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Series II, Documents (1805-1817) is arranged in two subseries: Financial Documents, and Legal Documents. The first holds a variety of financial papers that had no related correspondence in Series I. These include bills of exchange, promissory notes, and stand-alone invoices from manufacturers and suppliers, as well as pro-forma invoices for goods transported on various ships from London between 1808 and 1810. Outstanding among them are the more than twenty-five invoices from textile manufacturers in England for purchases made by Joseph B. Lapsley for his brothers during two trips abroad. An 1810 invoice in this series from John Broom & Sons of Kidderminster, for Brussels carpets and borders, shows a trade route for merchandise in that period: the bales were sent by Broom via the shipping firm Worthington & Co., to Liverpool merchant Richard Grant, to be consigned to Lapsley & Ikin (on account of John Broom), and put on board the *Caroline Ann* to New York. Additional invoices are found here for more sundry expenses: a bill from Thomas Hope for a subscription to his *Philadelphia Price-Current*, and another from Zachariah Poulson for newspaper advertising.

The Legal Documents subseries holds partnership papers and Joseph Lapsley's passports for buying trips, the first (1814) signed by James Monroe, and the second (1816) by John Quincy Adams.