

## **ANCIEN REGIME IN TURMOIL? Commerce, Politics and Society in France, c.1682-1793**

*The Gazette Manuscrite*, 1775-1793, and related sources from the John Rylands University Library of Manchester

### *Publisher's Note*

This project brings together a variety of original manuscript sources from the John Rylands University Library of Manchester, dominated by the *Gazette Manuscrite*, a manuscript newsletter documenting the period 1775-1793.

These manuscript sources provide unique evidence on commerce, politics and society in France, particularly during the years 1775-1793, but also stretching back as far as the reign of Louis XIV with fragments from the *Mélanges Littéraires* dating from 1682, when the Court moved to Versailles, and the sudden death of Colbert in 1683. There are many letters which indicate that commerce, 'mercantilism' and new 'industrial' enterprises were thriving by the 1770s. This begs the question ... Was Society in Crisis? Why a Revolution? ... Was the Ancien Regime in Turmoil?

### **The Gazette Manuscrite 1775 – 1793, 10 volumes, Fr. Mss. 42-51**

This series of volumes consists of letters sent on a weekly basis from Paris to Rennes. There are also a number of personal letters sent from various towns in Brittany which are included with the *Gazette*. Many of the letters are addressed to Monsieur le Comte, or Madame La Comtesse de Chateaugiron. In October 1790 he becomes Monsieur René Le Prêtre de Chateaugiron, and Commandant de la garde nationale de Lavaux, département de la Loire Inférieure; in September 1792 he becomes known more simply as Citoyen René Le Prêtre. Important areas covered include:

- Trade and Commerce
- French provincial life and society
- Provincial towns in Brittany
- New enterprises and mercantilism
- Revolutionary events and the regime in crisis
- The effect of the political situation on every day life and society

This unique documentary source records in a most readable and appealing fashion the dramatic changes in France from 1775 to 1793 through eye witness accounts:

Covering the years 1775-1793 and also reaching as far back as the reign of Louis XIV we have also chosen to include the following related historical and literary manuscripts from the John Rylands University of Manchester:

**Comité Révolutionnaire.** Émargement des Membres du Comité Révolutionnaire des Sections de Paris, 1793. Each sheet is signed by the chief officials and bears the imprint of the sectional seal or stamp. (Fr. Mss. 110)

**Révolution Française.** Le Dine du grénadier à Brest. Dialogue patriotique. (Fr. Mss. 115)

**Mirabeau.** Épitaphes de Mirabeau Riquetti l'ainé mort le 2 avril, 1791. Eighteen satirical epitaphs. (Fr. Mss. 116)

**Pièces Diverses.** A letter from General Dumourier of the thirty administrators of the town of Mons, from Liège, 1792; fragments from a 'Rucueil concernant M. d'Orléans, 1789-1791; papers of M. Micholet, avocat à Cuiseaux, 1807-1809; and various proceedings of the Tribunal Révolutionnaire in 1793 in the Affaire de Clariere. (Fr. Mss. 177)

**Mélanges Littéraires.** (Fr. Mss. 76-85 and 111). Epitaphs and verses of a political and satirical nature about members of the French court and other well-known contemporary figures, numerous Chansons, including copies of letters of Voltaire and Rousseau. All have tables of contents. Examples include:

- *Le Diable Banquier*
- *Les Rats d'Angleterre*
- *Réflexions sur le Bonheur. Par Madame La Marquise du Châtelet*
- *Ode sur l'Insensibilité, à M. Franklin*

This collection provides easy and immediate access to a small but fascinating source. It will be of interest to all scholars of the French Revolution, French Society and Politics, Mercantilism, Parisian, Provincial and European Affairs, 1775-1793.

**Professor Gwynne Lewis**, Department of History, University of Warwick comments:

*"Recently, attention has been focused upon the linkages between the Ancien Regime and the Revolution. Here is an excellent source which will enable students to challenge or corroborate many of the conclusions reached by historians over the past two decades concerning the relationship between the crises of the Ancien Regime and those of the Revolution, as well as between Paris and the heart of the Vendéean revolt of 1793 in the west of France."*

A detailed listing provides information on the frequency of the letters making up the *Gazette Manuscrite*. In addition to the regular despatches from Paris to Rennes, there are letters with reports from Brest, Lorient, Nantes, Lesneven, Paimboeuf, Bayonne and St Malo. The listing also gives further details on the related sources of a literary and historical nature which complete this collection.

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Ordonnance du Roi concernant les Messageries  
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Royaume, auquel est annexe le Tarif qui sera suivi à l'avenir, tant pour le prix des Places, que  
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Letter from Paris	10 December 1780
Letter from Paris	14 December 1780
Letter from Paris	17 December 1780
Letter from Brest	17 December 1780
Letter from Lorient	18 December 1780
Letter from Paris	21 December 1780
Letter from Brest	22 December 1780
Letter from Paris	24 December 1780
Letter from Brest	25 December 1780
Letter from Paris	28 December 1780
Letter from St Malo	28 December 1780
Letter from St Malo	30 December 1780
Letter from Paris	31 December 1780
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**Gazette Manuscript, Volume IV, (Ff. Mss. 45)  
3 January 1781 – 28 December 1782**

Letter from Brest	3 January 1781
Letter from Paris	4 January 1781
Letter from St Malo	4 January 1781
Letter from Brest	5 January 1781
Letter from St Malo	6 January 1781
Letter from Paris	7 January 1781
Letter from St Malo	9 January 1781
Letter from Brest	10 January 1781
Letter from Paris	11 January 1781
Letter from Brest	12 January 1781
Letter from St Malo	18 January 1781
Letter from Brest	19 January 1781
Letter from Brest	22 January 1781
Letter from Brest	24 January 1781

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Letter from Brest	26 January 1781
Letter from Brest	29 January 1781

Special note following news of the surrender of General Cornwallis.

