

ANDREW MELLON TLS

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ANDREW W. MELLON (1855-1937); Financier; Industrialist; Secretary of the Treasury. Mellon was a Pittsburgh banker and industrial visionary who was almost single handedly responsible for the development of entire industries (aluminum, carborundum) and heavily involved in the founding of several large industrial enterprises whose names are today recognized worldwide. At the time he was appointed Treasury Secretary in the Harding administration, he was one of the world's wealthiest men. He remained Secretary of the Treasury throughout the Harding and Coolidge administrations, and was undoubtedly the most influential member of these administrations. 1931 Typed Letter Signed on Secretary of the Treasury letterhead to Colonel Judson Spofford: "...I note your views on the cancellation of foreign war debts, and thank you for your kind expressions of approval...A. Mellon" Colonel Judson Spofford was the last Union survivor of the Civil War battle of Monocacy, Md, He mustered into "K" Co. VT 10th Infantry in 1862 and was wounded in 1865 at Petersburg, Va. His 1937 obituary describes how he was with "the Force that Prevented D.C. Invasion" With Sec. Of Treasury stamped envelope address to the elderly civil war soldier. Fold marks, light wear, Fine. \$200 - up

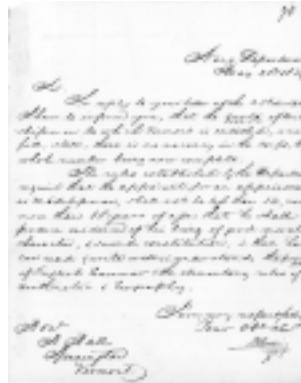


SEC. OF NAVY PAULDING ON TREASURY DRAFTS

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JAMES PAULDING (1778-1860). Paulding served as Van Buren's Secretary of the Navy who financed exploratory missions to Oregon and Antarctica. He also wrote novels including Brother Jonathan. Letter Signed. 1pp. 8" x 10". Navy Department. November 4, 1839. A letter signed "J K Paulding" as Secretary of the Navy to "Capt. A. A.

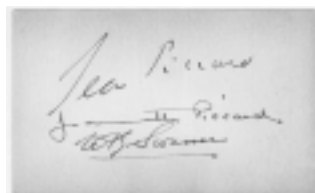
Nicholson". Paulding communicated that the public creditors shall be paid in a medium of equal value with Treasury drafts: "*Such substitution will be considered highly reprehensible...*" \$125 - up



SECRETARY OF THE NAVY JAMES PAULDING ON VERMONT'S MIDSHIPMEN

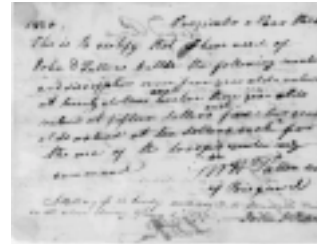
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JAMES PAULDING (1778-1860) Paulding served as Buren's Secretary of the Navy. Letter Signed. 1pp. 8" x 10". Navy Department. May 28, 1839. A letter signed "J K Paulding" as Secretary of the Navy. Paulding writes to the Honorable H. Hall of Bennington, Vermont to inform him the "**quota of Midshipmen to which Vermont is entitled, is not full, still, there is no vacancy in the corps, the whole number being now complete. The rules established by the Department require that the applicant for an appointment as Midshipman, shall not be less than 14, nor more than 18 years of age...**" The letter goes on to describe other requirements of the position. Light mounting traces to verso, generally Fine. \$125 - up



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JEAN PICCARD. (1884-1963). Organic chemist and aeronautical engineer. He contributed significantly to the advancement of scientific knowledge of the stratosphere, ballooning and of the means for man to survive in a high altitude environment. Cut signature on a postcard. 5 1/2" x 3 1/2". \$50 - up



SAM HOUSTON'S AIDE-DE-CAMP, WILLIAM HESTER PATTON SIGNS A MILITARY DOCUMENT REGARDING CATTLE USE FOR HIS TROOPS MONTHS AFTER THE BATTLE OF SAN JACINTO

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WILLIAM HESTER PATTON (1808-1842); Soldier, surveyor, and legislator. As an early advocate of Texas independence, he served as a sergeant in Capt. John Austin's company at the battle of Velasco in June 1832. Gen. Sam Houston appointed Patton acting assistant quartermaster with the rank of lieutenant and ordered him to Velasco to supply arriving volunteers and forward them to Houston's army. An energetic and aggressive Indian fighter, Patton was severely wounded in an Indian fight on Leon Creek near San Antonio on October 28, 1838.

Autograph Letter Signed. November 24, 1836. 1 p. 7 1/2" x 6". This is a military document at Orozimbo plantation where Santa Anna was held prisoner. Patton signs this document as Commandant of the Prison guard. Patton came to Texas and fought in the Battle of Velasco, the Siege of Bexar and was Aide de Camp to Sam Houston at the Battle of San Jacinto. He was wounded by Indians and murdered by Mexicans: "*This is to certify that I have used of John D Pattons cattle the following number and description seven four year olds valued at twenty dollars each twelve three year olds valued at fifteen dollars each - five two year olds valued at ten dollars each for the use of the troops under my command..*" The document is signed "WH Patton." The front of the document is an oath signed by John D. Patton in regards to money he owed to the government. Age toning. VG. \$1,250 - up

MAJOR GENERAL ROBERT PATTERSON ALS

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ROBERT PATTERSON (1792-1881). Prominent soldier and General. Served in the War of 1812, became major general of volunteers at the beginning of the Mexican War, and served with distinction at Cerro Gordo and Jalapa. At the beginning of the Civil War he was mustered into the service as major general of volunteers, President of the Aztec Club, 1867-1881

Autograph Letter Signed, 1 page, both sides, dated August 1873. Patterson declines an invitation because of a conflict of interests; "*I have received the kind invitation of yourself and Colonels Blatry(?) & Smith to the Seventh Annual Re-Union of the Society of Army Cumberland...and write with so many of my old comrades and would certainly do so - but that the Aztec Club, of which I am President - meet this year in on Tues, the 14th...your friend, R. Patterson.*"

Accompanied by original steel plate engraving of the distinguished Major General and a contemporary newspaper story of the General, his life and his ill fated story which led to the Battle of Bull Run. Slight soiling, Very Good. \$100 - up



WILLIAM H. PRESCOTT ANS

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WILLIAM H. PRESCOTT (1796 - 1859). American historian; devoted himself to Spanish history. Autograph Note Signed. n.d. One page, mounted to presentation page. Prescott requests from "Plummer" his brothers address in Paris, in addition to a few more lines. The 4 1/2" x 3 1/2" holographic page is evidence of Prescott's failing eyesight, owing to a thrown crust of bread temporarily lodged in his eye while he attended Harvard. Very Good. \$75 - up



GEORGE PEABODY TO LADY WESTMINSTER

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GEORGE PEABODY (1795-1869). Peabody was a wealthy merchant and generous philanthropist. Autograph Letter Signed. 2pp. 5" x 8". Buckingham Gate, London. December 15, 1862. Signed "George Peabody" to Lady Westminster declining an invitation due to illness: "...but be assured that the honor thus conferred upon me will ever be held in grateful remembrance. Since I was able to leave my apartment, I have been to Brighton for a week and have nearly recovered my usual health...I shall next week proceed to the South of France for the winter, hoping to avoid my usual attacks of gout and rheumatism...The red apples are very delicious but will not keep so well as the Newtown Poppins." There is minor glue residue at left margin from a previous mounting in a book, but it is in fine condition. \$400 - up

