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**New York State Assembly Comptroller's Reports on Petitions
to the State Legislature A1821**

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Overview of the Records

Repository:	New York State Archives
Summary:	These reports summarize petition arguments and provide State Comptroller's opinions regarding payments claimed or due. Series also contains original petitions, supporting affidavits, and legislation for the assessment and collection of taxes and for the payment of claims. Topics of note include land grants, patents, and claims; relief for widows of soldiers killed in the Revolution; widows' dower rights to confiscated estates of deceased husbands; settlement of debts owed by confiscated estates; and requests for return of or compensation for confiscated estates.
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Series:	A1821

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Arrangement

Chronological.

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Scope and Content Note

The Legislature referred some petitions it received to the comptroller for comment. The reports summarize petition arguments and give opinions regarding payments claimed or due. The series also contains related documents including the original petitions, supporting affidavits, and legislation for the assessment and collection of taxes and for the payment of claims.

The records concern: grants of bounty lands or other compensation for Revolutionary War service; land grants, patents, and claims; relief for widows of soldiers killed in the

Revolution; widow's dower rights to confiscated estate of deceased husband; settlement of debts owed by confiscated estates; requests for return of or compensation for confiscated estates; compensation for depreciation of continental currency and certificates issued by the government during the Revolution; salaries of state officials; payments claimed for supplies or services; assumption of the state's debt by the federal government; payment of rents due on land; assessment and collection of taxes; sale or lease of Indian lands by the state; extracts of minutes and resolutions of the Land Office, of which the comptroller was an ex officio member; and raising of revenues through lotteries.

Transcripts of some reports are included in series A0042, Transcripts of Reports Regarding Claims for Revolutionary War Service, especially pages 352-381.

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Other Finding Aids

Available at Repository

Alphabetical name and subject index.

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Use of Records

Access Restrictions

Access to original records is restricted due to burn damage sustained in the 1911 New York State Capitol building fire.

Alternate Formats AvailableAlternate Formats Available

Microfilm is available for use at the New York State Archives or through interlibrary loan.

Administrative Information

Custodial History

In the 1830s the secretary of state's office bound these records as Volume 39 of "Assembly Papers." The records suffered burn damage in the State Capitol fire of 1911 and were disbound.

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Access Terms

- Legislative bodies
- United States--History--Revolution, 1775-1783--Claims
- Reports
- Bounties, Military
- New York (State)--History--Revolution, 1775-1783--Claims
- New York (State)
- New York (State)--Politics and government
- Investigating