Primary Maker: Robert R. Livingston
Title: Tailcoat
Date: 1800-1805
Medium: Wool, silk
Dimensions: Overall: 4 x 19 x 50 in. (10.2 x 48.3 x 127 cm)
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Object Name: Tailcoat
Classification: CLOTHING AND FASHION

Curatorial Remarks:
This court tailcoat was worn by Chancellor Robert R. Livingston (1746–1813) while he was ambassador to France, from 1801 to 1805. A distinguished statesman, Livingston was a member of the Second Continental Congress, and served on the committee of five that drafted the Declaration of Independence. Livingston served as Chancellor of the Supreme Court of the State of New York from 1777 to 1801, and as the United States' Minister to France from 1801 to 1804.

Physical Description:
Brown wool single-breasted tailcoat with silk embroidery; tall stand-up collar, eight buttons front opening, wide cuffs with three buttons at each wrist; pockets with chevron-shaped flap located at each hip; button at the bottom of each tail; collar, cuffs, tails, pockets, and center-front edge embroidered in various colors of silk in ornate floral and leaf
design; handmade silk point lace runs along outer edges; buttons covered with brown wool and embroidered with satin stitch in pinwheel designs resembling flowers; inside of tailcoat lined with white twill-weave silk.

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