THE MOST DRAMATIC ORATOR IN THE AMERICAN ANTISLAVERY MOVEMENT

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WENDELL PHILLIPS (1811-1884) a Prominent abolitionist from 1837, President of the Anti-Slavery Society from 1865-1870. So highly regarded were his oratorical abilities that he was known as "abolition's Golden Trumpet". Like many of his fellow abolitionists, Phillips took pains to eat no cane sugar and wear no clothing made of cotton, since both were produced by the labor of Southern slaves. It was Phillips's contention that racial injustice was the source of all of society's ills. Like William Lloyd Garrison, Phillips denounced the Constitution for tolerating slavery. Autograph Letter Signed. 4pp. 5" x 8". n.p. 4 Dec '81. Phillips writes to a fellow lawyer and friend, Mr. Dyer: "There is no setting ahead of you

TWO LETTERS RELATING TO THE LIFE OF BRIGADIER GENERAL GEORGE S. PATTON SR., GRANDFATHER OF GEORGE S. PATTON, JR. ONE ALS WRITTEN BY PATTON TO HIS COUSIN AND ANOTHER LENGTHY ALS FROM PATTON'S GRANDMOTHER TO HIS GRANDFATHER SHORTLY BEFORE HIS DEATH AT THE BATTLE OF OPEQUON

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GEORGE PATTON, SR. (1833 - 1864) The grandfather of George S. Patton of World War II fame. 1p Autograph Letter Signed. Jan. 30, 1860 from George Patton Sr to his cousin Andrew dated January 30, 1860: "Dear Cousin Andrew, We forgot to ask you before you left to inquire particularly in regard to passenger fare on The Ocean Steamers from N. York to Aspinwald and from thence to San Francisco. The ratio for children servants & c...G.S. Patton"

The second letter, a 2pp ALS written from Richmond on February 19, 1863 details the family's upcoming move, general family news and the family's beloved bible: "My dearest husband... I write word to say that you have my full and free consent to sell our house and lot ... As for the furniture I think ... possessions such as the bed ... bureaus and stands ... book case ... table and chairs also kitchen furniture of all kinds. ... Don't forget to take good care of our family bible and should you conclude to send your books out don't forget it ... Don't spend your gold if your money won't hold out borrow or get on credit and by economy you will pay in a short time. The money I have will last me a long time especially if you can get things for me... If you get a waggon to bring out the things I have written on I think you might send salt enough to pay expenses It is right funny for me to be writing this which I have very idea that you all are going down there, for you did not evidently have the least idea of it when you wrote your last letter but I think it will be on the safe side so don't laugh at one of this finds you quietly sitting down at Lewisburg. ...Should you all continue campaigning out in the West I shall certainly come to Lewisburg or somewhere where I can hope to see you occasionally. I felt truly sorry to hear of little ... Sumner's death. His poor mother, how much she will grieve for him...your ... wife. S.G.P."

The letter is difficult to read as it was cross-written due to a lack of paper during the confederacy. George S. Patton Jr's father was Brigadier General George Smith Patton (1833 - 1864). He served in the 22nd Virginia Infantry CSA. He was among the casualties of the Battle of Opequon (the Third Battle of Winchester). He left behind a namesake son who was born in Charleston, West Virginia, when that state was still part of Virginia. The second George Smith Patton was only a child during the American Civil War. He graduated from the Virginia Military Institute in 1877. The father was a friend of John Singleton Mosby, a cavalry hero of the Confederacy, serving first under J.E.B. Stuart and then as a guerrilla fighter. The younger Patton grew up hearing Mosby's stories of military glory. Apparently inspired by them, from an early age the young Patton sought to become a general and hero in his own right. \$1500 - up

MIXED LOT OF GOVERNORS, CONGRESSMEN, SENATORS & HIGH PUBLIC OFFICERS

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Twenty three items make up this diverse selection of political autographs. Most are Typed Letters Signed on official letterheads: Mon C. Wallgren, Governor, WA; H. Alexander Smith, US Senator; Albert Ritchie, Governor MD; Martin Kennelly; Mayor Chicago; William Knowland, US Senator; Theodore Christianson, Governor MN; Robert Twyman, US Congressman; Author Vandenberg; US Senator, E.H. Mason, US Congressman; G. Mennen Williams, Governor, MI; William M. Tuck, Governor, Virginia; Hugh D. Scott, Jr. US Congressman; Frank J. Lausche, Governor, OH (2); A.H. Baldwin, US Dept. of Commerce (with WWI content); Daniel Nash Morgan, Treasurer of the US; Clarence Budington Kelland, RNC Author; Arthur Hugh Frazier, American Embassy; Thomas Collier Platt, US Senator; Charles Whitman, Governor, NY; Charles D. Lawrence, Judge US Customs; Frank O. Lowden, Governor Illinois. Overall VG. \$200 - up



LOT OF PRESIDENTIAL CABINET MEMBERS

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Well presented group of Typed Letters Signed, Signed Check, autograph card & clipped signatures to total thirteen items: 1) William Jennings Bryan (Secretary of State) TLS on Department of State letterhead to the Diplomatic and Consular Officers of the United States in Europe with good content in an introduction letter for Mr. Howard Bible whose mission is to go to Germany and secure dye stuffs for the textile industries in America. August 24, 1914: "...No dyes have been supplied to the US since the declaration of war and unless the present congestion can be relieved the immediate future for the some of our textile industries is very serious..." 2) Walter Folger Brown (1869-1961) Postmaster General & Asst. Sec. of Commerce; clipped signature. 3) Dwight Filley Davis (1879-1945) Secretary of War on War Department Card. 4) James Farley, US Postmaster General. TLS on DNC letterhead, in his trademark green ink. 5) Cordell Hull (1871-1955) Roosevelt's Secretary of State. 6) Daniel Scott Lamont (1851-1905) Cleveland's Secretary of War, inscribed and signed clipped card. 7) Harry Hines Woodring (1890-1967) Roosevelt's Secretary of War, War Department Card. 8) John Wingate Weeks (1860-1926) President Harding's Secretary of War, War Department Card. 9) Richard Wigginton Thompson (1809-1900) Hays Secretary of the Navy, Inscription and autograph on clipped sheet. 10) Claude Augustus Swanson (1862-1939) Roosevelt's Secretary of the Navy on Secretary of the Navy card. 11) Frances Perkins (1882-1965) Roosevelt's Secretary of Labor. Signed Check, dated 1937. 12) William Gibbs McAdoo (1863-1941) Roosevelt's Secretary of the Treasury, clipped signature. 13) John Davis Long (1838-1915) Secretary of the Navy for both McKinley and Theodore Roosevelt, inscription and signature on clipped letter. A nice lot in carefully prepared binder with full biographies for each statesmen. \$200 - up

HIGHLY IMPORTANT EDMUND RANDOLPH LETTER REGARDING THE PARDONING OF PRISONERS : "I BEG LEAVE TO CONSIGN THE WRETCHED CONDITION OF THE PRISONERS TO YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION..."

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EDMUND RANDOLPH (1753 - 1813) A member of the Constitutional Convention, Randolph was the first Attorney General and then Washington's second Secretary of State, but resigned after being falsely charged with bribery. He later represented Aaron Burr in his treason trial.



