

**CHRISTOPHER CHAMPLIN
RECORDS and CORRESPONDENCE, 1762-1797****SC529**

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Historical Note:

Christopher Champlin and Aaron Lopez were general merchants in Newport, Rhode Island, during the late eighteenth century. They acquired many of their goods from wholesale importers and merchants in New York City and Long Island. Aaron Lopez drowned in an accident at Scott's Pond, five miles outside of Providence, Rhode Island, on May 28, 1782.

Scope and Contents Note:

These papers consist chiefly of correspondence relating to the business affairs of Christopher Champlin and Aaron Lopez, general merchants in Newport, Rhode Island. These two individuals were not in partnership. The correspondence is primarily incoming letters from importers and merchants in New York City and Long Island concerning goods imported from England, etc., as well as domestic locations. These papers also include plans for overseas voyages, announcements of available goods, arrangements for orders, discussions of prices, and debit-credit accounts.

Among the correspondents to Christopher Champlin are members of the Livingston family. Most prominent is the correspondence from Peter R. Livingston (May 8, 1737-November 15, 1794), a member of the Provincial Congress of colonial New York and an officer during the Revolutionary War. These papers also include a small number of letters from his brothers Robert Cambridge (1742-?) and Walter (1740-1797). Walter was also prominent in public life, serving in the Provincial Congress in 1775 and in the Assembly in 1777-1779. He became Commissioner of the United States Treasury in 1785. Some of these letters claim that the master of their ship has swindled them, and instruct Champlin to apprehend him when the ship arrives in Newport. The collection includes three letters from Peter R.'s uncle, John Livingston (1714-?), a New York merchant and governor of King's College.

The final item of correspondence to Aaron Lopez is dated February 21, 1782. Lopez drowned in an accident at Scott's Pond, five miles outside of Providence, on May 28, 1782. These papers contain a few miscellaneous items, including an inventory of the estate of John Baker dated June 28, 1797, and a handwritten copy of Chapter 25 of "Candide". These papers are valuable for the study of business practices among wholesalers and importers in the eighteenth century.

Calendar of Documents:

Items listed below are correspondence except as noted otherwise.

Folder	Year	Date	From	To
1	1762	July 15	Beekman, Gerard G.	Champlin, Christopher
1	1762	August 25	Livingston, John	Champlin, Christopher
1	1762	November 8	Beekman, Gerard G.	Champlin, Christopher
1	1762	November 14	Livingston, John	Champlin, Christopher
1	1763	June 22	Beekman, Gerard G.	Champlin, Christopher
1	1763	July 2	Livingston, John	Champlin, Christopher
1	1763	December 1	Isaacs, Aaron	Champlin, Christopher
1	1764	January 7	Livingston, Peter R.	Champlin, Christopher
1	1764	May 26	Soderstrom, Richard	Champlin, Christopher
1	1764	May 28	Beekman, Gerard G.	Champlin, Christopher
1	1764	July 23	Livingston, Peter R.	Champlin, Christopher
1	1764	August 17	Livingston, Peter R.	Champlin, Christopher
1	1764	November 16	Livingston, Peter R.	Champlin, Christopher
1	1765	February 18	Livingston, Peter R.	Champlin, Christopher
1	1765	March 14	McEvers, Charles	Champlin, Christopher
1	1765	March 21	Livingston, Peter R.	Champlin, Christopher
1	1765	March 30	Reply, Joseph	Lopez, Aaron
1	1765	April 15	Livingston, Peter R.	Champlin, Christopher
1	1765	July 10	Livingston, Peter R.	Chew, Joseph
1	1765	July 15	Livingston, Peter R.	Chew, Joseph
1	1765	August 2	Tucker, Thomas	Chew, Joseph
1	1765	August 9	Livingston, Peter R.	Chew, Joseph
1	1765	August 30	Livingston, Peter R.	Champlin, Christopher
1	1765	November 4	Beekman, Gerard G.	Champlin, Christopher
1	1765	November 28	Livingston, Peter R.	Champlin, Christopher
1	1766	January 12	Livingston, Walter & Robert	Champlin, Christopher
1	1766	February 13	Pearsall, Thomas	Champlin, Christopher
1	1766	June 12	Beekman, Gerard G.	Champlin, Christopher
1	1766	June 18	Watson, Murray & Lawrence	Champlin, Christopher
1	1766	July 16	Livingston, Peter R.	Champlin, Christopher
1	1766	August 16	Livingston, Peter R.	Champlin, Christopher
1	1766	September 20	Watson, Murray & Lawrence	Champlin, Christopher
1	1766	September 27	Livingston, Peter R.	Champlin, Christopher
1	1766	September 28	McEvers, James	Champlin, Christopher
1	1766	November 27	Watson, Murray & Lawrence	Champlin, Christopher
2	1767	January 7	Livingston, Walter & Robert	Champlin, Christopher
2	1767	February 3	Livingston, Peter R.	Champlin, Christopher
2	1767	March 4	Livingston, Peter R.	Champlin, Christopher
2	1767	April 18	Livingston, Peter R.	Champlin, Christopher
2	1767	April 29	Livingston, Peter R.	Champlin, Christopher
2	1767	May 29	Livingston, Peter R.	Champlin, Christopher

