

NEW YORK COMPANY RECORDS 1797-1803
MSS. COLL. NO. #28.
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History

The New York Company, or *Compagnie de New York*, was formed by James Le Ray's brother-in-law, Pierre Chassanis in 1792 for the purpose of land investment in the western Adirondacks. It was anticipated that tracts of land could be sold to French immigrants fleeing the aftermath of the French Revolution.

Scope & Content

This collection, consisting of 8 documents written in French, concerns land transactions in Castorland, N.Y

Description of Documents

- 1.) Six-page document which is a continuation of notes about the land in Castorland. Reference to documents from 1799 and 1802 are made. The Oneida Company is also mentioned. Names mentioned include: J. LeRay, Mad. Benoit, Rudolph Tillier, Mad. de Reishoffen, M. de Fougères, R. Labarte, Jacob Obupier, M. P. Guyot, Gen. J. Brown.
- 2.) Testimony made by Fulwar Skipwith, Commercial Agent of the United States of America at Paris, in 1803. An excerpt from the Book of Records of the New York Company was shown to him by M. Lachaume. The excerpt dates from December 9, 1797. It is supposed to show that "there is no article or clause by which the said extract could be counteracted or modified." Signed by M. Lachaume and Skipwith.
- 3.) Another testimony made by Fulwar Skipwith in reference to an excerpt from the Book of Records. Excerpt dates from March 16, 1798. Testimony dated 1803. Signed by M. Lachaume and Skipwith.
- 4.) List of séances held by *le comité de la compagnie* (the Company's committee) and what business was discussed at each. Dates of sessions listed are: March 6, 1799; March 16, 1802; April 10, 1807; 4 May, 1807. Names mentioned are Mr. Tillier, Mr. LeRay de Chaumont, Mr. Chassanis, Mr. Desyardins. Document is signed by: Leboucher, LeRay, Guyot, LeRay, Latouche, Planois, St. Garmier, Guyet.
- 5.) "*Extrait des Délibérations de l'assemblée générale des actionnaires de la Compagnie de New York.*" Extracts from the general assembly meeting of the company. March 1799.
- 6.) 14 Articles written up by the company committee in February 1800 signed by Director Chassanis.
- 7.) Copy of treaty between James LeRay and Chassanis, 4 pages. 1807.
- 8.) Document from March 13, 1803. Signed by Lachaume. Names mentioned are Tillier, Chassanis, LeRay. Says Tillier was acting contrary to his contract with the company according to article 4 of the company's constitution.

Provenance

The Collection was acquired early in 1988.

The documents have been put in an acid-free folder inside and acid-free box and have been interleaved with tissue.