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**Committee for the Reception of the President to Providence records**  
**May - June 1833**

**OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION**

Number: 093-02

Title: Committee for the Reception of the President to Providence records

Creator: Bullock, Richmond  
Bridgham, Samuel W. (Samuel Willard), 1774-1840  
Carpenter, Thomas Francis, 1796-1854

Dates: May - June 1833

Quantity: 2 folders (.8 linear feet)

**ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Acquisition: Purchased, 2011.

Accruals: No accruals are expected.

Custodial history: Unknown.

Processed by: The collection was processed by Janaya Kizzie in 2012 as part of the RI Manuscript Collection. Reprocessed as distinct collection by Kate Wells in 2019.

Conservation: Not applicable.

Language: Materials are in English.

**RIGHTS AND ACCESS**

Access: This collection is open under the rules and regulations of the Providence Public Library, Special Collections department.

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**INFORMATION FOR RESEARCHERS**

Separated material None.

Published description	Not applicable.
Location of originals	Not applicable.
Location of copies	Not applicable.
Publication note	Not applicable.
Subject headings	Jackson, Andrew, 1767-1845 Presidents - Travel - History Rhode Island - History - 19th century.

**SEE ALSO**

Not applicable

**HISTORICAL NOTE**

President Andrew Jackson toured New England in June 1833 shortly after his second inauguration. The tour was done at the invitation of New England Democrats and was distinctly political. In Providence, a local committee was established in May 1833 to plan the logistics for his visit on June 20, 1833. The committee included seven prominent Providence men including James Fenner, Thomas Poynton Ives, Richmond Bullock, Walter Raleigh Danforth, Franklin Cooley, Nathaniel Wheaton, Dr. W. H. Allen.

President Jackson visited Newport, Rhode Island on June 19, 1833 and traveled to Providence on June 20, 1833 by steamer accompanied by his entourage including the Vice President, Secretary of War, and Secretary of the Navy. His arrival at Providence was announced by a discharge from the Marine Artillery at Fox Point followed by a procession through downtown Providence to the City Hotel. His itinerary for the day was full including four hours to meet the crowds, a dinner with honored guests, an early evening tour of Providence on horseback, an address to the students at Brown University and a ladies reception in the evening. The following morning of June 21, 1833, he was escorted by a procession to Pawtucket where he met with Samuel Slater and was received at the Massachusetts line where an artillery salute broke so many windows in Pawtucket that the State was responsible for providing replacement glass.

**SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE COLLECTION**

The collection includes fifteen manuscript documents relating to planning President Andrew Jackson's visit to Providence on June 21-22, 1833. The records include correspondence between members of the Committee for the Reception of the President and Providence Mayor Samuel W. Bridgham as well as planning and logistical documents related to transport, participating dignitaries, procession and introductions.

**ORGANIZATION OF THE COLLECTION**

Materials are separated into correspondence and records.

**DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION**

Title	Date	Folder
Correspondence between committee members including Richmond Bullock, Samuel Bridgham, Thomas F. Carpenter as well as Mayor Bridgham to President Andrew Jackson. .	May 24-June 19, 1833	1
Records including: List of men appointed to the committee Minutes of planning meetings Logistical itinerary, route, order of procession and introductions List of individuals accompanying the President Draft of press release	[May-June 1833]	2