Letter from Paimboeuf	7 February 1781
Letter from Brest	7 February 1781
Letter from Brest	19 February 1781
Letter from Brest	26 February 1781

Letter from Lorient	9 March 1781
Letter from Brest	9 March 1781
Letter from Brest	14 March 1781
Letter from Brest	16 March 1781

Letter with news from Brest and Lorient	28 March 1781
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Letter from Brest	2 April 1781
Letter from Brest	6 April 1781
Letter from Brest	18 April 1781
Letter from Brest	25 April 1781

Letter from Brest	7 May 1781
Liste de la Promotion arrêtée par le Roi	9 May 1781
Letter from Brest	11 May 1781
Letter from Brest	14 May 1781
Letter from Lorient	11 May 1781
Letter from Brest	18 May 1781
Letter from Lorient	20 May 1781
Letter from Lesneven	21 May 1781
Letter from Brest	30 May 1781
Letter from Brest	11 June 1781
Letter from Brest	27 June 1781
Letter addressed to "Monsieur le Comte" from Rennes	22 June 1781
Letter from Brest	16 July 1781
Copy of a letter from Cadiz	17 July 1781
Letter	1 August 1781
Letter from Concarneau	6 August 1781
Letter from Lorient	6 August 1781
Letter from Brest	11 August 1781
Letter from Brest	13 August 1781
Letter from Brest	29 August 1781
Letter from Brest	7 September 1781 ?
Letter addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes from Brest	
7 September 1781	
Letter from Brest	15 October 1781
Letter from Lesneven	16 October 1781
Précis de la Campagne de l' Armée Navale aux ordres du Comte de Grasse.	
Letter from Brest	16 November 1781
Letter from Brest	21 November 1781
Letter from Brest	23 November 1781
Additional news from Brest	7 December 1781
Letter from Brest	7 December 1781
Letter from Brest	31 December 1781
Letter addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes	
1 January 1782	
Combat de l' armée française aux ordres de Monsieur le Comte de Grasse et de l'armée anglaise aux ordres de l' Admiral Rodney. An account of the various actions	
April 1782	

Letter from Brest	11 February 1782
Letter from Brest	21 April 1782
Letter from Brest	27 May 1782
Letter from Brest	17 June 1782

Letter address to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

28 June 1782 ?

Letter	3 July 1782
Letter from Brest	5 July 1782

Letters addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

17 July 1782 ? and undated.

Letter addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

3 August 1782

Suite de la lettre de Sir Gibbons à Sir Robertson (again addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes)	7 August 1782
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Further instalments and extracts from other letters	14 August 1782
	17 August 1782
	21 August 1782
	27 August 1782

All addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

Anecdote addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

31 August 1782

Letters addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

14 September 1782  
18 September 1782

Two letters similarly addressed but undated

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Letter addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

9 October 1782  
12 October 1782  
16 October 1782  
19 October 1782  
23 October 1782

Extract from a letter	9 October 1782 ?
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Letter addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

30 October 1782

Letters addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

Including some extracts from "Camp de St Roch" Extract from a letter from Benjamin

Franklin

Letters addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

2 November 1782

6 November 1782

9 November 1782

16 November 1782

20 November 1782

23 November 1782

Letter from Brest

24 November 1782

Letters addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

27 November 1782

30 November 1782

4 December 1782

Préliminaires de Paris présumer entre les puissances belligérantes

7 December 1782

Letters addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

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11 December 1782

14 December 1782

18 December 1782

21 December 1782

24 December 1782

28 December 1782

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**4 January 1783 – 31 December 1783**

Letters addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

4 January 1783

15 January 1783

22 January 1783

25 January 1783

29 January 1783

Letters addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

1 February 1783

5 February 1783

11 February 1783

12 February 1783  
15 February 1783

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19 February 1783  
22 February 1783  
26 February 1783

Letters addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

1 March 1783  
5 March 1783  
8 March 1783  
12 March 1783  
15 March 1783  
19 March 1783  
22 March 1783  
29 March 1783

Letters addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

3 April 1783  
5 April 1783  
6 April 1783  
9 April 1783  
12 April 1783  
16 April 1783  
17 April 1783  
19 April 1783  
23 April 1783  
26 April 1783  
30 April 1783

Letters addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

3 May 1783  
7 May 1783  
10 May 1783  
14 May 1783  
17 May 1783  
21 May 1783  
24 May 1783  
28 May 1783  
31 May 1783

Letters addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

4 June 1783  
7 June 1783  
10 June 1783  
14 June 1783  
17 June 1783  
21 June 1783

Letter from Paris

22 June 1783

Letters addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

25 June 1783  
28 June 1783

Letters addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

2 July 1783  
5 July 1783  
10 July 1783  
19 July 1783  
23 July 1783  
26 July 1783

Letters addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

2 August 1783  
5 August 1783

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13 August 1783  
16 August 1783  
21 August 1783  
23 August 1783  
30 August 1783

Letters addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

3 September 1783  
6 September 1783  
10 September 1783  
13 September 1783  
17 September 1783  
20 September 1783 ?  
24 September 1783  
25 September 1783  
27 September 1783

Letter from "Camp de Buena Vista"

14 September 1783

Letters addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

1 October 1783  
8 October 1783  
14 & 15 October 1783  
18 October 1783  
22 October 1783 (from Paris)  
25 October 1783

