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PAPERS OF JAMES PARKER, 1760-1807.

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James Parker, a Scot of Glasgow, emigrated to Virginia and established a mercantile firm with his brother-in-law, William Aitchison. During the American Revolution Parker was commissioned captain in the British army. After the war he returned to Britain.

- unfol. Introduction and list of documents.
- PA 1 The Virginia Almanack for the Year ... 1771 ... Includes manuscript notations such as (May 16) details of battle between Tryon and regulators on "Great Alamanza creek." Also notes relating to business affairs of Aitchison and Parker, and others, 1780s.
- PA 2 Entrybook, including accounts, 1786-1801, of payments to military personnel, named, with units designated; divided by rank. Also letter to John Paisley, 16 Oct 1806, concerning settlement of accounts of Thomas McKnight and Co. of Pasquotank Co., N.C., two-thirds of which firm was owned by Parker and Aitchison. Also memorandum of letter written 13 Aug 1807 to D. Forbes of Stirling "(who left No. Carolina with Wm. McCormick on board the brigantine Johnson in 1776)" concerning books of McCormick. Also lists of troops, etc., concerning the Virginia expedition, 1781.
- PA 2 1807 Aug 13. Glasgow. James Parker to Ninian Hill, Edinburgh, concerning affairs of McCormick and Co., McKnight and Co., etc., with lists of papers, accounts of action against McKnight, etc.
- PA 4-1 1760 Dec 1. Fosterbank, N.C. Anne Elmsly to James Parker. Family news.
- PA 4-2 1768 Aug 29. Liverpool. Alexr. Elmsley to James Parker, Norfolk, Va. Has arrived after four-week voyage from Edenton. News from England.
- PA 4-3 1779 Jan 30. A[nne] Elmsley to [James Parker]. Family news.
- PA 4-4 1779 May 3. London. Alexr. Elmsly to James Parker, care of postmaster general, New York. Various concerning Elmsly's assistance with Parker's affairs in England; military and political news.
- PA 4-5 1782 Sept 12, 27. London. Anne Elmsly to [James Parker]. Family news.
- PA 4-6 1787 Dec 4. London. Anne Elmsly to James Parker, Glasgow. Family news.
- PA 4-7 1789 Jan 9 (received). London. Anne Elmsly to James Parker. Family news.
- PA 4-8 1789 Jan 11. Anne Elmsly to James Parker. Family news.
- PA 4-9 n.d. [1789?]. Note from Anne Elmsly to James Parker.
- PA 4-10 1789 Jan 9. Alexr. Elmsly [London] to James Parker. Has given landlord notice; is making a division of his revenue.
- PA 4-11 1789 Jan 28. [London]. James Chalmers to James Parker. Concerning differences between Mr. Elmsly and his wife.
- PA 4-12 1789 Aug 29 (received). Anne Elmsly to James Parker.
- PA 4-13 [1790] Feb 20 (received). Anne Elmsly to James Parker.
- PA 4-14 1790 Feb 24 (received). Anne Elmsly to James Parker.
- PA 4-15 n.d. [post-Revolutionary]. Anne Elmsly to James Parker.

