

Letters of Charles Carroll of Carrollton – Page 1 of 2

- Letter sent to William Graves; September 15, 1765; Field, Unpublished letters, p. 89.

“...our inability, while loaded with oppressive taxes to purchase your manufactures, will oblige us to manufacture for ourselves...”

- Letter sent to William Graves; August 27, 1767; Field, Unpublished letters, pp. 148-9.

“...I foretell it [the Townshend Acts] will give great disgust, and ...goods of ye manufacture of Great Britain...will certainly lessen the consumption of them, and ...will force ye colonists to manufacture for themselves.”

- To West & Hobson

Nov. 2, 1772

“...I beg the favour of Mr. Hobson to deliver the enclosed letter to Mrs. Lee, Mr. James Russells daughter who married Mr. Phil. Lee of this Province – The letter is from Mrs. Carroll requesting the favour of Mrs. Lee to buy a few articles for her in London of which she has sent Mrs. Lee an Invoice included in her Letters – These things may amount to 15 L sterling which sum I beg you will send to Mrs. Lee whenever she calls for it for the above mentioned Articles.” (Arents Collection)

- To West & Hobson

December 20, 1772

“... This Covers a list of china which I desire you will buy for me and send by some vessel immediately bound for this Port – I am informed the China [,] set down in the inclosed List [,] may be bought in London for 12 Guineas – however – in order to have it handsome & good I would not begrudge to give a few Pounds more tho’ I would not have you exceed 15 Pounds.

Invoice C4C

China

A Compleat Table Service of the best, strongest blue & white China, consisting of the following Particulars-

26 Dishes, all of them of an Oblong form, ... - 2 of these to be of the largest size fit to use at each end of a long Table – the remainder to be composed of 6 different degrees 4 to each degree

2 Turreenes with Dishes & covers

2 doz. (?1.2) of Soup Plates

6 Doz. Shallow Plates

2 Doz. Small desert do.

18 deep desert do.

2 very small Turreenes with Dishes – covers & spoons proper for creams

The whole of the above Service to correspond. The Dishes must be the thickest sort that can be purchased – the Plates also thick.” (Arents Collection)

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- To West & Hobson

Feb. 1, 1773

“...I desire you will send me the articles mentioned in the inclosed invoice, that you will be very attentive to the purchase of all the Articles, particularly the Saw Mill Saws - & send this order by the first ship bound to this Port of Patapsco that sails after you receive this letter.

Invoice C4C

1 Pair of 10 In. (?worm) hinges faced with Brass very neat
2 neat large strong Latches with Brass nobbs for Street doors – to open on both sides –
2 neat strong Bolts & Staples for the same door
1 Strong Copper (?) the cup of which to hold 3 (?) Qts. At least, with a large Strong pipe and (?)
– for Racking Liquors
36 Pr. Of 6 in. Hinges of a good sort
36 Pr. 5 In. do...” (Arents Collection)

- To (?Geo.) Meade
Annapolis

June 11, 1773

“...Be pleased to send 5 Boxes of the very best Spermacite Candles directed to Chas. Carroll of Carrollton in Annapolis...” (Arents Collection)

- To Geo. Meade, Philadelphia

August 23, 1773

“...The Spermacite candles will be wanted in less than a month’s time, I beg, therefore you will contrive to send them to Annapolis by the middle of Sept. at farthest (if possible)...” (Arents Collection)

- To Wallace and Company’s London agent Joshua Johnson

January 8, 1775

[None of the items ordered were] “to be bought unless All the Acts mentioned by the continental Congress as unjust and oppressive, (and of which the repeal is solicited) should be Repealed.”

- Charles Carroll of Carrollton signed a resolution in May 1774 in which he agreed, “to stop all importation from, and exportation to, Great Britain” until the repeal of the Intolerable Acts.