

Dr. William Paine Papers: 1768-1835

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Document Number:	Date & Place of Author:	Content:
1A	C. 1768	<p>Paine to Nathaniel Paine, attorney at Worcester and brother. Please deliver enclosure, saw Mr. Dard and does not want to take his advice and take the Virginian debt, Dard says you can have a choice of their securities; Mr. Orne? died, I shall be at Worcester Sunday?</p> <p>Enclosed: Nov. 3—called to Mr. Salisbury, had fever, similar to autumnal bilious? fever in which patient become delirious and lasts longer than normal, gave medicine (named); visited on 13th, symptoms and medical care discussed; Stephen Salisbury requests your advice due to your previous experience caring for his sister, Mrs. Waldo? with similar symptoms; he is normally very healthy except takes Anderson's pills and tea sometimes for certain problems</p>
1	31 March [no year]; Fitzroy Square	<p>H. Gray to Paine, at Worcester, near Boston, MA. Due to known ill health of your brother as told by Greene, expected to hear of his death, lately heard from Rufus Chandler, he is living as of 25th of January, sends favourable wishes; brother's accounts discussed; comments on: the Butcher of the Human race—Bona [Bonaparte], and the Catholic question; later comment on Bonaparte- from Oct. to present has lost thousands due to disease and the bayonet; April 1st note—Bonaparte's disasters greatly magnified, hopes Russians victorious</p>
2	14 May 1781; London	<p>To Paine. Concerns the medical case of Lady Charlotte Finch and Dr. Warren's opinion on the tumor and her liver, agrees with Paine's methods; treatments and symptoms described; commends Paine and hopes to hear a good account; also includes Dr. Tertton's? opinion on same who agrees with Paine's method of care in a bilious complaint concerning the liver</p>
3	1 June 1781	<p>Patrick Fair to Paine. Concerns Mrs. Crawford's pregnancy and potentiality of miscarriage; symptoms and treatment suggested included; Mrs. Fielding? is vastly well</p>
4	4 July 1782; London	<p>John Brown to Paine. Bill on Lord Hartford paid; has been ill with rest of the family with influenza; directs Paine to press Agar for money due; hopes he is successful in getting his appointment; discusses present politics and provides news that many of the fleets have been captured en route to New York, Quebec, and Newfoundland; Mr. Bernard was married to Miss Adair.</p>

5	c. 1782	John Brown to Paine. Shows accounts of Edward Agar with Thomas Corbyn & Co.; asks Paine to provide information on Agar, Brown is aware that he gets money from privateering and is retired to Long Island
6	8 January 1784; London	John Brown to Paine. Mentions his petition as a loyalist for loss of property is sent to commissioners, provides advice to Paine on best practice in doing his own claim; mentions arrival of Levi Shephard to Newport after a passage of 73 days, and that business with him is settled; asks to inform Mr. Phillips that his son is employed in our shop and expects this experience to bode well for the son in America; glad to hear of Mrs. Paine's delivery
7	23 March 1784; London	John Brown to Paine at Halifax. Advises Paine on preparing to have his claim brought before the commissioners in England; draft on Chandler is paid; may have information soon concerning your half-pay; discusses British politics
8	5 April 1784; London	John Brown to Paine at Halifax. Assumes correspondence has not made it to Paine, emphasizes need for him to come to England to do his claim for losses; cannot get your half-pay; doesn't encourage him to settle in England; discusses British politics briefly
9	19 October 1784; London	John Brown to Paine, in the care of John Prince, Halifax. Concerns attempts to get Paine half-pay as physician in British Army
10	15 August 1785; London	John Brown to Paine. Encloses Paine's account current with Corbyn & Co., which shows his half-pay; mentions why the amount for half-pay is less than expected, and commissioners will be going to Halifax concerning claims for losses; Mr. Pepper will better inform further
11	7 December 1785; London	John Brown to Paine of Saint John, New Brunswick. As above, encloses account current with Corbyn & Co. Acknowledges Paine's letter, in which he complains of his bills being returned under protest, and explains this is due to Paine's irregularity in drawing
12	4 May 1786; London	John Brown to Paine, care of John Prince, New Brunswick. Concerns Paine's personal business affairs and their business relationship; in future directed to address letters and bills to Holborn as I am usually not home; encloses account current with Corbyn & Co.
13	20 February 1782; Lisbon	Daniel Bowden & Son to Paine, Headquarters, New York. Concerns business between and orders of wine for New York; discusses issue—protested bill by Paine, his brother mentioned, shows accounts current
14	24 August 1782; Porto	Stephenson and Searle to Paine at New York. Offers their service, ie. a business pitch
15	30 November 1782; London	John Crawford to Paine at New York. Climate has helped cure Mrs. Crawford, lives economically on £100 to £200 a year and without a carriage; business successful and wonders if any

