15 February 1764 New York	Robert Rogers to Paul Burdeen	Accounts of the Rangers.	6 pages
785	14 February 1755 Williamsburg	Sir John St. Clair to Governor Morris	Maps of Pennsylvania requested. Preparation of the Braddock expedition.	3 pages
786	1709 St. John's, Newfoundland		Articles of ransom between the inhabitants of St. John, Petty Harbour, Torbay, Portugal Cove and vicinity and St. Ovide de Brouillan, Lieutenant-Governor of Placentia.	2 pages
791	27 June 1777 Ticonderoga	Alex Scammel to Ebenezer Thompson	Burgoyne's campaign	3 pages
871	14 January 1894 St. Boniface	Mgr Alexandre- Antoinin Taché to J. C. Pilling	Father J. C. Camper's address.	1 page
948	30 April 1709 Boston		Copy of letters from Colonel Vetch and Colonel Nicholson to the governors of Connecticut, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island regarding the expedition against Canada.	7 pages
949	May 1709	Samuel Vetch	Instruction to Captain Pickering for Newfoundland and to the Indians to be sent to Montreal and Quebec.	6 pages

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952	29 January 1754 Williamsburg	Robert Dinwiddie, governor of Virginia to James Hamilton, governor of Pennsylvania	Washington expedition on the Ohio; information which he brought of the French encroachments upon the Ohio. Dinwiddie ordered out a detachment of militia and issued a call for the Assembly to meet. 3 pages
953	12 November 1755 Williamsburg	Robert Dinwiddie to R. H. Morris	Progress of the French and Indian war. Regrets that Virginia was unable to supply Pennsylvania arms for the defence of her border. 3 pages
965	25 May 1690	Robert Watson	A true relation given the 25th of May 1690 concerning the taking and destroying of Casco Bay. 2 pages
1018	27 October 1745 Deerfield	David Wright to Noah Wright	This letter gives an account of a scout from Deerfield to the Great Meadows just after the attack upon the fort there. It mentions the capture of Nehemiah How and the death of David Rugg. 2 pages