Letter from Paris

29 October 1783

Letters addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

1 November 1783  
4 November 1783  
8 November 1783  
13 November 1783  
15 November 1783

Letter from Paris

18 November 1783

Letters addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

19 November 1783

Letter 22 November 1783

Letter addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

26 November 1783

Letter 28 November 1783

Letter addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

8 December 1783

Letter from Paris 4 December 1783

Letters addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

6 December 1783

10 December 1783

11 December 1783

Letter from Paris 18 December 1783

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Letters addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

20 December 1783

24 December 1783

Letter from Paris 25 December 1783

Letter addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

27 December 1783

Letter 31 December 1783  
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3 January 1784 – 29 December 1784**

Letter addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

3 January 1784

Letter from Paris 5 January 1784  
Letter 6 January 1784

Letter addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes  
(with extracts from Montpellier)

Letters addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

8 January 1784

10 January 1784

11 January 1784

14 January 1784

18 January 1784

19 January 1784

Letter from Versailles, Paris

19 January 1784

Letter from Paris

23 January 1784

Letters addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

21 January 1784

24 January 1784

27 January 1784

31 January 1784

Letters addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

4 February 1784

5 February 1784

7 February 1784

8 February 1784

14 February 1784

16 February 1784

18 February 1784

21 February 1784

23 February 1784

25 February 1784

28 February 1784

Letters addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

2 March 1784

6 March 1784

10 March 1784

13 March 1784

17 March 1784

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19 March 1784

20 March 1784

24 March 1784

Letters addressed as above

26 March 1784

27 March 1784

31 March 1784

Letters addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

2 April 1784

7 April 1784

Letter

10 April 1784

Letters addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes



14 April 1784  
21 April 1784  
24 April 1784  
28 April 1784

Letters addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

1 May 1784  
4 May 1784  
8 May 1784  
11 May 1784  
15 May 1784  
19 May 1784  
22 May 1784

Letter

26 May 1784

Letter addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

29 May 1784

Letters addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

2 June 1784  
9 June 1784

Letter

12 June 1784

Letters addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

16 June 1784  
23 June 1784  
26 June 1784  
30 June 1784

Letters addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

3 July 1784  
9 July 1784  
12 July 1784  
16 July 1784  
14 July 1784  
17 July 1784  
17 July 1784  
21 July 1784  
24 July 1784

Letter from Edward Gibbon, author of *History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire* to his friend William Robertson, author of *History of America*, about situation in England (copy, also addressed to "Monsieur le Comte" in Rennes)

Letters addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

(latter with an extract from a letter from Naples)

Letters addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

28 July 1784

30 July 1784

31 July 1784

4 August 1784

7 August 1784

11 August 1784

14 August 1784

18 August 1784

20 August 1784

25 August 1784

27 August 1784

28 August 1784

Letters addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

1 September 1784

4 September 1784

8 September 1784

18 September 1784

“Tableau des Conquêtes”

Letters addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

22 September 1784

25 September 1784

29 September 1784

Letters addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

2 October 1784

2 October 1784

4 October 1784

6 October 1784

16 October 1784

20 October 1784

23 October 1784

27 October 1784

29 October 1784

Letters addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

6 November 1784

10 November 1784

Letter from Paris

9 November 1784 ?

Letters addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

12 November 1784

13 November 1784

17 November 1784

23 November 1784

27 November 1784

Letters addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

(latter includes an extract from a letter from Bordeaux)

1 December 1784  
4 December 1784  
8 December 1784  
9 December 1784  
15 December 1784  
22 December 1784

Letters addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son      18 December 1784

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hotel à Rennes      22 December 1784  
25 December 1784  
29 December 1784

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**Gazette Manuscrite, Volume VII, (Fr. Mss. 48)  
12 January 1785 – 31 December 1785**

Letters addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

12 January 1785  
15 January 1785  
22 January 1785  
25 January 1785

Letters addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

2 February 1785  
9 February 1785  
12 February 1785  
19 February 1785  
26 February 1785

Letters addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

5 March 1785  
9 March 1785  
12 March 1785  
16 March 1785  
23 March 1785  
26 March 1785  
30 March 1785

Letter addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

2 April 1785

Letter addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

14 May 1785  
18 May 1785  
21 May 1785

25 May 1785  
28 May 1785

Letters addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

1 June 1785  
4 June 1785  
8 June 1785  
11 June 1785  
15 June 1785  
18 June 1785  
22 June 1785  
25 June 1785  
29 June 1785

Letters addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

2 July 1785  
6 July 1785  
9 July 1785  
16 July 1785  
20 July 1785  
23 July 1785  
27 July 1785  
30 July 1785

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Letters addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

5 August 1785 ?  
6 August 1785  
9 August 1785  
10 August 1785  
13 August 1785  
17 August 1785  
20 August 1785  
24 August 1785  
27 August 1785

Letters addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

1 September 1785  
3 September 1785  
7 September 1785  
14 September 1785  
17 September 1785  
19 September 1785  
21 September 1785  
24 September 1785  
28 September 1785

Letters addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

1 October 1785  
5 October 1785  
8 October 1785  
11 October 1785  
12 October 1785

16 October 1785  
22 October 1785  
25 October 1785  
29 October 1785  
30 October 1785

Letters addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

2 November 1785  
5 November 1785  
9 November 1785  
12 November 1785  
16 November 1785  
19 November 1785  
26 November 1785  
30 November 1785

Letters addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

3 December 1785  
9 December 1785  
10 December 1785  
14 December 1785  
17 December 1785  
21 December 1785  
24 December 1785  
28 December 1785  
31 December 1785

