

[1470] 26 February 1798, Kew BC II 192 (JBK/1/6).

[1810] 27 January 1805, Kew BC II 299 (JBK/1/7); DTC XV 264–5.

FRANKLIN, Benjamin (1706–90): statesman; scientist; printer; American ambassador to France, 1767–85; FRS 29 April 1756. Franklin's work in science, particularly with regard to electricity, was of great importance. He was the first to recognize the conservation of charge, and he also developed a theory of static electricity. In addition to these achievements, Franklin proved that lightning is an electrical phenomenon, and he proposed the use of lightning conductors. He also participated in the committee that drafted the American Declaration of Independence, 1776.

[183] 29 March 1780, APS Franklin Papers – Bache Coll.*

[276] 9 August 1782, UPL VII, 17.*

[285] 9 September 1782, BL Add. MS 8095, f. 81; LCMD Series 2, volume 21 (old vol. V), p. 1080 (mf. reel 7).

[343] 28 May 1783, UPL VIII, 20.*

[363] 27 July 1783, BL Add. MS 8095, f. 176; LCMD Series 2, volume 21 (old vol. V), p. 1149 (mf. reel 7).

[376] 25 August 1783, UPL VIII, 27.*

[377] 30 August 1783, RS L&P, VIII 36; UPL IX, 31.

[380] 13 September 1783, APS Franklin Papers.*

[401] 8 October 1783, RS L&P, VIII 37; UPL IX, 32.*

[429] 7 November 1783, UPL VIII, 35.*

[436] 21 November 1783, UPL IX, 33.

[437] 28 November 1783, APS Banks MSS 6.*

[440] 30 November 1783, BL Add. MS 8095, f. 177.

[446] 9 December 1783, APS Franklin Papers.*

[449] 15 December 1783, BL Add. MS 8095, f. 178; UPL IX, 34.

[480] 23 March 1784, UPL VIII, 43.*

[505] 21 August 1784, BL Add. MS 8095, ff. 282–3.

[535] 19 November 1784, APS Banks MSS 9.*

[574] 17 April 1785, BL Add. MS 8096, f. 85.

[659] 1 August 1786, LCMD Series 2, volume 23 (old vol. VII), p. 1649 (mf. reel 8).

[701] 6 December 1786, APS.*

FRASER, Sir William (d. 1818): 1st Baronet of Ledeclyne, 1806; FRS 14 April 1791. Fraser served in the East India Company. He was skilled in navigation, and was known for his pioneering interest in the determination of longitude at sea using lunar observations.

[354] 2 July 1783, Kew BC I 145 (JBK/1/3).

FREND, William (1757–1841): religious writer; actuary. A radical thinker and Unitarian, in 1794 Friend was forced out of his fellowship at Jesus College, Cambridge. He was known to poets, scientists and reformers. Apart from his