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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Center for Legislative Archives, National Archives and Records Administration
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## **Administrative Information**

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### **Publication Information**

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### **Conditions Governing Access note**

The records are governed by Rule VII(3)b of the House Rules:

(b) (1) A record shall immediately be made available if it was previously made available for public use by the House or a committee or a subcommittee. (2) An investigative record that contains personal data relating to a specific living person (the disclosure of which would be an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy), an administrative record relating to personnel, or a record relating to a hearing that was closed under clause 2(g)(2) of rule XI shall be made available if it has been in existence for 50 years. (3) A record for which a time, schedule, or condition for availability is specified by order of the House shall be made available in accordance with that order. Except as otherwise provided by order of the House, a record of a committee for which a time, schedule, or condition for availability is specified by order of the committee (entered during the Congress in which the record is made or acquired by the committee) shall be made available in accordance with the order of the committee. (4) A record (other than a record referred to in subparagraph (1), (2), or (3)) shall be made available if it has been in existence for 30 years.

## Collection Inventory

### **Records of Legislative Proceedings 1829-1831**

#### **Minute Book and Journals 1829-1831 0.66 Cubic feet (4 volumes)**

##### **Scope and Contents note**

The minute book and journals series includes a minute book, 1st and 2d sessions (21A-A1); and a rough legislative journal, 1st session (21A-A2) and 2d session (21A-A3).

#### **Bills and Resolutions Originating in the House 1829-1831 9.0 Cubic feet**

##### **Scope and Contents note**

The bills and resolutions originating in the House include original House bills and bills upon which further action was taken (21A-B1); drafts of House bills that failed to pass (21A-B2); original House joint resolutions (21A-B3); House simple resolutions, motions, and orders (21A-B4); and two volumes of engrossed House bills and resolutions (21A-B5).

##### **Arrangement note**

The records are arranged numerically within each group, except 21A-B3 and 21A-B4, which are arranged chronologically.

#### **Bills Originating in the Senate and Considered in the House 0.08 Cubic feet**

##### **Scope and Contents note**

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The bills originating in the Senate and considered in the House include Senate bills (21A–C1).

### **Arrangement note**

The records are arranged by session, thereunder numerically.

## **Committees 1829-1831**

Committee on Accounts 1829-1831

### **Biographical/Historical note**

The Committee on Accounts was created on December 27, 1803, and was made a standing committee in 1805. Its jurisdiction covered all subjects "touching the expenditure of the contingent fund of the House, [and] the auditing and settling of all accounts which may be charged therein to the House." In addition, the committee was responsible for the accountability of officers of the House, the procurement of rooms for the use of House committees and for the Speaker, and for recommending and authorizing the employment of such persons as stenographers, reporters of debates, janitors, and clerks and staff assistants for committees, members and senators. The Committee on Accounts existed from 1803-1946, and later was incorporated into the Committee on House Administration.

Petitions and Memorials, Resolutions of State Legislatures, and Related Documents Which Were Referred to Committees 1829-1831

### **Scope and Contents note**

The petitions and memorials, resolutions of state legislatures, and related documents which were referred to the Committee on Accounts document the procurement of paper for printing (21A–G1.1).

### **Arrangement note**

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The subjects are arranged chronologically within each group, unless otherwise indicated.

**Committee on Agriculture 1829-1831****Biographical/Historical note**

The Committee on Agriculture was created on May 3, 1820, to provide a forum for the interests of the large agricultural population of the country. The committee's jurisdiction includes adulteration of seeds, insect pests, and protection of birds and animals in forest reserves; agriculture generally; agricultural and industrial chemistry; agricultural colleges and experiment stations; agricultural economics and research; agricultural education extension services; agricultural production and marketing and stabilization of prices of agricultural products, and commodities (not including distribution outside of the United States); animal industry and diseases of animals; commodity exchanges; crop insurance and soil conservation; dairy industry; entomology and plant quarantine; extension of farm credit and farm security; inspection of livestock, poultry, meat products, and seafood and seafood products; and forestry in general and forest reserves other than those created from the public domain. The committee has oversight over the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

**Committee Reports and Papers 1829-1831****Scope and Contents note**

The committee reports and papers of the Committee on Agriculture document the cultivation of mulberry trees for raising silkworms (21A–D1.1); and the flag of American silk and manufacture presented to the House by Peter B. DuPonceau (21A–D1.2).

**Arrangement note**

The records are arranged chronologically within each group.

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Petitions and Memorials, Resolutions of State Legislatures, and Related Documents Which Were Referred to Committees 1829-1831

**Scope and Contents note**

The petitions and memorials, resolutions of state legislatures, and related documents which were referred to the Committee on Agriculture document the culture of hemp (21A–G2.1).

**Arrangement note**

The subjects are arranged chronologically within each group, unless otherwise indicated.

Committee on Claims 1829-1831

**Biographical/Historical note**

The Committee on Claims is one of the oldest standing committees in the House of Representatives. It was established on November 13, 1794, having been preceded by Select Committees on Claims. The committee was to consider all petitions and matters or things touching on claims and demands on the United States and report appropriations of money for payment of claims it had authorized. Originally the Committee on Claims had jurisdiction over Revolutionary War and land claims as well as pensions. In the years that followed, other committees were created to handle special types of claims such as war claims, pensions, and private land claims. Under the 1880 revised House Rules, subjects relating to "private and domestic claims and demands other than war claims against the United States" were to be referred to the Claims Committee. At the end of the 79th Congress the committee was abolished under the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946, and jurisdiction over the subjects that had formerly been referred to it was transferred either to the Judiciary Committee or the executive departments.