**Gazette Manuscrite, Volume VIII, (Fr. Mss. 49)  
4 January 1786 – 30 December 1786**

Letters addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

4 January 1786  
7 January 1786

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10 January 1786

Letters addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

3 March 1786  
7 March 1786  
10 March 1786  
14 March 1786  
17 March 1786 and undated.

Letters addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

1 April 1786  
6 April 1786  
12 April 1786  
15 April 1786  
19 April 1786

Letters addressed as above

22 April 1786  
26 April 1786

29 April 1786

List of Naval appointments

1 May 1786

Letters addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

3 May 1786  
6 May 1786  
10 May 1786  
17 May 1786  
20 May 1786  
24 May 1786  
27 May 1786  
31 May 1786

Letters addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

3 June 1786 ?  
7 June 1786  
10 June 1786  
14 June 1786  
17 June 1786  
20 June 1786  
24 June 1786  
28 June 1786

Letters addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

1 July 1786  
5 July 1786  
8 July 1786  
12 July 1786  
15 July 1786  
19 July 1786  
22 July 1786  
25 July 1786  
29 July 1786

Letters addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

2 August 1786  
5 August 1786  
9 August 1786  
12 August 1786  
19 August 1786

Letters addressed as above

15 August 1786

23

23 August 1786  
26 August 1786  
30 August 1786

Letters addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

2 September 1786  
6 September 1786  
9 September 1786

13 September 1786  
16 September 1786  
20 September 1786  
23 September 1786  
27 September 1786  
30 September 1786

Letters addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

4 October 1786  
7 October 1786  
6 October 1786 ?  
14 October 1786  
18 October 1786  
21 October 1786  
25 October 1786  
28 October 1786

Letters addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

1 November 1786  
4 November 1786  
8 November 1786  
11 November 1786  
15 November 1786  
18 November 1786  
25 November 1786  
29 November 1786

Letters addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

6 December 1786  
9 December 1786  
12 December 1786 ?  
13 December 1786  
16 December 1786

Letters addressed as above

20 December 1786  
23 December 1786  
27 December 1786  
30 December 1786

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**Gazette Manuscrite, Volume IX, (Fr. Mss 50)  
3 January 1787 – 15 September 1787**

Letters addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

3 January 1787  
6 January 1787  
10 January 1787  
13 January 1787  
17 January 1787  
20 January 1787  
24 January 1787

27 January 1787

31 January 1787

Letters addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

3 February 1787

7 February 1787

10 February 1787

14 February 1787

17 February 1787

21 February 1787

24 February 1787

28 February 1787

Letters addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

21 March 1787

24 March 1787

28 March 1787

31 March 1787

Letters addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

4 April 1787

7 April 1787

11 April 1787

14 April 1787

18 April 1787

21 April 1787

25 April 1787

28 April 1787

Letters addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

2 May 1787

5 May 1787

9 May 1787

12 May 1787

16 May 1787

19 May 1787

23 May 1787

25 May 1787

30 May 1787

Letters addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

6 June 1787

9 June 1787

13 June 1787

16 June 1787

20 June 1787

21 June 1787 ?

23 June 1787

30 June 1787

29 August 1787

Letters addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes



1 September 1787  
5 September 1787  
12 September 1787  
15 September 1787

Letter addressed to Madame la Marquise  
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26 September 1790 – 24 November 1790**

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These letters are not bound in chronological order in the original:

Letters addressed to Monsieur René Le Prêtre de Chateaugiron, Commandant de la garde nationale de Lavaux, département de la Loire Inférieure, en son hotel à Rennes

13 October 1790  
11 October 1790

Letter	4 October 1790
Letter	6 October 1790

Letters addressed to Monsieur René Le Prêtre de Chateaugiron, Commandant de la garde nationale de Lavaux, département de la Loire Inférieure, en son hotel à Rennes

9 October 1790  
6 October 1790

Letter	8 November 1790
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Suite de la lettre du 10 September 1790 ?  
also addressed to Monsieur René Le Prêtre de Chateaugiron,  
Commandant de la garde nationale de Lavaux, département de la  
Loire Inférieure, en son hotel à Rennes

Part of a letter similarly addressed, but bound out of sequence

Letter	6 November 1790
Letter	10 November 1790

Letter	26 September 1790
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addressed to Monsieur René Le Prêtre de Chateaugiron,  
Commandant de la garde nationale de Lavaux, département de la  
Loire Inférieure, en son hotel à Rennes

Letter addressed to Monsieur le Comte de Chateaugiron en son hotel à Rennes

8 December 1790 ?

Letter	3 November 1790
Letter	29 September 1790

Letters addressed to Monsieur René Le Prêtre de Chateaugiron, Commandant de la garde nationale de Lavaux, département de la Loire Inférieure, en son hotel à Rennes

16 October, 1790

18 October, 1790  
20 October, 1790

Letter

23 October 1790

Letters addressed to Monsieur René Le Prêtre de Chateaugiron, Commandant de la garde nationale de Lavaux, département de la Loire Inférieure, en son hotel à Rennes

25 October 1790  
27 October 1790  
30 October 1790

Letter

2 October 1790

Letter

10 November 1790

addressed to Monsieur René Le Prêtre de Chateaugiron,  
Commandant de la garde nationale de Lavaux, département de la  
Loire Inférieure, en son hotel à Rennes

Suite de la lettre du 2 October 1790 ?

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Letter from Paris

18 January 1785

Suite de la lettre du 1 November 1790 ?

addressed to Monsieur René Le Prêtre de Chateaugiron,  
Commandant de la garde nationale de Lavaux, département de la  
Loire Inférieure, en son hotel à Rennes

Suite de la lettre du 27 November 1790 ?

