

## John Porteous Papers: 1764-1862, bulk 1764-1799

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### Document List

#### **Reel 1, Volume 1:** A Portion of the Papers of John Porteous, 1764-79, 1792-99

- Article of Agreement of company partnership between John Duncan and James Sterling, 28 April 1764, NY (1)
- Articles of Agreement between John Duncan, Esq. and John Porteous, concerning carrying on Indian trade at Detroit and Michilimakinac, 11 March 1765, Schenectady (2)
- Draft of form legal document, concerning agreement to conditions for trading with Indians (3)
- J. Duncan's obligation to render Duncan Sterling & Porteous sales received of them in June 1767 (5)
- Receipt of the late co-partnership of D S & P, a credit in my account with them, signed James Sterling, 30 Oct 1769 (6)
- Bond of Indemnification, James Phyn & Alexander Ellice to James Sterling & John Porteous, 18 Jan. 1769 (7)
- Articles of Agreement of co-partnership between James Phyn, Alexander Ellice & John Porteous for carrying on a joint trade at Detroit, 16 March 1769, Schenectady (8)
- Phyn & Ellice bond to indemnify John Porteous from advancing a full share of stock in the partnership, 16 March 1769 (9)
- Account of current bills issued by JS & JP, Dec 1769; also includes "Burnt in the presence of Capt. Lernoult, 10 Oct 1775, which is a listing of bills with amounts (10)
- Contract, James Sterling & John Porteous concerning current money (10)
- Articles of Agreement respecting the building of a sloop at Pine River at Detroit, 7 Aug. 1769, Capt. Thomas Robinson, James Sterling & co-partnership of Phyn, Ellice & Porteous (11)
- Bills of Exchange to John Porteous, signed Thomas Robinson, 15 Oct. 1783 (12)
- Bond, Alexander Grant to Capt. Thomas Robinson, James Sterling, and co-partnership of Phyn, Ellice & Porteous to transport for each of the parties over any two of the three lakes – Ontario, Erie and Huron without any further expense, except carrying place at Niagara in exchange for title to sloop "Chippawa, now building at Pine River (12)
- Copy of Account of Cash and Wheat received from farmers at Detroit for Quit Rents due the Crown agreeable to their deeds ending 11 Nov. 1770, signed at Detroit 18 June 1771; data includes owners' names, acres in front, acres deep, bushels wheat, livres and sols; and is divided into Northside of River and Southside, signed James Sterling (13)
- Inhabitants who haven't paid Quit Rents due on their farms 11 Nov. last, Detroit, 18 June 1770 (13)

- Copy Quit Rent Roll of Town of Detroit, due 22 March 1771 (13)
- Articles of Agreement at Detroit between Samuel Tyms for himself and Daniel Campbell, John Porteous for Phyn Ellice & Porteous, and James Sterling for himself for building sloop at Detroit, 3 Dec 1770 (14)
- Contract of Sale, mill house?; in French – Contract de vente Moulin Maison, etc by Misters Phyn, Ellice & Porteous to Pierre Robert, 24 April 1773 (17)
- Advertisement, Detroit, 8 Jan. 1774; letters welcomed to be sent by packet, free; signed H. Basset, Major and Commander (18)
- Papers relating to Major Basset, concerning a meeting of trading people at which Basset “vilified” Mr. Porteous; Basset states he would assist those who would have nothing to do with Porteous, expands upon (19)
  - Also includes Memo of what passed between Major Basset and all the trading people of Detroit at the meeting, includes the words of Basset and Porteous, 27 Jan 1774
- Agreement between Alexander & William Macomb, and Phyn Ellice & Porteous, 27 Aug 1774, Detroit ((20)
  - Macomb to take all merchandise remaining that Phyn Ellice & Porteous hold at Detroit with noted exceptions, in consideration Phyn Ellice & Porteous agree to not carry on business at this place for 2 years except Porteous share in rum store, and other exceptions.
- Letter to John Porteous from Robert Ellice, Detroit, 26 Sept 1774; agrees to pay for board and lodging for his staying to collect debt of Phyn Ellice & Porteous, etc. in the upper country (22)
- Discharge James Sterling of Detroit, merchant, belonging to the late co-partnership of Duncan Sterling & Porteous of Detroit, 16 May 1775 (23)
- Invoice of goods shipped by James Phyn, on board “Hector,” by order and on account, etc. risk of John Porteous, London, 10 April 1775 (25)
- Notes concerning payments on account relating to John Porteous to Alexander Ellice & Co. (26)
- Letter to John Porteous from A. Macomb, Detroit, 1 Nov 1776 (27)
  - Business- happy to oblige friends, unlike A.E.
  - Sentiments about marriage/family, mentions son William
  - Business matters- trade
- Letter to Porteous from William Macomb, Montreal, 15 July 1779 (28)
  - mentions Porteous’ move to NY and author’s move, family and friends left at Detroit; Edward Pollard gone to England and left trading business at Niagara; bad opinion of W. Constable
  - Requests negroes (blacks) consigned to A Ellice & Co.
  - Sent bill to James Phyn in London for your payment; account balance of Mr. Pfister, formally officer in 60<sup>th</sup> Regiment; sent Mr. Phyn money in bills and purchased money from Mr. Jordan