Committee Reports and Papers 1829-1831

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**Scope and Contents note**

The committee reports and papers of the Committee on Claims document various subjects (21A–D2.1), arranged alphabetically. There is also a letter book, 21st Congress, 2d session, to 25th Congress, 2d session (21A–D2.2); and a docket volume (21A–D2.3).

Petitions and Memorials, Resolutions of State Legislatures, and Related Documents Which Were Referred to Committees 1829-1831

**Scope and Contents note**

The petitions and memorials, resolutions of state legislatures, and related documents which were referred to the Committee on Claims document claims (21A–G3.1).

**Arrangement note**

The records are arranged alphabetically by petitioner.

Committee on Commerce 1829-1831

**Biographical/Historical note**

The Committee on Commerce was established in 1819 as a result of the split of the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures (1795-1819). The jurisdiction of the Committee on Commerce was regulation of both interstate and foreign commerce; customs collection districts, ports of entry, and ports of delivery; compensation of customhouse officials; regulations and appropriations regarding navigable waters and works affecting them, such as bridges, locks, dams, tunnels, pipes, and cribs; obstructions to navigation, such as sunken vessels; lighthouses and other aids to navigation; interoceanic canals; ocean cables; lifesaving stations; public health and the prevention of infectious diseases; purity of food and drugs; regulations regarding the exportation of livestock and foodstuffs; transportation of livestock; and the regulation of railroads. Besides the Lifesaving Service, the committee exercised jurisdiction over matters relating to such Federal agencies as the Revenue-

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Cutter Service; the Marine Hospital Service; and the Interstate Commerce Commission. In 1892, the Committee on Commerce became part of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

### Committee Reports and Papers 1829-1831

#### **Scope and Contents note**

The committee reports and papers of the Committee on Commerce document beacons, buoys, and lighthouses (21A–D3.1); claims (21A–D3.2); commercial intercourse with foreign nations (21A–D3.3); construction of a marine hospital at Charleston, South Carolina (21A–D3.4); survey reports (21A–D3.5); and various subjects (21A–D3.6). There is also a docket volume, 19th Congress, 1st session, to 22d Congress, 2d session (19A–D4.6).

#### **Arrangement note**

The records are arranged chronologically within each group, except 21A–D3.2, which is arranged alphabetically.

### Petitions and Memorials, Resolutions of State Legislatures, and Related Documents Which Were Referred to Committees 1829-1831

#### **Scope and Contents note**

The petitions and memorials, resolutions of state legislatures, and related documents which were referred to the Committee on Commerce include beacons, buoys, and lighthouses (21A–G4.1); drawbacks (21A–G4.2); harbors (21A–G4.3); mackerel fisheries (21A–G4.4); marine hospitals (21A–G4.5); navigational aids (21A–G4.6); ports of entry (21A–G4.7); and various subjects (21A–G4.8).

#### **Arrangement note**

The subjects are arranged chronologically within each group, unless otherwise indicated.

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## Committee on the District of Columbia 1829-1831

**Biographical/Historical note**

The Committee on the District of Columbia was established on January 27, 1808. The committee's duty was to consider all petitions and memorials relating to the affairs of the District of Columbia referred to them by the House. Jurisdiction consisted of various municipal concerns of the District of Columbia including those involving streets, schools and teachers, railroads, police and fire departments, claims against the District Government, insurance, taxes, health and safety, liquor sales, incorporation of organizations and societies, and other matters that were the normal concerns of city and State governments. Since its creation the committee has shared jurisdiction on District concerns with other committees, and in particular with the Committees on Education and Labor, Interior, Banking and Currency, Judiciary, and Public Works. The committee was known as the Committee on the District of Columbia from 1801-1995. The committee was split and absorbed by subcommittees of the Committee on Appropriations and by the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

## Committee Reports and Papers 1829-1831

**Scope and Contents note**

The committee reports and papers of the Committee on the District of Columbia document the improvement of the avenue leading from the Capitol to the executive offices (21A-D4.1); civil and criminal code of the District (21A-D4.2); Columbian College (21A-D4.3); Georgetown (21A-D4.4); and various subjects (21A-D4.5). There is also a docket volume, 19th Congress, 1st session, to 26th Congress, 2d session (19A-D5.7).

**Arrangement note**

The records are arranged chronologically within each group.

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Petitions and Memorials, Resolutions of State Legislatures, and Related Documents Which Were Referred to Committees 1829-1831

### **Scope and Contents note**

The petitions and memorials, resolutions of state legislatures, and related documents which were referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia document slavery in the District (21A–G5.1); and various subjects (21A–G5.2).

### **Arrangement note**

The subjects are arranged chronologically within each group, unless otherwise indicated.

Committee on Elections 1829-1831

### **Biographical/Historical note**

The Committee on Elections was established as the first standing committee of the U.S. House of Representatives to perform this function on April 13, 1789. The jurisdiction of the committee was to examine and report on the certificates of election and other election credentials, as well as election returns and proceedings for elections of House Members, and to contest elections of Members where these credentials and election proceedings were not deemed valid. The committee was known as the Committee on Elections from 1789 until 1895, when it was split into three separate election committees.

