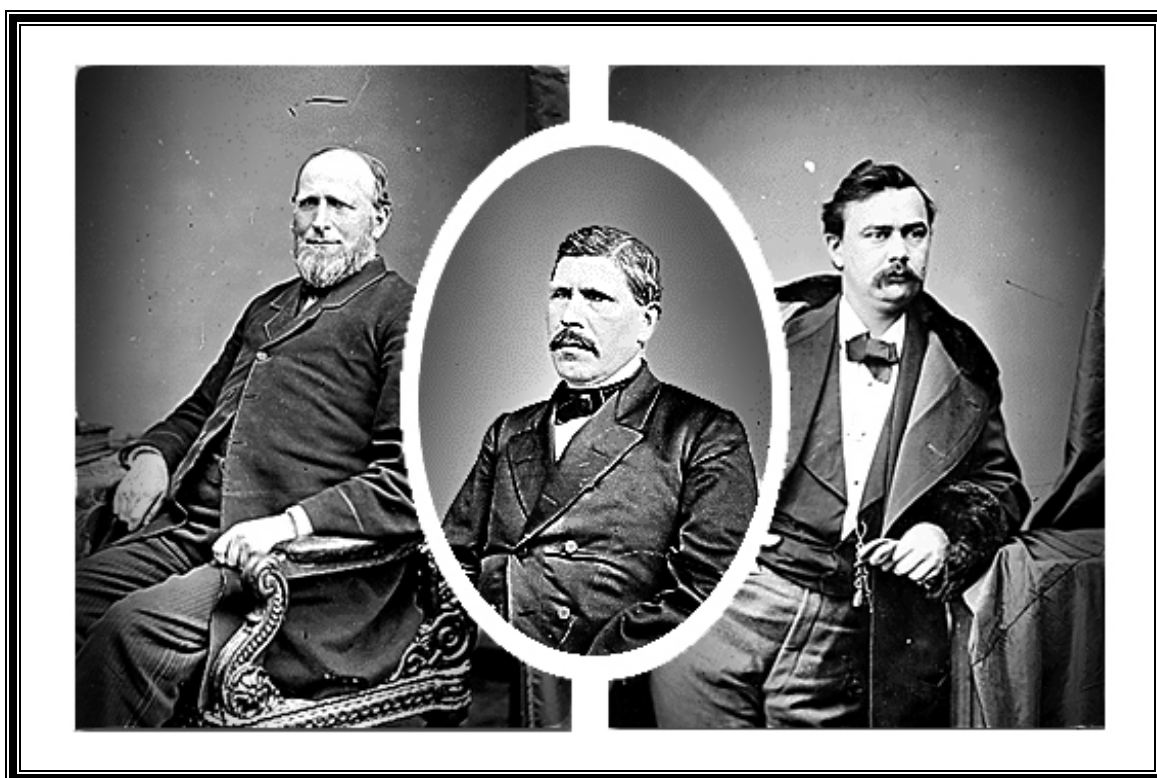


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INTRODUCTION

Northerners, not their Southern brethren, started the feud. The earliest challenges to federal authority came from Northern states and citizens. From Pennsylvania's Whiskey Rebellion of 1794 through Connecticut's Hartford Convention of 1815 to the fugitive slave rescues of the 1850's, Northerners opposed numerous federal measures. This, of course, contradicted the political views of the Federalists, the North's first dominant political party headed by such statesmen as New York's Alexander Hamilton and Massachusetts' President John Adams. They, their supporters, and their successors supported a strong, active national government in theory. In the end, however, what prompted Northern opposition to the federal government turned less on grand constitutional principles than on base self interests or, more rarely, high moral outrage at some federal law.

Southerners eventually took the contest to its violent crescendo. Ironically, their leading statesmen originally emboldened federal authority well beyond its initial constitutional constraints. Together, the Virginia presidential dynasty of Thomas Jefferson and his disciples, James Madison and James Monroe, greatly expanded the power of the federal government. Their twenty-four year rule resulted in one of the great contradictions of American history. Jefferson's theoretical opposition to a strong national government knew no equal, but his Louisiana Purchase and embargo on trade with warring Britain and France, Madison's War of 1812, and Monroe's doctrine each took federal power to new heights. Many Northerners balked at these expansions.

First, Jefferson ensured that federal power would grow when he purchased the Louisiana Territory in 1803. Jefferson even believed he acted, if not *unconstitutionally*, at least well beyond its scope, but the deal appeared too good to turn down simply because constitutional principles got in the way. By using federal resources to open the continent to his successors' manifest destiny, Jefferson set a major precedent in the exertion of federal power. He also launched the spread of federal law westward. LexisNexis traced the documentary history of that migration in its microfilm series *Western Law and Order*.

Now, LexisNexis's latest microfilm publication, *Northern Law and Order*, makes available to scholars and students of federal law enforcement the records of the national government's efforts to impose its growing authority over its settled, most densely populated states. The documents cover the period 1809 to 1870. They reveal a tumultuous relationship ranging from contentious court cases to riotous slave rescues. Jefferson's embargo and Madison's subsequent War of 1812 aroused intense Northern opposition, thus setting the stage for multiple confrontations between federal authority and the states and their citizens. Subsequent federal actions, especially the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850, aroused even greater Northern outrage. *Northern Law and Order* documents just how the government's law enforcement officers overcame these challenges to national power.

Letters Received by the Attorney General, 1809–1870: Northern Law and Order

With the publication of *Northern Law and Order*, LexisNexis achieves its goal of giving easy access to all the records contained in the National Archives Record Group 60, Records of the Department of Justice, Letters Received by the Attorney General, 1809–1870. Earlier compilations covered the western states in *Western Law and Order* and, most recently, the south in *Southern Law and Order*. Those of us interested in the evolution of federal law enforcement should commend LexisNexis for disseminating this collection of important documents as yet little mined by scholars and students of federalism. The Letters Received by the Attorney General contain the reports and correspondence of the local U.S. attorneys, U.S. marshals, federal judges, court clerks, state officials, and private citizens sent to the attorneys general between 1809 and 1870. The records express the correspondents’ hopes and complaints, concerns and pleas for help as federal officials struggled to enforce federal law and exert federal authority, often over the legal objections of state officials and the violent opposition of the citizenry.

Western Law and Order documented federal law’s migration westward; *Southern Law and Order* detailed federal law’s collapse and rebirth. *Northern Law and Order* describes its trials and tribulations as federal officers defended federal measures from antagonistic state officials and outraged citizens. Reproduced in nineteen reels, these files cover the problems northern lawmen encountered during the War of 1812 and while enforcing the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850. The correspondence also documents the efforts to suppress various filibustering expeditions formed in New York City and along the border with Canada. They also provide a close-up look at the types of crimes and criminals—everything from pirates to traitors and seditionists—federal lawmen confronted. Table 1 shows the breakdown by reel and federal judicial district.

Table 1. Contents of *Northern Law and Order* by Reel and Federal Judicial District

Reel	Federal Judicial District
1	Connecticut, Delaware, and District of Columbia
2	District of Columbia <i>continued</i>
3	District of Columbia <i>continued</i>
4	Illinois
5	Indiana and Kentucky
6	Maryland
7	Maine and Massachusetts
8	Massachusetts <i>continued</i>
9	Michigan
10	New Hampshire, New Jersey, and New York
11	New York <i>continued</i>
12	New York <i>continued</i>
13	New York <i>continued</i>
14	New York <i>continued</i>
15	New York <i>continued</i>
16	Ohio
17	Pennsylvania

Those issues, of course, composed the extraordinary challenges presented these practicing federalists. In addition, the daily routines recorded here, not surprisingly, touched closer to the mundane as federal lawmen griped about low pay, insufficient resources, and partisan attacks. In early 1858, for example, Wisconsin Marshal M. J. Thomas feared that political enemies falsely accused him of not supporting President James Buchanan's position on the admission of Kansas to the Union. Thomas wrote Attorney General Jeremiah S. Black to attest his unswerving devotion to the president. "Individually, I have from the day the president announced his policy in his annual message to Congress openly and publicly accorded to it my humble support," Thomas avowed. "I have done so," he explained, "because I believe it is the only way of disposing of the question and because it has ever been an article of my political faith to support a president who was elected by my party." The letters received also cover basic human frailties, as when New York U.S. Attorney William A. Dart reported in the summer of 1864 that the secretary of the treasury wanted him to file suit against two former U.S. marshals. One owed the government \$20,000; the other owed \$9,000.¹

As with the two previous publications, researchers will find the Letters Received by the Attorney General organized first by judicial district from which the correspondence came, then by type of correspondent—that is, U.S. attorney, marshal, judge, state official, private citizen, and so forth—and finally by date of the letter. The files do not contain the attorney general's responses. His clerks dutifully transcribed his returns in large letterbooks kept separate from the incoming letters. Brief summaries, however, written by the clerks on the outside of the file envelopes used to store the correspondence coming from the districts often provided some glimmer of his answers. Many of the issues, of course, required little more from any attorney general than a bit of sympathy. Compelled by a court order to seize a family's land holdings in 1832, U.S. Marshal John M. McCalla of Kentucky promised Attorney General Roger B. Taney he would do his duty even though "this is a case in which my feelings, I confess, are with the defendants." Taney, more hardhearted than most, may not have empathized with McCalla's personal conflict, but his answer needed do no more than bolster the unhappy marshal's sense of duty.²

Federalism

The attorneys general recognized the difficulties presented federal officers pinched between the exertion of national authority and the opposing interests of the states. Even simple matters, such as making an arrest, occasionally became embroiled in constitutional disputes. In late 1811, Deputy Marshal Jonah Palmer of Connecticut arrested Robert Allen, certainly a routine event even at that early moment in the government's history. The deputy, however, failed to obey an obscure state statute dating back to 1650 requiring *sheriffs* in cases similar to Allen's to obtain the approval of the

¹ U.S. Marshal M. J. Thomas to Attorney General Jeremiah S. Black, February 11, 1858, *Northern Law and Order*, Reel 19, Frames 1054–1056, District of Wisconsin; U.S. Attorney William A. Dart to Attorney General Edward Bates, July 26, 1864, *Northern Law and Order*, Reel 13, Northern District of New York.