- Letter to Porteous from Edward Pollard, Niagara, 11 Dec. 1777; concerning expenses and care concerning children, one an Ensign in 8<sup>th</sup> Regiment (Bob?) (29)
- Letter to Porteous from Edward Pollard, Niagara, 18 Mar 1778; same as above, children arrived at NY and vicinities, pay for their passages, Bob appointed Ensign in Kings Regiment here (30)
- Letter to Porteous from Richard Wright, Detroit, 10 June 1777; our little trade is likely to pass through your hands, Mr. McBeath has left for Mackinaw and will return via Montreal; mentions all out of goods, really requires large kettles for hulling corn; difficult to get anything done here except dancing and going to church, thus requests servant woman purchased, something decent; mentions Mr. Flemming and wife (31)
- Letter to Porteous at New York from Macomb, Quebec, 25 Aug. 1779; Gov. of Detroit taken prisoner, assistance for; account of slaves sent, send to Phyn (32)
- Letter to Porteous from Peter Fargues, Quebec, 13 July 1779; Misterys Alexander Ellice & Co. are concerned with me; discusses prices of some goods (33)
- Letter to Porteous from Peter Fargues, Quebec, 18 July 1779; acquaint you of vessels coming to Misterys Ellice & self which are late and taken: "Nancy," "Charlotte," "Commerce," "Pulier?;" instruction given if they appear at NY (34)
- Letter to Porteous from Charles Morison, Montreal, 19 Sept. 1779 (35)
  - Knows nothing of Porteous' debts, hasn't been to upper country
  - Bills, orders, etc. given to Porteous at Niagara- total amounts; received J. Askin's order on J.? Todd; problems with trade in area mentioned
- Letter to Porteous, NY from George Phyn, Quebec, 17 Sept. 1779 (36)
  - He, wife and A. Ellice leaving on armed ship, Bob staying at Montreal to attend matters
  - Mentions draft on Porteous in favour of John Whitten, who is gone to NY, instructions to pay given
- Letter to Porteous from George McBeath, Montreal, 27 Dec. 1779 (37)
  - Happy to hear of Porteous' welfare; wife's father's death and inheritance mentioned
  - Fur trade?, comment on state of
- Letter to Porteous from George McBeath:, Montreal, 12 Nov. 1781 (via Halifax and Penobscot) (38)
- Letter to Porteous from Alexander Ellice, 14 Sept. 1780 (39)
  - Requests assistance for new immigrant Mr. Mair
  - Requests to obtain paper signed by Wm. Durward at Aberdeen, 1772; will hold back opinions on public matters
- Letter to Porteous from James Ellice, Schenectady, 21 Feb. 1781 (40)
  - Requests letters be forwarded to James Phyn
- Sundries transacted for P.E. & P. (41)