### **Controlled Access Headings**

#### **Personal Name(s)**

- Arnold, Thomas Dickens, 1798-1870
- Fisher, George, 1788-1861
- Lea, Pryor, 1794-1879

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- Loyall, George, 1789-1868
- Newton, Thomas, 1768-1847
- Ripley, James Wheelock, 1786-1835
- Wright, Silas, 1795-1847

### Committee Reports and Papers 1829-1831

#### **Scope and Contents note**

The committee reports and papers of the Committee on Elections include the contested election cases of Thomas Arnold v. Pryor Lea, Tennessee (21A–D5.1); George Loyall v. Thomas Newton, Virginia (21A–D5.2); Revel Washburn v. James W. Ripley, Maine (21A–D5.3); and Silas Wright v. George Fisher, New York (21A–D5.4).

#### **Arrangement note**

The records are arranged by subject.

### Petitions and Memorials, Resolutions of State Legislatures, and Related Documents Which Were Referred to Committees 1829-1831

#### **Scope and Contents note**

The petitions and memorials, resolutions of state legislatures, and related documents which were referred to the Committee on Elections document various subjects (21A–G6.1).

#### **Arrangement note**

The subjects are arranged chronologically within each group, unless otherwise indicated.

### Committee on Expenditures in the Navy Department 1829-1831

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## Committee Reports and Papers 1829-1831

**Scope and Contents note**

The committee reports and papers of the Committee on Expenditures in the Navy Department include contingent expenditures in the Navy Department for 1829 and 1830 (21A–D6.1).

**Arrangement note**

The records are arranged chronologically.

## Committee on Expenditures in the Post Office Department 1829-1831

## Committee Reports and Papers 1829-1831

**Scope and Contents note**

The committee reports and papers of the Committee on Expenditures in the Post Office Department include a report on the contingent expenses of the Post Office Department for 1830 (21A–D7.1).

## Committee on Expenditures in the State Department 1829-1831

## Committee Reports and Papers 1829-1831

**Scope and Contents note**

The committee reports and papers of the Committee on Expenditures in the State Department include a report on expenditures of the State Department for 1828 and 1829 (21A–D8.1).

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**Committee on Expenditures in the Treasury Department 1829-1831****Committee Reports and Papers 1829-1831****Scope and Contents note**

The committee reports and papers of the Committee on Expenditures in the Treasury Department include reports of examinations of contingent expenditures of the Treasury Department for 1829 and 1830 (21A–D9.1).

**Arrangement note**

The records are arranged chronologically.

**Committee on Foreign Affairs 1829-1831****Biographical/Historical note**

The Committee on Foreign Affairs gained status as a standing committee of the House of Representatives in 1822, however, its antecedents date as far back as 1775 when the Continental Congress established a committee to correspond with friends abroad. The jurisdiction of the committee includes relations of the United States with foreign nations generally; acquisition of land and buildings for embassies and legations in foreign countries; establishment of boundary lines between the United States and foreign nations; export controls, including nonproliferation of nuclear technology and nuclear hardware; foreign loans; international commodity agreements (other than those involving sugar), including all agreements for cooperation in the export of nuclear technology and nuclear hardware; international conferences and congresses; international education; intervention abroad and declarations of war; diplomatic service; measures to foster commercial intercourse with foreign nations and to safeguard American business interests abroad; international economic policy; neutrality; protection of American citizens abroad and expatriation; the American

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National Red Cross; trading with the enemy; and United Nations organizations. The committee has oversight over the U.S. Department of State.

**Committee Reports and Papers 1829-1831****Scope and Contents note**

The committee reports and papers of the Committee on Foreign Affairs include claims (21A–D10.1), arranged alphabetically; and various subjects (21A–D10.2), arranged chronologically. There is also a docket volume, 19th Congress, 1st session, to 26th Congress, 2d session (19A–D8.5).

**Petitions and Memorials, Resolutions of State Legislatures, and Related Documents Which Were Referred to Committees 1829-1831****Scope and Contents note**

The petitions and memorials, resolutions of state legislatures, and related documents which were referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs include claims against Denmark (21A–G7.1); and various subjects (21A–G7.2).

**Arrangement note**

The subjects are arranged chronologically within each group, unless otherwise indicated.

**Committee on Indian Affairs 1829-1831****Biographical/Historical note**

The Committee on Indian Affairs was established on December 17, 1821, with jurisdiction over subjects pertaining to Native Americans. Select committees to consider matters of Native Americans existed for several years before the creation of the standing committee. Among the matters referred

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to the committee were subjects relating to the care, education, and management of Native Americans and of their lands; the adjudication and payment of Indian depredation claims; bonds and stocks that had been part of Indian trust funds; adjudication of claims of Indians against the United States; the use and management of Native American funds; and the business and government of the Native American tribes. From 1885 until 1920, the committee exercised jurisdiction over appropriations relating to Native Americans. The Committee on Indian Affairs was abolished under the provisions of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946. Its jurisdiction and responsibilities were transferred to the Committee on Public Lands.

### Committee Reports and Papers 1829-1831

#### **Scope and Contents note**

The committee reports and papers of the Committee on Indian Affairs document claims (21A–D11.1), arranged alphabetically; and the removal of Indians (21A–D11.2), arranged chronologically.

### Petitions and Memorials, Resolutions of State Legislatures, and Related Documents Which Were Referred to Committees 1829-1831

#### **Scope and Contents note**

The petitions and memorials, resolutions of state legislatures, and related documents which were referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs include claims (21A–G8.1), arranged alphabetically by petitioner; removal of Indians (21A–G8.2); and various subjects (21A–G8.3).

#### **Arrangement note**

The subjects are arranged chronologically within each group, unless otherwise indicated.

