

invoice for wine sent by Oswald on the ship *San Vittorio* to Nuttall in Malta; and a passport issued to Oswald by the Kingdom the Two Sicilies in 1814.

The fourth subseries, Miscellaneous, holds only one document, a lease agreement in Italian for a ship. It is a contract between Francesco Pace, the vessel's captain, which transfers the ship to a consortium of men (Giuseppe Vincenzo Testaferrata, Lorenzo Pullicino, Carlo [Charles] Livingston, and Luigi Brista), who accept the leasing of the vessel under the eight terms and conditions spelled out in the agreement. The document was made in Malta in 1812. The document's connection to the Oswald family is unclear, but Series I includes a copy of a letter from William Oswald to Livingston which indicates an existing business relationship between the two.

Of particular interest in the Documents series is a group of papers held in the first subseries. They consist of copies of documents Eleazer Oswald assembled to request payments that he felt were due him from the French government for his military service. These documents consist of two sets of letters with attachments, two notes on one sheet of paper, and two invoices. All but one of the documents is written in French.

The Historical Society of Pennsylvania holds a key document that was formerly attached to these papers. Titled "Memoire," dated September 3, 1793, and signed by Eleazer Oswald, it functioned as a cover letter for the papers in this collection. It was written to the National Convention, the legislative assembly that governed France from 1792 to 1795; in it Oswald details his case for reimbursement, and gives a brief description of the seven attachments he is submitting to support his claim. He ends by writing that it is only after spending numerous weeks trying to obtain his compensation that he is appearing before them. A single page, the "Memoire" was given to the Historical Society by John A. McAllister on February 20, 1886, along with Oswald's certificate of membership in the St. George's Society of Philadelphia. The text of the letter (but dated September 1, 1793) was printed in the *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography* in 1880 and reprinted there in 1914; in 1880 it was owned by Oswald's descendant Richard W. Oswald. A photocopy of the Historical Society's "Memoire" is foldered with the first document set.

The men mentioned in the documents are noted French officials. Jean Baptiste Noël Bouchotte (1754-1840) was the French War Minister from April 1793 until March 1794. Charles François Du Périer Dumouriez (1739-1823) was a general in the French Revolutionary Army; he was instrumental in the declaration of war against Austria, planned an invasion of the Low Countries, and was victorious at Jemappes on November 6, 1792. After a defeat, Dumouriez fled in January 1793 to the Austrian camp with the future Louis Philippe. A third official named in the documents, Pierre Henri Hélène Marie Lebrun-Tondu (1763?-1793), was the French Minister for Foreign Affairs from August 1792 until June 1793.

A précis of each document in the four sets follows.