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**Guthrie, James, 1792-1869**

**Letter about filibustering, 16 Jan. 1854**

## **DESCRIPTION**

Two-page letter written by James Guthrie, as U.S. Secretary of the Treasury, to R. P. Hammond, Collections, at San Francisco, California, dated January 16, 1854. The letter asks Hammond to "exert the utmost vigilance to detect . . . attempts which may be made to fit out any vessel . . . for the purpose of being engaged in any hostile enterprise against the citizens or possessions of any foreign country . . ." In the 1850s many plans were made in San Francisco to set up independent governments in Sonora and elsewhere. This letter documents the efforts to prevent such filibustering expeditions from leaving San Francisco.

1 box, .1 linear ft.

## **HISTORICAL NOTE**

Lawyer and political leader; Guthrie was founder and president of University of Louisville, served as U. S. Secretary of the Treasury from 1853 to 1857, supported the Union during the Civil War, and served as U. S. Senator from 1865 to 1868.

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