

The chronology of records in the series ends in 1807, with the exception of two letters from Moore Wharton that notify David Lewis and Isaac Wharton (by then deceased), to whom he was in debt, of his bankruptcy proceedings.

Series II, Phoenix Insurance Company Records (1803-1839) are arranged in two subseries: Correspondence and Documents. The Correspondence subseries generally contains letters from clients, elected officials, and lawyers about routine maritime insurance issues. Many of the letters from overseas correspondents appear in duplicate, which was customary at the time. The company's single internal letter is from Isaac Wharton to David Lewis, a letter of resignation as a director of the insurance company due to "a deprivation of health."

Prominent lawyers are the men most heavily represented in the subseries. Nineteen letters are on file from John Hallowell (1768-1839) regarding insurance cases in which Hallowell was representing the company, powers of attorney to be filed, and his opinion on the company's proposed "blockade clause" in 1813; in addition, two letters from David Lewis to Hallowell are in the folder. There are twenty letters from William Rawle (1759-1836) that carry his opinions on various cases and on the Embargo Act of 1807. Six letters and one opinion are in the folder for Joseph Reed Ingersoll (1786-1868); the latter relates to the embargo and the position held by Joseph Story (1779-1845). The files of attorneys William Shepard Biddle (1781-1835) and William Lewis (1752-1819) also have opinions on the embargo. There are several letters from the prominent London merchant and port promoter William Vaughan (1752-1850) which discuss various vessels and shipping matters in general during the time of the embargo. James A. Bayard Sr. (1797-1815), a congressman from Delaware, wrote in reference to a bill of interest to Lewis that he was shepherding through Congress; also in the file is a printed copy of the bill, which regulated the granting of registers, that Bayard sent to Lewis. There are four letters (some with duplicates) in French from the firm of Martinet & Co., of Bordeaux, France, regarding a court case.

The subseries has a few letters that deviate from routine maritime business. One is from Joseph Priestley Jr. (1768-1833) who wrote to encourage the Phoenix Insurance Company to buy stock in the Centre Turnpike; a printed broadside accompanying the letter was removed for item-level cataloging in WolfPAC, the Library Company's online catalog. Also of interest is a letter from New York merchant John Ferrers, who warned Lewis that a fraudulent shipping company based in New London and New York might attempt to file a claim in Philadelphia. Daniel Webster (1782-1852) sent a letter that solicited David Lewis's opinion on A.J. Dallas's plan for a federal bank in 1814, and mentioned that he would call on him in Philadelphia soon. The most unusual letter in the subseries is from Charles Schaffer, one of Phoenix's tenants, detailing the shortcomings of the house he had been renting from the company and protesting his rent increase.