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