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- PA 5-6 1780 Sept 28. James Parker to A. Elmsly. News of the war, esp. Benedict Arnold.
- bet. PA 5-12 Account of James Parker with James MacKnight for education of Parker's and PA 5-13 son, 1775-1784.
- PA 5-15 1784 Dec 11. Norfolk. Copy of Alexander Diack to James Parker. Business matters, including references to Edenton.
- PA 6-3 1783 Jan 3. London. Alexr. Elmsly to James Parker (prisoner of war in Caen, France).
- PA 7-7 1776 Nov 3. Williamsburg. James Parker to wife. Includes reference to MacKnight's having sailed for London.
- PA 7-8 1776 Nov 8. Williamsburg. James Parker to wife. Includes reference to MacKnight's being in London.
- PA 7-15 1780 Jan 5. Pasquotank Co., N.C. Order of court concerning sale of confiscated property of Wm. McCormick and Co. and Margaret Parker.
- PA 7-17 1782 March 21. London. Copy of Elmsly to M. Le Camns de Limare, Paris.
- PA 8-9 1765 March 31. Norfolk. Margaret Parker to James Parker. Reference to having been in "Carolina" with her sister Elmsly.
- PA 8-14 n.d. Margaret Parker to James Parker. Including reference to his being so long in "Carolina."
- [Note: Hereafter, isolated references to McKnight, Elmsly, or "Carolina" (unless North Carolina is clearly meant) will not be noted.]
- PA 8-21 1778 Dec 29. New York. James Parker to Margaret Parker, Princess Ann Co., Virginia. Mentions news from England, including some concerning Mr. Elmsly and wife.
- PA 8-26 1783 July 27. Eastwood [Virginia]. Margaret Parker to James Parker. News, including that all the slaves they had in Carolina were carried away soon after he left the country; lawsuits in progress; "Doctr. Burke promises us his good offices."
- PA 8-27 1783 Aug 23. London. James Parker to [Margaret Parker]. Includes reference to losses in Carolina.
- PA 8-39 Narrative of the copartnership of Aitchison and Parker, commenced in 1758, and of Thos. McKnight's part therein; frequent references to N.C.
- PA 9-7 1764 March 18. London. Charles Steuart to Aitchison and Parker, Norfolk. Includes news that "Badley carried 50 pipes with him from Tenerife to No. Carolina ..."
- PA 9-9 1764 May 1. London. Charles Steuart to Aitchison and Parker, Norfolk. Discussion of vacant collectorships, including one at Edenton.
- PA 9-26 1769 Sept 30. New York. Charles Steuart to James Parker, Norfolk. Conc Mrs. Eustace, widow of Dr. Eustace of N.C., who seeks way to N.C. to spend winter with Mrs. Nash at Halifax.
- PA 9-27 1770 Feb 6. London. Charles Steuart to James Parker, Norfolk. News of the brothers Elmsley and Mr. Barker. Has also discussed with Elmsley "your swamp--beg your pardon--Campania--scheme"; various difficulties, including competition from the "Dismal swamp company in Virga."
- PA 9-31 1770 June 8. London. Charles Steuart to Aitchison and Parker, Norfolk. Elmsley's news of the Granville estate, esp. regarding the Dismal Swamp.
- PA 9-33 1770 Aug 3. London. Charles Steuart to Aitchison and Parker, Norfolk. Elmsly has told him that Col. Mercer says that the Virginia Dismal Swamp Co. has got grant of Carolina part; he has made inquiries about this.

