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This collection contains receipts, licenses, property deeds, supply queries, and correspondence.

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Biographical/Historical

This collection contains correspondence and communications of former Mayors of the City of Albany to others. Formed officially as colony of England in 1664, the different cities and towns in the State of New York are controlled by the Mayors, which in turn are controlled by the Governor. The city of Albany is governed by the Mayor and other branches of government such as the state legislature and the state court system.

Scope and Contents

The collection starts in chronological order based on the holding of office by the Albany Mayors. It contains receipts, licenses, property deeds, supply queries, and correspondence by Albany Mayors to different recipients through the years of 1706-1925.

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