An autograph letter signed "Edm. Randolph", addressed to The Honorable Speaker of the House of Delegates, with the integral leaf docketed in another hand, neatly inlaid. In part: "*the general assembly will collect his distress for money, and the dreadful consequence to his unfortunate prisoners, if that distress be not immediately removed. In the contingent fund, to which resort is regularly to be had on these occasions, not a shilling can be found: and the executive cannot approve the expedient of borrowing from other funds during the session of the legislature. I therefore beg leave to consign the wretched condition of the prisoners to your immediate attention, and to request, that some certain provisions be made for them in [the] future. The act authorizing the executive to grant conditional pardons being about to expire on the last day of this month; I am advised to inform the assembly that it is probable in the eye of the law, that in case of a motion to the general court to award execution de novo on a criminal already conditionally pardoned, who may have escaped and may be retaken after that day - the court could not proceed against him. It is therefore submitted, how far it may be fit, to declare that this law, notwithstanding its expiration shall*

justify anew award of execution for any breach of the condition committed, while it was in force. It will perhaps be proper too to remind the assembly that from the peculiar phraseology of that act it may be necessary to continue the power of outlawing, in order to give affect to the other parts of it..." Fine. \$2,500 - up

5"x8". Addressed to Major General Gordon asking him to meet at "The Wednesday Club" at his house. Also includes a separate cover, address to "His Excellency George N. Briggs" of Pittsfield along with heavy red wax seal and another autograph of Quincy. George N. Briggs was Governor of Mass. 1844 to 1851. Light age wear to both, mostly Fine.

\$125 - up



JOSIAH QUINCY TO MAJOR GENERAL GORDON

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JOSIAH QUINCY III (1772-1864) US Congressman from Massachusetts, Mayor of Boston, President of Harvard University. The historic Quincy Market in downtown Boston is named in his honor. Two items: Autograph Letter Signed. 4 Park Street (Boston). 1 pp. n.d.



CHECK SIGNED BY ELIPHALET REMINGTON JR.

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Partly-printed check drawn on the Iliion National Bank payable to Herk Co. Bank in the amount of \$2500.00 dated Feb 10, 1855. Accomplished and signed by **ELIPHALET REMINGTON**. With his brothers Philo (the inventive genius) and Samuel, Eliphalet co-founded E. Remington and Sons which for many years produced probably a greater variety of high quality arms than any other manufacturer. A nice arms related autograph. Fine. \$125 - up



WILLIAM A. RICHARDSON TLS

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WILLIAM A. RICHARDSON (1821-1896). Richardson was Grant's second Treasury Secretary. Letter Signed. 1870, On Treasury Department letterhead. 2pp. William A. Richardson to a gentlemen regarding his fathers will: "It only remains now for Mr. Butterfield, to other witness to make his appearance..." 7 3/4" x 9 3/4". Mounting evidence on verso, some light tatters to edges. Signature is in black pen and very fine. \$100 - up

GRANT'S TREASURY SECRETARY ALS

"life is too short to spend much of it on such long trash"

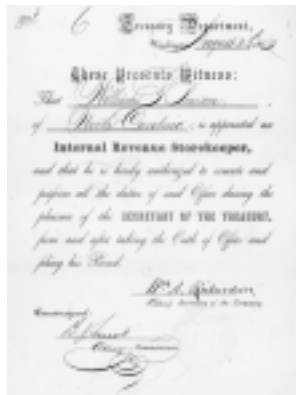
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WILLIAM A. RICHARDSON (1821-1896). Richardson was Grant's second Treasury Secretary.

Autograph Letter Signed "W. A. R.," three sides of two adjoined pages, 5 1/2" x 8", Treasury Department letterhead, August 23, 1873. Letter to an unidentified gentleman. In part:

"I saw the article...I suppose that you sent me, but I did not read either as life is too short to spend much of it on such long trash... I have read already more than half of McLeod's book and am both pleased and dissatisfied with it." In fine condition, with some scattered light toning.

\$100 - up



WILLIAM A. RICHARDSON APPOINTS IRS STORE-KEEPER

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WILLIAM A. RICHARDSON (1821-1896). Richardson was Grant's second Treasury Secretary. Partly printed Document Signed. 1 page. 7 3/4" x 9 3/4". Washington D.C. 1872. Appointment certificate from the Internal Revenue Service appointing William Pearson IRS Storekeeper. Signature is in dark ink and very fine. Impressed seal along with the ornate printing and calligraphy gives this document a terrific presentation

\$100 - up



PHILO REMINGTON

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DS. 1 page. Partly-printed bank draft ordering payment to "Harry Hakes \$31.93 out of the fund appropriated for incidental purposes, in satisfac-

tion of claim presented to the Board of Trustees..." Signed by Remington as president of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Ilion. Bank cut cancellation. Very Fine. \$100 - up



AUTOGRAPH DOCUMENT SIGNED BY GEORGE ROSS IN THE PIVOTAL YEAR 1775 ~ SHORTLY AFTER ATTENDING THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS

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GEORGE ROSS (1730 - 1779) A Signer of the Declaration of Independence from Pennsylvania.

Autograph Document Signed "G. Ross", 2pp., 7" x 11", October 26, 1775, Cumberland County, [PA], with an additional full signature "George Ross" in the text. Ross acts as attorney in a matter of Benjamin Wallis and Charles Brink against George Shade. In part: "...Whereupon thy said Benjamin complains that...on the eighth day of August in the year...one thousand seven hundred and seventy three...the said George Shade did make his certain note in writing called a Promissory note...to pay to them Fifteen pounds lawful money of Pennsylvania with lawful interest...according to the tenor of the note and being so chargeable to pay the said Fifteen pounds...to said Benjamin and Charles...and being so chargeable the said George Shade in consideration thereof afterwards / to wit / the tenth of September in the year aforesaid...did promise that the said George Shade...would thereby pay according to the tenor of the note...". Docketed in the verso, with all the writing in Ross' hand. Light toning at the folds, otherwise Fine.

\$400 - up



YITZHAK RABIN AND DICK CHENEY

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YITZHAK RABIN Assassinated Israeli Prime Minister. Color glossy 9 1/2" x 7" photo of Rabin meeting with Minister of Defense, Dick Cheney, in front of a map of the world. Signed in black felt tip, "Y. Rabin." In fine condition. \$150 - up



RINGLING BROTHERS CONTRACT FOR A BALLET PERFORMER

"MALE COMPANIONS...STRICTLY PROHIBITED"

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Ringling Brothers Performance contract for Ona Naegel, one page both sides, dated February 21, 1912, for Naegel's ballet performances for a salary of \$8.00 per week. Signed at the bottom of the page in fountain pen, in an undetermined hand, "Ringling Bros." Attached to the front is a 5 rule list entitled "Rules concerning Ballet Girls," the last one reading "Male companions during hours when not on duty, strictly prohibited." 8" x 17" In fine condition, with light overall toning and several notation. \$150 - up

MASSACHUSETTS GOVERNOR WHO WAS LATER LIZZIE BORDEN'S LAWYER ALS

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GEORGE D. ROBINSON (1834-1896) US Congressman and Massachusetts Governor. In 1892, he earned the distinction of serving as Lizzie Borden's defense counsel; for a retainer of \$25,000 he was able to secure her acquittal. Autograph Letter Signed as congressman. One page, Nov 5, 1879. Robinson writes from Chicopee, Mass, declining an invitation to "Join in the Thomas ceremonies....Geo. D. Robinson" Accompanied by a contemporary steel engraving of his likeness and his autograph. Light soiling. Very Good.

