

Count d'Estaing memoir

Descriptive Summary

Repository:	Georgia Historical Society
Creator:	Estaing, Charles Henri, comte d', 1729-1794.
Title:	Count d'Estaing memoir
Dates:	circa 1785
Extent:	0.05 cubic feet (1 folder)
Identification:	MS 2112

Biographical/Historical Note

Charles Henri, Comte d'Estaing (1729-1794) was a French naval commander sympathetic to the American Revolutionary cause and attempted to take Savannah from the British in 1779. In August 1779, he sailed from Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic to Savannah, Georgia with a large fleet transporting 4,000 land troops to aid the Americans against the British. The siege lasted from 16 September 1779 until October 1779 and turned out to be a failure, the British remained in control of Savannah until July 1782, close to the end of the war. In 1780, d'Estaing returned to France and was active in French politics. He declared his loyalty to the royalty during the French Revolution which ultimately led to his death in 1794 during the Reign of Terror.

Scope and Content Note

This collection contains a brief memoir written by Count d'Estaing regarding his involvement in the American Revolutionary War, particularly of the siege of Savannah. This memoir was written most likely around 1785 and is written in French.

Index Terms

Estaing, Charles Henri, comte d', 1729-1794.
Memoirs.
Savannah (Ga.)--History--Siege, 1779.
United States--History--Revolution, 1775-1783--Personal narratives.

Administrative Information

Processing Information

This collection is processed at the Basic Level (or collection level). There is no detailed inventory for this collection as it is not fully processed. To request that this collection be added to our priority list of collections to be fully processed as staffing and funding allow, please contact the Library and Archives staff.

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

The collection is open for research.

Sponsorship

Encoding funded by a 2008 Archives-Basic Projects grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.
