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Summary

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Inclusive dates.	1802-1832
Bulk dates.	N/A
Language.	English
Summary.	Business and personal papers of a New Orleans factor and commission merchant, reflecting social and economic conditions in antebellum New Orleans.
Organization.	Arranged chronologically.
Restrictions on access.	If microfilm is available, photocopies must be made from microfilm.
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Biographical/Historical Note

William Kenner, a businessman, planter, slaveholder, and politician, was born in Virginia. He married Mary Minor (1778-1814) of Natchez, Mississippi, and had several children, including Stephen Minor Kenner (1808-1862), the founder of the town of Kenner, Louisiana. William Kenner moved to New Orleans (ca. 1800) and established "William Kenner & Company," a mercantile and commission business. He was affiliated with Stephen Henderson, John Oldham, and Richard Clague. He owned two sugar plantations, Oakland in Jefferson Parish, and Linwood in Ascension Parish. He was a member of the Legislative Council of Louisiana (1804) and a member of the board of directors of the United States Bank of Philadelphia (1805). In 1805, he was elected to a vestry in the First Protestant Congregation in New Orleans, which became Christ Church Episcopal Church.

Scope and Content Note

Business and personal papers of William Kenner cover topics including territorial and antebellum economic and social life in New Orleans, slavery and plantation life in Louisiana and Mississippi, conditions before the War of 1812, the effects of the embargo on prices of cotton and plantation supplies, details of the Napoleonic Wars, the industrial riots in England after these wars, the Battle of New Orleans and Andrew Jackson's defense of the city, information about captains, steamboats, and sailing vessels hired by Kenner's firm, and investments in the Bank of Mississippi and Planters' Bank of New Orleans.

Financial papers include correspondence, bills, receipts, invoices, and accounts which document Kenner's personal and plantation debts, credits, and expenses, cotton sales, and the activities of William Kenner and Company. Expenses documented include the education of Kenner's children, the purchase of home furnishings and of plantation supplies, including clothing for slaves. Land patents reflect property holdings in Louisiana and Mississippi. Papers document Kenner's trade of cotton to England (1812-1832), the effects of the blockade of the Atlantic coast and the use of Russian and Swedish vessels (1813). Testamentary documents relate the settlement of the estate of Stephen Minor (1822). Letters, many from Kenner to John Minor, discuss prices of cotton, slaves, and plantation produce and supplies, the return of a runaway slave (1819), property improvements including the construction of cotton gins (1820), Kenner's apprehensions of a British invasion and speculation on Andrew Jackson's activities (1814), and the defeat of Napoleon as it impacted the European cotton market (1815).

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1802-1812 (28 items)

16 letters: Correspondence of Stephen Minor and William Kenner and Co., relating a sale of Minor's cotton by Kenner's company at New Orleans and at Liverpool, England, and the purchase of plantation supplies, household goods, sundries, and slaves by Kenner's company for shipment to Minor's plantation at Natchez, and revealing the decline in cotton prices at New York and New England ports as result of the dismissal of the British minister, Jackson, by President Madison (1809) and of hostility with Britain leading to the outbreak of the War of 1812. Nov. 1807-Dec. 1812.

Letter from William Kenner to William Conner, Natchez, relative to Kenner's portion of the annuity due a Mrs. Ellis, July 26, 1811;

Letter from Captain Benjamin Farar to Stephen Minor relative to 50 pairs of blankets to be shipped to him by Kenner's company, Oct. 1, 1811;

Copy of a letter from William Kenner and Co. to Barclay, Salkeld, and Bailey Co., Liverpool, England, relative to the shipment of 400 bales of cotton belonging to Stephen Minor and the insuring of the cotton against all risks at the rate of fourteen pounds sterling per bale, Mar. 28, 1812;

Letter from William Kenner to Stephen Minor relating the strict enforcement of the Embargo and its effect upon the price of cotton on the English market, May 11, 1812; letter from Kenner's company to Stephen Minor relating to the course of the War of 1812 and the rejection by the legislature of the "Confederacy of the Mississippi" of a bill for an armistice between debtors and creditors during the war, Dec. 28, 1812;

Letters from Barclay, Salkeld and Co., Liverpool, to Stephen Minor relative to sale of Minor's cotton at Liverpool (Oct. 6, Nov. 28, 1812);

Mercantile statement of Stephen Minor with William Kenner and Co., Nov. 22, 1802;

Certificate of title to 764 arpents of land in Adams County, Mississippi Territory, issued to William Kenner, June 18, 1805;

Invoice for merchandise purchased at Philadelphia and consigned to William Kenner and Co. for account of John and Charles Wilkins, Natchez, Oct. 30, 1806;

Itemized statement of account of Stephen Minor with William Kenner and Co., 1802-1810

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Letter from A. Duncan to Stephen Minor relative to a note against Henry Hunt, Dec. 17, 1813;

Fragment of letter from Barclay, Salkeld and Co. relative to a note against Henry Hunt, Dec. 17, 1813; fragment of letter from Barclay, Salkeld and Co. relative to an overcharge of duty and storage on cotton shipped to their company, 1812-1813;