\$100 - up



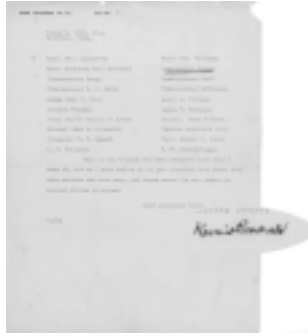
JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, JR. "DO YOU SUPPOSE YOU WILL TRY ME ONCE MORE...?"

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JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, JR. (1874-1960). Rockefeller, the only son of John D. Rockefeller, joined his father in the business and philanthropy. He donated the land for the United Nations, built Rockefeller Center and restored historic Williamsburg. Autograph Letter Signed. 2pp. 4 1/2" x 7". 4 West Fifty-Fourth Street. Thursday. n.d. An autograph letter signed "John D. Rockefeller Jr" addressed to "Miss Ferris" who Rockefeller apparently had an affection for:

"I can't tell you how provoked I am with this wretched weather. Upon one drive with you at least, I had been counting and had hoped it might be two. Instead we cannot drive at all. Really I am very much disappointed. Do you suppose you will try me once more and be good enough to let me know when next you come to town? Please do. I must apologize for not sending you word until so late yesterday noon; I tried earlier but failed; and hope very much that you were not inconvenienced in getting to the theater. May I send you these flowers as an evidence of my very sincere disappointment about the drive." The letter is in Very Fine condition.

\$150 - up



KERMIT ROOSEVELT TLS
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KERMIT ROOSEVELT (1889-1943). Roosevelt, the son of Theodore, was a businessman and served in both World Wars. Typed Letter Signed, one page, 8 1/2" x 11", Kerr Steamship letterhead, no date. Second page of a letter, which includes a list of names "the fullest and most complete list that I know of..." sent to Lyman Robb, including such names as Gifford Pinchot and Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson. Signed in black ink by Roosevelt. In very good condition, with light toning, minor haloing to signature, some light creasing and a bit of edge wear. \$125 - up



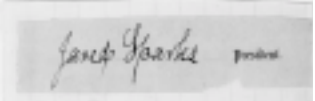
CARL SANDBURG SIGNS A PRINTED CARICATURE
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CARL SANDBURG. 6 3/4" x 9". Superb printed caricature of Sandburg calling upon The Poetry Society of America. Signed "Philardee all luck Carl Sandburg" at the lower right corner in dark ink. A great addition to any collection. Excellent condition. \$200 - up



JACOB HENRY SCHIFF TLS
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JACOB HENRY SCHIFF (1847-1920) Banker and philanthropist. Typed Letter Signed "Jacob H. Schiff" January 8, 1903. One page on black bordered stationery introducing Julius J. Frank "...an attorney of high standing, who desires to lay before you certain information concerning your application for insurance recently pending before your Society." In 1903, the notorious Kishineff massacre occurred, it was virtually a personal act on the part of Schiff, Schiff decided to personally lead a crusade to force Czar Nicholas to abandon his anti-Semitic campaign. Attorney Julius J. Frank (1852-1931) was one of the founders of the Young Men's Hebrew Association of New York. 9" x 7". Folds, in Fine condition. \$150 - up



JARED SPARKS
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JARED SPARKS (1789-1866). Sparks, a clergyman, was one of the first Americans to collect and catalog important American manuscripts. Clipped signature "Jared Sparks" next to a printed "President." 4 3/4" x 1 3/4" Fine. \$50 - up



FRANCIS SPINNER
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FRANCIS SPINNER (1802-1890). Spinner was the Treasurer of the United States during the Civil War, for which he won praise for skillfully managing the government's huge expenditures. Clipped autograph on with his trademark elaborate signature on a card pasted to an autograph album page. 3" x 2"; Fine. \$40 - up



CHECK SIGNED BY BENJAMIN SILLIMAN AND JOAQUIM BISHOP, THE MAN WHO MADE ONE OF THE FIRST DAGUERREOTYPE CAMERAS IN AMERICA
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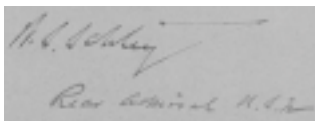
BENJAMIN SILLIMAN (1816-1885). Famous American scientist who worked at Yale, Silliman taught geology, chemistry and mineralogy. His work included improving mines and chemical manufacturing, editing the American Journal of Science and establishing the National Academy of Sciences.

JOAQUIM BISHOP, Early American Camera Maker, chemist, instrument maker and machinist. It is known that Bishop made daguerreian cameras for Dr. P.B. Goddard and Robert Cornelius. He crafted the earliest cameras in Philadelphia, and constructed the camera for Goddard between October and November, 1839, following the drawings of Daguerre's apparatus. The specific camera, which traveled through the family of J. Sartain, is in the Franklin Institute. He later founded J. Bishop & Co. Platinum Works.

Signed Check issued to "Benj. Silliman Esq." July 13, 1840 for \$100.00 drawn on the New Haven Bank, endorsed on verso. Vignette of beehive. Toning to left edge and with cancellation punches. He has made the amount payable to a Joaquim Bishop, who also signed this rare check, "J. Bishop."

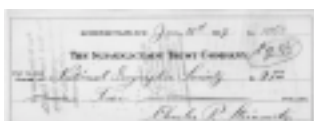
Some journals suggest Joaquim Bishop helped to make the first daguerreotype camera manufactured in the United States, but the actual day the very first camera is noted as being the first seems to be in dispute during those precious few months after Daguerre made his announcement to the world.

An incredible association between the renowned scientist and one of America's earliest camera makers. \$1,500 - up



WINFIELD SCOTT SCHLEY SIGNATURE WITH RANK
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WINFIELD SCOTT SCHLEY (1839 - 1911) American Rear Admiral. 5 1/4" x 6 3/4". Signature with rank on a sheet of paper. "W.S. Schley Rear Admiral." In excellent condition. \$75 - up



CHECK SIGNED BY CHARLES STEINMETZ
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CHARLES P. STEINMETZ (1865-1923). Mathematician and engineer. Steinmetz is best known for his development of the theory of alternating currents and for his experiments with artificially-created lightning. He

established his name in the American scientific community in 1892, preparing an analysis of hysteretic loss, a magnetic effect peculiar to alternating current. A true scientific genius. . . DS. 1 page. 7" x 2 3/4". Schenectady, N.Y., Jan. 12, 1907. Partly-printed bank draft drawn on the Schenectady Trust Co. payable to the National Geographic Society in the amount of \$2.00, presumably for a magazine subscription. Stamp and Perf cancellations not affecting Steinmetz's signature except for one small hole in the C of Charles. Fine. \$175 - up



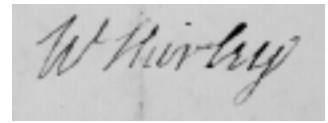
RICHARD STOCKTON JR. TO SENATOR REGARDING THE 12TH AMENDMENT:
"THIS WILL PROBABLY PROLONG THE REIGN OF THE DEMON . . . IT WILL BE DISSECTED LIMB BY LIMB WITH AS MUCH INDIFFERENCE AS IT FELT BY A SURGEON IN CUTTING UP A DEAD BODY..."