- Received from on board “Angelica” goods to be sold on account of Misters Phyn, Ellice & Porteous, merchants at Detroit; data includes: date, items sold/taken and to whom and amounts, 1772-73
- Account of the Adv<sup>n</sup> [Adventure?] to the north with Pond & Graves, Grand Portage, 22 July 1775; contains a list of items
- Accounts (ledger), 1769-71, Phyn Ellice & Porteous with Phyn & Ellice
- Accounts Misters Phyn, Ellice & Porteous, 1772-3, with Charles Morison
- Accounts, Misters, Phyn Ellice & Porteous, 1772-75, with Phyn & Ellice (48-55)
- Notebook, small; includes accounts, memos, anecdotal personal notes such as how to keep apples (56-58)
  - Examples: Memo of articles left with Dr. Huntley 25 Sept 1775; list of articles ordered by S. Fleming & Wm. Hall, John Lilly, George McBeath; order sent James Phyn 7 June 1777 (large order of items)
- Letter to Porteous, NY, from Adam Lymburner, Quebec, 17 July 1779 (59)
  - mentions 2 vessels of his taken this spring, with details, gives instructions if retaken and arrives at NY, Robert Hunter will honour Porteous’ drafts concerning
- Letter to Porteous from Stafford Tulk? Cooper & Smith, Porto, 5 Aug. 1780; offering their services relating to wines for sale (60)
- Letter to Porteous from Nash & Hitchcock, Figueira, 2 Aug. 1780; concerning their wine sample (61)
- Letter to Porteous from John Stephenson, Montreal, 1 July 1780; appreciates hearing about his family; places an order of items for his wife (62)
- Letter to Porteous from John Paterson, London, 2 Oct. 1782; accident and death of John Porteous (wrong person written here? (see 73), Montreal, on his way home from La Chine, gives details, wife and 7 children left behind (63)
- Letter to Porteous from Stewart & Thompson, NY, 16 Sept. 1778; concerning the declining state of trade, our removal from Philadelphia determines us to call a meeting of our creditors, your attendance desired (64)
- Letter to Porteous from Robert Sinclair, London, 20 Sept. 1779; concerning selling of goods on two victualing vessels he owns captained by Andrew Rae of the “Elizabeth” and George Finlay of the “Nancy;” also has guns to sell (65)
- Letter to Porteous from John Stoughton, 10 March 1779; concerning disagreement about his account, didn’t like Porteous’ tone (66)
- Letter to Porteous from Adam Lymburner; relating to 2 vessels taken of his, already addressed in a letter by Fargues, explains, instructs how to proceed (67)
- Letter to Robert Heakesly from Murray Sansom & Co., London, 9 Dec. 1780 (68)
  - Insurance for vessel mentioned
  - Acknowledges order received, to sail in the “Quebec,” Capt. Smith, a ship of force
- Letter from Capt. Aberdeen on board ship “London” of Staten Island?, 13 Dec. 1781; payment of debt to be delivered (69)