### Select Committee on Internal Improvements 1829-1831

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**Committee Reports and Papers 1829-1831****Scope and Contents note**

The committee reports and papers for the Select Committee on Internal Improvements document rivers and canals (21A–D12.1); and various subjects (21A–D12.2).

**Arrangement note**

The records are arranged chronologically within each group.

**Petitions and Memorials, Resolutions of State Legislatures, and Related Documents Which Were Referred to Committees 1829-1831****Scope and Contents note**

The petitions and memorials, resolutions of state legislatures, and related documents which were referred to the Select Committee on Internal Improvements document canals (21A–G9.1); creeks and rivers (21A–G9.2); railroads (21A–G9.3); roads (21A–G9.4); turnpikes (21A–G9.5); and various subjects (21A–G9.6).

**Arrangement note**

The subjects are arranged chronologically within each group, unless otherwise indicated.

**Committee on the Judiciary 1829-1831****Biographical/Historical note**

The standing Committee on the Judiciary was established on June 3, 1813, to take into consideration matters touching judicial proceedings. In 1880 the rule defining its jurisdiction was revised to read "judicial proceedings, civil and criminal law," and this remained the formal definition of the jurisdiction of the committee until the reorganization of Congress in 1946. The committee's

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jurisdiction includes judiciary and judicial proceedings, civil and criminal; administrative practice and procedure; apportionment of Representatives; bankruptcy, mutiny, espionage, and counterfeiting; civil liberties; constitutional amendments; criminal law enforcement; Federal courts and judges, and local courts in the Territories and possessions; immigration policy and nonborder enforcement; interstate compacts generally; claims against the United States; meetings of Congress; attendance of Members, Delegates, and the Resident Commissioner; and their acceptance of incompatible offices; National penitentiaries; patents, the Patent and Trademark Office, copyrights, and trademarks; Presidential succession; protection of trade and commerce against unlawful restraints and monopolies; revision and codification of the Statutes of the United States; state and territorial boundary lines; and subversive activities affecting the internal security of the United States. The committee has oversight over the U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

### Committee Reports and Papers 1829-1831

#### **Scope and Contents note**

The committee reports and papers of the Committee on the Judiciary document claims (21A–D13.1); extending power of judges of the Superior Court of Arkansas Territory (21A–D13.2); repeal of section 25 of the act of 1789, establishing the judiciary system, relating to direct appeal from a state court to the Supreme Court of the United States (21A–D13.3); and various subjects (21A–D13.4). There is also a docket volume, 20th Congress, 2d session, to 27th Congress, 3d session (20A–D11.3).

#### **Arrangement note**

The records are arranged chronologically within each group, except 21A–D13.1, which is arranged alphabetically.

### Petitions and Memorials, Resolutions of State Legislatures, and Related Documents Which Were Referred to Committees 1829-1831

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**Scope and Contents note**

The petitions and memorials, resolutions of state legislatures, and related documents which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary include the case of Samuel Buel (21A–G10.1); claims (21A–G10.2), arranged alphabetically by petitioner; insolvent debtors (21A–G10.3); patents (21A–G10.4); judgments (21A–G10.5); and various subjects (21A–G10.6).

**Arrangement note**

The subjects are arranged chronologically within each group, unless otherwise indicated.

Committee on Manufactures 1829-1831

**Biographical/Historical note**

The Committee on Manufactures was established in 1819 as a result of the split of the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures (1795-1819). Jurisdiction of the committee includes matters relating to the manufacturing industries, but became inactive during the later years of its existence and was eliminated in 1911. The committee's functions were absorbed by the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce (1892-1968).

Committee Reports and Papers 1829-1831

**Scope and Contents note**

The committee reports and papers of the Committee on Manufactures document the duty on imported salt (21A–D14.1); and tariff and manufactures (21A–D14.2).

**Arrangement note**

The records are arranged chronologically within each group.

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Petitions and Memorials, Resolutions of State Legislatures, and Related Documents Which Were Referred to Committees 1829-1831

**Scope and Contents note**

The petitions and memorials, resolutions of state legislatures, and related documents which were referred to the Committee on Manufactures document drawbacks (21A–G11.1); duty on iron (21A–G11. 2); and various subjects (21A–G11.3).

**Arrangement note**

The subjects are arranged chronologically within each group, unless otherwise indicated.

Committee on Military Affairs 1829-1831

**Biographical/Historical note**

A succession of House select committees considered legislation on military affairs from 1811 until 1822, when the House established a standing Committee on Military Affairs. The jurisdiction of the committee included appropriation bills covering the military establishment, the public defense, and the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York. The committee reported the military appropriation bills until 1920, when that power was transferred to the Appropriations Committee. Jurisdiction of the committee also included the establishment and care of national cemeteries and battlefields; acquisition and conveyance of lands for military reservations and improvements upon such grounds; disposition of war trophies and distribution of obsolete weapons and armament; conduct of joint operations of the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps; and promotion of military aviation and Army aeronautics. The Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 abolished the Committee on Military Affairs and transferred its jurisdiction to the newly-created Armed Services Committee.

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**Scope and Contents note**

The committee reports and papers of the Committee on Military Affairs include claims (21A–D15.1), arranged alphabetically; and various subjects (21A–D15.2), arranged chronologically. There is also a docket volume, 19th Congress, 1st session, to 22d Congress, 2d session (19A–D12.7).

Petitions and Memorials, Resolutions of State Legislatures, and Related Documents Which Were Referred to Committees 1829-1831

**Scope and Contents note**

The petitions and memorials, resolutions of state legislatures, and related documents which were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs document claims (21A–G12.1), arranged alphabetically by petitioner; and various subjects (21A–G12.2).