17 letters from William Kenner and Co. to Stephen Minor relative to: the Embargo and its effect upon the price of cotton and slaves, the risks involved in exporting cotton on Spanish ships (Jan 25, 1813); the refusal of Captain Clement to pay for cotton missing from a shipment sent to Kenner's company (Mar. 19, 1813); the fact that advance prices for cotton on the New York market were not reflected in the New Orleans cotton market because the blockade of the Atlantic ports prevented coastwise trade (Mar. 29, 1813); Congressional bill to prevent exportation of provisions, rejection by the Senate of a bill relating to the employment of British seamen, and cancellation of a mortgage on property in the Faubourg sold by Stephen Minor to J. Kelly(?) Smith (Apr. 5, 1813); an account of the defeat of the French army by the Russians, the capture of Memel and Konigsberg by the Russians, and the expectation of exporting cotton from New Orleans via Russian and Swedish vessels (Apr. 12, 1813); the treaty between Prussia and Russia and the supposition that all continental powers would join in the league against France (May 31, 1813); the defeat in Europe of General Michel Ney by General Baptiste Jules Bernadotte and "his brave Swedes," the arrival of a British force at Pensacola, the capture of 9 vessels bound from New Orleans to Pensacola with cargoes of cotton, flour, etc., by the British, the blockade of the Balaise by order of the governor (W. C. C. Claiborne), the assistance of General Flournoy in maintaining the Embargo at New Orleans, the hostility of the French had landed 3,000 to 4,000 troops at Pensacola to cooperate with the Creek Indians (Dec. 6, 1813);

Statement of sale of 400 bales of cotton belonging to Stephen Minor by Barclay, Salkeld and Co., Liverpool, Feb. 17, 1812;

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20 letters from William Kenner and Co. to Stephen Minor relating the apprehension of invasion (by the British), Oct. 21, 1814; price of slaves, Oct. 28, 1814;

Seizure of the schooner Don Hermanos, destined from Jamaica to Pensacola, at Bay St. Louis, by the U. S. officials on charges of trading with the enemy, Oct. 29, 1814; relating the adverse effect upon price of cotton resulting from failure of negotiations in Europe and apprehension of invasion, Nov. 4, 1814; relating the opinion of Mr. Livingston that the property aboard the schooner Don Hermanos belonging to Stephen Minor, which was seized by U. S. Officials, should be restored, Nov. 11, 1814; plans

for appeal to U. S. Supreme Court for restoration of property seized on the Don Hermanos, rumors relative to [Andrew] Jackson's marching on Pensacola, his intention to send forces to reinforce New Orleans, the news that all British forces had left the Chesapeake region and were destined for New Orleans, speculation as to the outcome of a contest between British and Americans at New Orleans, Nov. 18, 1814; relating the arrival of General Andrew Jackson at New Orleans and his preparations for the defense of New Orleans and stating Jackson's confidence that he will be able to "foil Johnny Bull in any attempt he may make at invasion," Dec. 2, 1814; relating the arrival of a large British force at the coast, the reported capture of 5 gunboats which were guarding the Lakes, General Jackson's confidence in his ability to repel a British invasion, desire of New Orleans citizens that Jackson's army be reinforced by an arrival of troops from Tennessee and Kentucky, Dec. 17, 1814;

Account of Stephen Minor with William Kenner and Co., July, 1813-Mar. 19, 1814

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Folder 4a-5a

Jan.-Sept., 1815 (45 items)

2 letters from R. Clague, New Orleans, to Stephen Minor, Natchez, relating incidents in European relations, received at New Orleans, recounting the defeat of Joachim Murat (King of Naples and brother-in-law of Napoleon Bonaparte) by the Austrians and the significance of this event in contributing to the defeat of Napoleon, the scarcity of cotton on the New Orleans market, and family news, Aug. 10, Sept. 25, 1815;

2 copies of a letter from William Kenner and Co. to Barclay, Salkeld and Co., Liverpool, containing statement of expenses due William Kenner and Co., invoice and bill of lading for 310 bales of cotton belonging to Stephen Minor shipped by William Kenner and Co. to Barclay, Salkeld and Co for sale at Liverpool, June 20, 1815;

31 letters from William Kenner and Co. to Stephen Minor relating settlement of Minor's claim for merchandise seized by U. S. Officials during the War of 1812, Jan. 13; relating news of the end of the War of 1812 which had just been received at New Orleans, Mar. 10; and the rise in cotton prices on the New Orleans market; letters relating purchase of plantation supplies, foodstuff, wine, raisins and prunes, coffee, etc. by William Kenner and Co. for shipment to Stephen Minor, and sale of slaves from Minor's plantation at New Orleans by Kenner's company, 9 letters, Mar. 24-May 12); relating to enclosure of check on the Bank of Mississippi amounting to \$960 for payment of two slaves purchased by Joseph Saul of New Orleans, relating the floods inundating portions of Minor's plantation in Concordia, Point Coupee, and causing crevasses along the gulf coast and threatening the city of New Orleans, May 19, 1815; letter relating news from France via Portsmouth, England, of Napoleon Bonaparte's entering France with an army of 1,000 men, all the military joining him, and his arrival at Paris about the middle of March, the increased price of cotton prices in England, the decision to withhold sales of cotton at New Orleans until the "astounding" news could be better understood, May 22, 1815; letter anticipating a depression in prices of American cotton on the assumption that European nations had cotton for their factories, May 29; letter relating the decline in freight rates with the close of the War of 1812 and

