

French Manuscripts, Mississippi Valley 1679-1769

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Descriptive Summary

Provenance:	This collection is on loan from the Louisiana Historical Society.
Title:	French Manuscripts, Mississippi Valley 1679-1769
Dates:	1679-1769
Abstract:	This collection houses colonial documents relating to the governance of the French colonies and various decrees issued by the French government.
Extent:	1 box, 40 folders
Accession:	1852.1-.40

Biographical / Historical Note

The Superior Council of Louisiana was a judicial body that served as a 'supreme court' for various legal disputes in the colonies. The Code Noir was a set of Articles dictating the restrictions and laws regarding free and enslaved blacks in the New World.

Scope and Content

This collection contains information regarding the governance of New France and the French colonies, the Black Code, and various edicts and orders issued by the French government and the Superior Council of Louisiana.

Subjects

- Louis XIV
- Superior Council of Louisiana
- Code Noir (Black Code)
- Currency value
- Company of the West

Access of Use Restrictions

Access

Collection is **open** for research

Related or Separated Materials

The remainder of the Colonial Documents collection contains information relating to the time period.

Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

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1852.1	7 May 1679	Royal decree prohibiting individual governors from imprisoning residents without a proper warrant from the Sovereign Council. 2 pages.
1852.2	15 Sept. 1692	Order given by Louis XIV to the officers and crews of his vessels concerning the seizure of enemy ships. This order was renewed on 6 Dec., 1702. 2 pages.
1852.3	27 Nov. 1697	Proposition to encourage the settlement of Veterans by offer of land and assistance. 2 pages.
1852.4	21 Jan. 1706	Protection of the "Ecrivain de la marine" from bad treatment by the captains. 2 pages.
1852.5	6 Nov. 1709	Prohibition against carrying goods other than those of the government. 2 pages.
1852.6	3 Jan. 1709	Le Sr. de Voutron to return to the Treasury various sums received by him. 2 pages.
1852.7	20 Nov. 1709	Royal vessels returning from the colony are obliged to accept cargo and merchandise given to them by the overseers and surveyors. 3 pages.
1852.8	24 Sept. 1712	Ordinance granting Louisiana trade to Sr. Croisat. 9 pages.
1852.9	1716	Proclamation establishing the Superior Council of Louisiana. 4

		pages.
1852.10	10 Jan. 1716	Regulations concerning payment of servants, carrying of passengers and protection of store and fire wood. 9 pages.
1852.11	Sept. 1716	Royal decree creating the Superior Council. 3 pages.
1852.12	12 Oct. 1716	Extract from the register of the "Conseil d'Etat." Subject – re-annexation of land which had been granted but not cultivated. 4 pages. 4 pages.
1852.13	2 Aug. 1717	Royal declaration for the preservation of all drafts made by notaries. 6 pages.
1852.14a	27 Sept. 1717	Resolution that unites and incorporates the land of the Illinois Indians in the government of Louisiana. 2 pages.
1852.14b	6 Aug. 1732	Letter from M. Orry, comptroller general of the financial affairs of Count Maurepas, concerning Louisiana Tobacco.
1852.15	13 Mar. 1717	Royal decree forbidding all Naval officers from engaging in commerce. 3 pages.
1852.16	2 Aug. 1717	Royal declaration regarding Publications in the Churches. 3 pages.
1852.17	Aug. 1717	Proclamation establishing a trade Company under the name "Company of the West." Ordinance granting Louisiana trade to M. Crozat. 21 pages.
1852.18	11 Sept. 1719	Proclamation governing judges who make up the Superior Council established in Louisiana by edict in September, and establishing the first judges in the colonies. 13 pages.
1852.19	15 Dec. 1721	Royal declaration governing the manner of choosing tutors and curators for young people whose fathers are of high-standing in the colony and in the kingdom, and prohibiting those (young people) who are at liberty from selling their "negres." 8 pages.
1852.20	3 Aug. 1722	Declaration concerning the land granted in the Windward Isles. 5 pages.
1852.21	12 Mar. 1723	Edict fixing the value of currency. 3 pages.
1852.22	26 Feb. 1723	Decree fixing the value of coined money. 3 pages.
1852.23	Mar. 1724	Proclamation concerning slaves in Louisiana (Code Noir). 26 pages.
1852.24	2 May 1724	Value of copper currency. 3 pages.
1852.25	2 May 1724	Decree decreasing the value of currency. 3 pages.
1852.26	20 May 1724	Declaration which imposes a penalty on those who intercept letters and packages. 4 pages.
1852.27	20 May 1724	Declaration prohibiting the killing of livestock. 3 pages.
1852.28	23 May 1724	"Cassation" of Louboey's appeal. 3 pages.
1852.29	30 Oct. 1724	Edict fixing value of currency. 3 pages.
1852.30	11 Dec. 1725	Resolution concerning "negres" in Louisiana. Residents who have been furnished with "negres" by the Company of the Indies but who have not paid for them must not sell those "negres." 4 pages.
1852.31	22 Dec. 1725	Edict validating marriages which had taken place by mutual agreement and without a legal officiator. All such marriages to be registered with the Superior Council within the next six months or be declared null and void. 3 pages.
1852.32	Dec. 1725	Ordinance committing two members of the Superior Council of Louisiana to act as final jurisdiction in civil matters and ordering, in the case of indecision, that they call a third Council member. 3 pages.
1852.33	12 Feb. 1726	Proclamation affording commissioners and Naval comptrollers on

		the Islands a place and a deliberative voice in the Superior Council. 3 pages.
1852.34	17 Aug. 1726	License authorizing the establishment of the Jesuit order in the Louisiana province. 3 pages.
1852.35	18 Sept. 1726	Law regarding the Ursuline nuns and authorizing their establishment in Louisiana. 2 pages.
1852.36	14 Oct. 1726	Appointing La Chaise and Perrault to audit the accounts of the Company. 2 pages.
1852.37	1 Oct. 1727	Ordinance concerning the military in the Windward Isles. 2 pages.
1852.38	10 Aug. 1728	Regulation for the concession of land. 16 pages.
1852.39	15 Nov. 1728	Ordinance prohibiting captains of His Majesty's vessels and merchant ships from taking on board resident soldiers and "negres" without the permission of the Colonial government. 2 pages.
1852.40	23 Mar. 1769	Resolution of the "Conseil d'Etat" of the king concerning the payment of Louisiana currency. 3 pages.