**Arrangement note**

The subjects are arranged chronologically within each group, unless otherwise indicated.

Committee on Military Pensions 1829-1831

**Biographical/Historical note**

The Committee on Military Pensions was created in 1825 to handle part of the jurisdiction of the short-lived Committee on Revolutionary Pensions (December 9 to 12, 1825). The jurisdiction of the new Committee on Military Pensions included, "all such matters respecting pensions for military services, and also matters respecting invalid pensions." In 1831 the Committee on Military Pensions was abolished and its duties split between two new committees, the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, and the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

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**Scope and Contents note**

The committee reports and papers of the Committee on Military Pensions include claims (21A–D16.1), arranged alphabetically; and lists of military pensioners (21A–D16.2). There is also a docket volume, 19th Congress, 2d session, to 21st Congress, 2d session (19A–D13.2).

Petitions and Memorials, Resolutions of State Legislatures, and Related Documents Which Were Referred to Committees 1829-1831

**Scope and Contents note**

The petitions and memorials, resolutions of state legislatures, and related documents which were referred to the Committee on Military Pensions include claims (21A–G13.1), arranged alphabetically by petitioner.

Committee on Naval Affairs 1829-1831

**Biographical/Historical note**

In 1822, the standing Committee on Naval Affairs was created. The jurisdiction of the committee included consideration of all matters which concerned the naval establishment, the increase or reduction of commissioned officers and enlisted men, and their pay and allowances and the increase of ships or vessels of all classes of the Navy. Other subjects under the committee's expanded jurisdiction pertained to naval and marine aeronautics; the construction of aircraft carriers for the Navy; the acquisition of sites for naval facilities; the establishment, construction, improvement, and maintenance of such facilities; the authorization of special decorations, orders, medals, and other insignia for naval personnel; the acceptance of offices and emoluments from foreign governments; claims of personnel and civilian employees of the Navy; and legislation relating to the Coast Guard, the Marine Corps, the Marine Band, the Fleet Marine Corps Reserve, the Naval Observatory, and the Coast and Geodetic Survey. The committee was abolished under the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 and its jurisdiction transferred to the Armed Services Committee.

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**Committee Reports and Papers 1829-1831****Scope and Contents note**

The committee reports and papers of the Committee on Naval Affairs document claims (21A–D17.1); cutting or removing live oak and other trees in Florida for naval use (21A–D17.2); Navy and privateer pension funds (21A–D17.3); pay and personnel (21A–D17.4); and various subjects (21A–D17.5).

**Arrangement note**

The records are arranged chronologically within each group, except 21A–D17.1, which is arranged alphabetically.

**Petitions and Memorials, Resolutions of State Legislatures, and Related Documents Which Were Referred to Committees 1829-1831****Scope and Contents note**

The petitions and memorials, resolutions of state legislatures, and related documents which were referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs include claims (21A–G14.1), arranged alphabetically by petitioner; the case of Farnifold Green (21A–G14.2); and various subjects.

**Arrangement note**

The subjects are arranged chronologically within each group, unless otherwise indicated.

**Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads 1829-1831****Biographical/Historical note**

A Select Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads was established in 1806 and made a standing committee in 1808. The jurisdiction of the committee extended to all proposed legislation relating

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to the carrying of the mails, both foreign and domestic. It included the determination of the location, construction, and maintenance of post offices and post roads; the acquisition, lease, or transfer of realty or facilities for postal purposes; and certain aspects of the employment and management of postal employees, such as the pay and leave of letter carriers, and the settlement of claims brought by employees or contractors. Also included was the regulation of the Postal Service, including postal rates, the franking privilege, and the printing of stamped envelopes. At various times, the Railway Mail Service, ocean mail service, pneumatic tube service, postal savings banks, postal telegraphy, the Air Mail Service, and Rural Free Delivery were included in its jurisdiction. As part of its responsibility, the committee investigated the management of postal facilities, contracts for carrying the mail, and other subjects such as the forgery of postal money orders. In 1885 the jurisdiction of the committee was expanded to include appropriation authority and prepared Post Office appropriations bills from that time until 1920 when the authority was revoked under a rule change. The committee functioned until 1946 when its jurisdiction was included in that of the new Committee on Post Office and Civil Service.

### **Controlled Access Headings**

#### **Personal Name(s)**

- Johnson, Richard M. (Richard Mentor), 1781-1850

Committee Reports and Papers 1829-1831

#### **Scope and Contents note**

The committee reports and papers of the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads document claims (21A–D18.1); additional clerks for the Post Office Department (21A–D18.2); personal correspondence of R. M. Johnson, chairman of the committee (21A–D18.3); post roads (21A–D18.4); and Sunday mail (21A–D18.5). There is also a register of petitions for and against Sunday mail (21A–D18.6); and a docket volume, 19th Congress, 1st session, to 22d Congress, 1st session (19A–D16.2).

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**Arrangement note**

The records are arranged chronologically within each group, except 21A–D18.1, which is arranged alphabetically.

Petitions and Memorials, Resolutions of State Legislatures, and Related Documents Which Were Referred to Committees 1829-1831

**Scope and Contents note**

The petitions and memorials, resolutions of state legislatures, and related documents which were referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads document post offices (21A–G15.1); post routes (21A–G15.2); Sunday mail (21A–G15.3); and various subjects (21A–G15 .4).

**Arrangement note**

The subjects are arranged chronologically within each group, unless otherwise indicated.

