Primary Maker: Robert R. Livingston
Title: Breeches
Date: 1760-1800
Medium: Leather, bone, mother-of-pearl
Dimensions: Overall (Folded): 1 × 12 1/2 × 37 3/4 in. (2.5 × 31.8 × 95.9 cm)
Credit Line: Gift of Goodhue Livingston
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Classification: CLOTHING AND FASHION

Curatorial Remarks:
These breeches were worn by Chancellor Robert R. Livingston (1746-1813) of New York. Livingston served in the Second Continental Congress, and was on the committee that drafted the Declaration of Independence. Among other positions, he served as United States Secretary of Foreign Affairs from 1781 to 1783, and as Minister to France from 1801 to 1805. During his time there, he was instrumental in negotiating the Louisiana Purchase.

Physical Description:
White leather breeches with bone and mother-of-pearl buttons; four button fly covered with a flap which fastens to three buttons across the top, and six buttons around the waistband; pants open at bottom, each leg also outfitted with five buttons in vertical rows.
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