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2	1767	June 5	Franklin, William & Samuel	Champlin, Christopher
2	1767	July 2	Livingston, Peter R.	Champlin, Christopher
2	1767	July 2	Livingston, Peter R.	Cook, John
2	1767	September 22	Livingston, Peter R.	Champlin, Christopher
2	1767	November 3	Livingston, Peter R.	Champlin, Christopher
2	1768	March 2	Livingston, Peter R.	Champlin, Christopher
2	1768	July 5	Livingston, Peter R.	Champlin, Christopher
2	1768	September 6	Livingston, Robert C.	Champlin, Christopher
2	1768	September 8	Livingston, Walter & Robert	Champlin, Christopher
2	1769	January 26	Livingston, Robert C.	Champlin, Christopher
2	1769	March 4	Livingston, Peter R.	Champlin, Christopher
2	1769	April 25	De St. Croise, Joshua T.	Champlin, Christopher
2	1769	May 12	De St. Croise, Joshua T.	Champlin, Christopher
2	1769	June 9	Beekman, Gerard G.	Champlin, Christopher
2	1769	September 22	Livingston, Robert C.	Champlin, Christopher
2	1769	November 29	Livingston, Peter R.	Champlin, Christopher
2	1769	November 30	De St. Croise, Joshua T.	Champlin, Christopher
2	1770	January 20	Van Vleck, Henry	Lopez, Aaron
2	1770	March 27	Simson, Solomon	Lopez, Aaron
2	1770	April 10	Isaacs, Aaron	Lopez, Aaron
2	1770	April 11	Hubbard, William	Lopez, Aaron
2	1770	April 24	Isaacs, Aaron	Lopez, Aaron
2	1770	April 28	Isaacs, Aaron	Lopez, Aaron
2	1770	May 6	Rogers, Uriah	Lopez, Aaron
2	1770	May 11	Livingston, Robert C.	Champlin, Christopher
2	1770	May 21	Hubbard, William	Lopez, Aaron
2	1770	May 22	Lowzada, Hannah	Lopez, Aaron
2	1770	May 24	Barret, William	Champlin, Christopher
2	1770	May 25	Jacobs, Joseph	Lopez, Aaron
2	1770	May 31	Rogers, Uriah	Lopez, Aaron
2	1770	June 22	Griffith, Robert	[Lopez, Aaron?]
2	1770	July 26	Lowzada, Hannah	Lopez, Aaron
2	1770	July 30	Stiles & Brasher	Lopez, Aaron
2	1770	August 14	Isaacs, Aaron	Lopez, Aaron
2	1770	August 15	Stiles & Brasher	Lopez, Aaron
2	1770	September 4	Isaacs, Aaron	Lopez, Aaron
2	1770	October 17	Isaacs, Aaron	Lopez, Aaron
2	1770	November 17	Folliott, George & Co.	Lopez, Aaron
2	1770	November 21	Hubbard, William	Lopez, Aaron
2	1770	December 1	Flake, Samuel	[Lopez, Aaron?]
3	1771	January 14	Ludlow, Gabriel H.	Champlin, Christopher
3	1771	July 5	Jacobs, Joseph	Lopez, Aaron
3	1771	August 14	De St. Croix, Joshua T.	Champlin, Christopher
3	1771	August 14	Lindsey, Benjamin	De St. Croix