the increasing numbers of vessels entered at the New Orleans Customhouse and destined for Atlantic ports and for Liverpool, June 9; letter relating shipment of Minor's cotton in a new vessel, "The Beautiful English Brig Parker & Sons. . . a remarkable fast sailer," June 10; letter relating the news brought by a vessel from Jamaica that war had been declared between France and England and the fear at New Orleans that this would result in a depreciation of cotton and other exports, July 14; letter relating the scarcity of sugar at the New Orleans and stating that a sugar refinery had recently been opened which promised to furnish New Orleans markets with sugar equal in quality to that from Philadelphia, Aug. 11, 1815; letter mentioning "accounts from the North of France" (Battle of Waterloo and anticipated effects upon New Orleans markets, Sept. 1, 1815; letter relating the rise in cotton prices "since the great news from France," Sept. 8, 1815; letter relating Napoleon Bonaparte's defeat, his surrender to Captain Maitland of the Bellerophon, and the restoration of Louis XVIII to French throne, Sept. 12, 1815; letter from William Kenner written from Philadelphia, to Stephen Minor relating to collection of Minor's bills of exchange on Barclay, Salfeld and Co. of England in person by Kenner while at Philadelphia, to Stephen Minor relating to collection of Minor's bills of exchange on Barclay, Salfeld, and Co. of England in person by Kenner while at Philadelphia and to the placing of Kenner's daughters in Mrs. Mallon's Seminary at Philadelphia for schooling, Sept. 12;

Letter from Harrod and Ogden, New Orleans, to Stephen Minor, relative to a "hamper" of limes imported from Havana and transshipped by steamboat to Minor's plantation at Natchez, and relating news of the defeat of Napoleon and the favorable commercial aspects of the Treaty of Ghent to American exporters, Sept. 12.

4 mercantile statements of account of Stephen Minor with William Kenner and Co.

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Oct.-Dec., 1815 (22 items)

21 letters from William Kenner and Co. to Stephen Minor relating to exportation of Minor's cotton to Liverpool market, collection of Minor's Bills of Exchange on England, purchases of plantation supplies and other items ordered by Minor, and other mercantile affairs, mentioning the cash price of 36 cents per pound for Louisiana cotton sold at New York and the expectation of the price's reaching 40 cents per pound, Oct. 3; letter remarking on the fact that the sailing Brig "Parker & Sons" completed a voyage from New Orleans to Liverpool and back to New Orleans in 3 ½ months, arriving at Liverpool on the 33rd day after leaving the Balise, Oct. 27; relating a report from Liverpool, received from Boston, of a depression in the Liverpool cotton market and the intention of Kenner and Co. to suspend sales until further information was received, Nov. 3; relative to withholding cotton from market at 30 ¼ cents per pound in the expectation of receiving 31 ¼ cents per pound on the higher price in exchange for Bills of Lading, Dec. 8; relating the contemplated payment in specie by New York banks and the anticipated depression in prices of exports, Dec. 11; relating the request of Philip Hicky for the proceeds from the sale of cotton belonging to a Mrs. Rowell and the reluctance of William Kenner and Co. to grant Hickey's request without an order to that effect from Mrs. Rowell, Dec. 29;

Mercantile statement from William Kenner and Co. to Stephen Minor, Nov. 8;

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1816-1818 (37 items)

15 letters from Kenner and Co. to John Minor, relating the prices of cotton and slaves, the education of Kenner's children (the boys to be enrolled in Mrs. Dunbar's school at Natchez and the girls at Philadelphia), May 11, 1816; relating the action of Judge Thomas Butler in the redemption of lands in Concordia region, and the proposed law for titles to land claims by Kenner and others, May 11, 1816; relating the deposit in the Bank of Orleans of \$6,000 to the credit of the Bank of Mississippi and transmittal of cashiers' receipt for the amount to John Minor, Nov. 19, 1817; relating the death of ex-Governor W. C. C. Claiborne, Nov. 27, 1817;

Letter from Sam Steer to John Minor relating that the new road to Port Gibson (from Natchez) was to run through the best part of the Minor plantation, the making of 120,000 brick by the two brick makers on Minor plantation, the order for building materials ordered by Minor for use on the plantation, the construction of a Gin-house on Minor's plantation, the report of an epidemic of disease at New Orleans, Aug. 25, 1814;

Letter from William Kenner and Co. to Mrs. Katharine Minor, Concord Plantation, Natchez, relative to sale of an undesirable coachman belonging to Mrs. Minor by William Kenner and Co. and the inopportunity of the sale during the current epidemic prevailing at New Orleans and the absence from the city of the likely purchasers of coachmen, Sept. 29, 1817;

Copy of a letter from William Kenner and Co. to George Green, Liverpool, relative to shipment of cotton belonging to John Minor, a portion of which was grown at Concordia Plantation, and the remainder at one of Minor's plantations in Lafourche, and requesting a statement to be made by Green as to the relative qualities of the cotton grown at Concordia and at Lafourche, Dec. 5, 1818;

9 statements of account of Stephen Minor estate with William Kenner and Co.;

5 statements of account of John Minor with William Kenner and Co.;

Invoice for furniture purchased at New York, consigned to William Kenner and Co.;

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1819 (49 items)

47 letters from William Kenner and Co. to John Minor, concerning fluctuation in the price of cotton and slaves, relate efforts of William Kenner and Co. to collect notes due their company and clients, reveal the slowness of communication with European

(Liverpool) cotton markets, purchases of wine, brandy, fruits, coffee, and sweetmeats, from Cuba and Latin American countries, the names of the steamboats engaged in carrying passengers and freight on the Mississippi River;

Letter relating the disastrous effects of a hurricane, periodic epidemics of fevers and freight rates along the Gulf of Mexico and coastal areas, mentioning the injury sustained by the planters on account of the gale, the dreadful devastation at Bay St. Louis, Biloxi, and the Lakes, the loss of the U. S. schooner "Firebrand" and its crew, the destruction of numerous small crafts and other property, Aug. 11, 1819;