² U.S. Marshal John M. McCalla to Attorney General Roger B. Taney, July 6, 1832, *Northern Law and Order*, Reel 5, Frames 0868–0871, District of Kentucky.

justice of the peace for the arrest and continued incarceration. Allen filed suit against Palmer in the Connecticut courts, which held the deputy to the requirements of the state law. As U.S. Attorney H. Huntington argued to Secretary of the Treasury Albert Gallatin, the suit clearly raised the constitutional question of whether or not state law could compel a federal deputy marshal to apply to a lower state official “for authority to execute process issuing from and returnable to the courts of the United States.” Requiring such an application clearly implied the authority to deny the request.³

Huntington outlined the constitutional principles at stake in Palmer’s case. “When it is considered that the legislature of Connecticut have resolved that it was not the duty of magistrates to aid in the execution of the laws of the United States and particularly the act of which the suit against Allen was founded,” he advised Gallatin, “it becomes important to ascertain whether in executing process of courts of the United States the Marshal is dependent on the will and pleasure of subordinate magistrates of the state who hold their authority on the precarious tenure of an annual appointment of the legislature.” Requiring Palmer to seek the approval of a justice of the peace for his arrest of Allen clearly elevated that justice to a position as arbiter over the processes of the federal courts. No national government could long sustain itself if minor county officials could overturn its will.⁴

The Supreme Court overturned the state courts. Federal law and the courts that applied it reigned over, not under, the state judiciaries and their officers. No mere justice of the peace, nor even any state chief justice, could pass judgment on the acts and legal process issued by the federal courts. Although ultimately exonerated, Palmer’s legal hassles with the Connecticut courts could hardly have encouraged him in the further performance of his federal duties. The job of deputy United States marshal came fraught with legal consequences.⁵

Five years later, Deputy Marshal Daniel Moore got an extended taste of the underlying conflict between federal and state authority. Pennsylvania’s militia law exposed those militiamen who did not answer the call to arms to arrest and trial by court martial. Moore assisted the military court by arresting a number of individuals who refused the state’s summons to duty during the War of 1812. To the deputy’s chagrin, several of the reluctant militiamen sued him in state court, which held against the deputy and fined him one hundred dollars. “Presuming that government will protect its officers in all lawful proceedings,” Moore optimistically wrote Attorney General Richard Rush in July 1817, “I have no doubt you will cheerfully pay such attention to it as the case merits. I am the only person marked in damages (\$100) and have to defend myself against a strong combination but feeling the utmost confidence in government I am proceeding in the collection of fines. I shall be happy to learn from you whether anything more is required from me in this case.” Moore’s optimism would have seemed quaintly naïve to succeeding generations of marshals, who frequently found the support of the federal government for their actions strangely lacking.⁶

³ U.S. Attorney H. Huntington to Secretary of the Treasury Albert Gallatin, January 27, 1812, *Northern Law and Order*, Reel 1, Frames 0009–0015, District of Connecticut.

⁴ U.S. Attorney H. Huntington to Secretary of the Treasury Albert Gallatin, January 27, 1812, *Northern Law and Order*, Reel 1, Frames 0009–0015, District of Connecticut.

⁵ *Palmer v. Allen*, 7 Cranch 550.

⁶ Deputy Marshal Daniel Moore to Attorney General Richard Rush, July 28, 1817, *Northern Law and Order*, Reel 17, Frame 0259, Eastern District of Pennsylvania; Frederick S. Calhoun, *The Lawmen: United*

Moore heard nothing from Washington for six months. Nervous, he again wrote the attorney general, now William Wirt, asking for the present status of the appeal. "I am anxious to have some information on this case, feeling deeply interested in it," he understated. As the case dragged on, lawyers vied for the honor of attacking or defending him. Charles Ingersoll, who lost the government's case at the state level, pleaded with Wirt to allow him to help argue the case before the Supreme Court. According to Ingersoll, the case involved "the great constitutional controversy respecting the militia which has agitated this state to its centre." What excited the lawyers intellectually exposed poor Deputy Moore to considerable financial punishment. Although eventually exonerated by the Supreme Court, Moore's ordeal lasted several years. Federal lawmen frequently suffered the strain of enforcing the laws only to have the law turned on them.⁷

Nor did the Northern states stop with fines. In 1854, Marshal Wesley Frost of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania attempted to execute a court order against the city of Erie. The townspeople rioted, after which the town's high constable arrested the hapless marshal for inciting the riot. Although ultimately rescued by federal troops, Frost's devotion to duty clearly exposed him to the physical dangers of the riot and the ignominy of arrest.⁸

Northern Law and Order amply documents the legal travails and physical risks endured by federal lawmen executing the law in the North. It shows the problems the national government encountered trying to balance federal interests against local concerns. To many Northerners, that contributed to an overall imbalance giving federal officials too much power and authority. The records reproduced in *Northern Law and Order* attest to the problems a free people encounter trying to govern themselves.

Fugitives

Although federalism overcame its greatest challenge on the bloody battlefields of the Civil War, Northern opposition coalesced against one of the last federal efforts to appease the South and keep its states in the Union. The Northern furor over the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850 far exceeded previous objections to any other federal measure. Northerners reacted violently, staging slave rescues and, on several occasions, killing deputy marshals who tried to enforce the excoriated law. *Northern Law and Order* reproduces hundreds of letters and documents describing dozens of cases of slave rescues and violent opposition to the law's enforcement. The record reveals, too, that for federal lawmen the duty to enforce the law often came at a very high price with they paid in the currency of their own moral objections to what the law demanded.

Northerners' resistance lasted the decade leading up to the war without diminishing. Their opposition frequently compelled federal lawmen to act in shameful secrecy. Sent to New Bedford, Massachusetts, to find four fugitive slaves in January 1854, Deputy Marshal John D. Hathaway pleaded with Marshal Watson Freeman to keep the slave owners away. "If I could advise," Hathaway wrote the marshal, "it would be for persons

States Marshals and Their Deputies, 1789–1989 (Washington, D.C.: Smithsonian Institution Press, 1990), pp. 123–30.

⁷ Deputy Marshal Daniel Moore to Attorney General William Wirt, January 1, 1818, *Northern Law and Order*, Reel 17, Frames 0261–0262, Eastern District of Pennsylvania; U.S. Attorney Charles Ingersoll to Wirt, February 13, 1818, *Northern Law and Order*, Reel 17, Frame 0282, Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

⁸ U.S. Marshal Wesley Frost to Circuit Court of the United States, January 14, 1854, *Northern Law and Order*, Reel 17, Frames 0397–0402, Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

immediately interested not to visit this place until after a full search (secretly), let all the excitement go down, tranquility take its proper place, and if they are here will pledge myself to a favorable result.” The mere appearance of slave owners anywhere in the North drove Northerners wild with hatred.⁹

Hathaway’s caution was well placed. Five months later, abolitionists gathered at Boston’s famous Faneuil Hall to launch an attack on the courthouse to free Anthony Burns. They carried axes and battering rams, but the marshal had increased his force of deputies. They repulsed the attack, but not before rioters killed Deputy James Batchelder. The violence of this particular rescue convinced President Franklin Pierce, acting on the advice of Attorney General Caleb Cushing, to allow Marshal Freeman to swear in U.S. soldiers and marines as his posse. When the court ordered Burns returned to Virginia, a force of 120 soldiers and marines, armed with cannon, muskets, and bayonets, escorted the fugitive through the streets of Boston down to the harbor where a fast ship waited to whisk him back to slavery.¹⁰

Force alone could not persuade Northern states and their citizens to accept the Fugitive Slave Act. Connecticut and Rhode Island passed laws making any federal officer who returned an escaped slave South liable to kidnapping charges. When two deputy marshals arrested a female fugitive slave in Ohio in 1857, three county sheriffs with a posse of over one hundred men overwhelmed the deputies, locked them in jail, and freed the fugitive. “There is a great amount of open and armed resistance according to the best information I can gather to the execution of the government process,” U.S. Attorney John H. O’Neile reported to Attorney General Jeremiah S. Black, adding “it is utterly impossible in my judgment for the Marshal to execute his process without a large posse.” O’Neile believed it time “to show that the federal government and not the traitors of Ohio must rule in this matter.” The government could not let this challenge to its officers go unpunished. “The question now arises and is universally asked whether the government of the U.S. is able and willing to execute the process of its own courts in the state of Ohio?” O’Neile advised, “If some vigorous measure is not adopted at once, and these parties made to feel that the government has such power and will exert it, it will be, hereafter, wholly impossible to execute any process in Ohio, in any the slightest degree connected with the Fugitive Slave Law.”¹¹

Wisconsin, however, outshone all the other Northern states in resisting the Fugitive Slave Act. In 1860, state officials determined to protect Sherman Booth, wanted by the federal courts for rescuing a fugitive slave from federal custody. In effect, every state official essentially thumbed their figurative noses at federal authority. A mob crashed

⁹ Deputy Marshal John D. Hathaway to U.S. Marshal Watson Freeman, January 11, 1854, *Northern Law and Order*, Reel 7, Frames 0720–0722, District of Massachusetts.

¹⁰ U.S. Attorney Benjamin F. Hallett to President Franklin Pierce, May 31, 1854, *Northern Law and Order*, Reel 7, Frames 0367–0374, District of Massachusetts; Calhoun, *The Lawmen*, pp. 87–88. Ironically, the marshal’s newly gained power to deputize federal troops came in extremely handy during the Reconstruction of the South. Indeed, the marshals routinely called upon federal troops to assist them in the protection of the freedmen. Southerners hated the practice. Once the Southern states regained their representation in the House of Representative and the Senate in 1877, they voted to prohibit any marshal from swearing in soldiers as his posse. Oddly, that prohibition, known as the Posse Comitatus Act, remains in force. See Calhoun, *The Lawmen*, p. 119.

¹¹ U.S. Attorney John H. O’Neile to Attorney General Jeremiah S. Black, May 30, 1857, *Northern Law and Order*, Reel 16, Frames 71–77, Western District of Ohio.

into the jail to free Booth from the marshal's custody. The governor hid the fugitive in the state prison, treating him as an honored guest. The state supreme court refused an order of the U.S. Supreme Court to hand over its records in the case. Since Wisconsin's defiance took place on the eve of the Civil War, federal officials tread delicately lest they offend the North. Wisconsin's defiance, of course, simply underscored the fact that the Southern states did not own a monopoly on resistance to the national government. The North, too, frequently found federalism objectionable.¹²

Northern Law and Order clearly shows that, like U.S. Attorney O'Neile of Ohio, federal lawmen throughout the North interpreted opposition to the Fugitive Slave Act as a direct assault on the power and authority of the federal government itself. They discredited the moral fervor of the abolitionists as irrelevant. In their view, interference with the law's execution equated to treason to the federal system of government. As a result, and again like O'Neile, federal officials described the various slave rescues in the direst terms. "In view of the enormity of this outrage," U.S. Attorney Benjamin F. Hallett of Massachusetts shrieked after an attack on a deputy marshal in Worcester. U.S. Attorney Henry S. Fitch of Chicago, Illinois, described a slave rescue there in January 1860 as a "lawless, riotous outrage, unredeemed by a single mitigating circumstance." These lawmen both personalized the issue—the abolitionists, after all, physically attacked them—and defined it as a constitutional crisis of the first order.¹³

To the North's credit, of course, the abolitionists fought the noxious law through court actions and civil disobedience. They abjured the course the South soon took of seceding altogether. In retrospect, the alarm federal lawmen felt over the North's opposition to one law paled in comparison to the South's nullification of the whole constitutional system. The North may have initiated the feud over federal power, but the South took it to its most violent extreme.

