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## ITALIAN ARCHIVES.

This collection of transcripts and microfilm copies of manuscripts from Italian archival depositories was given to the Illinois Historical Survey by Professor Mary Lucille Shay, a member of the History Department of the University of Illinois. These materials were collected by Prof. Shay while she was engaged in a study of Comte Francois Joseph de Viry (1707-66). Viry, who was the Sardinian minister to London, 1755-1763, had the ear of the leaders of all political factions and acted as a trusted channel of communication. The part he played, together with the Sardinian ambassador in Versailles, in the negotiating of the peace treaty of 1763 is described in the introduction of T. C. Pease, Anglo-French Boundary Disputes in the West, 1749-1763. The Viry-Solar correspondence in part is also printed in that volume.

### Guides

To aid in locating materials in various Italian archival depositories the following guides may prove to be of use: Carl Russell Fish, Guide to the Materials for American History in Roman and Other Italian Archives (Washington, 1911); David M. Matteson, List of Manuscripts concerning American History preserved in European Libraries and noted in their Published Catalogues and similar Printed Lists (Washington, 1925); Gli Archivi di Stato Italiani (Bologna, 1944); and most important, Professor Shay's chapter in Daniel H. Thomas and Lynn M. Case, Guide to the Diplomatic Archives of Western Europe (Philadelphia, 1959).

### Organization

The papers from the Turin State Archives are organized on the basis of the arrangement of the original depository; first, by classification of type and origin of letter, and then by mazzi (bundles). Since the volume or bundle numbers of copies of manuscripts from the Florence State Archives are not available, the Survey's organization is based on film strip number.

### Manuscripts

ARCHIVO DI STATO (TURIN). CORRESPONDENCE, 1755-1763. 268 items, microfilm strips. 62-87.

The diplomatic correspondence of the Kingdom of Sardinia and of Savoy are among the papers housed in this depository. Because of the activities of the Comte de Viry, they have particular bearing on the diplomatic negotiations and affairs during the Seven Years War. For a description of the depository and its holdings, see especially Professor Mary Lucille Shay's article in the Thomas and Case, Guide..., 125-131, and Gli Archivi De Stato Italiani, 405-448.

#### Letters of the Ministers to England, 1755-1763

59. (1) October 23, 1755. Letter from Viry to the King.
60. (8) 1756. Letters from Viry to the King and to the Secretary of State Ossorio.
61. (3) 1757. Letters from Viry to the King.
63. (18) 1758. Letters from Viry to the King and to Ossorio; Desjacques to Ossorio.
64. (11) 1758-1759. Correspondence of Viry with the King and Ossorio; Raiberti to Viry.
65. (7) 1759-1760. Correspondence of Viry with the King; Viry to Ossorio.
66. (13) 1760-1761. Correspondence of Viry with the King and Ossorio.
67. (11) 1761-1762. Letters from Viry to the King and to Ossorio; King to Viry.
68. (11) 1762-1763. Correspondence of Viry with the King; letters from Viry to Raiberti; Ossorio to Viry.

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69. (2) 1763. Letters from the King and Raiberti to Viry.

Negotiations, English

1, addizione. (2) 1755, 1756. King's Instructions to the Comte de Viry and to Baron Joseph Marie de Viry de la Perriere.

Letters of the Ministers to France

203[?]. (2) 1762. Letters and memorial from Solar de Breille to the King.

Negotiations, Great Britain

Ultima addizione (18th century). (1) May 30, 1762. Solar de Breille to Viry.

Sardinia, Letters of the Intendant General, 1720-47.

[No Mazzo Number.] (9) 1745-1746. Letters from Viry to the Secretary of State, St. Laurent.

Letters of the Ministers to Switzerland, 1738-1741

42. (34) 1738-39. Letters from Viry to the King; memorials from the King to Viry; projected alliances and articles.

43. (18) 1741. Letters from Viry to the King; memorials from the King to Viry; projected Plan and Treaty.

Letters of the Ministers to Holland, 1751-1754

47/2. (19) 1751. Letters from Viry to the King; memorials from the King to Viry.

48. (31) 1752. Ibid.

49. (44) 1753. Ibid.

50. (23) 1754. Ibid.

ARCHIVO DI STATO (FLORENCE). PAPERS, 1755-1763. 81 items on microfilm strips. 61-1474.

Among the papers housed in the Florentine depository are the diplomatic correspondence of the Grand Duchy of Tuscany. The Survey's letters from this group are from Vincenzo Pucci, who was the agent of the Grand Duke of Tuscany in London from 1738 until his death in July 1757, and from his successor Domenico Pucci from 1757 to 1766. They are written to the Comte de Viry and thus have bearing on the diplomatic negotiations and affairs during the Seven Years War. For a description of the depository and its holdings see especially Prof. Mary Lucille Shay's article in the Thomas and Case Guide..., 142-144, and Gli Archivi Di Stato Italiani, 67-106.

Film Strip #1. (8) 1755-1756. Letters from Vincenzo Pucci to Viry.

Film Strip #2. (4) 1756. Ibid.

Film Strip #3. (8) 1756. Ibid.

Film Strip #4. (9) 1757-1758. Letters from Vincenzo and from Domenico Pucci to Viry.

Film Strip #5. (11) 1758-1759. Letters from Domenico Pucci to Viry.

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Film Strip #6. (9) January-March, 1759. Letters from Domenico Pucci to Viry.

Film Strip #7. (13) 1759-1761. Ibid.

Film Strip #8. (11) 1762-1763. Ibid.

Film Strip #9. (8) 1762-1763. Ibid.