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3	1771	August 28	Pollock, Cullen	Lopez, Aaron
3	1772	January 10	Lawson, Robert	Champlin, Christopher
3	1772	November 9	Pollock, Cullen	Lopez, Aaron
3	1772	November 10	Lopez, Joseph	[Lopez, Aaron?]
3	1772	November 20	Walter, Thomas & Buchanan Co.	Champlin, Christopher
3	1772	December 2	De St. Croix, Leah	Champlin, Christopher
3	1773	October 22	De St. Croix, Joshua T.	Champlin, Christopher
3	1774	September 27	Pollock, Cullen	Lopez, Aaron
3	1774	October 10	Pollock, Cullen	[Lopez, Aaron?]
3	1775	January 11	McAdams, W., bill of lading enclosed with letter	Champlin, Christopher
3	1775	February 20	McAdams, W.	Champlin, Christopher
3	1775	February 26	McAdams, W.	Champlin, Christopher
3	1775	May 10	McAdams, W.	Champlin, Christopher
3	1775	May	Lewis, William	Champlin, Christopher
3	1776	February 14	Watson, Jacob	Champlin, Christopher
3	1779	January 25	Spencer, Joseph	Lopez, Aaron
3	1780	May 1	Hart, Henry	Lopez, Aaron
3	1780	May 27	DeBlois, Stephen	Champlin, Christopher
3	1781	August 15	Ter Bush, Cornelius	Lopez, Aaron
3	1781	August 21	Ter Bush, Cornelius	Lopez, Aaron
3	1781	September 16	Ter Bush, Cornelius	Lopez, Aaron
3	1781	September 19	Ter Bush, Cornelius	Lopez, Aaron
3	1781	October 3	Ter Bush, Cornelius	Lopez, Aaron
3	1781	October 8	Ter Bush, Cornelius	Lopez, Aaron
3	1782	February 21	Ter Bush, Cornelius	Lopez, Aaron
3	1783	March 25	De Blois, Stephen	Champlin, Christopher
3	1783	April 21	Tod, John	Champlin, Christopher
3	1783	July 24	Layen, Benjamin	Champlin, Christopher
3	1783	November 10	Mullett, Thomas	Champlin, Christopher
3	1783	November 28	Mumford & Bowen	Champlin, Christopher
3	1784	April 20	Sears, Isaac (Col.)	Champlin, Christopher
3	1784	July 16	Sears & Smith	Champlin, Christopher
3	1784	September 7	Sears & Smith	Champlin, Christopher
3	1784	October 23	Spargrin, Hans	Champlin, Christopher
3	1784	November 29	Soderstrom, Richard	Champlin, Christopher
3	1784	December 4	Soderstrom, Richard	Champlin, Christopher
3	1785	July 29	Soderstrom, Richard	Champlin, Christopher
3	1785	October 29	Murray, Mumford & Bowen	Champlin, Christopher
3	1785	November 24	McEvers, Charles	Champlin, Christopher
3	1785	November 28	Sears & Smith	Champlin, Christopher
3	1785	November 29	Murray, Mumford & Bowen	Champlin, Christopher
3	1785	December 10	Murray, Mumford & Bowen	Champlin, Christopher
3	1785	December 12	McEvers, Charles	Champlin, Christopher