Committee on Private Land Claims 1829-1831

**Biographical/Historical note**

The Committee on Private Land Claims was established on April 29, 1816. The committee reported general as well as special legislation relating to the settlement of individual claims to public lands. It has reported bills to establish a land court to provide for the judicial investigation and settlement of private land claims in certain states and territories. The committee was abolished in 1911 along with several other committees that had suffered from diminished legislative activity. Jurisdiction was later transferred to the Judiciary Committee.

Committee Reports and Papers 1829-1831

**Scope and Contents note**

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The committee reports and papers of the Committee on Private Land Claims include claims (21A–D19.1).

**Arrangement note**

The records are arranged alphabetically.

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**Scope and Contents note**

The petitions and memorials, resolutions of state legislatures, and related documents which were referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims include claims (21A–G16.1).

**Arrangement note**

The records are arranged alphabetically by petitioner.

Select Committee on Public Buildings 1829-1831

**Biographical/Historical note**

The Select Committee on Public Buildings was created in 1819. The committee's jurisdiction included the construction throughout the country of public buildings, documenting customs houses, post offices, and federal court houses; the erection of monuments and memorials; the purchase of property for public use; improvements to public property; and compensation for workers erecting public buildings. During the early years of the committee, much of the legislation reported had to do with constructing and improving public buildings in Washington, D.C., and commissioning artists to create art work for those buildings. Under the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946, the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds became part of the Committee on Public Works.

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**Scope and Contents note**

The petitions and memorials, resolutions of state legislatures, and related documents which were referred to the Select Committee on Public Buildings document various subjects (21A–G17.1).

**Arrangement note**

The subjects are arranged chronologically within each group, unless otherwise indicated.

Committee on Public Expenditures 1829-1831

Committee Reports and Papers 1829-1831

**Scope and Contents note**

The committee reports and papers of the Committee on Public Expenditures document the mileage and pay of Members of Congress (21A–D20.1).

**Arrangement note**

The records are arranged chronologically.

Committee on Public Lands 1829-1831

**Biographical/Historical note**

The Committee on Public Lands was established in 1805 and given jurisdiction over matters relating to the lands of the United States. Jurisdiction of the committee included the sale and settlement of public lands, land claims, minerals and waters on public lands, irrigation, forest reserves and

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game living in them, national parks, conservation, land grants, foreign ownership of land, and administration of the lands of the public domain. The establishment of a land court and to provide for the judicial investigation and settlement of private land claims in certain states and territories was also part of the committee's jurisdiction. Under the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946, the committees on Indian Affairs; Territories, Mines and Mining; Irrigation and Reclamation; and Insular Affairs were abolished and their jurisdictions were combined with those of the Committee on Public Lands. On February 2, 1951, the name of the committee was changed to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs to more accurately reflect the full scope of its jurisdiction.

### Committee Reports and Papers 1829-1831

#### **Scope and Contents note**

The committee reports and papers of the Committee on Public Lands document bounty lands for military service (21A–D21.1); claims (21A–D21.2); canal between Lake Michigan and the Illinois River (21A–D21.3); free school in Alexandria, Virginia (21A–D21.4); land grant for buildings and hospital in Michigan Territory (21A–D21.5); sale of lands in Ohio and the Vermillion salt springs in Illinois (21A–D21.6); and various subjects (21A–D21.7). There is also a docket volume, 19th Congress, 1st session, to 27th Congress, 3d session (19A–D18.6).

#### **Arrangement note**

The records are arranged chronologically within each group, except 21A–D21.2, which is arranged alphabetically.

### Petitions and Memorials, Resolutions of State Legislatures, and Related Documents Which Were Referred to Committees 1829-1831

#### **Scope and Contents note**

The petitions and memorials, resolutions of state legislatures, and related documents which were referred to the Committee on Public Lands include granted lands—permission to dispose, relinquish, or sell (21A–G18.1); forfeited lands—permission to repurchase or retain (21A–

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G18.2); land grants for various purposes (21A–G18.3); land offices (21A–G18.4); preemption in the purchase of public lands (21A–G18.5); relief of purchasers of public lands (21A–G18.6); saline lands (21A–G18.7); titles and claims to public lands (21A–G18.8); and various subjects (21A–G18.9).

**Arrangement note**

The subjects are arranged chronologically within each group, unless otherwise indicated.

## Committee on Revolutionary Claims 1829-1831

**Biographical/Historical note**

The Committee on Revolutionary Claims was created in 1825 to handle part of the jurisdiction of the Pensions and Revolutionary War Claims Committee (1813-1825) which had been abolished. The committee had jurisdiction over all such petitions and matters on claims or demands originating in the Revolutionary War or arising therefrom, as shall be presented, or shall or may come in question and be referred to them by the House; and to report their opinion thereupon, together with such propositions for relief as to them shall seem expedient. The jurisdiction of the committee remained unchanged until the committee was abolished in 1873 and the jurisdiction assigned to the Committee on War Claims.

## Committee Reports and Papers 1829-1831

**Scope and Contents note**

The committee reports and papers of the Committee on Revolutionary Claims include claims (21A–D22.1). There is also a docket volume, 19th Congress, 1st session, to 23d Congress, 2d session (19A–D19.2).

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The records are arranged alphabetically.

Petitions and Memorials, Resolutions of State Legislatures, and Related Documents Which Were Referred to Committees 1829-1831

**Scope and Contents note**

The petitions and memorials, resolutions of state legislatures, and related documents which were referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims include claims (21A–G19.1).