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RICHARD STOCKTON, JR. (1764 - 1828) Senator, Congressman, Lawyer and son of a signer of the Declaration of Independence. Autograph Letter Signed. 2pp. Nov. 27, 1803. Princeton. 9 1/2" x 7 3/4". Inlaid onto a larger piece of paper measuring 13 1/2" x 9 3/4". In part, the letter reads: ". . . From the first moment this amendment was proposed, I was directly against it, and when it was adopted by the Federal Party in the hope of representations and sent up to the senate in the year 1790 . . . all in my power to, and I believe was instrumental in causing its . . . in that body. But the day of reasoning on the true principles of the constitution is over - the most important articles of your national compact must be constantly called on to guild party and earn personal views - The degradation of the Federal Judiciary by its being now completely placed at the feet of the legislative body only to get rid of obnoxious judges has taught us what we are to expect on subordinate points - In truth I give up this constitution as gone - its death will be lingering - but its sentence has passed - **It was only calculated to the administrations by the same kind of men as those who formed it - it proposes nothing which can essentially guard it against the progress of democracy - but perhaps will ultimately be found only to have organized democracy - and given plan and system to it which it never has had in any other country- This will probably prolong the reign of the Demon - will give it a . . . which it has had in no other nation - and in the end . . . find little bit of much boasted of Constitution - it will be dissected limb by limb with as much indifference as it**

felt by a surgeon in cutting up a dead body. I altogether despair of Mr. Condat acting the enlightened heart you seem to take from him - and as to any of the States at present under Democratic Sway into passing . . . form no idea of - the proposed wagon given by Mr. Ketchel in our House of Assembly for an adjourned session was that they might be ready to . . . and act on the proposition . . . Your obliged servant Rd. Stockton. The letter could be in regards to the twelfth amendment that was passed in December of 1803. The twelfth amendment pertains to the Presidential elections. Thomas Jefferson was President at the time.

\$1,500 - up



MASSACHUSETTS GOVERNOR WILLIAM SHIRLEY 1766 SIGNED DOCUMENT

* 204

WILLIAM SHIRLEY, Governor of The Bahamas and Colonial Governor of Massachusetts. Manuscript Document Signed "W Shirley," in brown ink on watermarked, fine-laid paper, November 5 1766, [Nassau] Bahamas, Very Fine. Signed at bottom, in brown ink, with a flourish. Shirley signed this document as the governor of the Bahamas, and the embossed seal of the Bahamas is noticeable at the top left. Shirley Directs Surveyor General John Pratt to measure and layout "unto John Cooper of New Providence... a Tract of Land situate to the Southwest and Westward of Land heretofore granted to Alexander Marshall, containing two hundred acres." Cooper was a merchant and likely a slaveowner based out of Charleston, S.C. Light toning, mild foxing, with some minor edge splits at folds.

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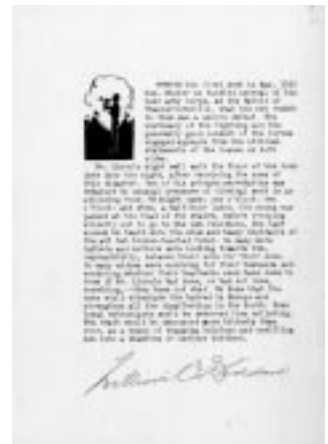


LINCOLN'S PERSONAL SECRETARY TO NEW YORK TRIBUNE EDITOR

* 203

WILLIAM O. STODDARD (1835-1925) Assistant private secretary to the President. He started as an Illinois journalist and was supposedly the first to endorse Lincoln for the Presidency. He later had a long career as an author of histories and books for boys.

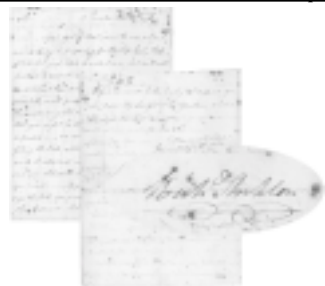
Autograph Letter Signed. 1 page. New York; October 12, 1869. On beautiful illustrated lettersheet of the Tehuantepec Railway Co, with imprinted large eagle with snake in beak, map of U.S. on scroll; to Whitelaw Reid introducing Geo. May Powell: "He is travelling extensively east and west, and wishes to try his hand as a Tribune Correspondent..." Whitelaw Reid (1837-1912) was a U.S. politician and editor of the New York Tribune; U.S. ambassador and Republican vice presidential nominee. 2 folds and a few minor creases. VG. \$125 - up



LINCOLN'S PRIVATE SECRETARY SIGNS A POIGNANT TRIBUTE

* 205

WILLIAM O. STODDARD (1835-1925) Assistant private secretary to the President. He started as an Illinois journalist and was supposedly the first to endorse Lincoln for the Presidency. He later had a long career as an author of histories and books for boys. Typed Letter Signed. "William O. Stoddard." \$250 - up

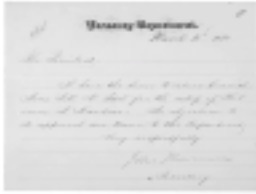


RARE ALS FROM THE SON OF SIGNER RICHARD STOCKTON

* 201

RICHARD STOCKTON, JR. (1764 - 1828) Senator, Congressman, Lawyer and son of a signer of the Declaration of Independence. Autograph Letter Signed. 2 pps. 4to. November 20, 1770. Princeton, NJ. Very rare letter form of Declaration Signer Richard Stockton. The letter reads: "Sir, yours of 5th of Nov'r. came to me when I was so busy in preparing for the Sup. Court, that I had but just time to read it over, but could not pretend to answer it. Your other of yesterday came to hand this morning, and I think you have come to the most prudent determination respecting the compleat[ing] schedule No.2 and I can't think that you ought to dispense with going yourself in person. We cannot add to the schedule after filing the Bill, without leave to amend, which would be attended with cost & delay. I shall send you Schedule No. 1 the first opportunity as you desire. If you please Jos. Mead should sign the Bill, you must write to him, and send him a Copy to peruse, but as it was finished & engrossed before he came to this Country, I suppose you can have the benefit of his assistance, whether he signs the Bill or not. I am Sir your most hb Ser Rich'd Stockton". Although Stockton is available in other document form, in 30 years of major public auctions, we record only four examples that have been offered. Moderate levels of foxing throughout, peripheral chipping, two small areas of restoration. Otherwise VG.

\$1,500 - up



TWO SECRETARIES OF THE UNITED STATES TREASURY
* 206

JOHN SHERMAN & RICHARD RUSH, Secretaries of the Treasury.

1. Autograph Letter Signed, "John Sherman," black ink on Treasury Department letterhead, March 2, 1881, 7" x 7.75". Choice Extremely Fine. The letter written to the President reads, "I have the honor to return here with House Bill No. 3 of 5 for the relief of Philemon B. Hawkins. No objections to its approval are known to this department. Very Respectfully."

2. Clipped signature, "R. Rush," black fountain pen, no date, 4" x 2.5." The signature measures 1.5" and includes a brief statement above. Richard Rush was Secretary of Treasury, Attorney General and Secretary of State. Closely clipped left edge, scattered light toning and a bisecting vertical fold. (2 items)

John Sherman is most well known for the Sherman Anti-Trust Act.