- Letter to Porteous, NY, from Peter Fargues, Quebec, 13 July 1779 (70)
  - Letters to be forwarded to London and Ireland
  - Misterys Ellice & Co. concerned with him; price of beaver, racoons, deer skins expensive
- Letter to Porteous from James Penman, St. Augustine, 29 July 1779; missing invoice and particulars (71)
- Letter to Porteous from Peter Fargues, Quebec, 18 July 1779; vessels suspected taken and particulars, instructions if retaken (72)
- Letter to Porteous, NY, from Robert Lester, Quebec, 11 July 1780; death of friend Peter Fargues, power of attorney; Van Horn estate, Mr. Hanna and account concerning (73)
- Letter to Porteous from Robert Lester, Quebec, 11 July 1780 (74)
  - Names of ships here and loaded by Mr. Phyn for his correspondents to serve in case of reprisals and being retaken
  - Requests Porteous to claim vessel "Success," Capt. Monteith, for Mr. Lymburner
- Letter to Porteous from Montgomery Sealy & Co., Lisbon, 14 Feb. 1781 (75)
  - Andrew Gill & Co. of Halifax, their snow "Adventure," Robert Warden, Master, bound for Madeira, put in here in distress, informs
  - Sales pitch for their wine
- Letter to Misterys Edward Mumford, John Porteous, Thomas Pope from Longlands & Rennald, Montego Bay, Jamaica, 16 Feb. 1781 (76)
  - Concerning the vessel "Neptune," Capt. Foy
    - selling impractical and loading for England rather uncertain, took her up, to return to NY with freight of sugar and rum on account of Misterys Hodgsard?, Allason & Graham; she sails when the fleet next sails, if not possible we are now in treaty for 2 capital ships for Quebec that will afford an excellent convoy
    - insurance
- Letter to Misterys Edward Mumford, John Porteous, Thomas Pope to Longlands & Rennald, Montego Bay, Jamaica, 22 Mar. 1781; concerning vessel "Neptune," further explains – ready for loading and account total (77)
- Letter to Porteous from Commerell Lubbock, London, 4 Dec. 1781 (78)
  - Requests to forward on letters to Admiral Digby and his agent George Forbes (not included); requests information pertaining to estate of Mr. Jamieson
- Letter to Porteous from Robert Bartlet, 9 Nov. 1778; concerning money owed to Porteous, style of note surprised Bartlet (79)
- Account, Capt. W. Michael bought of William Jamieson, Kingsbridge, 7 June 1779; includes date, items and cost (80)
- Letter to Porteous from Thomas Foy, Montego Bay, Jamaica, 21 Feb 1781 (81)
  - Informs of safe arrival at Montego Bay after 27-day voyage; confirms ship loaded and ready to go, armed ships to accompany which Longland & Ranelds is loading for America, cargo chiefly rum and some sugar

- Remarks St. Eustachia is taken by Admiral Hede
- Letter to Porteous from James McLiesh, New York, 2 May 1783? (83)
  - Gives some background on himself- left the old country but forced at sea soon after, health issues explained, Dad's name is David and the last house Porteous lived in was his house in Edinburgh
  - Requests help to enable working independently selling goods
- Letter to Lt. Charles Kerr, 43<sup>rd</sup> Regiment from Edward Mumford, New York, 1 Dec. 1782; debt owed to Mumford to be paid to Porteous, as leaving this place (84)
- Letter to Andrew Lott, Esq. New York, from John Brockbank, London; please pay Mr. Porteous & Co. for order of items, listed with cost, ordered 1 June 1774 (now has 3-years' interest) (85)
- Legal document- Alexander Milne, New York merchant, appoints Porteous his attorney, 12 June 1781 (86)
- Account – Berry & Rogers in account with Porteous, 1780-March 1781; includes date, items and cost, with additional note attached by Porteous (87)
- Invoice – casks of Indigo shipped in the “Hero,” shipped by John Richardson, Samuel Hill, Commander, on account and risk of Porteous, merchant at NY and consigned to Mr. James Phyn, merchant, London, dated Charlestown (Charleston), 18 Nov. 1780; provides good information as to administrative costs of doing business (88)
- Account – Capt. Peters from Charlestown (Charleston) on account of Porteous (90)
  - Examples: 5 July 1780 sold at Public Sale 12 casks Indigo; 7 Aug. 1780 sold Smith Wienhold & Co. 6 barrels rice
- Account – Richardson's Sales of 3 packages of hats- one box and one trunk hats received by Brigantine “Swift” and 1 box hats delivered to me by Thomas Simpson, the whole account of Porteous & Andrew Skinner, NY, 11 Oct 1780-10 July 1781; includes buyer's name, item, and cost (92)
- Invoice of 5 cases Beaver shipped by John Richardson on board the “Laurie,” Thomas Ramsay, Master, for NY; Porteous 3/4ths and J.R. 1/4<sup>th</sup> concerned, Charlestown 6 Mar. 1782 (93)
  - Shows extensive costs; for example, paid Mr. Smith for 4 very strong cases; carting beaver at different times; carting empty cases; lids for 3 of the cases and nailing; a cooper for hoops and hooping; negro hire at different times for airing and beating skins and packing; storage for 5 months; Capt. Ramsay freight from hence to NY
- Letter to Porteous from John Richardson, Charlestown (Charleston), 28 March 1782; comments on the price and quality of beaver pelts recently purchased, invoice included (95)
- Sale of 3 pieces cloth on account of John Richardson, 1782 by Risk of? Nairn (96)
- Account- Porteous in account current with John Richardson, Dec. 1781-14 Mar. 1782 (97)
- Accounts and receipts (small separate sheets); includes date, items bought and cost (98):
  - Isaac Kip received contents in full, 5 Jan 1781
  - Philip Jarvis receipt for items bought from Porteous 1 Dec 1781

