

**A CALENDAR OF JOHN
PAUL JONES
MANUSCRIPTS IN THE
LIBRARY OF CONGRESS**

Published @ 2017 Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd

ISBN 9780649406999

A Calendar of John Paul Jones Manuscripts in the Library of Congress by Charles Henry Lincoln

Except for use in any review, the reproduction or utilisation of this work in whole or in part in any form by any electronic, mechanical or other means, now known or hereafter invented, including xerography, photocopying and recording, or in any information storage or retrieval system, is forbidden without the permission of the publisher, Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd, PO Box 1576 Collingwood, Victoria 3066 Australia.

All rights reserved.

Edited by Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd.
Cover @ 2017

This book is sold subject to the condition that it shall not, by way of trade or otherwise, be lent, re-sold, hired out, or otherwise circulated without the publisher's prior consent in any form or binding or cover other than that in which it is published and without a similar condition including this condition being imposed on the subsequent purchaser.

www.triestepublishing.com

CHARLES HENRY LINCOLN

**A CALENDAR OF JOHN
PAUL JONES
MANUSCRIPTS IN THE
LIBRARY OF CONGRESS**

J776
.XU

U S LIBRARY OF CONGRESS *Div. of Manuscripts*

A CALENDAR

OF

JOHN PAUL JONES MANUSCRIPTS

IN THE

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Compiled under the direction of
CHARLES HENRY LINCOLN, Ph. D.,
OF THE DIVISION OF MANUSCRIPTS

61168
20 | 10 | 43

WASHINGTON
GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE
1903

TABLE OF CONTENTS.

	Page.
Introduction.....	5
Abbreviations employed.....	7
Calendar of Paul Jones manuscripts.....	9
Index of names.....	199

INTRODUCTION.

This volume is a calendar of the John Paul Jones Manuscripts in the Library of Congress. It includes 883 entries. It is arranged chronologically.

In the case of manuscripts that have been published reference is made to the printed copy, and these documents, being made available in this manner, have been calendared but briefly. The names of all persons mentioned in these as well as in the unpublished manuscripts are, however, included in the general index of names.

The manuscripts calendared are a part of the Peter Force Collection purchased by the national government in 1867. John Paul Jones died in 1792. By his will, dated the day of his death, all his papers were left to his sisters and their children. Shortly after Jones's decease his sister, Mrs. Jane Taylor, sent such of his papers as best illustrated his services in the War of the American Revolution to Robert Hyslop, a solicitor of New York. Although considering them of little value, Mr. Hyslop retained them until his death, when they passed into the hands of a tradesman of that city. From this dealer they were acquired by Mr. George A. Ward, who recognized something of their value. Learning of their existence in 1824, Col. John Henry Sherburne, Registrar of the Navy, at once set about the compilation of his *Life of Jones*, published in 1825, in which he printed many of his letters. The papers afterwards came into the possession of Peter Force, and from him were purchased by Congress and placed in the Library as stated above.

One of the eight busts sent to America in 1788 and "Presented by Paul Jones to Maj. Gen. Wm. Irvine" is now in the possession of the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. To its courtesy the Library of Congress is indebted for the photograph from which was reproduced the half-tone engraving which forms the frontispiece of this calendar.

Significant among the manuscripts calendared are the letters passing between Jones, Franklin, and the French Court during 1778 and 1779.

These letters give a full record of the operations of Jones in European waters. They are particularly valuable from their being in large part autograph drafts, thus showing the writer's original thought, with the later modifications made for reasons of political expediency. The accounts of naval engagements submitted by Jones to the representatives of his own Government and the narrative of his experiences during the American Revolution prepared for presentation to Louis XVI of France are other notable manuscripts in the collection.

CHARLES HENRY LINCOLN,

Assistant in Charge, Division of Manuscripts.

HERBERT PUTNAM,

Librarian of Congress.

Washington, D. C., March 31, 1903.

ABBREVIATIONS EMPLOYED.

- A. D. Autograph document.
A. D. S. Autograph document signed.
D. S. Document signed.
A. L. Autograph letter.
A. L. S. Autograph letter signed.
A. N. S. Autograph note signed.
[] Information supplied.
??? Doubtful reading, or queried information supplied.
* * * Omissions.

ERRATA.

On page 9, line 5, for "Cullan du Chasse" read "Cuttan du Chasse" [Couteau de Chasse].

On page 45, line 7, for "Autograph draft signed" read "Autograph draft."

JOHN PAUL JONES CALENDAR.

[1775.] **Read.** [John K.] *Physician, Goochland County, Virginia.* Goochland County. Letter to John [Paul] Jones, [Philadelphia.] No reply to his last two letters; wishes letters to be addressed to him in care of manager of "Constitutional post office"; wrote him by Col. [Thomas?] Jefferson requesting the purchase of a "Cullau du Chasse" as he is now "a military man." Addressed: "Care of Mr. David Sprout." A. L. S. 1 p. 4.

Mutilated.

1776. [Jones, John Paul.] *1st Lieut., U. S. N., "Alfred."* *Alfred*, [at sea?] Mar. 17-
Apr. 2. Table of Observations. Endorsed by Jones: "Memorandum of days work on the *Alfred*." Autograph draft. 1 p. F.

[1776.] [Jones, John Paul.] *1st Lieut., U. S. N., "Alfred."* [New London, Connecticut.] Letter [to Joseph Hewes, Philadelphia.] Excuses for not writing sooner; met the *Hornet* and the *Hoop* from Maryland at Capes of Delaware; fleet put to sea Feb. 17th; part of company with the *Hornet* and the *Fly* in a gale; anchored at Abaco, Bahama, Mar. 1st; took pilots from a couple of New Providence sloops on the way; landing of Capt. [Saunders] Nicholas and capture of New Providence; remained there until the 17th ult.; took Governor [Brown] and "two more Gentn." prisoners; then departed for the "Continent"; arrived at Block Island 5th inst.; captured one of Capt. [John?] Wallace's tenders, the *Hawke* and the bomb brig *Bolton* on the way; account of the engagement with the *Glasgow* will be found in the enclosed extract from the *Alfred's* log; Commander-in-chief [Esek Hopkins] is respected in the fleet; comments upon the esprit-de-corps; fleet has been re-enforced by 200 men; is ready for another enterprise; is about to sail for Rhode Island; ships to be cleaned at Providence. Autograph draft. 4 pp. F.

Printed in part: Sherburne, *Life of John Paul Jones*, N. Y., 1851. pp. 32-34.

[1776.] [Jones, John Paul.] *1st Lieut., U. S. N., "Alfred."* [New London, Connecticut.] "Memorandum of the engagement with the *Glasgow*." [Apr. 6th] Cleared ship for action at 2 a. m.; the *Glasgow* signalled for assistance; "Commodore" [Esek Hopkins] was unwilling to continue action; the *Cobet* disabled; Capt. [John Barrroughs Hopkins] dangerously wounded; losses on the *Cobet* and the *Alfred*; five men lost from latter vessel; seven men wounded. Autograph draft. 1 p. F. [Enclosed in preceding document.]

Printed in part: Maelay, *Hist. U. S. Navy*, N. Y., 1898, 1: 41. Sherburne, *Life of John Paul Jones*, N. Y., 1851, p. 34.