H. B. Taylor Autograph Collection  
MSS 190  
.50 ln. ft.

Scope and Content
This collection contains signatures, letters and images of several notable Americans of the 19th and early 20th century. Many of the items are marked “presented by H. B. Taylor”, although we have no information on who Mr. Taylor was. The collection also includes a document signed by Louis XVI, king of France.

Provenance
The collection was found in the former archives room in Herring Cole Hall wrapped in paper and marked “Autographs of famous political figures”. No other documentation has been found.

List of autographs in the collection:
R. P. Hobson—hero of the Merrimac, Naval Captain, M.C.
George Clinton—Governor of New York & Vice President of U.S.
James G. Blaine—U.S. Rep. and Senator from Maine; Secretary of State, Presidential candidate
John Hay—Assistant to Abraham Lincoln; Secretary of State
Phillips Brooks—Episcopal preacher “Greatest of his time”
Alex Stephens—Confederate vice president
Richard Henry Savage—Military officer and author
P.T. Barnum—“Greatest Show on Earth”
Henry Cabot Lodge—Senate Majority Leader, Author & historian
Alexander Hamilton—Signer of Declaration of Independence; Sec. of Treasury
Cyrus W. Field—co-founder of Atlantic Telegraph Company
Chauncey M. Depew—Humorist; Senator, Railroad President
Jefferson Davis—President of Confederacy
Henry Clay—U.S. Representative & Senator; Statesman
Thomas Carlyle—Scottish philosopher, satirist, historian
George Washington—“Father of our Country”
Robert E. Peary—first to reach the North Pole in 1909
Louis XVI—King of France