- Porteous bought from William Backhouse black wampum, 24 July 1781; bought from Berry & Rogers buttons, 4 Oct 1781, and other items 23 Nov. 1780 for Governor Hamilton and for Major Hay
- Letter to W. Constable from W. Bartlet Campbell & Co., Granada, 29 Apr. 1779 (99)
  - Fate of vessel “Lady Jane” and its detention here effects price of rum, documents sent to Montreal; fate of “Phoenix/Phanix?” – informs cargo ordered is shipped on the snow “York,” Capt. John Campbell, and should arrive soon
  - Our London fleet is arrived at Barbados, expect it soon; opinion “from the present prevailing sport of adventuring from our Islands to America that West India produce will be very much reduced in value”
- Letter to Porteous from William Constable, NY, 1 Sept. 1784 (103)
  - Mentions Porteous’ departure; expresses “all is for the best” post-Revolution and gives examples of positive affects for Porteous
  - Mentions Sampson’s children ill with ague; James Seagence’s? situation, treatment of Americans at Havana infamous, fearful property will be withheld
  - Requests oil cloths and a carpet; offered Indian goods at cost, feels optimistic about business
- Letter to Porteous from William Constable, NY, 5 Nov. 1784 (104)
  - Mentions his wants for his brother
  - Government decisions concerning back rents and the effect of paper money – “jig is up with the trade here”
  - Mentions Fleming and his financial troubles and love of money
- Letter to Porteous from William Constable, NY, 29 Nov. 1784 (105)
  - Mentions Porteous’ setting out for Scotland
  - Informs the affairs of JS ruinous and is concerned it will affect him financially, JS at Philadelphia to sort out, mentions among other things, if vessels and goods at Philadelphia had not fallen so much by peace taking place, he would have had enough to pay off P & E
  - Mentions state of affairs at Havana has not helped his finances; updates on family and circumstances briefly – Sampson lost daughter and was not happy with the exchange in his money when settling his debts with Richardson; nanny’s well and “all I have left”
  - Includes list of commodities and prices
- Letter to Porteous from William Constable, NY, 5 Jan. 1785 (106)
  - Concerning imports, prices and sales + summary: “sales are very dull”
  - Possible financial benefits of Congress moving to NY- increase house rents
  - Includes lists of commodities
- Letter to Porteous from William Constable, NY, 3 June 1785 (107)
  - Mentions John Richardson and his efforts concerning Augustine Adventure, and his dissatisfaction with the world