Letter relating attempt of slaves belonging to Captain McCutcheon [to rebel?] and capture of slaves involved, Aug. 23, 1819;

Letter relating depression of New Orleans cotton market and relating that England had on hand a stock of 250,000 bales of East India cotton (which equaled three years consumption) and that 34 more ships loaded with cotton were due at English ports, Oct. 2, 1819;

Letter cautioning client that East India cotton took preference over New Orleans cotton in the Liverpool cotton market, Oct. 16, 1819; relating the disappearance of L. B. Blanchard, cashier of the Planters' Bank of New Orleans and stating the affairs of the bank "appear to be perfectly solvent," Oct. 18, 1819;

3 letters referring to the so-called "Peterloo Massacre" at Manchester, England, and other manufacturing towns, as follows: "The commotions in the manufacturing towns in England are of a more serious nature than we have known them for many years. How far they will affect the Trade cannot well be foreseen." Oct. 30, Nov. 27, and Dec. 20, 1819;

Letter relating the suspension of purchases of New Orleans cotton by Liverpool firms and the demand in French markets for only the finest quality cotton from New Orleans Nov. 13, 1819; letter relating the affiliation of John Oldham with the William Kenner and co. commission mercantile firm, Dec. 1, 1819;

10 letters relative to the construction of houses for John Minor on his New Orleans property, the purchase of building materials at Boston and elsewhere, the delays in construction occasioned by rains in inclement weather, Jan. 4-June 19, 1819;

2 letters relating the construction of kitchens for the residences on John Minor's property at New Orleans, the completion of iron [grill work] on galleries on residences by local blacksmith, Aug. 7, 28;

3 letters relating failure to collect mortgage held by John Minor's deceased brother [Stephen Minor] by William Kenner and Co. and advice to John Minor to proceed with foreclosure on mortgage, June 19, 25, July 12;

2 letters relating to the flight and capture of slave, "Old Joe," May 1, July 7;

2 letters relative to the shipment of a large marble slab [a monument] to John Minor at Natchez via the steamboat "Etna," May 15;

2 mercantile statements of account of the Estate of S.[tephen] Minor with William Kenner and Co. for plantation supplies, building materials ("marble mantles, railing, etc."), wine, parish jail fees on Old Joe, and sundries, Dec. 1, 1819;

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1820 (39 items)

38 letters from William Kenner and Co. to clients, primarily to John Minor, Natchez, reflecting the fluctuations in the price of cotton at New Orleans and in European markets, the epidemics of fever and disease at New Orleans, Bay St. Louis, and other coastal areas, collection of debts for clients, conditions of crops at Houmas and Waterloo plantations, the irregularity of mail service to Natchez, the prices of foodstuffs, irregularity of mail service to Natchez, the purchases of supplies and other needed items for Concordia and Waterloo plantations. 2 Letters relating to purchase at Liverpool of Yorkshire and Berkshire hogs for transshipment from New Orleans to John Minor at Natchez, May 31, June 11; construction of cotton gins at Minor's plantation at Natchez and transactions with a French firm at Havre for cash payment for $\frac{3}{4}$ of the value of all shipments of cotton, Nov. 29;

Land patents [at Amite] for 120,000 acres in the name of D. Clark and for 60,000 acres in the name of Thomas Power held by the House of Chew and Relf as collateral for sums due them, and inquiry as to patent issued to Major S. Minor for 59,000 acres of land, June 10;

2 letters concerning death of Richard Butler and his wife during an epidemic of fever at Bay St. Louis, Oct. 21, 24;

Letter containing itemized statement of account of Mrs. Minor with Cuthbert Bullitt, Louisville, Ky., for purchases of pork, entered with Mrs. Minor's account with William Kenner and Co., Mar. 28; profits to be derived from sale of cotton to buyers at Havre, France, in preference to those at Liverpool, Nov. 11; and shipment of garden seed and medicines to John Minor, Dec. 16;

1 statement of account of Sawyers, Marsh, and Horton with William Kenner and Co. for the construction of houses on the property of John Minor at New Orleans, June 1, 1820;

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Correspondence, 1821 (22 items)

Letters from William Kenner and Co. to clients, primarily to Major John Minor of

Natchez, Mississippi, outlining the financial arrangements made by William Kenner and Co. for the purchase of Somerset Plantation for John Minor, Mar. 14 and 16; letter relating entertainment at New Orleans by "Caldwell and his Company" (James H. Caldwell, proprietor of American theatre on Campbell Street, "Armory Ha;;," and builder of St. Charles Cathedral in 1835), who were "exhibiting four nights in the week to crowded houses" and emphasizing the talents of one of the singers, a Mrs. Burke, Feb. 19; 2 letters concerning failure of an appeal for new trial for the rent claims of John Minor against Sawyer, Marsh, and Horton, Feb. 19 and 24; from William Kenner to Mrs. Catherine Minor relative to plans for overland journey from Philadelphia to Natchez and New Orleans to bring his daughters home from Philadelphia, Sept. 16; letters relative to the placing for sale with Dubourg and Baron agency of Dorado Bringier's estate called "Maison Blanche" and its purchase by John Minor on condition that the "hands" [slaves] living on the estate should be retained until more could be procured from Virginia, Feb. 26; letter relative to John Minor's declining to purchase Bringier's estate, "Maison Blanche," Mar. 14; relative to the paining of Minor's portrait by an artist named Jarvis, Feb. 24;