Letter

11 October 1790

addressed to Monsieur René Le Prêtre de Chateaugiron,  
Commandant de la garde nationale de Lavaux, département de la  
Loire Inférieure, en son hotel à Rennes

Letter

1 November 1790

Letter

22 November 1790

Letter

24 November 1790

Suite de la lettre du 22 November 1790

addressed to Monsieur René Le Prêtre de Chateaugiron,  
Commandant de la garde nationale de Lavaux, département de la  
Loire Inférieure, en son hotel à Rennes

Letter

15 November 1790

Letter

17 November 1790

addressed to Monsieur René Le Prêtre de Chateaugiron,  
Commandant de la garde nationale de Lavaux, département de la  
Loire Inférieure, en son hotel à Rennes

Letter

20 November 1790

Suite de la lettre du 13 November 1790

followed by letter of same date, bound out of sequence,  
addressed to Monsieur René Le Prêtre de Chateaugiron,  
Commandant de la garde nationale de Lavaux, département de la  
Loire Inférieure, en son hotel à Rennes

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**Gazette Manuscrite, Volume X, (Fr. Mss. 51)  
28 July 1792 – 11 May 1793**

Letter  
addressed to Monsieur René Le Prêtre de Chateaugiron, en son  
hotel à Rennes 28 July 1792

Letter  
addressed to Monsieur René en son hotel à Rennes 31 July 1792

Letters addressed to Monsieur René Le Prêtre de Chateaugiron, en son hotel à Rennes

1 August 1792  
4 August 1792  
6 August 1792 ?  
8 August 1792  
11 August 1792

Letters addressed to Monsieur René Le Prêtre en son hotel à 13 August 1792

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Rennes undated letter  
17-20 August 1792  
18 August 1792  
27-29 August 1792  
27 August 1792  
22 August 1792  
22-25 August 1792  
25 August 1792

Letters addressed to Monsieur René Le Prêtre en son hotel à Rennes

1 September 1792  
3 September 1792  
5 September 1792

Letter 6 September 1792

Letter addressed to Monsieur René Le Prêtre en son hotel à Rennes

8 September 1792

Proclamation 8 October 1792

Letter addressed to Monsieur René Le Prêtre en son hotel à Rennes

9-10 September 1792

Suite pour Avignon 10 September 1792

Letters addressed to Monsieur René Le Prêtre en son hotel à Rennes

12 September 1792  
15 September 1792  
17 September 1792  
19 September 1792

Letter from Paris addressed to Citoyen René Le Prêtre and forwarded to Vannes

22 September 1792  
24 September 1792  
26 September 1792

Letter from Paris addressed to Citoyen René Le Prêtre at Rennes 30 September 1792 ?

Letter 27 September 1792  
Letter 29 September 1792

Letter from Paris addressed to Citoyen René Le Prêtre at Rennes 1 October 1792

Letters from Paris:  
3 October 1792  
6 October 1792  
8 October 1792  
10 October 1792

Letters from Paris addressed to Citoyen René Le Prêtre at Rennes

13 October 1792  
20 October 1792  
22 October 1792  
24 October 1792  
26 October 1792  
27 October 1792  
29 October 1792  
31 October 1792

Letter 3 November 1792

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Letters from Paris addressed to Citoyen René Le Prêtre at Rennes

5 November 1792  
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REEL EIGHT

9-11 February 1793  
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8-11 May 1793

**Comité Révolutionnaire.  
Emargement des Membres du Comité Révolutionnaire des  
Sections de Paris, 1793  
(Fr. Mss. 110)**

29 Large Sheets for the following sections:

Le Pelletier (1)  
La Fontaine de Grenelle (2)  
Les Quinze Vingts (3)  
Les Champs-Élysées (4)  
Mutius Scaevola (5)  
Les Arcis (6)  
Le F.B. du Nord (7)  
Le Temple (8)  
L'homme armé (9,10)  
L'Indivisibilité (11)  
Les droits de l'homme (12)  
L'Arsenal (13)  
La fraternité (14)  
Popin Court (15)  
Section Révolutionnaire (16)  
Les Invalides (17)  
Brutus (18)  
Finistere (19)  
La République Française (20)  
Les amis de la patrie (21)  
La Montagne (22)  
Marat (23)  
Les Sans Culottes (24)  
Le Museum (25)  
Les Lombards (26)  
Les Gravilliers (27)

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Les Marchés (28)  
La Halle au Bled (29)

Each sheet has the following heading (usually printed): "Etat des Indemnités dues à chacun des Membres du Comité Révolutionnaire de la Section de ..."

Below are seven columns headed as follows: "Emargement; Noms des Membres; Epoques, de l'installation de chaque membre, de la cessation de chaque membre; Durée des fonctions; Sommes dues à chacun des Membres pour la durée de leurs fonctions; Observations".

Each sheet is also signed by the chief officials and bears the imprint of the sectional seal or stamp.  
(ff 1-29; viii)

**Revolution Francaise.  
Dialogue patriotique. Late 18<sup>th</sup> century.  
"Le Diné du grénadier à Brest"  
(Fr. Mss. 115)  
(pp. 1-23)**

**Mirabeau. Epitaphes de Mirabeau Riquetti l'aine, mort le 2 avril, 1791.**

**Late 18<sup>th</sup> century.**

**(Fr. Mss. 116)**

(ff 1-4)

**Pièces Diverses**

**c. 1792 – 1793**

**(Fr. Mss. 117)**

A box of loose papers including: A Letter from "Le général Dumourier aux trente administrateurs de la ville de Mons", dated Liège, 2 December 1792; various proceedings of the Tribunal Révolutionnaire in 1793, in the *Affaire de Clariere*, dated 19 September 1793; Fragments of a "Recueil concernant M. d'Orléans, 1789-1791; and Papers of "M. Micholet, avocat à Cuiseaux, 1807-1809.