Fenians

Emerging from this backdrop of profound constitutional challenges and triumphs, *Northern Law and Order* documents two of the most curious events in the generally curious history of the United States. In the early summer of 1866 and again in the spring of 1870, a motley collection of Irish patriots—styling themselves Fenians—launched from American soil invasions of Canada. How they intended to free Ireland from British rule with these armed incursions the Fenians never adequately explained, perhaps because they did not quite clearly know themselves. Whether they intended to hold the country hostage or to draw British military forces across the Atlantic, their ambitions far exceeded their abilities. Had not good men died on each occasion, the antics of the Fenians might now seem laughable. But because men died, the response of federal lawmen was, instead, laudable.

At first, federal lawmen had trouble taking the Fenians too seriously. As determined Irishmen gathered in Buffalo, New York, in April 1866, U.S. Attorney William A. Dart

¹² *Northern Law and Order*, Reel 19, Frames 0774–0855, 1063–1131, 1317–1334, District of Wisconsin, contains voluminous correspondence on the Booth case from the U.S. attorney and marshal from the late 1850s into the early 1860s.

¹³ U.S. Attorney Benjamin F. Hallett to President Franklin Pierce, October 31, 1854, *Northern Law and Order*, Reel 7, Frames 0389–0392, District of Massachusetts; U.S. Attorney Henry S. Fitch to Attorney General Jeremiah S. Black, January 9, 1860, *Northern Law and Order*, Reel 4, Frames 0436–0438, Northern District of Illinois.

discounted the danger. “We are inclined to the opinion that the leaders feel the embarrassment of their position; they having collected such large amounts of money and made such boastful demonstrations of their intention to liberate Ireland they will be obliged to seek some excuse for their failure and some means to enable them to appropriate to their own purposes the large amount of funds they must have received and avoid violence from their own people,” he reported to Attorney General James Speed. “This excuse will probably be sought in a hostile demonstration which will fail or by inducing the government of the U.S. to make arrests and thereby frustrate their pretended designs.” Dart recommended against federal interference at this point, particularly since he believed arresting the leaders would give them the excuse they needed to justify themselves to their followers. Dart cautioned, however, that the marshal could not call on any nearby military force for help since none existed and, perhaps more troubling, “the police of the City of Buffalo as at present constituted are supposed to be in sympathy with the Fenian movement.” Dart seemed unconcerned at the number of Fenians descending on Buffalo—some 700 men, all armed and many Union veterans of the Civil War.¹⁴

On June 1, the Fenians invaded Canada. Led by the indomitable John O’Neill, the army marched a few miles into the interior and engaged in several skirmishes with the Canadian militia. Whatever they sought or hoped to accomplish they neither found nor achieved. On June 3, they straggled back across the river before the steamboat *Michigan* rescued them. Once back on American territory, Marshal Edward Dodd promptly arrested them. With 700 men in custody, the marshal needed help figuring out how to feed and house them.¹⁵

Four years later, O’Neill and another band of approximately 500 Fenians again invaded Canada, crossing over from St. Albans, Vermont. Immediately repulsed by Canadian troops, the invasion barely made it past the border. While the two sides exchanged gunfire, U.S. Marshal George P. Foster happened upon O’Neill and promptly arrested him. The invasion fizzled.¹⁶

Northern Law and Order also documents other military excursions launched from U.S. shores. Cuban nationals mustered men and arms in New York City in the summer of 1869 to help their nationals in one of Cuba’s interminable revolutions against Spain. During the Civil War, Confederate spies and sympathizers smuggled arms and supplies southward. Federal lawmen like U.S. Marshal David H. Carr of Connecticut swore “to do all in my power to stop it come what may.”¹⁷

Northern Law and Order

Like its predecessor volumes, *Western Law and Order* and *Southern Law and Order*, *Northern Law and Order* covers a panoply of law enforcement issues, concerns, and

¹⁴ U.S. Attorney William A. Dart to Attorney General James Speed, April 11, 1866, *Northern Law and Order*, Reel 13, Frames 1181–1184, Northern District of New York.

¹⁵ U.S. Attorney William A. Dart to Attorney General James Speed, June 3, 1866, *Northern Law and Order*, Reel 13, Frame 1216, Northern District of New York; Calhoun, *The Lawmen*, pp. 177–82.

¹⁶ U.S. Attorney Benjamin F. Fifield to Attorney General Ebenezer R. Hoar, May 30, 1870, *Northern Law and Order*, Reel 19, Frames 0452–0456, District of Vermont.

¹⁷ U.S. Attorney Francis C. Barlow to Attorney General Henry Stanbery, July 13, 1869, *Northern Law and Order*, Reel 15, Frames 0117–0128, Southern District of New York; U.S. Marshal David H. Carr to Attorney General Edward Bates, May 26, 1861, *Northern Law and Order*, Reel 1, Frames 0209–0211.

confrontations. Although challenges to federal authority strikes my personal interests the most, scholars reviewing these records will find plenty of grist for their own interpretive mills. Indeed, heretofore scholars have not fully plumbed this amazing source. LexisNexis brings great credit upon itself by arranging a wider distribution for these records. It remains to students of the history of federal law enforcement to take advantage of the opportunity now presented them.

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SOURCE NOTE

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EDITORIAL NOTE

This microfilm edition contains selections of files from Record Group 60, General Records of the Department of Justice, Entry 9A, Records of the Attorney General's Office: Letters Received, 1809–1870. All files reproduced for this edition have been microfilmed in their entirety. States covered in this edition are Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and the District of Columbia. These states were chosen because they did not join the Confederacy and lie east of the Mississippi River. Those states that lie east of the Mississippi River but did join the Confederacy are covered in *Letters Received by the Attorney General, 1809–1870: Southern Law and Order*. States lying west of the Mississippi River have been covered in *Letters Received by the Attorney General, 1809–1870: Western Law and Order*.

List of U.S. Attorneys General, 1809–1870

The office of attorney general was organized by an act of Congress on September 24, 1789. The Department of Justice was created June 22, 1870. The table that follows lists attorneys general who served between 1809 and 1870, the president who appointed them, their home state, and the year of appointment.

President	Attorney General	Home State	Appointed
Madison	Caesar A. Rodney	Delaware	1809
Madison	William Pinkney	Maryland	1811
Madison	Richard Rush	Pennsylvania	1814
Monroe	Richard Rush	Pennsylvania	1817
Monroe	William Wirt	Virginia	1817
Adams, J. Q.	William Wirt	Virginia	1825
Jackson	John M. Berrien	Georgia	1829
Jackson	Roger B. Taney	Maryland	1831
Jackson	Benjamin F. Butler	New York	1833
Van Buren	Benjamin F. Butler	New York	1837
Van Buren	Felix Grundy	Tennessee	1838
Van Buren	Henry D. Gilpin	Pennsylvania	1840
Harrison	John J. Crittenden	Kentucky	1841
Tyler	John J. Crittenden	Kentucky	1841
Tyler	Hugh S. Legare	South Carolina	1841
Tyler	John Nelson	Maryland	1843
Polk	John Y. Mason	Virginia	1845
Polk	Nathan Clifford	Maine	1846
Polk	Isaac Toucey	Connecticut	1848
Taylor	Reverdy Johnson	Maryland	1849
Fillmore	John J. Crittenden	Kentucky	1850
Pierce	Caleb Cushing	Massachusetts	1853
Buchanan	Jeremiah S. Black	Pennsylvania	1857
Buchanan	Edwin M. Stanton	Pennsylvania	1860
Lincoln	Edward Bates	Missouri	1861
Lincoln	James Speed	Kentucky	1864
Johnson, A.	James Speed	Kentucky	1865
Johnson, A.	Henry Stanbery	Ohio	1866
Johnson, A.	William M. Evarts	New York	1868
Grant	Ebenezer R. Hoar	Massachusetts	1869
Grant	Amos T. Akerman	Georgia	1870

ABBREVIATIONS

The following abbreviation is used three or more times in this guide.

D.C. District of Columbia

REEL INDEX

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Frame No.

Connecticut

0001 September 1809–September 1867.

Major Topics: Jacob Jackson; criminal procedure; *Robert Allen v. Jonathan Palmer*; harbors and ports; foreign trade with Britain; embargoes and boycotts; federal-state relations; *Amistad*; slaves and slavery; right of property; Spain; Cuba; history of *Amistad* voyage; Hiram Willey oath of office; confiscation cases; Frederick Belden personal property.

Principal Correspondents: H. Huntington; William S. Holabird; Hiram Willey.

0158 July 1868–November 1870.

Major Topics: Sentences, criminal procedure; seizure of *Winona* and *Fancy*; freight; Calvin G. Child oath of office.

Principal Correspondents: Hiram Willey; Calvin G. Child.

0205 May 1861–October 1870.

Major Topics: Firearms smuggling; expense accounts.

Principal Correspondents: David H. Carr; John Gould.

0259 November 1817–May 1870.

Major Topics: Seizure of *Serino*; freight; criminal procedure; Maryland; ownership of enterprise; Spain.

Principal Correspondent: David Hoffman.

0295 April 1815–October 1870.

Major Topics: Seizure of *Serino*; Maryland; Yale College students and compulsory military service; Conscription Act of 1864.

Principal Correspondents: David Daggett; Simon Towle.

Delaware

0371 October 1818–December 1870.

Major Topics: Seizure of *Good Friends*; Edward G. Bradford oath of office; seizure of goods intended for Confederate states.

Principal Correspondents: Charles I. Ingersoll; Edward G. Bradford; John L. Pratt; Anthony Higgins.

0463 November 1818–June 1869.

Major Topics: Seizure of *Good Friends*; Stephen Girard claim for return of freight on board *Good Friends*.

Principal Correspondents: James Brobson; James C. Aiken; John M. Dunn.

0495 February 1825–October 1869.

0502 July 1862.

0505 February 1812–May 1875.

Major Topics: Employment; witnesses.

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0550 August 1851–March 1854.

Major Topics: Wages and salaries; expense accounts; runaway slaves.

Principal Correspondent: J. D. Hoover.

0580 July 1854–December 1855.

Major Topic: William M. Merrick oath of office.

0590 November 1820–March 1845.

Major Topics: Judges; D.C. courts.

Principal Correspondent: Edmund F. Brown.

0608 November 1836–July 1858.

Major Topics: Board of Revisors of the Codification of the laws of the District of Columbia; wages and salaries; D.C. municipal laws.

Principal Correspondents: Samuel Chilton; Robert Ould; William B. B. Cross.

0639 November 1828–April 1847.

Major Topics: Land claim of La Gross (Miami Indian); Indian lands; deeds and conveyances; General Land Office; Indian treaties.

Principal Correspondent: John Tipton.

0670 August 1808–March 1869.

0678 January 1818–September 1837.

Major Topics: Indian lands; Norfolk Draw Bridge Company; Mountjoy Bayley military service during War of Independence; spoils and spoliation; orphans' courts; residence requirements for judges; military pay; Christopher Neale license to practice law.