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- PA 9-35 1771 Feb 12. London. Charles Steuart to Aitchison and Parker, Norfolk. Reference to having sent letter via Pasquotank; reference to Elmsly.
- PA 9-37 1771 March 11. London. Charles Steuart to Aitchison and Parker, Norfolk. Discussion of various offices; all provided for except Col. Mercer and Zack Hood; does not think "the Lieut. Govr. [i.e., Mercer] will ... stoop to be a Comptroller ..."
- PA 9-43 1771 July 18. London. Charles Steuart to James Parker, Norfolk. Thanks him for "your Carolina intelligence--it was the first we had of that affair. I sent an extract from your letter to Lord Hillsborough, who was very thankful for it, and I believe has heard nothing more of it since--some other accounts got into the papers afterwards. We are impatient to know the consequences"--hopes that "these villains would not be mad enough" to require a second "severe correction. I shall like also to hear that some of the rapacious lawyers, agents, Collecto]rs & ... who I'm afraid laid the foundation of these disturbances, are punished in a legal way."
- PA 9-48 1773 May 29. London. Charles Steuart to James Parker, Norfolk. Hugh Finlay, inspector or surveyor of posts in America, will be in Virginia soon. "He is likewise charged with a commission from Mr. Thynne, one of the postmasters here who is connected with the Granville family, to make enquiry concerning their estate in North Carolina"; was not able to introduce him to Barker and Elmsly, "who could give him the best advice & information in that affair, but I have since got letters from them to Sam Johnson" which have been forwarded to him; he should be "kept out of the hands of plausible people in that country, whose interest it may be to mislead him."
- PA 10-4 n.d. [post Revolution]. [Virginia]. _____ to "Dear Father" [James Parker]. News of family and friends, including Mr. Diack, recently in Carolina--"They have again Got paper Money amongst them--he could not get a farthing of rent when he was there except paper Dollars ..."
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- PA 9-64 Extract from James Parker's diary of the Revolution. At Philadelphia, Dec., 1777: "the People last from Carolina say the supplies to the Continent from the Westendis are Chiefly by Occrecock inlet. 23 Vessels inward bound passed in the Course of three days, whilst [Messrs.?] Hamiltons (now at N. York) lay there for a wind."
- PA 9-64 1777 Dec 17. Philadelphia. James Parker to [Charles Steuart]. News, including "Almost all the Men from Carolina and Virginia who had any Virtue left, have come to N. York ..."; Col. Palmer's son remains at Bath; hears that Saml. Johnston has been drafted into the rebel army, a common soldier.
- PA 9-66 1778 April. Extract from diary of James Parker. News of a "party from No. Carolina led by Cazwell, Said to be five thousand ..."
- PA 9-66 1778 May 3. Extract from diary of James Parker. About 100 have come from Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, and the lower counties to avoid oppression of rebels; has received line from Col. Elligood at Petersburg, brought by Capt. Steuart from N.C.--he says none coming from there to join Washington.
- PA 9-69 1778 June 1. Philadelphia. James Parker to Charles Steuart. News, including reference to "great numbers" being "proscribed" in the Carolinas and Virginia.
- PA 9-72 1778 July 25. Camp at Yallowhook, Long Island. James Parker to Charles Steuart. Includes statement that "Govr. Martin will give me any thing in his power ..."
- PA 9-73 1778 Aug 10. New York. Extract from James Parker's diary, included in a letter to Charles Steuart, London. "By Accounts from North Carolina Great numbers of frenchmen with their famillies daily arrive there to settle, in Edenton that little village there are above Sixty french Shops."
- PA 9-76 1778 Nov 15. Extract from same. Reference to possibility of British fleet's going to N.C.
- PA 9-84 1780 Nov. Littledale transport, Hampton Road. Parker to Steuart. His participation in the expedition to Virginia; has seen "many of my Carolina acquaintance, perfectly happy in the hope that the rebellion would soon be finished." 24 Dec 1780: news of Benjamin Wynne, son to former clerk of Hertford Co., N.C., who joined British but is tried by court martial for carrying on treasonable correspondence with the enemy. 1-14 Jan 1781: references to receiving bills from "My freind Governor Martin"; attack on Wilmington; etc.
- PA 9-85 1781 Jan 16. Charleston. James Parker to Charles Steuart. News of the war; reference to Gov. Martin.
- PA 9-87 1780 Apr - June. Fragmentary diary of seige and capture of Charleston by James Parker. Includes references to N.C. and Gov. Martin, such as (p. 36, 26 Apr 1780) "Yesterday the Revd. Wickman[?] a Dutchman came to Gov. Martin from the loyalists of No. Carolina, around Salisbury. He gives a very favourable account of that country. They want to know how to act properly & are ready to take arms & execute any plan the Genl. reccomends." Also (unnumb. page, ___ May 1780) "By a Millitia man from Orange County No. Carolina I am informed four of our Negroes are in Doctor Burks hands ..." [Pages filmed out of sequence, as follows: 11, 23, 24, 12-14, 25-32, 15-22, 33-36, 41-45, two unnumbered p., 37-40, [number torn], 10.]