(ff2, 6, 17 and 8)

**Mélanges Littéraires**

**Premier Recueil de Vers**

**(Fr. Mss. 76)**

A miscellaneous collection of verse, political, satirical, laudatory and amatory, including a number of epitaphs of Louis XIV and others, and poems, epigrams and epistolary verses to or about members of the French Court and other well-known contemporary figures. Usually the poems are fairly short, the most considerable being the *Philippiques de 1720* (pp. 12-48) and *Le Diable Banquier* (pp. 82-85). There is an index or "Table Alphabétique de Vers" (pp. 99-101).

(pp. 1-101)

**Mélanges Littéraires**

**Deuxième Recueil de Vers**

**(Fr. Mss. 77)**

A collection of verse similar to that of MS. No. 76, including various poems relating to England such as *Le Coq Anglais* and *Les Rats d'Angleterre*. Again there is an index "Table des Pièces"

(pp. 83-87)

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**Mélanges Littéraires**

**Troisième Recueil de Vers**

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**(Fr. Mss. 78)**

A collection of verse similar in character to MS. 76, including a fairly long poem *A S.A.S. Madame la Princesse Caroline de Brunswick sur son mariage avec le Prince de Galles et sur la Guerre présente* (pp. 33-38) and a number of "Epitres" to Voltaire, St. Lambert, Madame de Bouillon, Le Marquis d'Argens, Monsieur d'Argental and others. "Table des Pièces" provides an index (pp. i-vii).

(pp. 1-80 and i-vii)

**Mélanges Littéraires**

**Quatrième Recueil de Vers**

**(Fr. Mss. 79)**

A collection of verse similar to those above. The longer poems included are *La Mezza Eta*; *Canzonetta Anacreontica* with French translation (pp. 2-8); *Réponse de Monsieur Marmontel à l'Épître de Monsieur de Voltaire* (pp. 9-12) and *L'Horoscope de Perette* (pp. 65-74). "Table des Pièces" (pp. 81-86).

(pp. 1-86)

**Mélanges Littéraires**

**Cinquième Recueil de Chansons et Vers**

**(Fr. Mss. 80)**

A collection of verses and songs. Examples include *Couplet sur la naissance de Louis XIV*, and *sur le mort du Cardinal Richelieu*; *Déjeuner de M. Le Duc de Chartes à L'Amiral Keppel*; *Parade*

*de la Foire la nouvelle Nomination des Officiers Généraux* and numerous “Chansons”, with the airs usually indicated. “Table des Pièces” (pp. 89-95).  
(pp. 1-96)

#### **Mélanges Littéraires**

##### **Sixième Recueil de Prose et Vers**

**(Fr. Mss. 81)**

A collection of verse similar in character to that of MS. 76, together with a number of pieces of prose, including *Idées de la Mothe Le Vayer* (pp. 7-11); *Prospectus. De la pompe funébre de très haute, très puissante et très excellente Princesse, Madame la Compagnie des Indes...* (pp. 12-18); *Discours que doit prononcer M. l'Abbé Séqui pour sa réception à l'Académie Française* (pp. 19-28). An index is provided by the “Table de Prose et de Vers” (pp. 102-109).  
(pp. 1-110)

#### **Mélanges Littéraires**

##### **Septième Recueil de différentes Pièces**

**(Fr. Mss. 82)**

A collection of similar character to MS. 81, including copies of letters of Voltaire, Rousseau, and others; also *Réflexions sur le Bonheur ... Par Madame La Marquise du Châtelet* (pp. 51-94) and *Traduction d'une Lettre d'Hyprocrate à Damagette* (pp. 95-107). Index provided by “Table des matières” (pp. 107-111)  
(pp. 1-112)

#### **Mélanges Littéraires**

##### **Huitième Recueil**

**(Fr. Mss. 83)**

Another group of prose and verse, including *Les Echechs ... Poëme* (pp. 35-54); *Observations sur la Fable de l'Aigle et du Hibou de M. de Séruti ... (Ces Observations sont de feu Monsieur L'Abbé Arnaud de L'Académie Française* (pp. 67-78 and several “Chansons”. (pp. 1-86)

#### **Mélanges Littéraires**

##### **Neuvième Recueil des différentes Pièces**

**(Fr. Mss. 84)**

A further collection of prose and verse which includes *Lettre écrite par Mademoiselle de Seine, comédienne, épouse de Monsieur Quinault du Fresne, comédien a M.M. de l'Académie Française* (pp. 9-22); *Lettre Pastorale de M. l'Eveque Pancrace Pellegrin ...* (pp. 22-26); *Le Réquisitoire. Pot-Pourri. Chanté le 17 janvier 1787, jour de la Fête de Saint Antoine, Patron de Monsieur Séquier* (pp. 33-44) and *Ode sur l'Insensibilité, à Monsieur Franklin* (pp. 45-49). (pp. 1-87)

### **Mélanges Littéraires**

#### **Dixième Recueil**

**(Fr. Mss. 85)**

A collection of verse similar to that of Ms. 76, but with many blank pages. It includes *Eglé* (ff 4-5) and *L'Amour Platonique. Conte* (ff 5-11). (ff 1-20)