Principal Correspondents: Robert G. Harper; Jacob Barker; George W. Walker; Christopher Neale.

0810 February 1840–1848.

Major Topics: U.S.-Chickasaw treaties; law books and libraries; U.S.-Choctaw treaties; land claims; Choctaw orphans; government contracts; history of courts and law; Bank of Metropolis.

Principal Correspondents: George Templeman; Joseph Bryan; William C. Johnson; John H. Eaton; Reuben H. Grant; William Wilkins; George M. Bibb; Richard S. Coxe.

0958 April 1849–April 1858.

Major Topics: Foreign trade with Asian nations; William P. Young; wages and salaries; customs collection districts; Department of Treasury; Charles Gratiot; termination of employment; Martin Van Buren; presidential powers; Noah Lane land claim in Wheeling, Va.; John S. Devlin; George A. Gardiner fraud case;

Andrew Jackson monument in D.C.; railroads; Wabash and Erie Canal; Indiana; publishing attorney general opinions.

Principal Correspondents: George M. Bibb; John H. Eaton; John J. Crittenden; R. Farnham.

1147 March 1857–December 1858.

Major Topics: Arrest of J. D. Williamson; termination of employment; contract for Washington Aqueduct; A. A. McGaffey; Montgomery C. Meigs; bridge and reservoir construction; *John A. Smith v. U.S.*; federal circuit courts; D.C. courts; land ownership and rights.

Principal Correspondents: Chauncey Shaffer; Robert J. Brent; George P. Stiles.

1298 February 1859–December 1859.

Major Topics: B. W. Perkins contract to supply gunpowder to Russia; international law; military pay; George A. Gardiner fraud case; government contracts; Thomas N. Brooks; Department of Navy.

Principal Correspondents: James Cooper; H. S. Hunt; H. S. Stevens; J. Porter Brawly.

1363 February 1832–March 1859.

Major Topics: Land ownership and rights; George A. Gardiner fraud case; criminal procedure against John Charles Gardiner; witnesses in George A. Gardiner criminal proceeding; banks and banking; Department of Navy; ships and shipbuilding at Philadelphia, Pa., navy yard.

Principal Correspondents: P. R. Fendall; Philip Barton Key.

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District of Columbia cont.

0001 March 1855–February 1858.

Major Topic: Election on revised code of D.C. laws with lists of voters by ward.

0095 April 1861–December 1863.

Major Topics: Edward C. Carrington oath of office; wages and salaries; Confiscation Act of 1862; confiscation cases.

Principal Correspondents: Edward C. Carrington; Nathaniel Wilson.

0151 April 1861–May 1863.

Principal Correspondent: Ward H. Lamon.

0162 September 1862–November 1863.

Major Topics: Eliza Bowen Jumel claim for military pension of Aaron Burr; marriage; divorce; D.C. Supreme Court.

Principal Correspondent: Richard S. Coxe.

0187 September 1860–November 1861.

Major Topics: Presidential appointments of D.C. judges; oaths of office.

0253 February 1862–December 1863.

Major Topics: Presidential appointments of D.C. judges; levy court; oaths of office.

0408 May 1859–December 1862.

Major Topics: *In the Department of State, Claim of Captain John Graham, of New York City, against Spain* (booklet); Cuba; sale of *Ocean Bird* and *St. Lawrence* to pay business debt; fraud; criminal procedure for return of *Ocean Bird* and

St. Lawrence; international law; evidence; witnesses; federal circuit courts; Charles O'Connor; loans; contracts and claims for Washington Aqueduct; advertising; employment.

Principal Correspondents: Henry R. La Reintrie; Robert M. McLane.

0649 February–December 1863.

Major Topics: Claims against the U.S.; Elias W. Leavenworth; New Granada [Colombia]; Costa Rica; treaties and conventions.

Principal Correspondent: Elias W. Leavenworth.

0722 January 1864–December 1866.

Major Topics: Confiscation Acts of 1861 and 1862; confiscation cases; land sales; James J. Waring; congressional powers; Constitution of U.S.

Principal Correspondents: Edward C. Carrington; Nathaniel Wilson; Alfred Ely.

0832 April 1866.

0835 February 1864–January 1866.

0843 January 1864–January 1865.

Major Topic: D.C. judges' oaths of office.

0956 January 1865–November 1866.

Major Topic: D.C. judges' oaths of office.

1185 May 1861–December 1865.

Major Topics: Samuel Miller; securities; John H. Browning; confiscation cases; *Bank William* (ship); slave trade; Anthony M. Dignowity; pardons and civil rights for former CSA officers; government seizure of cotton in Savannah, Ga.; Constitution of U.S.; Indian tribe finances; legislative histories.

Principal Correspondents: John H. Browning; John Hanna; Anthony M. Dignowity; C. D. Pennebaker.

1416 January 1866–January 1867.

Major Topics: Income taxes for federal employees; government seizure of cotton in Alabama; Planter's Factory Cotton; Watterson & Crawford (law firm); Delaware Indians; railroads; land sales.

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District of Columbia cont.

0001 May 1870–August 1870.

0009 January 1867–August 1870.

Major Topics: Employment; wages and salaries; Benjamin G. Lovejoy; oaths of office; Richard Harrington.

Principal Correspondents: Nathaniel Wilson; Edward C. Carrington; George P. Fisher.

0126 September 1867–October 1870.

Major Topics: Prisons and prisoners in D.C.; William Selder wage claim; Maryland statutes; U.S. statutes.

Principal Correspondent: William Selder.

0164 March 1867–November 1870.

Major Topic: D.C. judges' oaths of office.

0392 March 1865–December 1870.

Major Topics: National Asylum for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers; business information; civil procedure against Benjamin F. Butler; Edward Kimberley; William H. Kimberley; abandoned property and land claims in the South; establishment of Department of Justice; United States and Mexican Claims Commission.

Principal Correspondents: Caleb Cushing; Benjamin F. Butler; J. Hubley Ashton.

0486 November 1864–December 1868.

Major Topics: Government seizure of cotton in Savannah, Ga.; military pay; civil procedure against William T. Smithson; banks and banking; abandoned property; loyalty oaths and pardons for former Confederate officers; civil procedure against Benjamin F. Butler; Edward Kimberley; William H. Kimberley.

Principal Correspondents: John Y. Bryant; James C. Kennedy; Caleb Cushing.

0707 October 1866–December 1869.

Major Topics: Marine accident between *Tappahannock* and *Ashland*; property damage and loss; murder of Pawnee Indians in Ellsworth, Kans.; criminal procedure against Louisiana State Bank; political affairs in Texas; Republican Party; habeas corpus.

Principal Correspondents: Caleb Cushing; Sidney Clarke; William M. Evarts.

0870 August 1869–December 1870.

Major Topics: *U.S. v. Jesse Stancel*; corruption and bribery in Texas bankruptcy proceedings; land seizures in Kansas; government seizure of land in Macon, Ga.; H. B. Titus; tax fraud and evasion; alcoholic beverage tax; theft of bank drafts; Fort Smith, Ark.; allegation against E. J. Searle for defrauding the government; sale of Indian lands to Ottawa University; criminal procedure against J. Dexter Martin; claim by owners of *Nelly Baker*; Chipman, Hosmer & Co. (law firm); accounting and auditing.

Principal Correspondents: H. B. Titus; Edward S. Brown; Albert Pike; S. M. Johnson.

Reel 4

Illinois

0001 December 1827–January 1842.

Major Topic: Ezra Baker.

Principal Correspondent: Sidney Breese.

0014 May 1807–December 1859.

Major Topics: Oaths of office; land ownership and rights; land claims; *U.S. v Galena and Chicago Union Rail Road Company*.

Principal Correspondent: Henry S. Fitch.

0085 July 1836–September 1859.

Major Topics: Criminal procedure against Charles N. Pine; securities; newspapers; fraud.

Principal Correspondent: Charles N. Pine.

0247 February 1859–July 1859.

Major Topics: William K. Parrish; William J. Allen; oaths of office.

0259 November 1859.

0268 June 1839.

0273 1818–November 1859.

Major Topics: Land claims; railroads; *Jonathan R. Warner v. John D. Clements*; public lands; General Land Office; Murray McConnel land claim; land ownership and rights; Robert A. Kinzie; surveyors and surveying; legislative histories; Supreme Court; criminal procedure against Charles N. Pine; fraud.

Principal Correspondent: David B. Martin.

0429 January 1860–October 1867.

Major Topics: Criminal procedure against citizens rescuing runaway slaves; confiscation cases; claims on public lands in Rock Island, Ill.; Internal Revenue cases; expense accounts.

Principal Correspondents: Henry S. Fitch; Edwin C. Larned; Perkins Bass; Lewis H. Boutell; Jesse O. Norton.

0572 January 1868–November 1870.

Major Topics: Expense accounts; use of public lands in Chicago, Ill.; railroads.

Principal Correspondents: Lewis H. Boutell; Jesse O. Norton; Joseph O. Glover.

0650 February 1861–March 1869.

Principal Correspondent: J. R. Jones.

0664 February 1860–November 1864.

Major Topic: Employment.

Principal Correspondents: William K. Parrish; Lawrence Weldon.

0704 June 1865–December 1870.

Major Topics: Oaths of office; Andrew Johnson pardon of LeRoy M. Wiley.

Principal Correspondents: Lawrence Weldon; Bluford Wilson; John E. Rosette.

0785 April 1861–December 1870.

Principal Correspondents: John Logan; D. L. Phillips.

0806 August 1861–March 1869.

0813 July 1863–December 1869.

Major Topics: Vincent Keeler; Lorenzo Hapgood; land claims.

0825 December 1869.

Major Topic: John Logan.

0829 1857–January 1866.

Major Topics: Confiscation cases; Murray McConnel land claim; land ownership and rights; Robert A. Kinzie; General Land Office; surveyors and surveying; legislative histories; Supreme Court; alcoholic beverage tax; distilleries.

Principal Correspondents: S. B. Tucker; Murray McConnel.

0966 January 1866–November 1870.

Major Topics: Military pay; Internal Revenue Law; military pensions; federal district courts; distilleries; alcoholic beverage tax.

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Indiana

0001 March 1855–May 1870.

Major Topics: Kidnapping criminal procedure against John Moore (judge) for enforcing Fugitive Slave Law; oaths of office; District of Indiana, May 1870, court calendar.

Principal Correspondent: John Law.

0066 June 1842–November 1861.

Major Topics: Isaac Redman; Rozald H. Gould; civil procedure; bankruptcy; personal property.

0124 September 1863–April 1864.

Principal Correspondent: Edwin A. Davis.

0133 December 1822–December 1864.

Major Topics: William Brindle; federal pay and allowances; public lands; land sales; Indian lands; legislative histories; expense accounts.

