
Inventory of the Thomas Clarkson Papers, 1787-1847

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Thomas Clarkson Papers,

Date (inclusive): 1787-1847

Creator: Clarkson, Thomas, 1760-1846

Extent: Number of pieces: 210

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Abstract: The papers include drafts of Clarkson's letters to the Comte de Mirabeau and others on slavery; several reports and speeches; and letters addressed to Clarkson from persons in the United States and Great Britain regarding anti-slavery activities.

Language: English

Provenance

Larger portion purchased from Eric M. Bonner, 1949; further purchase from Maggs Bros. (Cat. 811, items 298-300), 1952.

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Biography

Thomas Clarkson (1760-1846), the English philanthropist, devoted the major portion of his life to the cause of the abolition of slavery. His energy in organizing anti-slavery societies throughout England helped to arouse the attention of the English people to the inhumanity of the institution of slavery. The present small group of papers may be looked upon as a supplement to the collection of Clarkson Papers in the British Museum (Add. Mss. 41262-41267). Both groups of papers were consulted by Earl Leslie Griggs in the preparation of his biography of Clarkson published in 1936.

- I. Slavery
 - A. In Africa
 - 1. Slave trade
 - 2. Sierra Leone colony
 - B. In Great Britain: the activities of the British and Foreign Anti-Slavery Society
 - C. In the United States

- II. Thomas Clarkson and family

BEAUMONT, John

8 pieces

BULLER, Charles

3 pieces

CHAPMAN, Maria Weston

5 pieces

CLARKSON, Thomas

48 pieces

GRÉGOIRE, Henri, Constitutional Bp. of Blois

4 pieces

JAY, William

3 pieces

SMITH, Gerrit

6 pieces

SOUL, Joseph

4 pieces

STURGE, Joseph

15 pieces

TAPPAN, Lewis

3 pieces

WRIGHT, Henry Clarke

8 pieces

- CLARKSON, Thomas. Account of efforts, 1807-1824, to abolish the foreign slave trade and slavery in the British colonies. c.1839
- ____ Speech used in forming anti-slavery committees. 1823-1824
- ____ A letter to the Clergy and slave holders in the Southern parts of the United States of America. 1841
- ____ To Comte de Mirabeau. Nov. 13, 1789. The story of an African sold into slavery
- ____ To Roberts Vaux. Mar. 8, 1819. Regarding the settlement of free negroes from the United States in Haiti.
- ____ Report on Sierra Leone. c.1792
- CRIPPS, William Buck. New Brunswick, Nov. 30, 1822. Re: conditions of settlers and prospects for newcomers
- GARRISON, William Lloyd. Aug. 19, 1846. On slavery in the U.S.
- JAY, John. Sep. 1, 1788. To Thomas Clarkson, making him an honorary member of the New York Society for Promoting the Manumission of Slaves
- KEY, Francis Scott. Nov. 8, 1817. Re: Americans who plan to visit Sierra Leone
- PENNINGTON, J. W. C. Sep. 25, 1844. A free negro minister's report
- SHARP, Granville. Oct. 13, 1788. On the formation of the settlement at Sierra Leone

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- THOMAS, Philip Evan. To James Cropper. Baltimore, Aug. 22, 1822. Re: slave labor in the U. S.
 - WHITTIER, John Greenleaf. July 10, 1844. Progress of anti-slavery movements in the United States
 - WORDSWORTH, Dorothy. To Catherine (Buck) Clarkson. May 10, 1808