Collection Summary
Title: John Loyall Saunders Papers
Span Dates: 1844-1857
Bulk Dates: (bulk 1844-1847)
ID No.: MSS39016
Creator: Saunders, John Loyall, 1802-1860
Extent: 350 items
Extent: 3 containers
Extent:.6 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/mm79039016
Summary: Naval officer. Correspondence, orders, and other papers covering primarily the period of Saunders's command of the USS St. Mary's, 1844-1847 and relating to the Mexican War.

Selected Search Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People
Bancroft, George, 1800-1891--Correspondence.
Chase, Franklin, 1804-1890--Correspondence.
Conner, David, 1792-1856--Correspondence.
Saunders, John Loyall, 1802-1860.
Stockton, Robert Field, 1795-1866--Correspondence.
Taylor, Zachary, 1784-1850--Correspondence.

Organizations
Saint Mary's (Sloop of war)
United States. Navy.

Subjects
Mexican War, 1846-1848--Blockades.
Mexican War, 1846-1848--Naval operations, American.

Places
Tampico (Tamaulipas, Mexico)--History.
Veracruz Llave (Mexico)--History.

Occupations
Naval officers.

Provenance
The papers of John Loyall Saunders, naval officer, were obtained by the Library of Congress by gift of Charles F. McIntosh in 1917 and by purchase in 1918.

Processing History
The papers of John Loyall Saunders were processed in bound volumes by the Library in 1918. The finding aid was created in 2016.
Additional Guides

The Saunders Papers were described in *Handbook of Manuscripts in the Library of Congress* (Washington, 1918): 357.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of John Loyall Saunders is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of John Loyall Saunders are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, John Loyall Saunders Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of John L. Saunders (1802-1860) span the years 1844-1857, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1844-1847. The collection consists of correspondence, orders, and other papers covering primarily the period of Saunders's command of the USS *St. Mary's* during the Mexican War. Much of the material relates to United States naval operations off the Mexican coast, the blockade of the ports of Tampico and Veracruz Llave, and the transportation of American agents and dispatches. Principal correspondents include George Bancroft, Franklin Chase, David Conner, Robert Field Stockton, and Zachary Taylor.

Arrangement of the Papers

The collection is organized in three bound volumes.
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