

COLLECTIONS OF CORRESPONDENCE AND MANUSCRIPT DOCUMENTS

NAME OF COLLECTION: VROOM, PETER DUMONT (1791-1873) -- PAPERSSOURCE: Purchase, 1934; (commencement address) Gift of G. Brooks
Washington, 1951SUBJECT: _____

_____DATES COVERED: 1744-1873 NUMBER OF ITEMS: ca. 1,500

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DESCRIPTION: The correspondence and papers of Peter Dumont Vroom, 1791-1873, who was, successively, an attorney in Trenton, Governor of New Jersey, 1839-1841, and United States Minister to Prussia, 1855-1857. The collection consists chiefly of letters received by Vroom from a variety of individuals such as J. H. Austin, Andrew Deutcher, Alfred Gale, P. B. Kennedy, James Parker, and John M. Wycoff. These letters deal with business, legal and political affairs. There are a few personal letters, various legal papers and documents, and memoranda written by Vroom. The early material contains Vroom family letters and documents including letters to Vroom's father, Peter D. Vroom, 1745-1831. Also of interest is Vroom's Latin-English vocabulary notebook kept during his junior year at Columbia College (1807). The notebook contains a list of his classmates. In addition there is his 1808 Columbia College Commencement address.

The papers of Garret Dorset Wall, Vroom's law partner, were presented to the Princeton University Library at about the same time this collection came to Columbia. There has been some exchange of material to make both collections more complete.