- Tries to dissuade Porteous from moving to southern climate as bad for health, and instead go to Nova Scotia; NS as pamphlets indicate, good business move for trade, Fleming may be interested as well, or another option could be if the posts are given up and P & E fix a House here, they may establish you here; hopes P & E don't establish a House at Halifax
- Account – Col. Stephen Delancey with George Sutherland, 6 Feb. 1784 – 29 Apr. 1785; includes list of items and costs (108)
- Letters (letter book), Porteous? 1786 (109)
  - To P & E, NY, 6 May 1786
    - Sorry for distress caused you concerning my financial matters, explains further
    - Motives for building house at St. John; assistance of A.E. with his venture into fishery, hopes to succeed and compensate; issue with Col. & Co.
  - To My Dear Friend, NY, 3 June 1786
    - Concerning his situation at Nova Scotia and New Brunswick: started herring fishery at St. John and Bear River with GS for this season; mentions hardships and Mr. E's assistance and lack of certainty for next year; comments about doing business in St. John and trade from there; can't sell any of his good here except silver
    - Off tomorrow a.m. on sloop "Peggy," Capt. Elliot, chartered and loaded with salt
  - To Misters P & E, NY, 3 June 1786
    - Mentions Mrs. Constable has agreed to part with her boy Dick to Mr. Robert Ellice and hopes he'll allow her £100, explains what to do with money
    - Balance due by W.C. to be remitted from Canada, further explains and gives assurance of his payment in future – his House is thriving in this city
    - Groome is in jail
  - To Dr. Colvill, 3 June 1786
    - Encloses bill of lading in the "Ranger;" has salt, flour and bread only in the "Peggy"
  - To Misters A. McGill & Co., St. John, 23 June 1786
    - Just arrived with cargo of salt from NY, want of cash, took liberty to draw on you in favour of Misters J. Colvill & Co.
    - Fishery in Bear River succeeds but being away is not advantageous for its success
  - To Misters Brymer & Belcher; requests acceptance of bill transmitted, if overdrawn, will pay
  - To Mr. Ritchie, Kincardin, 4 July 1786; urges payment as he's pressed by his obligations in NY
  - To John Robertson, Annapolis, 5 July 1786; vessel can't carry load of salt in his casks, etc.; delivery of flour for Mr. Ritchie, to send



- To [? ], KIncardin, 5 July 1786
  - Loading sloop, would have loaded more except not purged enough of oil; confusion about price to charge recipient, low price not sustainable- uncommon pains in pickling and extracting the oil, plus many disadvantages laboured under in first outset in the business
  - Has drawn on recipient in favour of Misters J.C. & Co.
- To A. Macomb, 29 June from Annapolis; our proposal etc. for the fishery was not so forward as I expected; explains the trials and tribulations thus far
- To J. Colvill, 29<sup>th</sup> [?] 1786; off to Digby tomorrow, mentions Capt. Park in discussion of supplies; herring fishery update: want of proper and timely preparations has prevented our having more ready for any market
- To Misters C.R. & Co., Digby, 30 June 1786
  - Been at Annapolis in hopes of getting some money, unsuccessful
  - Sent by the “Sally” our cured fish
  - Lists items, whether cleared or not, and where landed- St. John and P E I?
- To Mr. Colvill; business matter concerning Mr. Ritchie, needs it dealt with; look for directions on next ship from NY from W.C.
- To Capt. J. Park of the snow “Lively,” Digby, 1 July 1786; discussing his fish business- cured and ready for market, waiting on his determination about boards, etc. in order to accept order, Rutherford & Nash mentioned; wrote note to Mr. Brown at Digby enclosing above
- To [? } Pope, St. John, 30 July 1786
  - Considerations to consider before starting business here: discusses specific goods that are sellable, with explanations; consumption of goods here very good, payments with precautions are not bad, and expects goods will be in great demand here before middle of Nov.
  - Carrying on herring business with George Sutherland higher up river than ours, for reasons already stated will only be able to cover expenses; business future uncertain
  - Impressions on Annapolis; list of items added at end of note
- To [?], KIncardin, 5 July 1786
  - Received your obliging favour and now send you tar and turp? from Mr. Sutherland
  - Sending all our fish; order for Capt. James Park- miscommunication in price to, hold money from in your hands; requests molasses be sent
  - Update on fish activity
- To John Robertson, Kincardin; apologises for mistake in order of salt
- To C.R. & Co., 21 Aug 1786; list of items herein, if sent, he would sell; Colbourne is the best hand to manage all these matters; requests rags of newspapers
- To Rutherford & Nash, 22 Aug 1786 (from Annapolis); concerning herring delivery
- To C.R. & Co. from Bear River, 21 Aug. 1786