\$250 - up



* 207

ALFRED SMITH (1873 - 1944). American Political Leader. Smith was four-time Governor of New York and unsuccessful Democratic candidate for the Presidency in 1928. A large signed caricature of politician Alfred Smith drawn from life by world famous Czechoslovakian caricaturist Oscar Berger. 12 3/4" x 14 3/4". A very fine example. \$225 - up



CHARLES SUMNER RECOMMENDS A GEOLOGIST FOR THE DARIEN EXPEDITION

* 208

CHARLES SUMNER (1811-1874). American abolitionist; U.S. Senator from Massachusetts during Civil War and reconstruction. Autograph Letter Signed. Two separate pages, 5" x 8". Senate Chamber, [Washington], January 17, 1870. Probably to the Secretary of the Navy, saying: "**I find that Mr. Bowditch of Boston... would like a place for his son as leveller or rodman on the Darien Expedition. His son is a graduate of the Technological Institute at Boston and his name is Ernest W. Bowditch. I do not doubt he will be an excellent assistant...**" Ernest William Bowditch (1850-1918) was, on the recommendation of Sumner, assigned as a geologist on the Darien expedition. The Darien Expedition in 1870 began a 5-year exploration to survey the Isthmus of Darien (Panama) and "ascertain a point at which to cut a canal from the Atlantic to the Pacific."

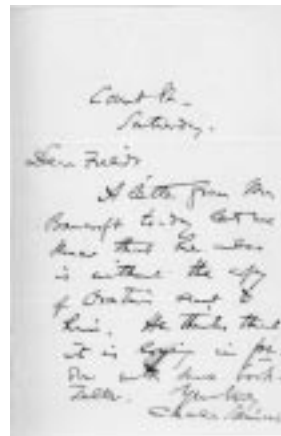
Starting in the 1850s, the whole world looked to the Darien Gap in eastern Panama as the site for a glorious canal linking the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. But someone had to survey the land of the Darien Gap. That task fell to the U.S. Darien Exploring Expedition. These brave surveyors, as an editorial comment from a recent book on the expedition wrote: "Misled by the false maps of a fraudulent earlier "explorer," the expedition was faced with two mountain ranges, damp and brutal heat, swarming mosquitoes and flies, a hostile native population, and a catalog of other hardships. The expedition was soon at the brink of disaster; the men's ordeal of starvation, exhaustion, disease, madness, and ultimate despair as they succumbed to the brutal jungle is one of the great untold tales in the history of exploration." Fine condition. \$175 - up



CHARLES SUMNER ALS TO EDWARD EVERETT HALE

* 209

CHARLES SUMNER (1811-1874). American abolitionist; U.S. Senator from Massachusetts during Civil War and reconstruction. Autograph Letter Signed, two pages both sides, July 9, 1841. Letter to Edward Everett Hale. In part, "*I have sent you a Law reporter, containing a translation of Dr. Varerstrap's thorough and painstaking review of the report of the Boston Pr. Soc. It is humiliating to see how much better Revd E. E. Hale instructed in our prison matter.*" 4 1/2" x 7 1/4". Scattered soiling and toning and a couple small tears along folds and a spine. Mostly Fine. \$175 - up



CHARLES SUMNER TO PUBLISHER JAMES T. FIELDS

* 210

CHARLES SUMNER (1811-1874). American abolitionist; U.S. Senator from Massachusetts during Civil War and reconstruction. Autograph Letter Signed. One page, n.d.: "*Dear Fields, a letter from Mr. Bancroft today lets me know that he also is without the copy of Orations sent to him. He thinks it is laying in person with some bookseller.*" James T. Fields (1817-1881) was the foremost publisher of the literature in mid-19th century America. He succeeded James Russell Lowell as edi-

tor of the Atlantic Monthly and was half of the namesake of Ticknor and Fields, the foremost premier literary publishing house in the United States during the middle years of the nineteenth century. 4" x 6". Clean tear to back page, o/w Fine condition.

\$125 - up



CHARLES SUMNER

* 211

CHARLES SUMNER ALS, 1 page, approx. 5"x8". Senate Chamber, May 20, 1862. "I am obliged by the information you furnished me with regard to the suitability of that Colter-english. I..admire Mr. Pierce & am sure cannot here ..." Folds, Fine.

\$125 - up



CHARLES SUMNER - THE YEAR HE WAS CANED IN THE SENATE

* 212

CHARLES SUMNER (1811-1874). American abolitionist; U.S. Senator from Massachusetts during Civil War and reconstruction. Autograph Letter Signed. 1 1/4 pp. 5" x 8". The esteemed Senator writes to cancel his newspaper subscription: "*Boston, 28th Dec, 1856... Dear Sir, I do not expect to be at home during the coming year... I have concluded not to take the Register any longer. You will please to strike my... name from your list. Faithfully yours, Charles Sumner.*" Light toning, heavier at center fold. In 1856, the year this was written, Sumner was severely beaten by

Preston Brooks in a dispute over slavery. It was one of the most dramatic and deeply ominous moments in the Senate's entire history.

\$125 - up



CHARLES SUMNER ON CONSTITUTIONALITY OF A TRANSATLANTIC CABLE
* 213

CHARLES SUMNER (1811-1874). American abolitionist; U.S. Senator from Massachusetts during Civil War and reconstruction. Autograph Letter Signed. 1 1/2 pp. 5" x 8". Senate Chamber, [Washington], January 16. n.d. Addressed to Honorable Charles G. Davis, Plymouth, Mass:

"...the subject to which you call my attention involves questions of Constitutional Law as well as public policy. It seems to me that the nation should have the right to say where and what conditions a transatlantic cable should be landed on its shores. Indeed is not the whole question involves in the answer to that other which I have so often resounded in public: "are we a Nation?"...Charles Sumner."

Light staining to second page, heavy mounting remnant to back page, not affecting presentation. Altogether Very Good. \$200 - up



ADOLPH SUTRO ALS

* 214
ADOLPH SUTRO (1830-1898). Mayor of San Francisco, Mining engineer. Sutro formed the Sutro Tunnel

Company which constructed a tunnel to provide ventilation, drainage and an easy means of transporting men and materials to and from the mines in the region of the Comstock Lode. Two page Autograph Letter Signed to his daughter Emma:

"On Russia," is how he begins, after having just visited there on his way to England: *"Sept 20, 78, My Dear Emma, I wrote you a few lines today and forgot to say that I wish to ascertain whether...Mackey is still in Paris. You might call then if you like, without making any special inquiry & ascertain what his movements will be - You may also say that I have arrived in England and will probably be in Paris in a few days...please be careful not to mention that I have said anything to you in regard to this...let me know immediately by letter or telegraph if you deem it important care Lesard brother, London...the truth is I should like to meet his Wish in Europe accidentally if possible...your affect. father, Adolph Sutro." Across the side he writes: "We are now in sight of Fastead(?) Lighthouse."*

The name he refers to was probably John W. Mackay, who was a Nevada miner turned wealthy capitalist with his fortune being found in the Comstock Lode. An interesting reference by Sutro. 5" x 8" with a small drop stain on the word "Russia." O/w Fine. Sutro is quite rare in letter form. \$225 - up