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1822 (13 items)

10 letters: relating to cotton sales, quality of cotton, complaint that the overseer of Minor's plantation had ginned inferior cotton with the better grade resulting in a dingy color to an entire lot of cotton, Jan. 12; depositing of money drawn from Bank of Orleans to John Minor's credit in the Bank of Mississippi, Jan. 12; settlement of all accounts relating to the estate of Stephen Minor, Feb. 13; relating the advantage of selling cotton to England because of the high rate of exchange on English notes, Mar. 26; relating claims of John Minor for certain allegedly unauthorized charges made by William Kenner and Co. (claim for money ordered by Philip for the payment of a ginwright at Waterloo Plantation and for money used to pay for rope, bagging, and twine which had been broken in loading Minor's cotton on ships for exportation, May 7; and relating deaths from fever epidemic in New Orleans, Nov. 15.

2 itemized statements of William Kenner and Co. with the Estate of Stephen Minor from July 11, 1821 to Mar. 1 to Aug. 16, 1822, Mar. 6, Aug. 16;

Itemized statement of William Kenner and Co.'s account with John Minor with interest calculated to the 16 day of Aug., 1822 (dated Aug. 16, 1822);

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1823 (30 items)

Letter from Chandler Price to John Minor, June 5;

Letter from W. M. Duncan and Son, Liverpool, to John Minor, Apr. 3;

Copy of letter from John DeHart [captain of the "Etna"] relative to authority of W. T.

Turner of St. Francisville to sell or lease land "on the Bays or Outlets," June 20;

21 letters from William Kenner and Company to John Minor: complaining of the poor quality of cotton produced on Waterloo Plantation, Feb 26; mentioning a draft on the Bank of Orleans amounting to \$5,000 deposited into Minor's credit in the Bank of the State of Mississippi and requesting Minor not to draw on Kenner and Co. on sight for the \$5,000, Mar. 7; relating to securing suitable tenants for Minor's rent houses at New Orleans, Sept. 30; relative to the shipment of 773 yards of "grey Linsey" woolen cloth to Concord Plantation for use in making slave clothing, Nov. 5, 1823;

Letter from Charles B. Green to John Minor proposing payment of a debt owed to Minor's purchase of Green's cattle and hogs, Dec. 27;

Copy of a letter from Ed[ward D.] White (Judge of City court at New Orleans) relating to a suit pending to get possession of horses held illegally by Joe Champagne, Sept. 12.

Letter from Duncan and Sons (Liverpool merchants), to John Minor relating the amount of cotton imported into Liverpool during the first quarter of the year 1823, and the amount of that cotton sold to cotton speculators in England, and the prices and amount of sales of Virginia and Kentucky tobacco at the Liverpool market, Apr. 3;

Mercantile statement of account of John Minor with William Kenner and Co, Apr. 9;

4 statements of commission due William Kenner and Co. for a sale of cotton from John Minor's Waterloo estate to Cropper, Benson, & Co., Liverpool, Feb. 4 and Apr. 5 (3 statements);

Itemized amount of money advanced by Kenner's company to Minor's account "for Long's Expedition." (expedition of Stephen Harriman Long related in *Narrative of an Expedition to the Source of St. Peter's River, Lake Winnepeck, Lake of the woods, etc., Performed in the Year 1823*, London, 1825.

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1824-1825 (31 items)

26 letters from William Kenner & Co. to John Minor:

Relative Minor's delay in receipt of supplies and Kenner and Co.'s supposition that this was due to the "want of a faithful sentinel," since Captain Davis had "fired a gun and waited a considerable time," without any reply, Jan. 12, 1825; mentioning the enclosure of a letter from Captain M. Vidal relative to Vidal's note due the Stephen Minor estate, Feb. 11, 1825; relating prospects of renting Minor's house on Bienville Street, New Orleans, Mar. 28, 1825; relating the latest prices for Louisiana cotton on Liverpool and Havre markets, Mar. 30, 1825; relating the expiration of the insurance of the tavern at Natchez, "Travellers' Hall," and request as to whether or not Kenner and Co. would renew the insurance, Apr. 29, 1825; relating the rent of Minor's

Bienville Street house and acknowledging an error in former statement as to the expiration of insurance on the "Travellers' Hall" Tavern at Ntchez, May 3, 1825; letter relating the request of William Kenner and Co. that Minor purchase, through Kenner's company, thirty shares of Mississippi State Bank stock from Gabriel Tichenor, May 17, 1824; acknowledging Minor's appointment of James Dismore as his agent during his absence from Natchez, May 24, 1824; relating effort to collect the note of Captain M. Vidal, but adding a suggestion of the advisability of renewing the note for another year, Dec. 11, 1824; relating the cost of a steam engine and mill and cost of freight and steamboat charges for transportation of these items from New York to Natchez, Oct. 26, 1825; referring to an enclosed notice of expiration of Minor's fire insurance policy, Dec. 12, 1825;

Copy of letter from John Minor, Concord Plantation, to William Kenner and Co. relative to draft on Kenner's company for \$2,000 and containing an inquiry as to the disposition of Captain Vidal's note [Michael Vidal, Captain of barge "Three Stars" which plied between New Orleans and Natchez], Jan. 25, 1825;

Copy of agreement signed by Benjamin Morgan relative to joint purchase with John Minor of a steam engine and sugar mill for \$4,500, to which the related correspondence was addressed to William Kenner and Co., Feb. 14, 1825;