- Concerning order recently sent: flour prices rising so didn't send whole order; twine and price of high, pork not good- not inspected properly suggests, not sure if pork left at St. John is ok
  - Hasn't sent bills as it is necessary for him to stay close to his business, fishing is unsuccessful
- To Dr. C.?; suggests he does something about his account as it makes Porteous appear negligent; remarks his situation has become disagreeable and almost insupportable
- Dear C. from Bear River 17 Nov. 1786; encloses bond; requests money in sterling; sorry for recipient's situation
- To Misters C.R. & Co. from Bear River, 17 Nov. 1780
  - Mentions he has been up St. John River; unsuccessful in getting any remittances for you as at present country is exceedingly bad to collect debts in
- To M.G. from Bear River, 10 Aug. 1786; requests helping his friend G.S., a stranger in Halifax with money, advice and introducing him to serviceable people; G.S. helping to manage Porteous' affairs
- To A. Brymner; requesting his assistance to G.S. concerning land
- To Dr. C.? from St. John, 2 Aug. 1786
  - Concerning account of James McLean
  - Requests 2 anchors addressed to Misters C. & Co. for schooner they are now building
  - On his way over the Bay having been here and up the river these 2 weeks; good crops expected this year but want of provisions unless government allows them more; capable of raising their own flour on a good year; want of pork
- Letter to Porteous from Wm. Constable, New York, 13 June 1787; James Ellice is in town; apprehension that Porteous' boats are liable to seizure, but "as none of them are new I cannot suppose your collector can consider them as merchandise" (110)
- Letter of Administration granted to Porteous, administrator to the estate of George Sutherland, Bear River, Annapolis County, 25 Apr. 1787 ((111)
- List of Books at Bear River, 1 Oct. 1788 (112)
- Ledger of accounts (113)
  - John Porteous in account of remittances, 21 Feb. 1785-29 Jan. 1787, signed John Richardson
  - "Adventure" to St. Augustine in company with John Porteous, in account of remittances, May 1783-May 1785, 1 Jan 1786, 29 Jan. 1787
- Letter signed John Richardson, Schenectady, NY, 28 Apr. 1789 (114)
  - List of persons transmitted who are in debt to us and the sums they owe, request recipient to collect and remit to Misters Phyn, Ellice & Inglis on account of James Ellice & Co.

- Some of the names include: Robert Adams, John Glen, Major Fonda, Cornelius Cuyler, Charles Westley, Colonel Frey, Reuben Simonds, widow of Petrus Canute?, John Straher?, John Wyllie (wagoner), Major Shurtleff?, estate of Mrs. Clinch, Charles Miller, Matthew Forest, Dr. Thomas Read, widow Shea, Capt. J. Fonda, Wm. Colbreath, Phineas Leach, Samuel Chollet, Andrew McFarlan, Thomas Morrell, and Abram Lausing
    - Includes also list of people we owe: Wm. Constable, Joseph Kinsella, George Barker, and John Anderson
- Letter to Porteous, Little Falls, from Nicholas Hoffman & Miles Sherbrooke, merchants at NY, 30 March 1797 (115)
  - Concerning lots for sale: problems with people on lands we purchased in company with Mr. Ellice, they won't comply with bargain they made with him; drawn power of attorney to assist you, Mr. Cochrane will assist as needed; some instructions on selling lots included
- Letter to Porteous, Little Falls, from Nicholas Hoffman, NY, 15 Dec. 1797; concerning agreement on division of land with Mr. Sherbrooke, requests meeting to discuss (116)
- Letter of attorney, Nicholas Hoffman & Miles Sherbrooke to John Porteous, June 1796?; concerning lands in Herkimer County for Alexander Ellice (117)
- Letter to Porteous from Nicholas Hoffman, NY, 1 June 1797; concerning lands in Herkimer County, Sherbrooke too ill to discuss (118)
- Letter to Porteous from John Symington, Niagara, 7 Aug. 1793; request to forward letter from George Forsyth to NY where Mr. Ellice is (119)
- Letter to Philip Livingston (President of Branch Bank of NY), 20 Nov. 1793; concerning lands of his late father of which he had given charge of to Ben Henman, propose buying small lot approximately 50 acres (120)
- Letter to Porteous, Little Falls, from Jacob Morris, Butternuts, NY, 12 Feb 1795; requesting particular flour which his wife likes a lot, light load as he hears "sleighting in Porteous' quarters is not extraordinary;" send bill to Capt. Frey (121)
- Account of a chest of carpenter's tools, NY, 14 Apr. 1792; Mistery William and James Constable bought of Anthony Ackley, lists items and cost of each (122)
- Letter to Porteous, Little Falls, from Alexander Porteous, Perth, 29 July 1795 (123)
  - Remarks on health of brother David, better due to taking alkaline water or water impregnated with air; father's money, not all recovered, therefore not remitted any to P.E. & I, gives amount; additional brief family notes
  - Land- remarks that Porteous' purchases are doing well financially and also willing to buy some if Porteous finds a good deal
  - Price of wheat, oats, barley, and state of exports of; asks about his wheat
  - Security: remarks on local situation related to security- established Corps of Volunteers in defence of towns against foreign or domestic enemies and for the suppression of riots, expands on Volunteers' clothing and accoutrements