### **Mélanges Littéraires Late**

**18<sup>th</sup> century**

**(Fr. Mss. 111)**

A number of pieces of verse and prose on small pieces of notepaper and a large number of cuttings from journals and other printed works pasted into a large notebook. A note on the cover says "Ce volume est l'extrait des objets des littératures que j'ai trouvées utiles à conserver". (about 60 folios)



## **ANCIEN REGIME IN TURMOIL? Commerce, Politics and Society in France, c.1682-1793**

*The Gazette Manuscrite*, 1775-1793, and related sources from the John Rylands University Library of Manchester

### *Chronology, 1682-1793*

**1682** La Salle claims Louisiana territory for France and takes possession of Mississippi Valley. The French Court moves to Versailles. Various scandals at Court including the "Messes Noires" in which Madame de Montespan was implicated. Pierre Bayle publishes *Pensées diverses sur la comète de 1680*.

**1683** Death of Colbert. He is succeeded by Le Pelletier. Death of Queen Marie-Thérèse.

**1684** Louis XIV marries Madame de Maintenon. Truce of Ratisbon.

**1685** Edict of Fontainebleau. Revocation of the Edict of Nantes.

**1686** League of Augsburg formed against Louis XIV.

**1687** Death of Lully. Fénelon publishes *Traité de l'éducation des filles*.

**1688** War of the League of Augsburg. French invade the Palatinate. Fontenelle publishes *Digressions sur les anciens et modernes*. Also La Bruyère publishes *Les Caractères*.

**1689** Locke publishes *Lettres sur la tolérance*. Racine publishes *Esther*.

**1689** Locke publishes his two *Treatises of Government*.

**1691** Racine publishes *Athalie*. Death of the Marquis de Louvois.

**1692** Battle of La Hogue. French defeated by the English fleet.

**1693** Louis XIV reconciled with the Vatican.

**1695** Fall of Namur.

**1696** Death of Madame de Sévigné. Publication by Pierre Bayle of *Dictionnaire historique et critique*.

**1697** Peace of Ryswick.

**1700** Philip V, grandson of Louis XIV, presses claim to the Spanish throne. Question of the Spanish Succession.

**1701** Start of the War of the Spanish Succession. Jesuits publish the *Journal de Trévoux*.

**1702** England declares war on France. Marlborough leads forces of the Grand Alliance in Europe.

**1704** Battle of Blenheim.

**1706** Vauban publishes *Projet d'une dîme royale*. Battle of Ramillies.

**1707** Alain René Lesage publishes *Le Diable Boiteux*.

**1708** Battle of Oudenarde.

**1709** Battle of Malplaquet.

**1710** Death of Louise de La Vallière. Madame de Lambert opens "un salon d'opposition". *The Gazette d'Utrecht* is first published in Holland.

**1711** Death of Le Grand Dauphin.

**1712** Further deaths at French Court. The future Louis XV, only aged 2, remains as the heir to Louis XIV.

**1713** Peace of Utrecht.

- 1714** Death of the Duc de Berry. Peace of Rastadt between France and the Holy Roman Empire.
- 1715** Death of Louis XIV. Louis XV, aged 5, succeeds under the Regency of the Duc d'Orleans.
- 1716** Foundation of the Banque générale de France.
- 1718** Quadruple Alliance signed by France, the Empire, England and the Dutch.
- 1719** France declares war on Spain.
- 1720** Failure of the Mississippi Company leads to French national bankruptcy.
- 1721** Montesquieu publishes *Lettres persanes*.
- 1722** Hyacinthe Rigaud publishes his Grand Tour.
- 1723** Louis XV reaches majority.
- 1725** Louis XV marries Maria Leszczynska of Poland.
- 1726** Cardinal Fleury becomes Chief Minister in France. Voltaire banished from France.
- 1729** Treaty of Seville.
- 1733** France again embroiled in military conflict. France declares war against the Emperor Charles VI.
- 1734** Madame de Lambert in her *Avis d'une Mère à sa Fille* recommends university education for women.
- 1740** Duc de Saint-Simon publishes his *Mémoires*.
- 1741** French troops occupy Prague.
- 1744** France declares war on England.
- 1748** Peace of Aix-La-Chapelle. Marie-Thérèse Geoffrin opens salon as meeting place for Parisian men of letters.
- 1749** Diderot publishes *Lettre sur les aveugles à l'usage de ceux qui voient*.
- 1751** Publication of the French *Encyclopédie*.
- 1754** Anglo-French conflict in North America; discussions about boundaries. Rousseau publishes *L'Inégalité par les hommes: discours*.
- 1755** Voltaire publishes *La Pucelle d'Orléans*. Death of Montesquieu.
- 1756** Britain declares war on France. Voltaire publishes *Désastre de Lisbonne* and finishes his *Siècle de Louis XIV*, begun in 1735.
- 1759** British gain Quebec from the French. Voltaire publishes *Candide*.
- 1761** Collected works of Voltaire translated by Smollett. First French veterinary school founded at Lyons. Duc de Choiseul appointed Secretary for War.
- 1762** Sorbonne Library opened in Paris. Rousseau publishes *Du Contrat social, ou principes du droit politique*.
- 1763** Peace of Paris ends Seven Years' War. Voltaire publishes his treatise on tolerance. Duc de Choiseul becomes Secretary for Marine.
- 1764** Literary salons founded in Paris by Mme. Necker and Mile. de Lespinasse. Voltaire completes his Philosophical Dictionary.
- 1765** Death of the Dauphin. Louis Augustus, the future Louis XVI, becomes heir to the French throne. Sedaine completes *Philosophe sans le savoir*.
- 1768** René Nicholas de Maupeou becomes Chancellor.