Account of sales and imports of cotton from George Green and Son, Liverpool, to John Minor, Natchez, with an added note relating the unconfirmed report of the death of Louis XVIII of France, Sept. 18, 1824;

Letter from Philip Minor to James Dismore relative to the state of crops and Waterloo Plantation, relating the destruction to cane crop from storms in the area, July 25;

Letter from William Kenner and Co. to James Dismore, agent for John Minor, acknowledging the receipt of 100 bales of cotton via the steamboat Natchez, Nov. 23, 1824;

1 expiration notice of John Minor's policy with the Farmer's Fire Insurance and Loan Co. of New Orleans, Dec. 9, 1825;

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1826-1832, undated (10 items)

Letter from Kenner and Co. to John Minor relating the decline in price of Louisiana cotton at Liverpool and Havre markets, Jan. 25, 1826;

Letter from Richard Clague to John Minor explaining an alleged error in his account with William Kenner and Co., Apr. 30, 1827;

3 promissory notes, jointly signed by S. Minor, H. Minor, and Wm. J. Minor, for specified sums of money due Stephen Minor Kenner, Frances Ann Duncan, and John B. Humphreys, payable at Wilkins & Linton Counting House, New Orleans, Feb. 1829

Receipt of the Kenner heirs for their portions of the Richard O. Pritchard notes due the estate of Stephen Minor, Mar. 20, 1823;

Memorandum of notes belonging to Stephen Minor estate and a statement of division of these notes among his heirs (with a notation of the deduction of charges for commission by the Bank of the United States for collecting the notes at Natchez), dated Feb. 5, 1830, and duplicates of receipts by the heirs of Mrs. Mary Kenner for their portions of notes due the estate of Stephen Minor (the memorandum and duplicate receipts constitute 1 item with overall date of May 6, 1832);

List of the names of 19 slaves purchased from the heirs of Kenner and listing of the price paid for each, undated;

Fragment of a letter from George Currie Duncan to Mrs. Minor, Concord Plantation, regretting Mrs. Minor's disappointment relative to a slave woman named Sylvia and relating a proposed trip to London and Paris before his return "to the winds of America," undated;

Memorandum of purchase of 1,200 acres of land (with an option for purchase from 1,200 to 2,400 acres) by William Kenner from Wade Hampton for the sum of \$2,400, the said land being located between Linnwood Plantation and the Houmas Grant, undated

OS:K Mississippi Territory Land Agreement (June 18, 1805); invoice for 1811 cotton crop (1812); account of Stephen Minor (March 19, 1814); William Kenner accounts with Stephen Minor and John Minor (1814-1818)

Index Terms

(This section provides the subject indexing for the collection found in the card catalog. Index terms have been changed to match Library of Congress Subject Headings. Documents relating to the subject given are described.)

Subject	Date	Description of relevant documents
Balise (La.)	1815	Letter from William Kenner and Co. to Stephen Minor remarking on the fact that the sailing brig, "Parker and Sons" arrived at Liverpool on the 33 rd day after leaving the Balise, and had completed a voyage from New Orleans to Liverpool and back to New Orleans in 3½ months, Oct. 27.
Bank of Orleans.	1822-1823	Two letters from William Kenner and Co., New Orleans, relating drafts on Bank of Orleans deposited to credit of John Minor in Bank of the State of Mississippi, Jan. 12, 1822, Mar. 7, 1823.
Bank of the State of Mississippi.	1822-1823, 1824	Deposits to the credit of John Minor drawn on the Bank of Orleans, Jan. 12, 1822 and Mar. 7, 1823; Letter relating the request of William Kenner and Co. that John Minor purchase, through Kenner's company, thirty shares of stock of the Bank of the State of Mississippi from Gabriel Tichenor, May 17, 1824.
Bank of the United States (1816-1836)	1821, 1830	Letter from William Kenner and Co. to John Minor relating the use of bills of the Bank of the United States, "which are current all over the U. S.," Apr. 20, 1821; deduction of charges made by Bank of the United States as a commission for collection of notes due the Stephen Minor estate at Natchez, Feb. 5, 1830.
Banks and banking--Louisiana--New Orleans.	1829	3 promissory notes, jointly signed by S. Minor, H. Minor, and William J. Minor, for specified sum of money due Stephen Minor Kenner et al, payable at Wilkins and Linton Counting House, New Orleans, Feb. 1, 1829.
Banks and banking--New York (State)	1815	Letter from William Kenner and Co. New Orleans, to Stephen Minor, Natchez, relating the contemplated payment in specie by the banks of New York state (after having suspended specie

payments during the War of 1812), Dec. 11.