Principal Correspondents: Thomas A. Hendricks; Edwin M. Stanton.

0228 May 1853–September 1867.

Major Topics: Employment; John S. Robinson; expense accounts.

0267 January 1863–August 1870.

Major Topics: Miami Indians; Indian treaties; Indian tribe finances.

Principal Correspondent: James W. Tyner.

0370 July 1822–December 1870.

Major Topics: Kidnapping criminal procedure against John Moore (judge) for enforcing Fugitive Slave Law; oaths of office; supplying goods to Confederate states; misconduct charges against John Hanna; *U.S. v. George Y. Scott*; murder of Eli McCarty.

Principal Correspondents: Caleb Cushing; John Hanna.

Kentucky

0490 December 1841–December 1866.

Major Topics: Extradition of Edward Distling to Prussia; oaths of office; Confiscation Act of 1862; confiscation cases; slaves and slavery; arrest; treason; pardons.

Principal Correspondents: C. C. Rogers; James Harlan; Joshua Levis; Benjamin H. Bristow.

0681 January 1867–November 1870.

Major Topics: Expense accounts; Blanton Duncan personal property claim; *U.S. v. Joseph Bloomgart*; fraud; federal pay and allowances; *U.S. v. John Blyew and George Kennard*; Civil Rights Act of 1866; Fourteenth Amendment; voting rights.

Principal Correspondents: Benjamin H. Bristow; Gabriel C. Wharton.

0867 July 1832–April 1869.

Major Topics: Detention and robbery of deputies Isaac P. Kelly and C. H. Erdman; obstruction of justice by Kentucky citizens.

Principal Correspondents: John M. McCalla; W. A. Merriwether.

0917 February 1861–October 1868.

Major Topics: George Givens (runaway slave); wills and probate; Blanton Duncan personal property claim; *U.S. v. John Blyew and George Kennard*; murder of Lucy Armstrong, Sallie Foster, Richard Foster, and Jack Foster; witnesses; jurisdiction.

Principal Correspondents: Bland Ballard; Benjamin H. Bristow.

1037 October 1863–July 1866.

1051 May 1865.

1054 February 1840–September 1866.

Major Topics: Pensions; treason; confiscation cases; loyalty oaths; W. R. McFarran; property damage and loss; military pay; Daniel Hendrickson.

1262 April 1867–November 1870.

Major Topics: Employment; Blanton Duncan personal property claim; confiscation cases; pensions; military pay; black Americans.

Principal Correspondents: J. Rowan Boone; Blanton Duncan; Alfred Smith; Isaac Caldwell; Wily D. Emby.

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Maryland

0001 May 1842–November 1862.

Major Topics: L. Collins Lee; *James Chester* (ship); *William C. Reddall v. William H. Bryan, Alfred L. Rives, and Others*; property damage and loss; right of property; Washington Aqueduct; water supply and use; treason cases; *U.S. v. John Henderson Jr.*

Principal Correspondents: William Meade Addison; William Price.

0171 April 1857–July 1861.

Principal Correspondent: John W. Watkins.

0188 March 1822–March 1823.

0196 July 1825–June 1869.

Major Topics: Deeds and conveyances; public lands; Baltimore, Md.; Baltimore County, Md.; *The State of Maryland, use of Washington County v. The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company*; contracts; *David Mason and John E. Tullis v. George P. Kane*; customs collections districts; tariffs.

Principal Correspondent: L. Collins Lee.

0328 May 1819–October 1862.

Major Topics: *Hunter v. Henry D. Hatton and Kendrick*; trespass; land ownership and rights; children's rights.

0350 December 1818–November 1861.

Major Topics: *Santiago* (aka *Free Mason*); slave trade; right of property; U.S.-Spain relations; *Margaret* (ship).

0378 May 1862.

Major Topic: Runaway slaves.

Principal Correspondent: Augustus W. Bradford.

0383 December 1816–January 1822.

Principal Correspondent: Elias Glenn.

0406 February 1812–April 1825.

Major Topics: Slave trade; sailing ships.

0466 December 1831–December 1871.

Major Topics: Patents; military pensions; Daniel Tevis; Elizabeth Tevis; Henry Willis.

Principal Correspondents: Francis J. Troubat; Reverdy Johnson.

0539 September 1837–February 1857.

Major Topics: John Delafield Jr. land claim; public lands; General Land Office; pensions; *Remarks on Relative Rank in the Navy* (booklet); naval protocol; *Assimilated Rank in the Navy* (booklet).

0646 March 1857–August 1862.

Major Topics: Merchant's Exchange of Baltimore; contracts; buildings; right of property; First Presbyterian Church of Baltimore; deeds and conveyances; Maryland claim against the U.S. for reimbursement of loans used to finance the War of 1812; state finance; interest payments; federal-state relations; Gustavus Ober; John Leary; fires and fire prevention; liability; courthouses.

Principal Correspondents: P. H. Sullivan; William H. Collins; J. Mason Campbell; H. May.

0870 January 1863–October 1865.

Major Topics: Confiscation cases; *U.S. v. the Real Estate of Isaac R. Trimble*; treason cases; pardons.

Principal Correspondent: William Price.

1045 January 1864–October 1870.

Major Topics: *U.S. v. John Sturgis*; treason cases; federal pay and allowances; pardons; Alexander M. Rogers; Fifteenth Amendment; black Americans; voting rights; elections; Maryland Constitution of 1867; voter registration.

Principal Correspondents: William J. Jones; William Price; Andrew Sterett Ridgely; Archibald Sterling.

1260 October 1863–September 1870.

Major Topic: Black Americans serving on juries.

Principal Correspondent: E. Y. Goldsborough.

1275 August 1870.

1279 September 1865–September 1870.

Major Topics: Distilleries; Henry Boecker.

1298 June 1865–November 1866.

Major Topic: John H. Sothoron.

1310 April 1863–December 1870.

Major Topics: Police; robbery and theft; military personnel; criminal procedure; John C. Braine; Confederate Navy; piracy; murder; elections; voter registration.

Principal Correspondent: Allan B. Magruder.

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Maine

0001 January 1817–November 1870.

Major Topics: Freight; *George*, *Experiment*, and *Fly* (ships); Robert Burns land claim; deeds and conveyances; murders on board the *Albion Cooper* (ship); Peter Williams; Abraham Cox; William H. Simpson; treason; smuggling; jurisdiction.
Principal Correspondents: William P. Preble; Augustine Haines; George F. Shepley; George F. Talbot; Nathan Webb.

0138 June 1858–February 1870.

Major Topics: Sentences, criminal procedure; Peter Williams; Abraham Cox; oaths of office.
Principal Correspondent: Charles Clark.

0166 June 1861–January 1870.

Major Topic: Oaths of office.

0181 February 1814–January 1869.

0208 March 1840–March 1853.

Major Topic: Boundaries.

0218 May 1842–November 1870.

Major Topic: Right of property.

Massachusetts

0271 February 1813–December 1855.

Major Topics: Embargoes and boycotts; foreign trade with Britain; searches and seizures; Anthony Burns; Fugitive Slave Law; Worcester, Mass.; riots and disorders; federal-state relations; criminal procedure; federal circuit courts; civil service appointments and promotions; impressment; Halifax, Nova Scotia; British military forces.
Principal Correspondents: George Blake; Benjamin F. Hallett.

0461 February 1856–March 1868.

Major Topics: Budget of the U.S.; federal pay and allowances; Philip Greely Jr.; Alfred F. Gardner; prisoners; misconduct; right of property; searches and seizures; tariffs.
Principal Correspondents: Benjamin F. Hallett; Richard H. Dana Jr.; Charles Levi Woodbury; Arthur W. Austin.

0587 January 1862–December 1864.

Major Topics: Court calendars; spoils and spoliation; tariffs; appraisement regulations.
Principal Correspondents: Richard H. Dana Jr.; Thornton K. Lothrop.

0701 January 1854–September 1862.

Major Topic: Runaway slaves.

Principal Correspondents: Watson Freeman; John D. Hathaway; John S. Keyes.

0767 December 1859.

0770 June 1816–December 1864.

Major Topic: Spoils and spoliation.

Principal Correspondent: Henry Warren.

0792 February 1856–August 1864.

Major Topic: Prisoners.

0806 March 1814–November 1856.

Major Topics: *Bothnea* and *Jahnstoffs* (ships); claims; *The Louisville, Cincinnati and Charleston Railroad Company v. Thomas W. Letson*; corporations; jurisdiction; federal circuit courts; runaway slaves; Portsmouth, Va.; law books and libraries; Little, Brown and Company.

0968 January 1857–October 1864.

Major Topics: Little, Brown and Company; law books and libraries.

Reel 8

Massachusetts cont.

0001 January 1865–November 1866.

Major Topics: Expense accounts; seizure of *Wanderer* (ship); Fenians; *U.S. v. Nancy Swain*; liquor licenses; alcoholic beverage tax; federal-state relations.

Principal Correspondents: Richard H. Dana Jr.; Thornton K. Lothrop; John S. Keyes.

0102 August 1846–June 1869.

Major Topics: Expense accounts; judgments, civil procedure; *M. C. Rowe* (ship); smuggling; brandy; wine; deeds and conveyances; Long Island, Mass.; *U.S. v. Julius F. Hartwell*; fraud; federal pay and allowances; sentences, criminal procedure; Patrick P. Haggerty; mail theft.

Principal Correspondents: George S. Hillard; Walbridge A. Field.

0275 July 1869–December 1870.

Major Topics: Expense accounts; *Charles McDermott et al. v. Robert E. Clary*; E. W. Upton; tax fraud and evasion.

Principal Correspondent: George S. Hillard.

0425 April 1865–October 1870.

Major Topics: Employment; prisoners; court fees.

Principal Correspondents: John S. Keyes; Rufus Choate.

0471 March 1865.

0477 March 1865.

Major Topic: Court fees.

0484 February 1865–January 1866.

Major Topic: Habeas corpus.

0509 January 1865–December 1870.

Major Topics: Little, Brown and Company; Henry Wirz; Andersonville Prison; Jefferson Davis; claims; seizure of *Wanderer* (ship); *Henry J. Hosmer v. U.S.*; military pay; Internal Revenue Service; federal pay and allowances; money.

Principal Correspondents: Benjamin F. Butler; Charles Levi Woodbury; Richard H. Dana Jr.; Lucius B. Marsh; Bernard O’Kane; S. S. Crandell.

Reel 9

Michigan

0001 December 1841–December 1864.

Major Topics: Deeds and conveyances; land claims; lighthouses; Kalamazoo River; Canadian law; *Louise Pauline de Repentigny et al. v. U.S.*; territorial claims; Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.; France; federal pay and allowances; wills and probate; land ownership and rights.

Principal Correspondents: George C. Bates; Alfred Russell.

0187 November 1855–April 1861.

Major Topics: Political affiliation of federal employees; John S. Bagg; Democratic Party.