HORATIO SEYMOUR

* 215
HORATIO SEYMOUR (1810-1866). Seymour was the New York Governor during the Civil War, also known as The Great Decliner. DS. 1pp. 16 3/4" x 11 3/4". Albany. January 14, 1864. A partly printed document signed "Horatio Seymour" as New York Governor. He appointed "Rodney M. Taylor Major in the 12th Regiment of Cavalry New York State Volunteers...". There is a large red wax seal attached to the vellum and an attractive vignette of the New York State seal at the top. The piece is in fine condition overall with a large, dark signature. \$125 - up



A RARE GUSTAVUS SWIFT SIGNED CONTRACT

* 216
GUSTAVUS SWIFT (1839 - 1903). Meat packer. Founder of Swift and Company. DS. 3 pages including a blueprint map. 8 1/2" x 14". An agreement between the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis Railway Company and Swift and Company in which the former leases a parcel of land to the latter for a platform. Signed as president of Swift and Company by Gustavus Swift. Swift's autograph is scarce. Folds. Excellent condition. \$750 - up



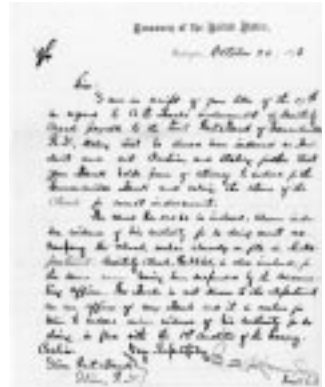
A PROXY DOCUMENT SIGNED BY EDWARD SWIFT
* 217

EDWARD F. SWIFT (d. 1932). A son of Gustavus Swift Sr, the founder of Swift and Company, Edward served as president of Compania Swift Internacional, S.A. and Swift Refrigerator Transportation Co. He also served as vice president of Swift and Company and a director of numerous corporations. A "Proxy and Waiver Irving National Bank" document signed "Edward F. Swift". The document assigned several other men to vote for Swift at the stockholders' meeting. It is in Fine condition, with the exception of two pin holes with a dark signature and a 10 cent red Document stamp. \$100 - up



NEW HAMPSHIRE MILITARY APPOINTMENT BY "JOHN SULLIVAN"

* 218
JOHN SULLIVAN, American Major General during the Revolutionary War and Member of the Continental Congress. Partially Printed Document Signed, "John Sullivan," in black ink, July 24, 1786, Durham, NH, 12.75" x 16". Fine. Military appointment of "Daniel Rickel to be Second Lieutenant of the eight Company in the Second Regiment of Militia, in the said State of New-Hampshire." The document has been signed by President (Gov) John Sullivan and countersigned verso by John Wentworth. Sullivan was an experienced lawyer and delegate to the Continental Congress but was better remembered for his military career. He also helped to put down Shays' Rebellion and was influential in getting the Constitution ratified. There is some minor edge chipping and folding tears to the document. On the reverse there are some tape repairs to the folds. The first of this early New Hampshire Military Appointments we have offered and made significantly more historic, by having the signature of General John Sullivan and a wonderful state seal. \$1,250 - up



LETTER AS TREASURY SECRETARY FRANCIS E. SPINNER

* 219
FRANCIS E. SPINNER. Treasurer of the United States. Spinner is best known for his service as

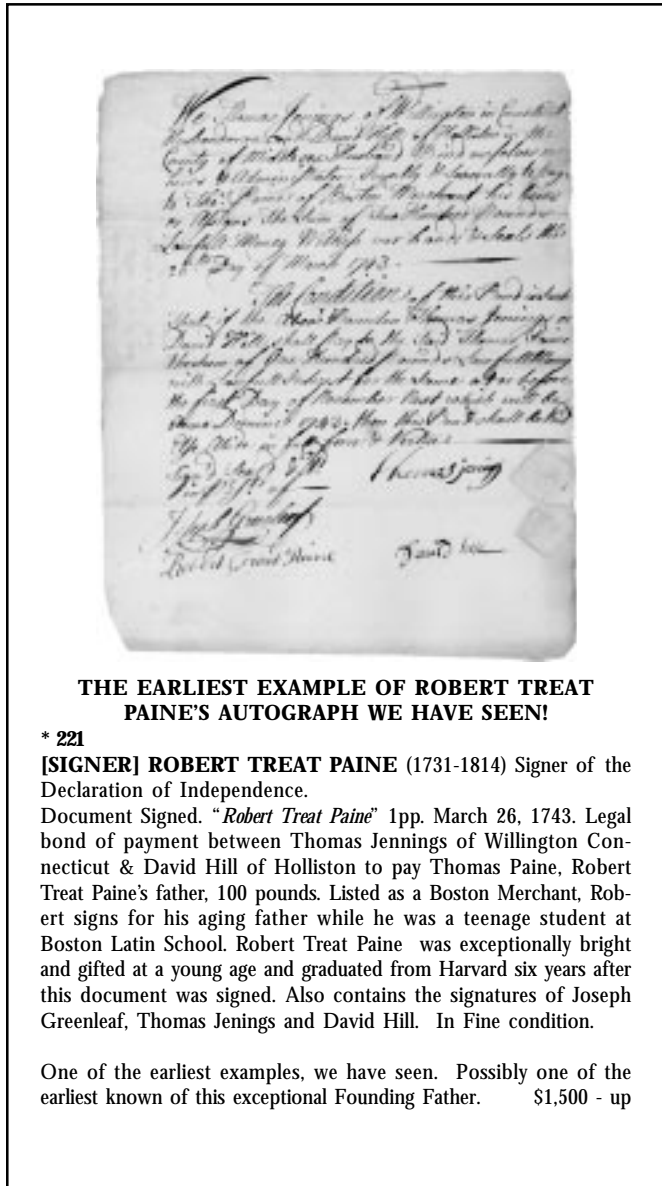
Treasurer of the U.S. during the Civil War, during which time he skillfully managed the government's huge expenditures. Ds. Washington, October 20.1873. 8" x 10". On imprinted Treasury Department station Written in a secretarial hand and signed by Spinner requesting "A.E. Brooks" to correctly endorse a bank check with his proper title within the bank and file that title with the 1st Auditor. Signed "Very Respectfully, F.E. Spinner" in dark bold ink. Missing upper right corner that can easily be matted out when framed. \$150 - up



**ROGER "DRED SCOTT" TANEY ADS
"HER HORSES TROD DOWN HIS GRASS"**

* 220
ROGER TANEY. (1777-1864). Chief Justice. Upon his election to the Presidency, Andrew Jackson rewarded Taney for his support by appointing him successively to the posts of Attorney General, Treasury Secretary, and finally Chief Justice. Taney is best known for his part in the Dred Scott decision, where he found that slaves were considered property, although he left a far wider imprint on the Court than just this decision.

Autograph Document Signed 1¼ pp. Frederick County. 1816. An autograph legal document signed "R. B. Taney." The document, written entirely in his hand, details a case where Elizabeth Chenowith, spinster, late of Frederick county was to answer unto George Barthalomew. The spinster entered into Bartholomew's close and with force and arms destroyed the grass and wheat and with her **horses "trod down and cut up, wasted"** it "...and whereupon the said George by Roger Brook Taney, his attorney complains...". 7½" x 13". The document is clean and bright with a minor edge fold separation, o/w Fine. \$200 - up



THE EARLIEST EXAMPLE OF ROBERT TREAT PAINE'S AUTOGRAPH WE HAVE SEEN!