Bringier, Michel Doradou, 1789-1847.	1821	Two letters relative to the proposed sale of Michel Dorado Bringier's estate, "Maison Blanche" (later called "Whitehall Plantation") by Dubourg and Baron agency to John Minor on the condition that the slave "hands" living on the estate be retained until more "hands" could be procured from Virginia, and Minor's decision not to purchase Bringier's estate, Feb. 26 and Mar. 21.
Butler, Richard, 1777- 1820--Death and burial.	1820	Two letters relating the death of Richard Butler and his wife during an epidemic of fever at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, Oct. 21 and 24.
Charles XIV John, King of Sweden and Norway, 1763-1844.	1813	Defeat in Europe of General [Michel] Ney by General Bernadotte and "his brave Swedes," Dec. 6.
Clague, Richard.	1802-1820	Affiliation of Richard Clague with Wm. Kenner and Co., a New Orleans factorage and general mercantile firm, to members of the Minor family residing at "Concord:, the historic residence of the early Spanish governors at Natchez, Mississippi," approx. 230 items.
Commission merchants-- England.	1812-1823	Correspondence of Barclay, Salkeld, and Bailey, Liverpool commission merchants, with William Kenner and Co., New Orleans, and with the Minor family of Natchez, Mississippi, relative to purchases of cotton from Minor's plantation, 1812-1815; four statements due William Kenner and Co. for sale of John Minor's cotton to Cropper, Benson, & Co., Liverpool, to John Minor relating cotton importations, activity of English cotton speculators, and prices and amount of sales.
Commission merchants-- Louisiana--New Orleans.	1802-1832	Letters and other business papers of William Kenner and Co., New Orleans commission merchants, and the Minor family of Natchez, Mississippi, 371 items.
Creek Indians--Florida-- Pensacola.	1813	Rumor that the French landed 3,000 to 4,000 troops at Pensacola to cooperate with the Creek

		Indians, Dec. 6.
Epidemics--Louisiana-- New Orleans.	1819-1820	Letters from William Kenner and Co., New Orleans, to clients, principally to John Minor, Natchez, relating to epidemics of fever and disease at New Orleans, Bay St. Louis, and other areas.
Epidemics--Mississippi-- Bay Saint Louis.	1819-1820	Letters from William Kenner and Co., New Orleans, to clients, principally to John Minor, Natchez, relating to epidemics of fever and disease at New Orleans, Bay St. Louis, and other areas.
Farar, Benjamin, 1773- 1826.	Oct. 1, 1811	Letter from Captain Benjamin Farar to Stephen Minor relative to 50 pairs of blankets to be shipped to him by William Kenner and Co.
Farmers' Fire Insurance and Loan Company (New Orleans, La.)	1825	Expiration notice of John Minor's policy with the Farmers' Fire Insurance and Loan Co. of New Orleans, Dec. 9.
Faubourg Marigny (New Orleans, La.)	1813	Cancellation of a mortgage on property in the Fauxbourg sold by Stephen Minor to J. Kelley (?) Smith, Apr. 5.
Fugitive slaves-- Louisiana--New Orleans.	1819	2 letters from William Kenner and Co. to John Minor at Natchez relating to the flight and capture of the slave, "Old Joe."
Great Britain. Treaties, etc. United States, 1814 Dec. 24.	1815	Letter from Harrod and Ogden, New Orleans merchants, to Stephen Minor, Natchez, relating news of the defeat of Napoleon in Europe and mentioning the favorable aspects of the Treaty [of Ghent] to American exporters, Sept. 12.
Hampton, Wade, 1752- 1835.	undated	Memorandum of purchase of land by William Kenner from Wade Hampton, the land being located between Linnwood Plantation and the Houmas Grant, the boundary lines to be established, undated
Hurricanes--Louisiana-- New Orleans.	1819	Letter relating the disastrous effects of a hurricane along the Gulf of Mexico, and mentioning the injury sustained by the planters in coastal area and the devastation at Bay St.

		Louis, Biloxi, and the Lakes, and the loss of the U. S. schooner, "Firebrand" and all its crew, Aug. 11.
Jackson, Andrew, 1767-1845.	1814	Andrew Jackson's march on Pensacola, his arrival at New Orleans, his confidence in his ability to repel a British invasion, and the desire of citizens of New Orleans for troops from Tennessee and Kentucky to reinforce Jackson's army, 3 letters, Nov. 18, Dec. 2, 17.
Joachim Murat, King of Naples, 1767-1815.	1815	Richard Clague to Stephen Minor recounting the defeat of [Joachim] Murat (King of Naples and brother-in-law to Napoleon Bonaparte) by the Austrians and the significance of this event in contributing to the defeat of Napoleon, 2 letters, Aug. 10 and Sept. 25.
Land titles--Louisiana--Amite.	1820	Patent for 120,000 acres of land at Amite in the name of D. Clark held by the House of Chew and Relf as collateral for sums due it, June 10.
Land titles--Mississippi--Adams County.	1805	Certificate of title to 764 arpents of land in Adams County, Mississippi Territory, issued to William Kenner, June 18.
Louis XVIII, King of France, 1755-1824.	1824	Letter from George Green and Son, Liverpool, to John Minor, Natchez, mentioning the unconfirmed report of the death of Louis XVIII, Bourbon king of France, Sept. 18.
Louisiana--History--War of 1812.	1813	Hostility of eastern Federalists toward citizenry of New Orleans during the War of 1812, Dec. 6.
Louisiana--History--War of 1812--Blockades.	1813	Blockade of the Balize by order of Gov. William C. C. Claiborne, Dec. 6.
Louisiana Gazette.	1812	Copy of receipt to Stephen Minor for subscription to the <i>Louisiana Gazette</i> , Dec. 30.
Minor, John.	1816-1829	Letters and related items from Wm. Kenner and Co., N. O. cotton factors and commission merchants, to John Minor relating to the operation of plantations, sale of cotton, and construction of rental residences, 117 items.

