Among the seventeenth-century manuscripts received this year we will mention but three: a petition of the leading citizens of Kingston, New York, for a new minister, with the approval of Governor Andros, 1677; an inventory of the estate of William Lawrence of New York, including the very rare mention of an Indian slave, 1680; and the will of Cornelis Steenwyck, the foremost citizen of New York, leaving the Manor of Fordham to the Dutch Reformed Church, 1684.

For the eighteenth-century we have secured a rare letter of Governor Cornbury regarding French privateer prisoners, 1703; a fine addition to our DeLancey family papers, 1760–1800; the Livingston Manor account books, 1767–1814; and a number of important Revolutionary War papers, including a George Washington letter regarding the spy system, 1777, and another relat-