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Title	John Hathorn document set
Date	1795 August 15 [letter]
Description	One Item: one folder with one letter
People	Hathorn, John Jay, John
Search Terms	United States History New York Military Officers
Scope & Content	1 a.l.s. The first letter: 1 p. a.l.s. Dated: Warwick, Orange County, August 15th, 1795 Addressed to: Sir [John Jay] The letter concerns the resignation of two officers. Signed: John Hathorn John Hathorn (January 9, 1749 Wilmington, New Castle County, Delaware – February 19, 1825 Warwick, Orange County, New York) was an American politician who was a member of the United States House of Representatives from New York. John Jay (December 12, 1745 – May 17, 1829) was an American politician, statesman, revolutionary, diplomat, and jurist. Considered one of the "founding fathers" of the United States, Jay served in the Continental Congress and was elected President of that body. During and after the American Revolution, he was a minister (ambassador) to Spain and France, helping to fashion American foreign policy and to secure favorable peace terms from the British and French. He co-wrote the Federalist Papers with Alexander Hamilton and James Madison. Jay served on the U.S. Supreme Court as the first Chief Justice of the United States from 1789 to 1795. In 1794 he negotiated the Jay Treaty with the British. A leader of the new Federalist party, Jay was elected Governor of New York state, 1795-1801. He was the leading opponent of slavery and the slave trade in New York. His first attempt to pass emancipation legislation failed in 1777, and failed again in 1785, but he succeeded in 1799, signing the law that eventually emancipated the slaves of New York; the last were freed before his death. (Wikipedia)