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Minor, Stephen, 1760?-1815.	1802-1815	Letters and related items from William Kenner and Co., New Orleans cotton factors and commission merchants, to Major Stephen Minor, interim governor of the Natchez district during the Spanish colonial period and planter at Concord Plantation, Natchez, Mississippi, during the territorial and antebellum periods, relating to plantation operation, social and economic life at New Orleans, and foreign affairs during the War of 1812 and the Napoleonic Wars, approx. 115 items.
Morgan, Benjamin.	1825	Copy of agreement signed by Benjamin Morgan relative to joint purchase with John Minor of a steam engine and sugar mill for \$4,500, to which the related correspondence was addressed to William Kenner and Co., Feb. 14.
Napoleon I, Emperor of the French, 1769-1821.	1815	Letters from William Kenner and Co., New Orleans, to Stephen Minor, Natchez, relating an account of Napoleon's entering France (after his escape from Elba) and arrival at Paris in March, 1815, his reception by the French military, his activities "north of France" (at Waterloo, Belgium), his defeat and surrender to Captain Maitland of the "Bellerophon" (an English vessel), and the restoration of Louis XVIII to the French throne. 4 letters, May 22, Sept. 1, 8 and 12.
New Orleans (La.)-- Defenses.	1814	Arrival of Andrew Jackson and his preparation for defense of New Orleans against the British, 3 letters, Nov. 18, Dec. 2, 14.
New Orleans, Battle of, New Orleans, La., 1815.	1814-1815	General Jackson arrived yesterday, started defense preparations, and feels confident he can repel British invasion attempt, Dec. 2, 1814; British forces on coast reported to have taken 5 U. S. gunboats guarding lake; Jackson confident; considerable alarm excited; partial embargo laid to prevent seamen from departing, Dec. 17, 1814; express brought "intelligence of peace"; packet containing official dispatches mislaid or not sent, Mar. 10, 1815.
Oldham, John.	1819	Letter from William Kenner and Co. to John

		Minor relating the affiliation of John Oldham with Wm. Kenner and Co., a New Orleans factorage and general mercantile firm, Dec. 1, 1819.
Peterloo Massacre, Manchester, England, 1819.	1819	Three letters referring to the industrial unrest (the "Peterloo Massacre") occurring at Manchester and other manufacturing towns in England during the post-Napoleonic War depression, and expressing apprehension as to the effect of such unrest upon American trade with England, Oct. 30, Nov. 27, Dec. 20.
Planters' Bank (New Orleans, La.)	1819	Letter relating the disappearance of L. B. Blanchard, cashier of the Planters' Bank of New Orleans and the solvency of the bank, Oct. 18, 1819.
Slave trade--Louisiana--New Orleans.	1815, 1817	Sale of slaves from Stephen Minor's plantation, Natchez, at New Orleans by William Kenner and Co., purchase of slaves by Joseph Saul of New Orleans, March-May, 1815; letter from William Kenner and Co. to Mrs. Katherine Minor relative to the sale by Kenner's company of a coachman belonging to Mrs. Minor, Sept. 29, 1817.
Slaves--Clothing--Mississippi--Natchez.	1823	Letter from William Kenner and Co., New Orleans, to John Minor, Concord Plantation, Natchez, relative to shipment of 773 yards of "grey linsey" woolen cloth to Concord Plantation for use in making slaves' clothing, Nov. 5.
Slaves--Louisiana.	undated	List of the names of 19 slaves purchased from the heirs of Kenner and listing of the price paid for each slave, undated
Somerset Plantation (La.)	1820	Two letters outlining the financial arrangements made by William Kenner and Co. for the purchase of Somerset Plantation for John Minor, Mar. 14, 16.
Stephen H. Long Expedition (1823)	1823	Mercantile account of John Minor with William Kenner and Co. including an itemized amount of money advanced by Kenner's company to Minor's account "for Long's expedition" (made

in the year 1823), Apr. 9.

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| Taverns (Inns)--
Mississippi--Natchez. | 1825 | Two letters, one relating expiration of insurance on "Travellers' Hall," a Natchez tavern, and the other acknowledging error in former statement as to the expiration of insurance on the "Travellers' Hall," from William Kenner and Co. to John Minor, Apr. 29, May 3. |
| Theaters--Louisiana--New Orleans. | 1821 | Letter from Wm. Kenner and Co., New Orleans, to John Minor, Natchez, Mississippi, relating entertainment at New Orleans provided by [James] Caldwell and his company who were "exhibiting four nights in the week to crowded houses" and emphasizing the talents of one of the singers, a Mrs. Burke, Feb. 19, 1821. |
| Tichenor, Gabriel. | 1824 | Proposed sale by Gabriel Tichenor to John Minor of thirty shares of stock of the Bank of the State of Mississippi, May 17. |
| United States--History--
War of 1812. | 1807-1814 | Dismissal of British minister, Jackson, by President Madison and hostility of leading to outbreak of War of 1812, reflected in decline of cotton prices at New Orleans, New York, and eastern ports, 16 letters; 20 letters from William Kenner and Co., New Orleans, to Stephen Minor, Natchez, relating apprehension for the defense of the city, speculation as to the outcome of battle between British and Americans, adverse effect upon price of cotton to failure of negotiations in Europe. |
| United States--History--
War of 1812--Economic
aspects. | 1812-1813 | 6 letters relating to the embargo and its effect upon the prices of cotton and plantation produce, the decline of cotton prices at New Orleans due to the prevention of coastwise trade by the blockade of the Atlantic ports, and the assistance of General Flournoy in maintaining the embargo at New Orleans. |
| White, Edward D. | 1823 | Copy of letter from Ed[ward D.] White to John Minor relating to a suit pending to get possession of horses held illegally by Joe Champagne, Sept. 12. |

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