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The series “Original Letters, 1560-1781” contains eighty letters relating to a miscellany of topics and persons, including Scottish poet Tobias Smollett, natural history, the Colonial Committee of Correspondence, the Revolutionary War, and the Pennsylvania Line Revolt of 1781. The most heavily documented topic in this series is the Pennsylvania Line Revolt, a Revolutionary War rebellion in which the Continental Army soldiers rebelled against the Continental Army because of grievances pertaining to poor conditions and supplies. The Pennsylvania Line revolt began on January 1, 1781 and ended on January 29, 1781. The documents include correspondence relating to the mutiny, propositions from the Continental Army for redressing the soldiers’ grievances, proposals from the British Army asking for allegiance from the Pennsylvania Line, trial accounts, and other documents about potential and realized spies for the British.

The documents are arranged by topic. Many documents were hand copied by Du Simitière from originals. While the date that all of the copies were made is unknown, the dates of the original documents from which copies were made span the years 1560 to 1781. The language of the Du Simitière materials in this series are in English and French.

It is essential for researchers to know that the first seven letters in the volume were mistakenly bound in this volume and do not belong in the Du Simitière collection. Instead,