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Theodore Burr Papers, 1812-1815, n.d.

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE, 1812-1815, n.d. (10 items)

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1812, May 21 – from Theodore Burr, Northumberland, PA
   to John Downey, Harrisburgh, PA

1812, June 12 – from Theodore Burr, Northumberland, PA
   to John Downey, Harrisburgh, PA

1812, September 15 – from G. Kumer (?), Lewisburgh, PA
   to Jacob Boas, Henry Beacher, Jacob M. Haldeman, Theodore Burr,
   Harrisburgh, PA

1813 – “proposition of Theodore Burr- with respects to the work & payts of the year- 1813”

1814, January 22 – from Theodore Burr, Northumberland, PA
   to Thomas Elder, Harrisburgh, PA

1814, May 28 – from Theodore Burr, Northumberland, PA
   to Thomas Elder, Harrisburgh, PA

1815, April 29 – from Theodore Burr, Northumberland, PA
   to Thomas Elder, Harrisburgh, PA

1815, June 24 – from Theodore Burr, Northumberland, PA
   to Thomas Elder, Harrisburgh, PA

1815, December 5 – from Theodore Burr, Northumberland, PA
   to Thomas Elder, Harrisburgh, PA

no date – from Theodore Burr
   to [not addressed]

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