		opportunity where Paine is located; comments about a possible end to the war, and includes politics
16	3 December 1783; London	Josiah Messer to Paine; from London. Indicates writing on behalf of John Brown who has gout in the hands; and that Mr. Pepperell is willing to assist with his claims for losses as a loyalist; account of Shephard, Hunt and Paine settled, in a manner described; promissory note attached to pay Corbyn, Brown and Beaumont by Levi Shephard, Hunt Jr. and Paine
17	14 December 1783; Windsor	John Gould to Paine. Requests assistance in helping to make available in Halifax money to John Clark, a friend, includes receipt signed J. B. Dight of Halifax
18	5 March 1784; Crozen Street	Charles Morris to Paine. Arrived after 36 days at sea; impatient, sick, and miserable from my voyage; in few months, go to France from where my brothers George and Edward past returned, should be seeing my friend Hayes in few days (mentions his character); received certificate of service from Lord Cornwallis (gives brief comment on Colonel Balfour); Sir Guy Carleton's opinion that half-pay should be expected; my problems more compounded as my father's friends are in the opposition [politics]; thanks from my father for enquiring about price of ginseng, but doesn't want any as the market is stocked; medical— mates discharged from Halifax hospital should have been retained, stoppage accounts to be sent, St. John has sent piece of plate for your tea table
19	7 April 1784; London	John Crawford to Paine at Halifax. Discusses difficulties of finding men to hire at Scotland and indicates the cost of doing so, doubts can find someone for Paine due to "inhospitable climate" which would require higher wages for inducement; glad you have a favourable situation in relation to the fishery and expects this could benefit each other (gives an example of a mutually beneficial arrangement)
20	c. 1785	Nathaniel Paine (brother) to Paine. Shows great disappointment concerning books he ordered and did not receive; mentions Mr. Brown
21	7 November 1785; Newport	M. Scott to Paine at Saint John. Responds concerning Paine's request for peppers, sweet marjoram, corn and onions, and states 'I could not provide everything', little raised for ourselves—had no hot bed for 2 years; "as the spirit of liberty burns so high was "sheard" out of the best plants before we were ready to set them out"; would like payment for saddle and cart settled; no money required for board from Paine and wife when they were in town due to Paine's medical attendance to family; hope you continue to like your new settlement at New Brunswick
22	18 June 1785; Worcester	Nathaniel Paine to Paine at Saint John. To "Bill", responds to William Paine's letter in which he showed displeasure about his brother's (Nathaniel) having complained about the non-delivery of his books, Nathaniel explains he wrote it during great anxiety and disappointment and does not blame him, expresses his

		deep feelings towards his brother and his non-intention to “abuse” him in his letter, concedes it was a miscommunication
23	27 July 1785; Worcester	Nathaniel Paine to Paine at Saint John. Concerns a bill drawn in favour of James Wakefield of Boston, did not honour payment, asks advice; not enough circulating money to do business; not sure where will receive any “fruits” from your debts in this country; asks how is Esther and if not contented, may send her to Worcester and will do anything for her; also asks about John
24	5 December 1785; Worcester	Nathaniel Paine to Paine at Saint John. Concerns Dr. Wyer’s demand for payment, indicated hadn’t been advised who he was but will now proceed; bad prospect at the moment of collecting much cash for you; money - “private confidence is totally destroyed”, money so scarce farmers are forced to go to jail instead of paying, money holders have lost confidence in government and will not loan their money but secure it; extravagance does not suit a republic
25	10 April 1786; Worcester	Nathaniel Paine to Paine. Demand against Mr. Willard and Mr. Ward finalized; if you do not comply with their propositions (outlined), they will avail themselves of government respecting interest on refugee obligations; little chance of collecting money for you; concerning request for papers relative to confiscation and sale of property—soon to be completed and forwarded; received small sum from sales of your property; let Col. Tubman know I would be happy to act in collecting/securing his debts; Sally and Betsey are married and will remain at Worcester
26	4 July 1786; Worcester	Nathaniel Paine to Paine at Saint John. Enclosed papers to substantiate claim (not included); discusses Mr. Ward and Aunt Willard’s refusal to pay Col. Willard’s part in the bond; hopes doesn’t lose any of the debts collecting but hard to collect as people have lost all their personal estates; alternate options—land will not be purposeful, nor putting your debtor in jail; suggests moving as an option if unhappy where he is at; asks that he not try him with neglect, and asks for some good fish
27	18 October 1786; Worcester	Nathaniel Paine to Paine at Saint John. Expresses hurt at opinion that “my conduct is extremely distressing”; urges I have not been neglectful which is evident by my correspondence; pleads not to be accused of crimes and neglect without proof.
28	3 November 1786; Worcester	Nathaniel Paine to Paine. Fraternal affection is not destroyed as you have suggested; encloses notes against - George? Hill? of your city, Gen. Ruggles and Adam Walker (not included); writes about Gen. Ruggles a bit more
29	21 December 1786; Boston	Nathaniel Paine to Paine at Saint John. Left Worcester to complete business for you; also came from Maj. Ewing, who is the executor of the late honourable Mr. Ewing’s will, discusses further, will serve your best interests; discusses local political matter and due to these intends to retire to my farm formerly owned by Col. Chandler and called the Clark? Farm where I will stay until justice and reason assumes the Empire; love to Esther and tell her she has a new cousin, a girl