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- PA 11-34 1787 March 2. Wilmington, N.C. Patrick Parker to James Parker. Is on his way from Virginia to Charleston; at Edenton unfortunate in not seeing Mr. Johnston, who was at Halifax; has "met with every mark of hospitality" from Mr. Iredell; all James Parker's former friends inquire about him and "my Uncle Elmsly"; price of tar; "Edinton is really a dull place--& Newborn worse in my Hble opinion"; Scotsmen are the only good businessmen; the "Palace in Newbern ... is the Most Elegant building I have as yet Seen on the Continent," but is now a schoolhouse; N.C.'s paper currency; economic difficulties in state; town of Washington, with store there of Colquhoun & Co.; has found "Severall half Starv'd frenchmen" who "Seem to be The very Scum of their Nation-- The People in generall despise Them heartily ..."; comments on McKnight
- PA 11-41 1787 Aug 1. Norfolk, Va. Patrick Parker to James Parker. Various news, including possibility of recovering his confiscated N.C. plantation, Rough Bank; reference to N.C. plantation, Browns Mill, bought by Dr. Dickinson of Edenton.
- PA 11-90 1790 Nov 17. Norfolk, Va. Patrick Parker to James Parker. Includes reference to Carolina property.
- PA 11-118C 1793 March 14. Patrick Parker to James Parker. Includes passing reference to "Mr. Brown at Edenton," nephew of Peter Elmsley.
- PA 11-128 1794 July 18. Norfolk, Va. Patrick Parker to James Parker. Reference to land in Carolina, formerly property of Wm. McCormick or Thos. McKnight.
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- PA 11-151 1796 Aug 13. Norfolk, Va. W. Aitchison to [James Parker]. Reference to certain laws of Va. and N.C. being favorable to loyalists.
- PA 11-158 1791 Nov. Norfolk, Va. Jno. Hamilton to James Parker, London. News, including his preparing to go to Carolina assembly next month concerning British debts.
- PA 13-11 1800 Feb 11. Glasgow. James Parker to C.S. Parker, London. Reference to MacKnight.
- PA 13-18 1804 March 14. James Parker to C.S. Parker. Including "the Wretch McKnight" wants to see account books and vouchers.
- PA 13-19 1804 Apr 2. Glasgow. James Parker to C.S. Parker. Includes references to McKnight.

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- PA 16-1 1763 Aug 24. Accounts, "Store in Pasquotank." Signed by Thomas Macknight.
- PA 16-2 1769 July 4. Boston. John Gell to "Gentlemen." Includes order for seeds from trees in Dismal Swamp or elsewhere.
- PA 16-4 1779 Jan 4. London. Wm. McCormick to James Parker, New York. His arrival; news of friends; hasn't been able to sell cargo.
- PA 16-5 1779 Apr 11 - May 5. New York. James Parker to Charles Stewart, London. News of the war; reference to Gov. Martin's having introduced Parker to Gen. Mathew.
- PA 16-8 1779 Oct 29. Edinburgh. Wm. McCormick to "Dear Sir." Includes reference to the Belville.
- PA 16-12 1783 Oct 24. Norfolk, Va. Alexander Diack to [James Parker]. News from the area; thanks for "genteel" suit of clothes, which were "too fashionable"; will make "a little alteration" in them, then plans to "make my appearance in them at the Superior Court of Edenton.
- PA 16-13 1784 Dec 11. Norfolk, Va. Alexander Diack to [James Parker]. Various concerning property and persons in Va. and N.C.
- PA 16-14 1785 Jan 16. Edinburgh. Wm. McCormick to James Parker, London. News of MacKnight and the Elmsleys.
- PA 16-15 1785 March ²⁴. Edinburgh. Wm. McCormick to James Parker. Concerning share of the ship Betsey and cargo.
- PA 16-16 1785 July 17. Norfolk, Va. [Alexander Diack] to [James Parker]. Various concerning Parker's property.
- PA 16-19 1786 Dec 15, 18. Norfolk, Va. Alexander Diack to [James Parker]. Parker's property. Includes finding a bond lodged with Ambrose Knox, "my friend at Nixonton with whom I always left the papers relating to your Carolina business."
- PA 16-19c 1786 Dec 25. Account of sales in N.C. of 14 Negroes recovered from property of Thomas Macknight & Co.
- PA 16-20 1787 June 9. New York. Daniel McCormick to James Parker, London. Is glad to have letter from Parker--the only one in a long time from "any of my Old Virginia or North Carolina acquaintance." News.
- PA 16-21 1788 Nov 26. New York. Daniel McCormick to James Parker. News, including regret that "there is not the good understanding there ought to be between you and our N Carolina friends."
- PA 16-23a 1790 Jan ____ . London. Draft of James Parker to [Thos. Macknight]. Concerning MacKnight's bankruptcy; review of business affairs since the 1760s.
- PA 16-25a 1792 Jan 1. Endorsed "a general Statement of A & Parkers connexion with Thos. Mcnight to John Elmsly." Very lengthy and detailed review by Thomas MacKnight, including MacKnight's establishment of stores in Currituck and Pasquotank counties, and at Halifax, in late 1750s; his connection with the firm of Aitchison & Parker; formation of Thomas MacKnight & Co., and subsequent history of the firm.

