

COLLECTIONS OF CORRESPONDENCE AND MANUSCRIPT DOCUMENTS

NAME OF COLLECTION: KING (CYRUS) PAPERS (1772-1817)

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SUBJECT: _____

DATES COVERED: ca. 1791-1817 NUMBER OF ITEMS: _____

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Bound: ~~2~~ vols. Boxed: ~~3 file boxes~~ 6 Stored: _____
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King, C.

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DESCRIPTION: The surviving correspondence and papers of Cyrus King (1791-1817) cover the years from about 1791 to the end of his life. King went to England as private secretary to his half-brother, Rufus King, who was the United States Minister to Great Britain from 1796 to 1803. When Cyrus King returned he practiced law in Saco, Massachusetts (afterward Maine) and was a Federalist Representative in the U. S. Congress from 1813 to 1817. This collection relates to King's undergraduate years at Columbia (college speeches, notebooks, class exercises, etc.), his period in London (letters written to and by King), his legal practice (documents and in-coming correspondence), his career in Congress (further correspondence), Maine politics (speeches and petitions), statehood for the District of Maine, the war of 1812, and related contemporary events. The majority of the correspondence consists of letters written to King by various people, but a number of letters, documents, and miscellaneous papers written by him are also present. Most of the letters are tipped onto the blank pages of 2 bound volumes. There are also 3 file boxes containing additional papers and notebooks.

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