30	2 August 1788; Fort Howe, Saint John	Patrick Maxwell to Paine at Salem. "My dear friend", condolences on death of your brother, from your account he lingered in great pain for a long time with no prospect of recovering; Paddock and I have a medical case which has puzzled us for some time, neither has seen or read of before; it's a case you had mentioned to us before you left concerning a scrotum with "inconvenient bulk"; symptoms and treatment explained in detail; received 1 st volume of 2 nd decade of [?] Medical Commentaries with many curious extracts; no news here in the City and now quite dull—unknown what the legislative body has done; Rev. Byles is to succeed Mr. Bissett and afraid he will not fill his shoes well; no alteration in troop arrangements expected and will probably remain New Brunswick Guards two years more as do not think we will go home till the year 1790, our major has joined us, expect Fitzgerald to command at Fredericton; we had regalia up the Kennebecasis a little, after dinner ladies all danced on the table which was boards we had brought
31	5 October 1789; Watertown	Marshall Spring to Paine. Received letter medically stating the case of Capt. Williamson, your opinion of his disease and consequences, is same as mine; whether by change of air or by varying medicines, he has been in some respects more comfortable; status and treatments explained, including his preference for other sedatives than opium, mentions trachea and bronchia; questions whether the Capt. would have better chance of recovery by returning to his own climate—wouldn't the sea air be better for his lungs, better than our approaching season, suggests a southern climate would be better; as you have observed his case longer, believe your judgement preferable to mine
32	10 March 1791; Madeira	Mendonson & Co. to Paine, Salem Massachusetts. Appreciate recommendation to them of Capt. Daniel, but before the interview, the Counsel for the US closed the business with him; refers to proposal made in 1781 to continue providing commission to you payable in wine for "bills proceeding from your solicitations"; Capt. Peirce indicated you would have ordered wine if he had been returning immediately, so we have shipped, enclosed is invoice [included]; please remit to Misters John and Francis Baring and Co. of London, comments on Capt. Peirce's character; have quoted articles suitable for this market also the price current of Madeira wines for your government; have put on board the ship "Cadet" a box of citron for you; includes a separate list of goods such as prime beef and pickled salmon .
33	28 June 1792; Passamaquoddy	Aaron Andrews to Paine. Concerns goats which ought to be here by the last of July or the middle of August and directions for shipping
34	31 July 1792; Madeira	Mendonson and Co. to Paine at Salem. On recommendation of you, have initiated business with Mr. Allen and Mr. Derby,