**1769** Madame du Barry becomes mistress to Louis XV. William Robertson completes work on History of Charles V.

**1770** Dauphin of France marries Marie Antoinette, daughter of Empress Maria Theresa of Austria. Duc de Choiseul retires from office, his departure hastened by the influence of Madame du Barry. Attempts at Reform by Maupeou. Publication of Abbé Raynal's *Philosophical History*.

**1771** William Robertson completes his *History of America*. Duc D'Aiguillon forced to resign as Governor of Brittany. He becomes Secretary for Foreign Affairs and forms the triumvirate with the Chancellor Maupeou and Abbé Terray as Controller-General which rules France under the auspices of Madame du Barry for the last 4 years of Louis's reign. Suppression of the Parlement of Paris and the Cour des Aides, Parlements in Rouen and Douai also suppressed, others reformed. Increasing discontent with financial policies. Bread riots in Paris.

**1772** Inquisition abolished in France. Mirabeau publishes *Essai sur le despotisme*.

**1774** Louis XV of France succeeded by Louis XVI. Turgot replaces Terray, De Miromesnil replaces Maupeou as Keeper of the Seals, D'Aiguillon's post at Foreign Affairs is taken by the Comte de Vergennes, Chrétien Guillaume de Malesherbes takes control of Home Affairs. Maurepas is appointed Chief Minister. In August the Parlements are recalled. More Bread Riots. Restoration of free internal circulation of corn. Cattle plague.

**1775** Beaumarchais completes *The Barber of Seville*. Turgot continues with a series of reforms. Abolition of the corvée royale. Major outbreak of riots and peasant unrest.

**1776** Six Edicts passed by Turgot but opposition mounts. Turgot dismissed. Malesherbes resigns. Turgot's reforms of the guilds and the corvée royale reversed. Many of the old abuses restored Jacques Necker becomes Minister of Finance in France. Edward Gibbon completes *Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*.

**1777** Lafayette's French volunteers arrive in America and participate in American Revolution. First issue of the *Journal de Paris* published.

**1778** Death of Rousseau. Death of Voltaire. American Colonies sign treaties with the French and Dutch.

**1781** Publication of Rousseau's *Confessions*. Necker recommends, in a Memoir to the King, that the Parlements should be restricted to their judicial functions. Necker publishes his *Compte Rendu* but his figures on this balance sheet are dangerously incorrect. His policy of financing the American War by extensive borrowing leads to mounting debt. In May, Necker resigns.

**1782** Peace talks between Britain, represented by Thomas Grenville, and America, represented by Benjamin Franklin, in Paris.

**1783** Peace of Versailles. Britain recognizes American Independence.

**1784** Beaumarchais completes *The Marriage of Figaro*.

**1786** Foundation of the Société Philanthropique. Calonne estimates the deficit at 112 million livres. Decision to call Assembly of Notables rather than Parlement of Paris.

**1787** Parlement of Paris demands summoning of States-General. Louis XVI declares that they will not be summoned before July 1792. Beaumarchais finishes his comedy *Tarare*. Lavoisier completes *Méthode de nomenclature chimique*.

**1788** Disastrous financial policies of Calonne lead to complete bankruptcy. Brienne replaces Calonne. Parlement of Paris presents list of grievances. Louis XVI decides to call a States-General for May 1789 and recalls Jacques Necker as Minister of Finance. Bread Riots.

**1789** Sieyès publishes *Qu'est-ce que le Tiers Etat?* States-General meet at Versailles. The Third Estate declares itself the National Assembly. It decides to remain at Versailles until a Constitution is drawn up. Mirabeau emerges as a national figure. The Three Estates unite. The King dismisses Necker. The Paris mob storm the Bastille. Lafayette becomes commander of the National Guard. Abolition of the French Feudal System. Declaration of the Rights of Man. The King and Court move from Versailles to Paris. French Royalists begin to emigrate. The National Assembly nationalizes church property and forbids any member to accept office under Louis XVI. Issue of paper money.

**1790** Festival of Champ de Mars. Louis XVI accepts the Constitution drawn up by the National Assembly. Edmund Burke writes *Reflections on the Revolution in France*. André de Chénier publishes *Avis au peuple*

*français.*

**1791** Mirabeau elected President of the French Assembly. Louise XVI, trying to escape from France with his family, is caught at Varennes and returned to Paris. Massacre of the Champs de Mars. French National Assembly dissolved. Thomas Paine completes his *The Rights of Man, Part 1* (in defence of the French Revolution).

**1792** The Girondists form a Ministry in France. The mob invades Les Tuileries. The Revolutionary Commune is established and the Legislative Assembly suspended. The Royal Family is imprisoned and the French Republic proclaimed on September 22. Revolutionary calendar comes into force. The Jacobins under Danton seize power. Trials of Louis XVI. The first guillotine in Paris. Thomas Paine finishes Part 2 of his *Rights of Man*.

**1793** Louis XVI executed. Committee of Public Safety established in France with Danton as its head. Reign of Terror begins. Robespierre and St. Just join Committee of Public Safety. Roman Catholicism banned in France. Marie Antoinette and Duc d'Orléans executed. Napoleon takes Toulon. First Coalition against France formed. Holy Roman Empire declares war on France. French troops driven out of Germany. Marquis de Sade publishes *La philosophie dans le boudoir*. Compulsory education from the age of six introduced in France. Executions and Reign of Terror continue. Condorcet writes *Esquisse d'un tableau historique de progrès de l'esprit humain*. The Louvre in Paris becomes a national art gallery.

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