**Arrangement note**

The records are arranged alphabetically by petitioner.

Committee on the Territories 1829-1831

**Biographical/Historical note**

The Committee on the Territories was established in 1825 to examine the legislative, civil, and criminal proceedings of the territories, and to devise and report to the House opinions necessary to secure the rights and privileges of residents and non-residents. The committee also reported legislation concerning the structure, status, and power of the territorial governments; statehood; powers of municipalities; boundary disputes; and on matters relating to public lands and homesteading, railroads, public works, public buildings, highways, taxation, bond issues, education, Indians, prohibition, and wildlife. The jurisdiction of the committee was later absorbed by the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs.

Committee Reports and Papers 1829-1831

**Scope and Contents note**

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The committee reports and papers of the Committee on the Territories document various subjects (21A–D23.1). There is also a docket volume, 19th Congress, 1st session, to 26th Congress, 2d session (19A–D21.2).

**Arrangement note**

The records are arranged chronologically.

Petitions and Memorials, Resolutions of State Legislatures, and Related Documents Which Were Referred to Committees 1829-1831

**Scope and Contents note**

The petitions and memorials, resolutions of state legislatures, and related documents which were referred to the Committee on the Territories document various subjects (21A–G20.1).

**Arrangement note**

The subjects are arranged chronologically within each group, unless otherwise indicated.

Committee on Ways and Means 1829-1831

**Biographical/Historical note**

The Committee on Ways and Means is the oldest standing committee in Congress. In 1795 another Select Committee on Ways and Means was formed, and was regularly reappointed in each session until it was defined as a standing committee in 1802. The jurisdiction of the committee includes customs revenue, collection districts, and ports of entry and delivery; reciprocal trade agreements; revenue measures generally; revenue measures relating to insular possessions; bonded debt of the United States, subject to the last sentence of clause 4(f); deposit of public monies; transportation of dutiable goods; tax exempt foundations and charitable trusts; and national social security (except

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health care and facilities programs that are supported from general revenues as opposed to payroll deductions and except work incentive programs).

**Committee Reports and Papers 1829-1831****Scope and Contents note**

The committee reports and papers of the Committee on Ways and Means document the Bank of the United States (21A–D24.1); claims (21A–D24.2); depreciated Treasury notes (21A–D24.3); estimates for the Navy Department (21A–D24.4), the State Department (21A–D24.5), the Treasury Department (21A–D24.6), and the War Department (21A–D24.7); mint of the United States (21A–D24.8); and weight and quality of salt used in curing and packing fish (21A–D24.9).

**Arrangement note**

The records are arranged chronologically within each group, except 21A–D24. 2, which is arranged alphabetically.

**Petitions and Memorials, Resolutions of State Legislatures, and Related Documents Which Were Referred to Committees 1829-1831****Scope and Contents note**

The petitions and memorials, resolutions of state legislatures, and related documents which were referred to the Committee on Ways and Means document the auction system (21A–G21.1); claims (21A–G21.2); salary increases for Government clerks (21A–G21.3); and various subjects (21A–G21.4).

**Arrangement note**

The subjects are arranged chronologically within each group, unless otherwise indicated.

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## Other Select Committees 1829-1831

## Committee Reports and Papers 1829-1831

**Scope and Contents note**

The committee reports and papers of other select committees document various subjects (21A–D25.1).

**Arrangement note**

The records are arranged by subject.

## Petitions and Memorials, Resolutions of State Legislatures, and Related Documents Which Were Referred to Committees 1829-1831

**Scope and Contents note**

The petitions and memorials, resolutions of state legislatures, and related documents which were referred to other select committees include the petition of Elisha Begelcow (21A–G22.1); and the President’s message upon the subject of the 5th Census (21A–G22.2).

**Arrangement note**

The subjects are arranged chronologically within each group, unless otherwise indicated.

## Committee of the Whole House 1829-1831

**Biographical/Historical note**

The Committee of the Whole consists of the entire membership of the House and stems from a practice in the House of Commons, when the Speaker of the House of Commons was regarded

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as an agent of the King. The procedure allows the Speaker to remove himself/herself from the chairmanship in order for the body to elect its own chairman and debate matters without the normal restrictions of a House of Commons session.

**Committee Reports and Papers 1829-1831****Scope and Contents note**

The committee reports and papers of the Committee of the Whole House include a volume of minutes, 18th Congress, 1st session, to 26th Congress, 1st session (18A–C21.1).

**Petitions and Memorials, Resolutions of State Legislatures, and Related Documents Which Were Referred to Committees 1829-1831****Scope and Contents note**

The petitions and memorials, resolutions of state legislatures, and related documents which were referred to the Committee of the Whole House document the improvement of navigation of Back Creek, connecting link between the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal and Chesapeake Bay (21A–G23.1); preservation and repair of the Cumberland Road (21A–G23.2); removal of Indians (21A–G23.3); Sunday mail (21A–G23.4); and various subjects (21A–G23.5).

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The subjects are arranged chronologically within each group, unless otherwise indicated.

**President's Messages 1829-1831 1.0 Cubic feet (4 volumes)****Scope and Contents note**

**Reports and Communications Submitted to the House**

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The president's messages include annual messages, with pertinent documents, 1829 and 1830; messages suggesting legislation or submitting specific information or documents; and messages transmitting reports and communications from executive department (21A-E1).

**Arrangement note**

The records are arranged chronologically.