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- PA 16-26 1792 Jan 1. London. Draft of James Parker to John Elmsley. Lengthy reply by Parker to statement of Thomas MacKnight concerning the history of MacKnight's mercantile activities in N.C., his connection with the firm of Aitchison & Parker, etc.
- PA 16-27 1794 May 3. Power of attorney from William McCormick, Thomas MacKnight, and James Parker, survivors of firm of Wm. McCormick & Co., to John Elmsley for recovery of compensation for loss of ship Belville and Betsey.
- PA 16-31 [1794 or 1795]. Copy of declaration of trust concerning affairs of Thomas MacKnight, late of Currituck Co., N.C., now of Ratho, County of Edinburgh; James Parker, late of Norfolk, Va., now of London; Wm. McCormick, late of Pasquotank Co., now of city of Edinburgh. Attested copy made 6 July 1804.
- PA 16-33 1807 May 4. Glasgow. James Hill [blotted] to Charles S. Parker. Concerning the disagreement between Thomas MacKnight and James Parker.
- PA 16-34 1810 Jan 4. First Division [Court of Chancery?]. PRINTED answers of Thomas MacKnight to petition of James Parker. History of MacKnight's claim against firm of Aitchison & Parker; includes references to stores in Belville and Winfield, N.C. Includes correspondence.
- PA 16-35 n.d. Statement [of James Parker] concerning his litigation with Thomas MacKnight.
- PA 16-36-1 n.d. PRINTED memorial from James Parker to Loyalist Claims Commissioner. Includes manuscript certificate of Parker's services from Lord Dunmore, 24 Nov 1785.
- PA 16-36-2 n.d. PRINTED memorial from James Parker to Loyalist Claims Commissioner. Includes estimate of his losses in Virginia and N.C., 9 March 1784, and certificates and letters concerning same.
- PA 16-36-3 n.d. PRINTED memorial from James Parker to Loyalist Claims Commissioner. Includes certificates and letters concerning same.
- PA 16-37 n.d. PRINTED "Collections with regard to the Case of the American loyalists."
- PA 16-38 1784 March 13. London. PRINTED memorandum from William M'Cormick to Loyalist Claims Commissioners concerning his losses in N.C., including schedule of property of William M'Cormick & Co. and various letters, certificates, and proofs from Josiah Martin, Samuel Johnston, and others.
- PA 16-39 n.d. PRINTED letters and depositions from Josiah Martin and others concerning Thomas MacKnight's losses and sufferings as a loyalist.
- PA 18-2 1775 Nov 16. Commission from Lord Dunmore to James Parker as master of works and engineer extraordinary with rank of captain.
- PA 18-4 n.d. PRINTED "Case of the Ship Belville, and the Brigantine Betsy [vessels belonging to loyalists Thomas MacKnight, James Parker, Wm. McCormick, and Wm. Aitchison], Captured and condemned under the Prohibitory Act of Parliament."
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JOURNAL OF JAMES CURRIE, 1775-1776.

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Journal of a Voyage from Nixonton, N.C., to the island of St. Martin's, 19 Sept - 29 Oct 1776, by James Currie. Appended is a letter on trade written by Currie and published in the Virginia Gazette.

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