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Summary Information

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Biographical / Historical

The Mayor's Court, established by the Dutch in 1650, was given this name by the English when they took over New York in 1664. Like its prototype in England, the Court aimed to provide justice for business men speedily and at lowest cost. In 1821 the Mayor's Court by statute became the Court of Common Pleas of the City and County of New York.

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Summary

The papers begin in 1681 with the appeal of Capt. Palmer from a decision of the Mayor's Court and conclude with a suit brought on Sept. 24, 1819 by one Leggett. Large quantities of

returns of writs of inquiry, especially during 1770-1775, are present as well as numerous legal opinions by government officials. The papers are largely pleadings of attorneys, occasional briefs or abstracts of arguments but relatively few judgments or decrees. Endorsements on the papers frequently convey the treatment of the case in Court.

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Chronological.

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Accruals

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Related Materials

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These papers overlap and supplement the official papers of the Mayor's Court on file in the office of the Commissioner of Records of New York County.

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A few leading cases in the Salzer papers have been published in SELECT CASES OF THE MAYOR'S COURT OF NEW YORK CITY (1935), volume II of AMERICAN LEGAL RECORDS, but the bulk of the material has never been printed.

Related Materials

See John Jay Papers for New York City Mayor's Court Ledger of Court Fees and Cases, 1758-1776 (Box 22).

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Controlled Access Headings

- Courts -- New York (State) -- New York
- New York (N.Y.). Mayor's Court
- New York (State). Court of Common Pleas (City and County of New York)

Collection Inventory

Mayor's Court Papers, 1681-1864, undated	
Title/Description	Instances
Mayor's Court Papers, 1681-1699	box 1
Mayor's Court Papers, 1700-1710	box 2
Mayor's Court Papers, 1711-1713	box 3
Mayor's Court Papers, 1714-1716	box 4
Mayor's Court Papers, 1717-1719	box 5
Mayor's Court Papers, 1720-1762	box 6
Mayor's Court Papers, 1763-1770	box 7
Mayor's Court Papers, 1771-1772	box 8
Mayor's Court Papers, 1773-1783	box 9
Mayor's Court Papers, 1784-1786	box 10
Mayor's Court Papers, 1787-1790	box 11
Mayor's Court Papers, 1791-1864, undated	box 12

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