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## Inventory of the Lawrence F. Bower Collection, 1802-1904

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San Marino, California

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### Descriptive Summary

**Title:** Lawrence F. Bower Collection,

**Date (inclusive):** 1802-1904

**Creator:** Bower, Lawrence F.

**Extent:** 62 pieces

**Repository:** The Huntington Library

San Marino, California 91108

**Language:** English

### Provenance

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### Scope and Content

Lawrence F. Bower began about 1889 a small collection of autographs, specializing in those of men who had held naval or military commissions (particularly rear-admirals), during the War of 1812 and the Civil War. He wrote personally to many of the retired Civil War

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officers who were living in the last decade of the nineteenth century, requesting their autographs, and, in addition, collected a few letters of historical value. Judging from the contents of the answers to these requests, Mr. Bower was only a boy at the time.

### General Description of the Manuscripts

The letters addressed to Mr. Bower, which comprise 34 pieces, or over one-half of the collection, are dated from 1889 to 1904; while the items of historical value (28 pieces) cover quite evenly the period of 1802-1898, with the exception of a gap between 1829 and 1855.

### Persons Represented

All the men in the following list are included in standard American biographical dictionaries. Those represented only by letters addressed to Mr. Bower which are of interest only for the autograph, have been omitted,

- BAINBRIDGE, William
- BARNEY, Joshua
- BOYD, John Parker
- CHAILLE-LONG, Charles
- DU PONT, Samuel Francis
- FRANKLIN, Samuel Rhoads
- HARMAR, Josiah
- HOWARD, Oliver Otis
- HULL, Isaac
- JOHNSON, Bradley Tyler
- JOHNSTON, Joseph Eggleston
- LANE, James Henry
- LONGSTREET, James
- MACDONOUGH, Thomas
- MEADE, George Gordon
- MEIGS, Josiah
- MELVILLE, George Wallace
- PERRY, Matthew Calbraith
- PERRY, Oliver Hazard
- POPE, John
- PORTER, David
- PORTER, David Dixon
- PREBLE, George Henry
- RODGERS, Christopher Raymond Perry
- SCOTT, Winfield
- SHERIDAN, Philip Henry
- SIGEL, Franz
- BAINBRIDGE, William (1774-1833) To Benjamin Williams Crownshield, Secretary of the Navy, in support of the application of Alexander Gordon for a midshipman's warrant 1817, Aug 1
- BARNEY, Joshua (1759-1818) List of papers concerning his claims against the French government, etc., with instructions for his agent 1802, July 9
- CHAILLE-LONG, Charles (1842-1917) To F P >Noble, Secretary of the World's Congress Auxiliary at Chicago, referring to his article on The Origin and Progress of African Exploration and Discovery... 1893, July 3
- FRANKLIN, Samuel Rhoads (1825-1909) To Capt Smith of the U.S.S Bermuda, instructing him to transfer his passengers and stores for New Orleans to another ship and proceed to the coast of Texas 1865, Jan 31
- MACDONOUGH, Thomas (1783-1825) To Raymond Perry, referring to the distribution of the Lake Champlain prize money 1815, Sep 1
- MEIGS, Josiah (1757-1822), and Stephen DECATUR (1779-1820) To James Monroe, then Secretary of State, recommending Col Samuel Green, editor of the *Connecticut Gazette*, as the publisher of the laws of the United States in Connecticut 1816, Feb 22

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- PERRY, Oliver Hazard (1785-1819) To William Sanford Rogers, giving news of war activities in Newport harbor 1812, Dec 15