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Summary information

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Note [generalNote]:	Most letters previously triple-folded with letter details written on verso, likely for filing purposes.
Note [generalNote]:	Some biographical information about correspondents laid in with letters.

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Simon McTavish (1750-1804) was born in Scotland. He came to America in 1764, apparently making Albany his headquarters. In 1774 he moved to Montréal where in 1779 he shared in the organization of the original North West Co. In 1787 McTavish became senior partner in the new firm of McTavish, Frobisher and Co., which held a controlling interest in the North West Co. He also headed the London firm of McTavish, Fraser. McTavish became one of the wealthiest men in Montréal.

Scope and content

There is business correspondence, 1792-1800, with letters from among others Alexander Mackenzie, Joseph Frobisher, Alexander Henry, Simon Fraser and Roderick Mackenzie. There are also minutes and resolutions of the Executors of McTavish in a bound volume; and a contemporary copy of the minutes of the executors of his will, 1805.

Notes

Title notes

- **Source of title proper:** Title based on contents of collection.

Related material

There is biographical material in the Samuel Mathewson Baylis Papers, MSG 399, gathered for a biography of Simon McTavish in 1922-1926. The greater portion of this collection consists of notes and documents concerning McTavish, his family, house, business, and monument.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published

Access points

- North West Company
- Correspondence. (documentary form)
- Fur trade. (subject)

Series descriptions

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
MSG 431-01	Item - Letter from Sir James Monk to Simon McTavish, 21 March 1792	21 March 1792		
MSG 431-02	Item - Letter from D. A. Grant to Simon McTavish, 8 June 1792	8 June 1792		
MSG 431-03	Item - Letter from John Gregory to Simon McTavish, 5 August 1792	5 August 1792		
MSG 431-04	Item - Letter from Sir Alexander Mackenzie to Simon McTavish, 5 August 1792	5 August 1792		

MSG 431-05	Item - Letter from Donald Ross to Simon McTavish, 22 August 1792	22 August 1792
MSG 431-06	Item - Letter from Richard Dobie to Simon McTavish, 20 October 1792	20 October 1792
MSG 431-07	Item - Letter from James Hallowell to Simon McTavish, 17 November 1792	17 November 1792
MSG 431-08	Item - Letter from Joseph Frobisher to Simon McTavish, 18 November 1792	18 November 1792
MSG 431-09	Item - Letter from James Caldwell to Simon McTavish, 5 December 1792	5 December 1792
MSG 431-10	Item - Letter from William Lindsay to Simon McTavish, 24 July 1795	24 July 1795
MSG 431-11 CH65	Item - Letter from Joseph Frobisher to Simon McTavish, 7 January 1796	7 January 1796
MSG 431-12 CH64	Item - Letter from Joseph Frobisher to Simon McTavish, 18 July 1796	18 July 1796
MSG 431-13	Item - Letter from Alexander Henry to Simon McTavish, 24 January 1796	24 January 1796
MSG 431-14	Item - Letter from Simon Fraser to Simon McTavish, 21 July 1796	21 July 1796
MSG 431-15	Item - Letter from John Fraser to Simon McTavish, 9 September 1796	9 September 1796
MSG 431-16	Item - Letter from Hugh Finlay to Simon McTavish, 16 February 1797	16 February 1797
MSG 431-17	Item - Letter from Isaac Todd to Simon McTavish, 16 January 1799	16 January 1799
MSG 431-18	Item - Letter from Roderick Mackenzie to Simon McTavish, 11 May 1800	11 May 1800
MSG 431-19 CH14Q S10	Item - Minutes & resolves of the executors of the late Simon McTavish Esqr. in Canada	1804-1806
MSG 431-20 CH150 S20	Item - Minutes of Executors	1805