



## PERSONNEL FILES

### FORMER COLONIAL PERSONNEL (Series E, XVIIth-XVIIIth Centuries)

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Description of the material	441 articles (boxes), 63 l.m.

#### ***Presentation of the contents***

Mainly devoted to the individual files of colonial, military and civilian personnel of the Ancien Régime, this series in fact contains pieces from three different origins:

- For the period before about 1760, it is mostly various pieces found after rebinding Series C, which had been gathered together, often erroneously, as files concerning personnel. Some of these letters shed no light on the career of the person signing them but, on the other hand, are of general interest for a particular colony.
- After 1760 real personnel files appear, containing pieces from the Registry of Births, Marriages and Deaths, service records, etc.
- Finally a third category is made up of items from the Bureau du Contentieux des Colonies (Litigation Department for the Colonies). It consists of files of proceedings mainly concerning not civil or military officers but settlers and traders or armourers established either in France or overseas.

The rather artificial way in which this series has been made up explains why very many documents can be found here: memoirs, correspondence, various certificates, etc. which are often of great general interest.

#### ***Related documents.***

It must be remembered that, particularly around 1760, the administrative managers in the colonies were almost exclusively made up of personnel from the Corps de la Marine. Their files should be searched in the Sub-series Marine C7 kept in the Archives Nationales.

#### **To access the inventory:**

<http://anom.archivesnationales.culture.gouv.fr/ark:/61561/up424ojc>