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3	1785	December 20	Bill of lading, Murray, Mumford & Bowen, D.S., Earl, John	Champlin, Christopher
3	1785	December 27	Murray, Mumford & Bowen	Champlin, Christopher
4	1786	January 4 (April 4)	Christopher Champlin, debit-credit account with Murray, Mumford & Bowen	Champlin, Christopher
4	1786	January 7	Murray, Mumford & Bowen	Champlin, Christopher:
4	1786	January 13	Murray, Mumford & Bowen	Champlin, Christopher
4	1786	February 1	Murray, Mumford & Bowen	Champlin, Christopher
4	1786	February 1	Mager, James	Sherman, Ebenezer
4	1786	February 1	Sears & Smith	Champlin, Christopher
4	1786	February 5	Murray, Mumford & Bowen	Champlin, Christopher
4	1786	February 9	Murray, Mumford & Bowen	Champlin, Christopher
4	1786	February 21	Murray, Mumford & Bowen	Champlin, Christopher
4	1786	March 6	Owners of Brig <i>Nancy</i> , Capt. Rathburn, debit-credit account with Murray, Mumford & Bowen	Champlin, Christopher
4	1786	March 6	Sears & Smith	Champlin, Christopher
4	1786	March 6	Murray, Mumford & Bowen	Champlin, Christopher
4	1786	May 6	Murray, Mumford & Bowen	Champlin, Christopher
4	1786	May 8	Soderstrom, Richard	Champlin, Christopher
4	1786	May 31	Soderstrom, Richard	Champlin, Christopher
4	1786	June 10	Rutgers, Anthony	Champlin, Christopher
4	1786	June 12	Murray, Mumford & Bowen	Champlin, Christopher
4	1786	July 8	Gouverneur & Kemble	Champlin, Christopher
4	1786	July 25	Murray, Mumford & Bowen	Champlin, Christopher
4	1786	August 2	Soderstrom, Richard	Champlin, Christopher
4	1786	August 3	Murray, Mumford & Bowen	Champlin, Christopher
4	1786	September 6	Murray, Mumford & Bowen	Champlin, Christopher
4	1786	September 13	Murray, Mumford & Bowen	Champlin, Christopher
4	1786	October 9	Murray, Mumford & Bowen	Champlin, Christopher
4	1786	October 14	Murray, Mumford & Bowen	Champlin, Christopher
4	1786	October 25	Murray, Mumford & Bowen	Champlin, Christopher
4	1786	November 14	Murray, Mumford & Bowen	Champlin, Christopher
4	1786	November 31	Murray, Mumford & Bowen	Champlin, Christopher
4	1786	December 19	Murray, Mumford & Bowen	Champlin, Christopher
4	1787	January 24	Apthorp, Charles Ward	Sworn before Abm. P. Lott
4	1787	May 3	Murray, Mumford & Bowen	Champlin, Christopher
4	1787	November 19	Sadler & Bailie	Fowler & Champlin
4	1788	February 7	Smith, Paschal N.	Champlin, Christopher
4	1788	February 7 (July 17)	Christopher Champlin, debit-credit account with Murray, Mumford & Bowen	Champlin, Christopher

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4	1788	March 8	Saltonstall & Mumford	Champlin, Christopher
4	1788	March 17	Waddington, Joshua & Henry	Champlin, Christopher
5	1789	February 15	McEvers, Charles Jr.	Champlin, Christopher
5	1789	April 8	Rodman, Daniel	Champlin, Christopher
5	1789	June 6	Getston & Saltonstall	Champlin, Christopher
5	1789	June 11	Getston & Saltonstall	Champlin, Christopher
5	1789	July 21	Christopher Champlin, debit-credit account with Murray, Mumford & Bowen	Champlin, Christopher
5	1789	November 3	Henriques, N.	Champlin, Christopher
5	1790	July 12	Johnson, Anthony	Champlin, Christopher
5	1790	August 10	Corlis & Olney	Champlin, Christopher
5	1790	September 29	Johnson, Anthony	Champlin, Christopher
5	1790	October 18	Barritto, Francis	Champlin, Christopher
5	1790	October 26	Ward, Sam	Champlin, Christopher
5	1792	July 25	Minturn, William	Champlin, Christopher & George
5	1792	July 28	Bowen, Obadiah	Lane Son & Fraser
5	1792	July 28	Minturn, William	Champlin, Christopher & George
5	1792	August 3	Minturn, William	Champlin, Christopher & George
5	1792	August 6	Minturn, William	Champlin, Christopher & George
5	1793	July 30	Christopher Champlin, debit-credit account with Murray & Mumford	Champlin, Christopher
5	1793	August 12	Christopher Champlin, debit-credit account with Murray & Mumford	Champlin, Christopher
5	1794	October 1	Northam, Robert	Champlin, Christopher
5	1794	October 4	Northam, Robert	Champlin, Christopher
5	1794	October 8	Northam, Robert	Champlin, Christopher
5	1794	October 9	Northam, Robert	Champlin, Christopher
5	1794	October 10	Northam, Robert	Champlin, Christopher
5	1794	October 13	Northam, Robert	Champlin, Christopher
5	1794	October 16	Northam, Robert	Champlin, Christopher
5	1795	January 16	Christopher Champlin, debit-credit account with Murray & Mumford	Champlin, Christopher
5	1796	September 27	Bill of lading, Sloop <i>Eliza Bliss</i> from New York to Providence	Bliss, Thomas W.
5	1796	September 30	Mrs. Baker, Receipt	Rich, James
5	1797	June 28	Inventory estate of John Baker	

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5	n.d		Dinnis, Thomas, invoice of sundry goods	Champlin, Christopher, Christopher & George
5	n.d		Scott, William Thomas	Livingston, Peter Robert
5	n.d.		Candide or Optimism, chap. 25-e Visite to Seignor Pocourante, a Noble Venetian, 8p.	

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