0232 October 1863–March 1864.

Major Topics: *U.S. v. Steamboat Mohawk*; fraud; licenses; right of property; tariffs; confiscation cases.

Principal Correspondent: Alfred Russell.

0286 April 1863.

Principal Correspondent: Osmond Tower.

0291 March 1863–March 1864.

Principal Correspondent: Frederick O. Rogers.

0316 April 1863.

Principal Correspondent: Solomon L. Withey.

0325 May 1857–June 1857.

0329 May 1859–August 1859.

Major Topics: *People of the State of Michigan v. William H. Tyler*; murder of Henry L. Jones.

0340 January 1855–August 1864.

Major Topics: Taxation; John Sharp; military discharges.

0383 January 1865–June 1867.

Major Topics: *U.S. v. Steamboat Mohawk*; licenses; Bennett G. Burley; confiscation cases; *Louise Pauline de Repentigny et al. v. U.S.*; federal pay and allowances; federal district courts; jurisdiction.

Principal Correspondent: Alfred Russell.

0513 December 1861–December 1870.

Major Topics: *Louise Pauline de Repentigny et al. v. U.S.*; federal pay and allowances; expense accounts; territorial claims; Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.; France; *U.S. v. Henry C. Dewitt*; explosives.

Principal Correspondents: Alfred Russell; Henry B. Browne; Jared W. Finney; Aaron B. Maynard.

0728 May 1865–November 1869.

Major Topic: Oaths of office.

Principal Correspondents: Charles Dickey; J. G. Parkhurst; Norman S. Andrews.

0752 June 1868–March 1870.

Major Topic: Oaths of office.

- 0772 March 1865–August 1869.**
Major Topics: Oaths of office; pardons; Horace L. Jones; fraud; *U.S. v. Steamer Daniel Ball*; licenses.
Principal Correspondents: Augustus D. Griswold; John H. Standish.
- 0827 April 1867–April 1869.**
Principal Correspondent: James Henry.
- 0832 June 1869–January 1870.**
Principal Correspondents: John H. Standish; Solomon L. Withey.
- 0838 November 1869.**
- 0843 January 1865–November 1870.**
Major Topics: Military pay; military discharges; *U.S. v. William L. Bennett*.
Principal Correspondent: Austin Blair.

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New Hampshire

- 0001 July 1843–January 1870.**
Major Topics: Deeds and conveyances; public lands; confiscation cases; oaths of office.
Principal Correspondent: Charles W. Rand.
- 0062 May 1858–April 1867.**
Principal Correspondent: Jacob H. Ela.
- 0080 April 1866–August 1866.**
Major Topic: Daniel Clark.
- 0087 August 1865.**
- 0090 September 1839–April 1870.**
Major Topics: Military duty assignments and releases; military pensions.

New Jersey

- 0130 November 1841–December 1870.**
Major Topics: *U.S. v. Jackalow*; piracy; L. C. Baker; fraud; recruitment; Hoboken, N.J.; The American Telegraph Company; securities; George W. Thorne; alcoholic beverage tax; Robert Gardner; constitutional law; personal debt; voting rights; elections; black Americans.
Principal Correspondent: Anthony Q. Keasbey
- 0335 June 1861–January 1865.**
- 0341 June 1853–January 1870.**
Major Topics: Military pensions; military pay; David J. Baldwin; loyalty oaths.
- 0415 May 1858–October 1870.**
Principal Correspondent: Samuel Plummer.
- 0435 September 1821–April 1869.**
Major Topic: Pensions.
- 0448 February 1819–May 1870.**
Major Topic: John L. Nixon oath of office.

New York

0463 December 1825–March 1847.

Major Topics: Joseph Barlow; *U.S. v. Thomas H. Lacon and John A. Davenport*; tariffs; taxation; *U.S. v. Gabriel T. Irving*; Henry Eckford; wills and probate; deeds and conveyances; Sackets Harbor, N.Y.; land ownership and rights.
Principal Correspondents: James A. Hamilton; Benjamin F. Butler; Josiah Ogden Hoffman.

0649 February 1836–June 1847.

Major Topics: Deeds and conveyances; land ownership and rights; Black Rock, N.Y.; judgments, civil procedure.
Principal Correspondents: Joshua A. Spencer; O. H. Marshall; W. F. Allen.

0770 September 1809–September 1834.

Major Topics: Embargoes and boycotts; surety bonds; patents.
Principal Correspondents: Nathan Sanford; David R. Ogden.

0892 December 1835–October 1846.

Major Topics: Tariffs; Israel Ketcham; claims, payments for goods and services; government contracts and procurement; fortifications; Mobile Bay; Dauphin Island, Ala.; Nimrod Farrow; Richard Harris; accounting and auditing; building materials; Committee of Claims, House of Representatives.
Principal Correspondents: Benjamin F. Butler; J. Hoyt.

1157 July 1848–December 1854.

Major Topics: Frederick Griffing; deeds and conveyances; money; searches and seizures; legal fees; *U.S. v. John L. O'Sullivan and others*; filibuster expeditions; Cuba; sovereignty; property damage and loss; liability; *U.S. v. Brig Susan*; freight; slave trade; Brazil; Africa; *U.S. v. James Collier*; tariffs; federal pay and allowances; habeas corpus; Garret G. Schufeldt.
Principal Correspondents: J. Prescott Hall; John McKeon.

1434 July 1848–December 1854.

Major Topics: Thomas Jefferson Smith; federal pay and allowances; John C. Bergh; books and bookselling; Garret G. Schufeldt.
Principal Correspondents: Benjamin F. Butler; Edward Bossange.

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New York cont.

0001 January 1855–November 1855.

Major Topics: Filibuster expeditions; Nicaragua; *U.S. v. Henry L. Kinney and Joseph W. Fabens*; neutrality; foreign military forces; recruitment; Joseph Wagner; *Republic of Mexico v. Francisco de Arranjois, Bartolomi Blanco, and Ramon Palanca*; arrest; money; international law; diplomatic and consular service.
Principal Correspondents: John McKeon; Benjamin F. Hallett; P. J. Joachinson.

0205 March 1855–December 1855.

Major Topics: Filibuster expeditions; Nicaragua; Parker H. French; neutrality; recruitment; British military forces; criminal procedure.
Principal Correspondent: John McKeon.

0357 October 1848–September 1851.

Major Topics: *The People v. Anson Wing*; robbery and theft.

0377 June 1851–October 1854.

Major Topic: Expense accounts.

0389 June 1825–June 1852.

Major Topics: Amazon River; steamboats; navigation; foreign trade; Brazil; New York South American Steamboat Association; claims, property damage and loss; freight; business formations; securities; *Amazon* (ship); dividends and interest income.

Principal Correspondent: John Anthon.

0700 March 1955–December 1855.

Major Topics: Banks, Gould & Co.; law books and libraries.

0761 March 1857–November 1861.

Principal Correspondent: Isaiah Rynder.

0784 March 1857–October 1861.

Principal Correspondent: William A. Dart.

0817 February 1858–September 1861.

Principal Correspondent: William K. Hall.

0835 September 1857–September 1861.

0851 August 1861.

Major Topic: Civil War.

0876 January 1856–July 1859.

Major Topics: Postal service; government contracts and procurement.

Principal Correspondents: Paul Bossange; Alex Holland.

0979 March 1860–December 1861.

Major Topics: Runaway slaves; hemp; foreign trade; India; Russia; Civil War.

Principal Correspondent: William M. Evarts.

1079 January 1836–October 1857.

Major Topics: Accessory Transit Company; Nicaragua; neutrality; *Star of the West* (ship); filibuster expeditions; freight; *Northern Light*, *Orizaba*, *Tennessee*, and *Gondar* (ships); right of property; extradition; France.

Principal Correspondents: John McKeon; P. J. Joachinson; Cornelius Vanderbilt; William L. Cazneau.

1349 January 1828–December 1861.

Major Topics: *U.S. v. Barque Sally Magee*; searches and seizures; right of property; *U.S. v. Barque Sarah*; slave trade; *Savannah* (southern ship); confiscation cases; spoils and spoliation.

Principal Correspondents: Theodore Sedgwick; James J. Roosevelt; E. Delafield Smith; William M. Evarts.

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New York cont.

- 0001 March 1862–October 1862.**
Major Topics: Spoils and spoliation; military weapons; *U.S. v. Cheshire and her cargo*; blockade; Savannah, Ga.; *William L. Cogswell* (ship); slave trade; Henry Ruggles; navy yards and naval stations.
Principal Correspondent: E. Delafield Smith.
- 0073 January 1863–March 1864.**
Major Topics: *U.S. v. Rising Dawn* (ship); spoils and spoliation; blockade; U.S. seizure of British vessels; *U.S. v. Peterhoff* (ship); U.S.–Great Britain relations; right of property; *U.S. v. Nassau, Alliance, and Gondar* (ships).
Principal Correspondent: E. Delafield Smith.
- 0293 January 1861–September 1862.**
Major Topics: Spoils and spoliation; slave trade.
Principal Correspondent: Robert Murray.
- 0309 July 1862–September 1862.**
Principal Correspondent: George F. Betts.
- 0317 February 1862–October 1864.**
Major Topics: James J. Palmer; pardons; fraud; Rufus B. Vassar; lotteries; licenses; taxation; court congestion and delay.
Principal Correspondent: William A. Dart.
- 0402 April 1863.**
Principal Correspondent: Andrew B. Dickinson.
- 0412 March 1863–March 1864.**
Principal Correspondent: N. K. Hall.
- 0425 February 1863.**
Principal Correspondent: Hiram Barney.
- 0429 April 1861–December 1862.**
Major Topics: Uriah P. Levy; wills and probate; civil procedure; gifts and donations.
Principal Correspondents: Edwards Pierrepont; Joseph H. Patten.
- 0594 January 1863–November 1864.**
Major Topics: Federal employee travel and expenses; treaties and conventions; New Granada [Colombia]; Costa Rica; public lands; legislative histories; military pay; compulsory military service; spoils and spoliation; prisoners; sentences, criminal procedure.
Principal Correspondents: William M. Evarts; Jerome Rowe.

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New York cont.

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0809 March 1865–December 1865.

Major Topics: Searches and seizures; Louis Benjamin; right of property; confiscation cases; John S. Langhorne; Robert W. Crenshaw; pardons; securities; The American Telegraph Company; John F. Slaughter; Samuel Garland Jr.; wills and probate.

Principal Correspondent: Daniel S. Dickinson.

0930 January 1866–December 1866.

Major Topics: Confiscation cases; banks and banking; taxation; Fenians; *U.S. v. William R. Roberts*; neutrality; filibuster expeditions; Great Britain.

Principal Correspondents: Daniel S. Dickinson; Samuel G. Courtney.

1080 July 1865–August 1866.

Principal Correspondent: Robert Murray.

1092 January 1865–October 1865.

Major Topics: Charles O. Tappan; federal pay and allowances; expense accounts; seizure of wines; taxation; Rufus B. Vassar.