- Letter to Porteous from David Porteous (brother), Strageth, Scotland, 13 Mar. 1799; relating to family health matters: Porteous' bad health and death of David's daughter noted, David had kidney stones, much better now (124)
- Letter to Porteous from J.R.G. from Overseers of the Poor; relating to Sukey, slave of Porteous: request for recipient to make provisions for, who is in need; Overseers claim even though Sukey was manumitted, doesn't preclude Porteous' responsibilities as respects rights to support of paupers (125)
- Letter to Porteous from Joab? Greenwold, 31 Mar. 1798?; informs Porteous of inflammatory reports circulated about him by Dr. Jonathan Moore: "Damnest villain known..." (127)
- Letter to Mrs. Weston? From D.M., 7 Feb. 1796; received letter with unexpected gift for his daughter, mentions his dear little Mary and that Mr. & Mrs. Ellice up here in a week (128)
- Letter to Mrs. Weston from D.M., 4 Feb. 1796; gratitude for present, (seems to be referring to above); been here some time and happier than can be expected of a girl of my age bred in NY, but father's affection compensates the loss of a gayer circle; hopes you will visit (128)
- Poems (2), plus one very short prayer (129)
  - "When every charm on Earth combine, In Chloe's face, in Chloe's mind, Why was I borne ye gods to see, What robs me of my liberty" (1<sup>st</sup> stanza)
  - "Phyllis as her wine she slept in, Gayly talking to her swain, Into her hand he slightly slept in, Into her hand he slightly slept in, A full glass of brisk champagne" (1<sup>st</sup> stanza)
- Letter to daughter C.M.P, 8 Mar. 1796; shows his affection towards and concern for a young and newly married? Daughter (131)
- Words to some country dances (132):
  - Will you Go and Marry Kitty
  - Hunt the Squirrel
  - Freize Cantons
  - Canadian
- Letter to Misters Melcher Fols & Marks? Rasbauch from Porteous, 1 July 1797; relating to slave Sukey, manumitted; calls her ungrateful and argues "law can never oblige me to both manumit and maintain her without compensation" (133)
- Letter to Wm. Alexander from Porteous [no date]; relating to sentiments about Alexander's relationship with Kitty (daughter), would like her to travel to NY with him in spring (133)
- Bond- Gershom Skinner of Tryon County and James Ellice of Albany County bound to Groodt of Town of Schenectady in Albany County, 6 Apr. 1784; Skinner & Ellice owe Groodt money (134)
- Description of the mill at Little Falls, 1774; answer to Phyn & Ellice's memo requesting information (very descriptive) (135)
- Estimate to build the mill by Mr. Cox; "Daniel Carnew, mill wright near Col. Frey" written at the bottom of sheet; includes items with cost (136)
- Certification written by Cyrus Newlin, Brandywine, 1789?; work reference for Jesse Thomas as to his capabilities of working a merchant mill ((136)

- Agreement between James Ellice & Patrick Campbell for the rent of a farm by Patrick, above the Little Falls (137)
- Letter to William Alexander from his daughter, Mary P. Alexander, Norwalk, 24 Sept; personal- glad to hear of her mom and baby, John and Henry; progress at schooling, wishes she could go to school in NY as her friend (138)
- Letter to Porteous from Mr. VanSchaack, Pittsfield, 3 Aug. 1798; looks forward to seeing recipient on his travels to Albany