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Copy of the Charter of the City of New York A1888

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Overview of the Records

Repository:	New York State Archives
Summary:	This series contains the provincial secretary's file copy of the New York City Charter; the original charter is located in New York City. Known as the Montgomerie Charter, the charter granted land and governmental authority to the city, organized the city government, and appointed city officials.
Creator:	New York (Colony). Secretary
Title:	Copy of the Charter of the City of New York
Quantity:	0.1 cubic feet
Inclusive Date:	1730
Series:	A1888

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Administrative History

The original Charter of the City of New York was sealed with the seal of the Province on January 15, 1730, and stated that it was to be recorded in the provincial secretary's office. The provincial government confirmed the charter by law on October 14, 1732. The charter was also known as the Montgomerie Charter after John Montgomerie (sometimes spelled "Montgomery"), provincial governor at the time the charter was granted.

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Scope and Content Note

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Other Finding Aids

Available at Repository

Contains an alphabetical subject index.

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Use of Records

Access Restrictions

Closed to use because of severe burn damage.

Alternate Formats AvailableAlternate Formats Available

Published in "The Colonial Laws of New York From the Year 1664 to the Revolution" (volume 2, pp. 575-639).

Administrative Information

Existence and Location of Originals

The original charter is located in New York City.

Custodial History

This charter was listed as Volume 14 of "Miscellaneous Records" in Secretary of State J.V.N. Yates' 1820 report to the State Legislature.

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Access Terms

- Documenting municipal government
- New York (N.Y.)--Charters

- Charters
- Recording municipal government records
- New York (State)
- Municipal charters--New York (State)--New York
- Charters
- New York (State). Secretary of State
- New York (State). Department of State
- Montgomerie, John, d. 1731.
- New York (Colony). Governor (1728-1731 : Montgomerie)