		discusses recent business dealings which involved Allen and Derby; the brig Sally's cargo - got highest price market would allow to oblige you "but most candidly observe it is deviating from the general rule of business"; the invoice for wine and other articles for you from "Sally" amounting to your debit, for which in return you will ship us pork; responds to Paine's suggestion to establish a trading vessel between the two places with a proviso some other payment could be adopted exclusive of wine—not practical and would not suit us, we have no desire to be concerned in shipping; requests when recommending any business to our House to ensure they would not interfere with our business here; account balance shown and demanded
35	Monday, 1793; Watertown	Dr. Marshall Spring to Paine. Apologise for not responding sooner but has been dealing with wife's sickness which makes me unfit for medical practice and correspondence; provides advice on Paine's female patient (Miss Richardson), with [?] fever, believes some times medical aid helps, treatments suggested, has seen this before in patients at the start of their menstruation
36	26 March and 17 July; Madeira	Mendonson and Co. to Paine in Salem. Enclose account sales of your hogsheads and fish from the "Cadet"; glad you are happy with the wine, account balance shown; PS we have put under Capt. Peirce's care small box of citron
37	31 August 1805; Worcester	Paine to James King at Salem. Enclose (not included) £400, a first payment on my shares, remaining £100 will be forthcoming; willing to add more money in order to see stocks rise each year
38	5 September 1802; Medford	John Prince to Paine of Worcester. Request that you ask your son to help in obtaining money owed me by Mr. Barton? of Antigua
39	7 December 1809	Walter Bigelow to Paine. Concerns payment owed, if not able to pay all, glad to receive your note with interest
40	[Sunday evening; no date]	James Perkins to Paine at Worcester. Has been dealing with a cold; accident of vessel "Mandarin", cargo thought to have been gotten off before ship went to pieces, we had enough insurance to cover cargo but not the vessel; discusses a bit more; brother and sister are well and send love to their Worcester friends; brief political comment; Capt. and crew are daily expected
41	1810	Paine to James Perkins. Have received 2 letters from William in which the tenor distressed us, appears to be under great depression, 3 years since William has heard from his family or connections; if he has erred it is from want of judgement, feels that when William's conduct is examined, that no blame will be attached to him; William wishes me to ask you to write him of the extent of his losses, and if he is largely indebted, he will come to America to make arrangements, after which he shall follow his fortunes
42	4 January 1811; Worcester	Paine to Josiah Messer. Copy of letter; received L. Beaumont's letter; I enclose (not included) my accustomed certificates,

		there is a great discount upon Bills of Exat? this time; politics and potential war - our situation here is by no means enviable, party spirit is high, the great object of the government has been and will be to avoid getting entangled with either of the great belligerents, whether they succeed is a matter of great and anxious doubt; discusses a bit more.
43	c. 1811	Paine? to [?] . Copy of letter; complied with your requisition respecting your wife and children, and placed in the hands of my brother, Judge Paine for money notes dated 4 January 1811, which he will manage; respecting remitting remainder of your property at this time, it is impracticable without subjecting myself to great distress and loss, but will begin to make arrangements; your property is connected to mine and cannot be collected suddenly but it is all safe; your concerns are as dear to me as my own and you and your children will have a full proportion of what I and my wife shall leave; enclosed a schedule of all monies that have come in my hands (not included) as your sole debtor; some worry about having involved our concerns together, but have some satisfaction knowing you cannot suffer by it; if you have decided not to come to this country, suggest appointing someone to settle with me, just make sure I do not have to do anything too speedily, and make "distressing sacrifices"
44	27 December 1811; Hanover	Nathan Smith to Paine at Worcester. Received 2 of your letters, the first gave me great distress concerning Mr. Lemcoln's? case, the second brought some relief; my mind when I left him was filled with gloomy apprehensions respecting the last operation; lecturing in Worcester this winter, discusses; letter from Dr. Green and told him am willing to carry the plan into action provided my friend in Worcester agreed; lectures are over for the year and had numerous and respectable class of pupils; give my respects to your lady, to Gov. Lincoln? and family
45	14 August 1813	Dr. Isaac Rand to Paine, at Boston. By Mrs. Sturgis' request, providing details of Miss Sally Sturgis' disease; saw her last Oct. and gave her treatments (name) which removed her complaints, saw her the next time in Feb. after she became ill with a cold with cough and pain in the side (blame on partying and going to the theatre), sick thereafter off and on during spring and summer; details medical case further, walking and sailing seem to help
46	26 March 1816; Roxbury	John Prince to Paine at Worcester. Thanks for the copy received of your antiquarian address; if I was a member, I would be digging among the old fortifications near the Ohio; asks a favour after hearing about a meeting at Worcester of claimants of land granted by Britain to New England men that were employed in the defense of the country against the French between 1753-1763; would like help getting more information; I would be included as had been a surgeon in Col. Nichol's Regiment under

		Abercromby on the "Ticonderoga Business" in 1758; now 83 years old PS—briefly shares Mr. Apthorp's daughter's illness and treatment; has a 6-week old baby but not able to eat properly to support health of baby
47	27 February 1820	John Prince to Paine at Worcester. Concerns seeds and agriculture - sent seeds from Holland and last publication of our agricultural society, our best one yet; timely to send me the cauliflower seed as I am now making our hot beds, we have had a long continued thaw; "I fear a too early spring"; my wife is fine
48	8 November 1822; London	Mathieson? Jenkins and Co. to Mrs. Rachel Rose, care of William Paine in Worcester. You are at liberty to draw upon us for £100 on account of Jos. W. Rose Esq. of Antigua