**Reports and Communications Submitted to the House 1829-1831 4.0 Cubic feet (18 volumes)****Scope and Contents note**

The reports and communications submitted to the House are from the Secretary of State (21A-F1), the Secretary of the Treasury (21A-F2), the Treasurer of the United States (21A-F3), the Secretary of War (21A-F4), the Secretary of the Navy (21A-F5), the Postmaster General (21A-F6), and others (21A-F7).

**Arrangement note**

The records are arranged chronologically within each group.

**Petitions and Memorials, Resolutions of State Legislatures, and Related Documents Which Were Tabled 1829-1831 0.66 Cubic feet****Scope and Contents note**

The petitions and memorials, resolutions of state legislatures, and related documents which were tabled are grouped by subject as follows: Indian matters (21A-H1.1); and various subjects (21A-H1.2).

**Arrangement note**

The records are arranged chronologically within each group.

**Election Records 1829-1831 0.66 Cubic feet**

**Records of Impeachment Proceedings**

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**Scope and Contents note**

The election records include the credentials of Representatives (21A–J1).

**Arrangement note**

The records are arranged alphabetically by state.

Other Records 1829-1831 0.08 Cubic feet

**Scope and Contents note**

Other records include various papers (21A–K1).

**Arrangement note**

The records are arranged chronologically.

**Records of Impeachment Proceedings 1829-1831****Impeachment of Alfred Conkling 1829-1831 0.02 Cubic feet****Scope and Contents note**

The papers pertain to impeachment proceedings against Alfred Conkling, Judge of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York (21B–A1). For other papers relating to the impeachment of Judge Conkling, see impeachment proceedings from House records from the 20th Congress (20B–A1); and the 26th Congress (26B–A1).

**Impeachment of James H. Peck 1829-1831 0.41 Cubic feet****Scope and Contents note**

**Records of the Office of the Clerk**

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The papers pertain to impeachment proceedings against James H. Peck, Judge of the U.S. District Court for the District of Missouri (21B–B1).

**Records of the Office of the Clerk 1829-1831****Index 1829-1831 0.16 Cubic feet****Scope and Contents note**

The index documents transcribed reports of the Committee on Claims, 19th Congress, 2d session, to 25th Congress, 2d session (19C–C1).

**Record Books 1829-1831 0.5 Cubic feet (9 volumes)****Scope and Contents note**

The record books include a bill book of House and Senate bills and resolutions (21C–A1); rough petition book (21C–A2); record of committee membership (21C–A3); record of reports made to the House together with a list of bills and resolutions reported (21C–A4); record of orders of the day (21C–A5); account of printing for the House (21C–A6); and a list of references to documents mentioned in printed House and Senate Journals (21C–A7). Also included is a petition book, 20th Congress, 2d session, to 22d Congress, 1st session (20C–A3); and contingent accounts of the Clerk's Office, 17th Congress, 1st session, to 21st Congress, 2d session (17C–A4).

**Records of Committee Reports 1829-1831 0.75 Cubic feet (3 volumes)****Scope and Contents note**

The records of committee reports include transcribed reports of the Committee on Claims, 21st Congress, 2d session, to 22d Congress, 1st session (21C–B1); the Committee on Elections, 21st Congress, 1st session, to 28th Congress, 1st session (21C–B2); and select committees (21C–B3). For

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other reports, see those of the Committee on Claims, 20th Congress, 2d session, to 21st Congress, 1st session (20C–B1); the Committee on the District of Columbia, 10th Congress, 1st session, to 27th Congress, 1st session (10C–B1); the Committee on the Judiciary, 13th Congress, 2d session, to 22d Congress, 2d session (13C–B1); the Committee on Public Expenditures, 13th Congress, 3d session, to 22d Congress, 1st session (13C–B3); the Committee on Expenditures on the Public Buildings, 14th Congress, 2d session, to 26th Congress, 1st session (14C–B3); the Committee on Private Land Claims, 14th Congress, 2d session, to 22d Congress, 2d session (14C–B2); the Committee on Agriculture, 18th Congress, 1st session, to 26th Congress, 2d session (18C–B1); the Committee on Foreign Affairs, 18th Congress, 1st session, to 23d Congress, 2d session (18C–B2); the Committee on Indian Affairs, 18th Congress, 1st session, to 24th Congress, 1st session (18C–B3); the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, 19th Congress, 1st session, to 21st Congress, 2d session (18C–B4); the Committee on Military Pensions, 19th Congress, 1st session, to 21st Congress, 2d session; the Committee on the Territories, 19th Congress, 1st session, to 32d Congress, 2d session (19C–B4); the Committee on Ways and Means, 19th Congress, 1st session, to 23d Congress, 1st session (19C–B5); the Committee on Commerce, 20th Congress, 2d session, to 25th Congress, 2d session (20C–B2); the Committee on Expenditures in the State Department, 20th Congress, 1st session, 21st Congress, 1st session, and 25th Congress, 2d session (20C–B3); the Committee on Manufactures, 20th Congress, 1st session, to 25th Congress, 3d session (20C–B4); the Committee on Military Affairs, 20th Congress, 1st session, to 24th Congress, 1st session (20C–B5); the Committee on Public Lands, 20th Congress, 1st session, to 22d Congress, 2d session (20C–B6); and the Committee on Roads and Canals, standing and select, 20th Congress, 1st session, to 23d Congress, 1st session (20C–B7).

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The records are arranged chronologically within each group.

## Other Records 1829-1831 0.33 Cubic feet

### Scope and Contents note

Other records include letters to the Clerk, chiefly from colleges, libraries, and Congressmen about sharing in the distribution of printed House documents (21C–C1).

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The records are arranged chronologically.