

COLLECTION TITLE	Papers of James Romney
COLLECTION IDENTIFIER	MSS 313
INCLUSIVE DATE(S)	1775 to 1802
EXTENT	2 boxes
CREATOR	Romney, James, 1734-?
RELATED ENTITIES	Romney, James, 1734-?
RELATED COLLECTIONS	Papers of James Romney
ACCESS POINTS	<p>Army officers</p> <p>Authors</p> <p>English drama -- 18th century -- Manuscripts</p> <p>English literature -- 18th century -- Manuscripts</p> <p>India -- Description and travel -- Early works to 1800 -- Manuscripts</p>

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

James Romney served as a Lieutenant Colonel in the East India Service and was very close to his brother, artist George Romney. They were both born in the same year (1734), George on 26 December and James probably in January. James Romney served in the Bombay Army from 1779-1804.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection comprises ca. 600 sheets, mostly annotated folio manuscript drafts of plays, poetry, articles and letters written by James Romney whilst serving as a Lieutenant Colonel in the East India Service. Items in this substantial collection date between 1775 to 1802, and regularly refer to the European experience in India. Many of the pieces were written for publication and were addressed to the Editors of local journals.

ACCESS RESTRICTIONS

Access: Open Access

Copying: Copying of material authored by James Romney under section 51 (1) of the Copyright Act (more than 50 years since the death of the author) is approved.

SOURCE OF ACQUISITION

The collection was purchased by the Academy Library in 1992.

RELATED ARCHIVAL MATERIALS

Related Material

Further papers of James Romney are held by the British Library, in Romney, James (b 1734; fl 1779-1804) Lieutenant Colonel Bombay Army at [MS Eur F 198](#) and [MSS Eur F 254](#). An early portrait of James by his brother George hangs in the [Abbot Hall Art Gallery](#) in Cumbria and another (painted c 1760-62) forms part of the [Yale Center for British Art](#) collection.

EXISTENCE AND LOCATION OF ORIGINALS

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