Principal Correspondent: William A. Dart.

1163 January 1866–December 1866.

Major Topics: Fenians; filibuster expeditions; Buffalo, N.Y.; Canada; *Michigan* (ship); employment.

Principal Correspondents: Charles O. Tappan; William A. Dart; George G. Munger.

1275 February 1866–June 1866.

Major Topic: Fenians.

Principal Correspondent: Edward Dodd.

1283 March 1865–October 1866.

Major Topics: Writ of habeas corpus for Charles W. Cheshire; Albany Penitentiary (military prison); employment; court congestion and delay; John C. Braine; murder; piracy; *Chesapeake* (ship); Knights of Arabia; robbery and theft; Brooklyn Navy Yard.

Principal Correspondent: Benjamin D. Silliman.

1390 March 1865–December 1866.

Principal Correspondent: Anthony F. Campbell.

1409 March 1865.

Principal Correspondent: Charles L. Benedict.

1424 December 1865–March 1866.

Major Topics: Quarantine; public health; warehouses; Sandy Hook, N.J.; federal-state relations.

Principal Correspondent: Henry W. Johnson.

1441 January 1865–November 1866.

Major Topics: Jacob Brown; confiscation cases; Little Rock, Ark.; wills and probate; federal pay and allowances.

Principal Correspondents: Stewart van Vliet; Charles D. Norton.

1465 December 1864–April 1866.

Major Topics: Professionals' fees; John McKeon; sentences, criminal procedure; J. W. Benson; William R. Nevins; patents; baking industry; machines and machinery industry; John C. Watrous; corruption and bribery; impeachment; fraudulent land grants; Texas; confiscation cases; *David W. Hughs v. U.S.*; land ownership and rights; Supreme Court.

Principal Correspondent: William Alexander.

1688 February 1865–December 1866.

Major Topics: Charles Goodyear; patents; rubber and rubber industry; *U.S., ex rel. Augustus O. Bourn v. Charles Goodyear Jr.*; fraud; taxation of Indians; confiscation of land in Memphis, Tenn., belonging to former Confederate General P. G. T. Beauregard; Fenians; pardons; spoils and spoliation.

Principal Correspondents: George W. Parchal; William R. Roberts; S. S. Cox.

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New York cont.

0001 January 1867–June 1867.

Major Topics: Securities; The American Telegraph Company; deeds and conveyances; post offices; *R. R. Cuyler* (ship).

Principal Correspondent: Samuel G. Courtney.

0087 April 1867–May 1867.

0097 December 1866–June 1867.

Major Topics: Expense accounts; court congestion and delay.

Principal Correspondents: J. Sterling Smith; William Dorsheimer.

0160 June 1867.

0163 July 1866–April 1867.

Major Topics: Federal pay and allowances; *Othello* (ship); freight; property damage and loss; claims.

Principal Correspondent: Benjamin D. Silliman.

0189 February 1867.

0192 March 1867.

0197 January 1867–January 1868.

0201 January 1867–June 1867.

Major Topics: Jurisdiction; taxation of Indians; cotton; presidential appointments; congressional-executive relations; confiscation cases.

Principal Correspondents: George W. Parchal; Charles P. James; Caleb Cushing.

0284 August 1867–December 1867.

Major Topics: John C. Braine; Brooklyn Penitentiary; prisoners of war; *U.S. v. Steamship Meteor*; searches and seizures; neutrality; Chile; Spain; *Electric Spark* (ship); confiscation cases.

Principal Correspondent: Samuel G. Courtney.

0375 September 1867–November 1868.

Major Topics: Kentucky Bourbon Company; distilleries; Jacob Depuy; searches and seizures; tax fraud; Thomas E. Smith; corruption and bribery; William Fullerton;

Alfred A. Belknap; Daniel C. Birdsall; Edward J. Windust; *U.S. v. Charles M. Morris*; confiscation cases.

Principal Correspondent: Samuel G. Courtney.

0574 December 1868–August 1869.

Major Topics: Filibuster expeditions; Cuba; distilleries; tax fraud; James F. Desendorf; John J. Eckel; Alvah Blaisdell; Isaac S. Schuyler; John McClaren; William Fullerton; criminal procedure; evidence; federal-state relations.

Principal Correspondents: Samuel G. Courtney; Edwards Pierrepont.

0793 January 1867–July 1867.

Major Topic: Samuel Blatchford.

0800 July 1867–December 1867.

Major Topics: Fenians; firearms; Plattsburgh, N.Y.; murder; jurisdiction; maritime law.

Principal Correspondent: William Dorsheimer.

0878 October 1867.

Principal Correspondent: Edward Dodd.

0882 September 1867.

0885 September 1867.

0888 August 1867–January 1868.

Major Topics: *Jonas P. Levy v. U.S.*; claims; Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo; property damage and loss; Mexico; foreign relations; *Isabel* (ship); patents; Elias Howe Jr.; sewing machines.

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New York cont.

0001 May 1868–September 1869.

Major Topics: Filibuster expeditions; Cuba; searches and seizures; *Whiting, Fancy, Winona*, and *Quaker City* (ships); Spain; ships and shipbuilding; John H. Pratt; murder; Texas; treason; habeas corpus; *Ableman v. Booth*; jurisdiction; federal-state relations.

Principal Correspondent: Francis C. Barlow.

0200 January 1868–August 1869.

Major Topics: Spencer Clinton; expense accounts; Oscar Folsom; George W. Miller; George J. Sicard; employment; Fenians; filibuster expeditions; firearms.

Principal Correspondents: William Dorsheimer; William Hildreth.

0316 January 1868–August 1869.

Principal Correspondents: Edward Dodd; Isaac F. Quinby.

0338 August 1868–May 1869.

Major Topics: Isaac F. Quinby; employment.

Principal Correspondent: N. K. Hall.

0351 June 1868–August 1869.

Major Topic: Federal pay and allowances.

Principal Correspondents: B. F. Tracy; John J. Allen.

0380 August 1869–September 1869.

Principal Correspondent: Francis L. Dallon.

0387 January 1868–July 1869.

Major Topic: George B. Davis.

Principal Correspondent: J. F. Bailey.

0401 July 1868–February 1869.

0408 February 1867–July 1869.

Major Topics: Mail theft; Boston, Mass.; sentences, criminal procedure; Union Pacific Railroad Company; courts-martial and courts of inquiry; Edward McDonald Reynolds; homosexuality; military discharges; Daniel C. Birdsall; self-incrimination; Alvah Blaisdell; James F. Desendorf; John J. Eckel; John McClaren; *U.S. v. Rosenberg*; citizenship fraud; U.S. statutes; U.S.–Great Britain relations; Alabama claims.

Principal Correspondents: B. F. Penniman; C. A. Seward; Townsend Scudder; Edward McDonald Reynolds; John Livingston; William Fullerton; John A. Parker.

0717 September 1867–March 1868.

Major Topics: Distilleries; tax fraud; searches and seizures.

Principal Correspondents: Robert Murray; J. F. Bailey.

0738 November 1869–September 1870.

Major Topics: Filibuster expeditions; Cuba; Spain; searches and seizures; neutrality; *Hornet* (ship); *U.S. v. Benjamin Low*.

Principal Correspondents: Edwards Pierrepont; Grosvenor P. Lowrey; Benjamin K. Phelps.

0879 March 1868–November 1870.

Major Topics: Voting rights; federal-state relations; filibuster expeditions; Cuba.

Principal Correspondents: Francis C. Barlow; George H. Sharpe.

0954 June 1870–December 1870.

Major Topics: *Hornet* (ship); filibuster expeditions; Cuba; military intervention; militia; federal-state relations; Enforcement Act of 1870; voting rights; *U.S. v. William H. Whimster*; Richard B. Caldwell extradition from Canada; forgery.

Principal Correspondents: James B. Craig; Noah Davis; Irwin McDowell.

1043 January 1870–November 1870.

Major Topic: Witness compensation.

1062 December 1869–December 1870.

Major Topics: Fenians; *Osborne v. Gates*; filibuster expeditions; Canada; bail; *U.S. v. Alfred Favero*; criminal procedure; Internal Revenue cases.

Principal Correspondent: William Dorsheimer.

1166 January 1870–September 1870.

Principal Correspondent: Isaac F. Quinby.

1173 July 1870.

Major Topic: Isaac F. Quinby.

1177 November 1868–December 1870.

Major Topic: Professionals' fees.

Principal Correspondents: John J. Allen; B. F. Tracy.

1211 October 1869–November 1870.

Major Topics: J. B. Wass; arrest; Internal Revenue cases; distilleries.

Principal Correspondent: Francis L. Dallon.

1247 January 1870–November 1870.

1260 September 1869–December 1870.

Major Topics: U.S. statutes; Internal Revenue procedures; federal pay and allowances; *Hornet* (ship); *John Mitchell v. John A. Dix*; arrest; *Daniel D. Bell v. John A. Dix*; German Republican Central Committee; Republican Party; military pay; intellectual property; claims; Internal Revenue cases.

Principal Correspondents: Sidney Webster; Benjamin K. Phelps; Charles F. Blake.

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0001 December 1841–December 1864.

Major Topics: Neutrality; *U.S. v. Charles Rowcroft*; recruitment; foreign military forces; runaway slaves; Fugitive Slave Law; federal-local relations; criminal procedure; *U.S. v. H. H. Robinson*; expense accounts; fraud; witness compensation; confiscation cases.

Principal Correspondents: H. J. Jewett; John H. O’Neile; Stanley Matthews; Flamen Ball.

0259 March 1824–August 1863.

Major Topics: Federal aid to states, transportation; road construction.

0295 September 1861–March 1862.

Principal Correspondent: H. H. Leavitt.

0304 October 1851–March 1864.

Major Topics: Employment; Lewis W. Sifford–B. P. Churchill disagreement.

Principal Correspondents: Lewis W. Sifford; A. C. Sands.

0339 October 1842–July 1864.

Major Topics: Land claims; Connecticut Western Reserve; deeds and conveyances; Connecticut Land Company; Oliver Phelps; Gideon Granger; Amasa Jackson; wills and probate; land ownership and rights; habeas corpus; runaway slaves; *U.S. v. Simeon Bushnell*; sentences, criminal procedure.

Principal Correspondents: Rufus P. Ranney; G. W. Belden; Robert F. Paine.

0542 April 1859.

Major Topic: Fugitive Slave Law.

0546 May 1858–August 1863.

Major Topics: Runaway slaves; Confederate sympathizers.

Principal Correspondent: Earl Bill.

0589 November 1853–August 1861.

Major Topics: Expense accounts; federal pay and allowances.

0603 December 1847–September 1864.

Major Topics: Mexican War; claims; professionals’ fees; Lewis W. Sifford; Democratic Party; confiscation cases; Confederate sympathizers.

Principal Correspondents: Enoch P. Justice; R. Bland.

- 0767 February 1865–December 1870.**
Major Topics: Oaths of office; employment; Frederick A. Nash; expense accounts; citizenship fraud.
Principal Correspondents: J. M. Root; Moses Kelly; Franklin J. Dickman; William C. Bunts; George Willey; Henry S. Sherman.
- 0898 September 1862–September 1867.**
Principal Correspondents: Earl Bill; R. Hastings.
- 0916 November 1866–March 1867.**
Major Topic: Charles T. Sherman oath of office.
- 0923 February 1865–December 1867.**
Major Topics: Federal district and circuit courts; whiskey; Nashville, Tenn.; searches and seizures; alcoholic beverage tax; federal pay and allowances; instructions for criminal procedure in federal circuit courts; expense accounts.
Principal Correspondents: Flamen Ball; Richard M. Corwine; L. H. Bond; Durbin Ward.
- 1093 January 1868–November 1870.**
Major Topics: Expense accounts; federal pay and allowances.
Principal Correspondents: L. H. Bond; Durbin Ward; Henry Hooper; Augustus Ward; Warner M. Bateman; Benjamin Butterworth; Bellamy Storer Jr.
- 1267 April 1865–December 1870.**
Principal Correspondent: A. Hickenlooper.
- 1294 August 1866.**
- 1297 September 1865–July 1866.**
- 1305 March 1865–February 1869.**
- 1318 February 1865–October 1868.**
Major Topics: *U.S. v. Lewis Rosenthal et al.*; *Michigan* (ship); piracy; court congestion and delay; deeds and conveyances; land claims; Maumee Bay, Ohio.
Principal Correspondents: B. White; Richard M. Corwine; A. Fahnestock.
- 1476 January 1869–December 1870.**
Major Topics: Legal aid and services; military pay; Warner M. Bateman; employment.
Principal Correspondents: William Lindsley; Stanley Matthews; Aaron F. Perry.

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Pennsylvania

- 0001 January 1819–February 1842.**
Major Topic: Civil procedure.
- 0029 April 1716–February 1845.**
Major Topics: Deeds and conveyances; Charles Robb; judgments, civil procedure.
- 0083 June 1852–October 1857.**
Major Topics: Riots and disorders; Erie, Penn.; professionals' fees; *U.S. v. James G. Darnaud*; piracy; slave trade; *Grey Eagle* (ship); Passmore Williamson; habeas corpus; recruitment; British military forces; *U.S. v. Henry Hertz*; filibuster expeditions; Nicaragua; neutrality.
Principal Correspondent: James C. Van Dyke.

0258 January 1812–June 1830.

Major Topics: Federal-state relations; militia; *U.S. v. William Nichol*; states' rights; banks and banking.

Principal Correspondents: Daniel Moore; Peter S. du Ponceau; Charles I. Ingersoll; Amos Ellmaker; Nicholas Biddle.

0347 January 1854–December 1858.

Major Topics: *Buffalo and State Line Railroad Company v. Erie and North East Railroad Company et al.*; Erie, Penn.; railroad gauges; *Buffalo and State Line Railroad Company v. the City of Erie et al.*; riots and disorders; property damage and loss; federal-local relations.

Principal Correspondents: H. Sproul; Wesley Frost; Franklin Pierce.

0427 December 1841–May 1854.

Major Topic: Allegheny Arsenal.

Principal Correspondent: C. Darr.

0446 December 1831–April 1837.

Major Topics: Law books and libraries; military pay.

Principal Correspondents: P. H. Nicklin; T. Johnson; Thomas Dillard.

0506 March 1840–June 1860.

Major Topics: Courts-martial and courts of inquiry; Benjamin A. Nichols; contracts; postal service; right of property; law books and libraries.

Principal Correspondents: Charles Nichols; J. F. Caldwell.

0646 January 1856–December 1863.

Major Topics: Pension fraud; Bank of Pennsylvania; right of property; deeds and conveyances; treason; piracy; Internal Revenue cases; searches and seizures; *Island Belle* (ship); spoils and spoliation; *Bermuda* and *Cumbria* (ships); arms trade; jurisdiction; constitutional law.

Principal Correspondents: James C. Van Dyke; George A. Coffey; J. Hubley Ashton.

0896 June 1858.

0899 April 1858–October 1862.

Major Topic: *Island Belle* (ship).

Principal Correspondent: Henry Flanders.

0916 March 1857–August 1861.

Major Topic: Employment.

Principal Correspondents: Charles Shaler; R. Biddle Roberts; Robert B. Carnahan.

0945 May 1857–October 1861.

Major Topic: Western Penitentiary of Pennsylvania (1858 annual report).

0983 January 1859–February 1859.

0988 October 1860–July 1863.

0996 April 1857–March 1861.

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Pennsylvania cont.

0001 January 1856–December 1863.

Major Topics: Law books and libraries; T. & J. W. Johnson & Co.; portraits; treason; habeas corpus; military pay.

Principal Correspondents: John Weik; J. Warner Johnson; Philip Johnson; Charles Gibbons.

0324 August 1863–January 1869.

Major Topics: Edward Ingersoll; states' rights; pardons; Robert M. Lee; forgery; habeas corpus; bail; due process of law; spoils and spoliation; *Maria and Julia* (Spanish ship); searches and seizures; smuggling; claims; employment.

Principal Correspondents: J. Hubley Ashton; George A. Coffey; Charles Gilpin; John K. Valentine; John P. O'Neill.

0608 April 1869–October 1870.

Major Topics: *Florida* (ship); searches and seizures; *Hornet* (ship); right of property; criminal procedure against William J. Cain.

Principal Correspondents: Aubrey H. Smith; John K. Valentine.

0741 July 1865–January 1870.

Major Topics: Distilleries; George Mountjoy; searches and seizures; whiskey; robbery and theft; *Florida* (ship).

Principal Correspondents: P. C. Ellmaker; E. M. Gregory.

0787 March 1864–January 1867.

0792 July 1865–December 1870.

Major Topics: Compulsory military service; Internal Revenue cases; Hugh B. McCracken; criminal procedure.

Principal Correspondents: Robert B. Carnahan; H. B. Swoope.

0882 August 1865–April 1869.

Major Topic: Employment.

Principal Correspondents: A. Murdock; Thomas A. Rowley.

0895 September 1869–December 1869.

0898 October 1864–August 1870.

0905 January 1864–December 1868.

Major Topics: Military pay; confiscation cases; James D. Bullock; right of property; constitutional law; John M. de Bolte; Spain; claims; international arbitration; wills and probate.

Principal Correspondents: G. Bolton Newton; Thomas P. Carpenter; James N. Schaumburg; John M. de Bolte.

1197 January 1869–December 1870.

Major Topics: Law books and libraries; T. & J. W. Johnson & Co.; Eight-Hour Law; wages and salaries; *Hornet* (ship); military pay; J. F. Bailey; arrest; patents; criminal procedure against William J. Cain; jurisdiction; civil-military relations.

Principal Correspondents: William H. Sylvius; John Fallon; E. Harmon; S. Hepburn Jr.

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Rhode Island

0001 September 1810–December 1870.

Major Topics: U.S. v. *Bark Reindeer, and Cargo*; slave trade; *Langdon Cheves* (ship); foreign trade with Great Britain; searches and seizures; blockade; Confiscation Act of 1862; William J. Peckham; Confederate sympathizers; *Henry W. Gardner v. Francis C. Gardner et al.*; assault; sentences, criminal procedure.

Principal Correspondents: Asher Robbins; Wingate Hayes.

0196 April 1858–April 1868.

Principal Correspondents: Albert Sanford; Robert Sherman.

0216 February 1865–February 1870.

Major Topic: Oaths of office.

Principal Correspondents: Jonathan Russell Bullock; John P. Knowles.

0235 March 1815–January 1819.

Major Topics: Samuel G. Arnold; tariffs.

Principal Correspondent: Thomas Cole.

0241 December 1823–November 1868.

Major Topics: Lotteries; state finance.

0254 January 1815–November 1870.

Major Topics: Patents; naval personnel.

Principal Correspondents: Edward F. Northam; Abraham Payne; T. A. Jencks.

Vermont

0322 January 1815–July 1870.

Major Topics: Livestock and livestock industry; foreign trade with Canada; deeds and conveyances; Addison County, Vt.; land ownerships and rights; Fenians; filibuster expeditions; Canada; arrest; criminal procedure.

Principal Correspondents: Titus Hutchinson; Henry E. Stoughton; Charles Davis; George Howe; Dudley C. Denison; Benjamin F. Fifield.

0465 June 1858–February 1870.

Major Topics: Democratic Party; employment.

Principal Correspondents: Lewis L. Partridge; Hugh H. Henry.

0485 February 1857–February 1870.

Major Topic: Employment.

Principal Correspondent: D. A. Smalley.

0498 February 1841–May 1869.

Major Topic: Military pay.

West Virginia

0539 March 1864–August 1870.

Major Topics: Civil-military relations; expense accounts; professionals' fees; Enforcement Act of 1870; voting rights; states' rights.

Principal Correspondents: Benjamin H. Smith; John G. Chandler; Nathan Goff Jr.; George B. Caldwell.

0636 March 1865–June 1868.

Major Topic: Employment.

Principal Correspondents: E. M. Norton; Samuel B. McColloch.

0663 March 1867–July 1868.

Principal Correspondent: J. J. Jackson Jr.

0670 April 1864–August 1869.

0678 September 1863–November 1870.

0684 May 1862–September 1870.

Major Topics: Military pensions; military pay; *Frolic* (ship); searches and seizures; claims; Enforcement Act of 1870.

Principal Correspondent: Thomas C. Sweeney.

Wisconsin

0766 January 1840–October 1870.

Major Topics: Sherman M. Booth case; Fugitive Slave Law; criminal procedure against citizens rescuing runaway slaves; federal-state relations; courts; jurisdiction; land grants; Indiana; canals; Fox and Wisconsin Rivers; General Land Office; Theodoric R. Westbrook; David T. Disney; confiscation cases.

Principal Correspondents: John R. Sharpstein; Don A. J. Upham; John B. D. Cogswell; Thomas Hood; George W. Hazelton.

1046 July 1856–May 1869.

Major Topic: Rescue of Sherman M. Booth from federal custody.

Principal Correspondents: M. J. Thomas; John H. Lewis; D. C. Jackson.

1149 February 1840–August 1870.

Major Topics: Stockbridge (Mohican) Indians; Indian lands; citizenship; land ownership and rights; complaints against M. J. Thomas; military pay; Rock Island Bridge.

Principal Correspondents: Moody Manns; A. Spaulding; L. S. Dixon.

1308 July 1870–August 1870.

Major Topic: Employment.

Principal Correspondent: Charles M. Webb.

1317 March 1860–October 1868.

Major Topic: Sherman M. Booth case.

Principal Correspondent: A. G. Miller.

1334 July 1870.

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