* 221
[SIGNER] ROBERT TREAT PAINE (1731-1814) Signer of the Declaration of Independence. Document Signed. "*Robert Treat Paine*" 1pp. March 26, 1743. Legal bond of payment between Thomas Jennings of Willington Connecticut & David Hill of Holliston to pay Thomas Paine, Robert Treat Paine's father, 100 pounds. Listed as a Boston Merchant, Robert signs for his aging father while he was a teenage student at Boston Latin School. Robert Treat Paine was exceptionally bright and gifted at a young age and graduated from Harvard six years after this document was signed. Also contains the signatures of Joseph Greenleaf, Thomas Jennings and David Hill. In Fine condition.

One of the earliest examples, we have seen. Possibly one of the earliest known of this exceptional Founding Father. \$1,500 - up



KIND REGARDS FROM TRUMAN FOR LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CLEVELAND

* 222
HARRY TRUMAN, 33rd President of the United States. Typed Letter Signed, "Harry S Truman," on watermarked, personal letterhead, May 12, 1961, Independence, Missouri, 10.5" x 7.25", Superb Mint. The letter is written to a Mr. Hostick and reads in full, "Thank you very much for your letter and your thoughtfulness in offering to send me a photostat copy of a handwritten letter of President Cleveland. I would like very much to have the copy of this letter to add to our library collection. Sincerely yours, Harry S Truman." Hostick had sent material to Truman over the years, and

Truman wrote several letters back to him. Signed boldly in black ink. \$300 - up



HARRY S TRUMAN'S "MASONIC" TIES

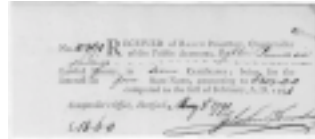
* 223
HARRY S TRUMAN, 33rd President of the United States. Typed Letter Signed, "Harry S Truman," on watermarked, personal letterhead, January 14, 1954, Kansas City 6, Missouri, 10.5" x 7.25", Superb Mint. The letter is written to a Mr. King and reads in full, "I appreciated very much your letter of the sixth, which I found on my desk when I returned from New York. I am more than happy that you were willing to make a contribution to the Library. I have signed the FEDERALIST, as you suggest and am returning your \$5.00 check. I have had quite a Masonic career but nothing to brag about. Sincerely yours, Harry S Truman." Hostick had sent material to Truman over the years, and Truman wrote several letters back to him. Signed boldly in black ink. \$275 - up



1817 FREE FRANK COVER SIGNED BY THOMAS TUCKER

* 224
THOMAS TUCKER, Treasurer of the United States. Free Frank Cover Signed "free Th.T. Tucker," and on the inside of the integral mailing leaf,

1817, Washington City, 3.5" x 5.25", Choice Very Fine. The contents are not included. The inside of the cover is signed T T Tucker, Treasurer and dated 31st Oct 1817. The cover is addressed to a Lieut. of Ordinance, Nehemiah Rouden, of Baltimore. Wax seal remnants are also found on the mailing leaf. Tucker served in the Revolutionary War and was an early statesman. A choice free frank and signature in very fine condition. \$125 - up



UNCUT SHEET OF REVOLUTIONARY WAR PAY CERTIFICATES SIGNED BY JOHN TRUMBULL

* 226
JOHN TRUMBULL (1750-1831) American poet and lawyer. He passed the entrance examinations to Yale when he was seven, but did not enter until he was thirteen. While tutoring at Yale he wrote *The Progress of Dullness* (1772-73), a satire on educational follies. In 1773 he entered the law office of John Adams and was drawn into the political fervor of his times, writing the bombastic *An Elegy of the Times* (1774) and the mock-epic burlesque of Tory politics, *M'Fingal* (1775-82). One of the *Connecticut Wits*, he contributed to the *Anarchiad* and the *Echo* and was an ardent Federalist. 1791, Connecticut. Partly-printed Document of **three** uncut pay vouchers, one signed, "*John Trumbull*" his signature nearly 4½" long across the page with an exceptional paraph; signed as interest paid on money due soldiers who were serving in the Continental Army. Other signatures include Amon Langdon and Herman Swift. 7½" x 9"; printed on heavy laid paper and in near Mint condition. \$500 - up



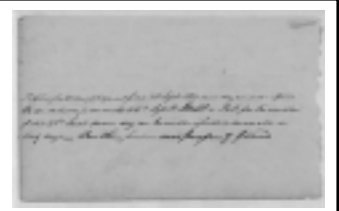
ELIZABETH TAYLOR'S MOTHER SARA SIGNS AN MGM CONTRACT FOR THE FIFTEEN YEAR OLD ACTRESS

* 225
 Document Signed. 2pp. 8 1/2" x 11". Culver City, California. November 21, 1947. A "Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Pictures" contract signed by Elizabeth Taylor's mother "Sara Sothern Taylor" since Elizabeth was still a fifteen year old minor: "*Concurrently with the execution hereof, you and Elizabeth Taylor (hereinafter referred to as the 'artist') have entered into an agreement with us whereby we have agreed that notwithstanding that we are not obligated to do so, we will continue the payment of compensation to the artist during the period from November 10, 1947 until her expiration of the current year of the term of her employment under her contract with us dated December 14, 1945, subject to the terms and provisions of said agreement between you and the artist...*". The document is in outstanding condition. \$300 - up



* 227
WILLIAM "BOSS" TWEED (1823-1878). Entering politics at an early age, Tweed became the boss of

Tammany Hall, an organization which he used to form the "Tweed Ring," one of the most corrupt political machines this country has ever seen. Document Signed "*William M. Tweed*," one page, both sides, October 12, 1870. Seventy percent voucher for a paving project between 3rd and 5th Avenues, signed at the bottom by Tweed. Scattered light toning, a bit heavier in folds, fold separation, a few light creases, mostly Very Good. \$175 - up



EXTREMELY RARE AUTOGRAPH DOCUMENT IN THE HAND OF WILLIAM BARRET TRAVIS, THE LEGENDARY 26 YEAR-OLD COMMANDER AT THE BATTLE OF THE ALAMO

* 229
WILLIAM BARRET TRAVIS (1809 - 1836) Texas commander at the Battle of the Alamo. Extremely rare autograph document [unsigned], in the hand of William B. Travis, as secretary of the City Hall ("ayuntamiento"), of San Felipe, Texas, one page, 8" x 5", describing legal actions of September 1831. "*Petition for order of payment filed 23rd Sept 1831, same day an order expired. Order...executed 24th Sept. Inst. Pet[ition] for Execution filed 28th Inst same day...*" Travis arrived in Texas early in 1831, after the Law of April 6, 1830, made his immigration illegal. He arrived at San Felipe de Austin, and on May 21 obtained land from Stephen F. Austin. He listed his marital status as single, although he was still married. He established a legal practice in Anahuac, a significant port of entry located on the eastern end of Galveston Bay. The purpose of the move there was to establish himself in an area where there were few attorneys while he learned the official language, Spanish. He traveled the country doing legal work and became associated with a group of militants who opposed the Law of April 6, 1830. Eventually this group became known as the war party as tension increased between the Mexican government and American settlers in Texas. Travis had many occasions to oppose the commander of the Mexican garrison at Anahuac, Col. John Davis Bradburn, a Kentuckian in the service of Mexico. Bradburn enforced the anti-immigration law, refused to allow state officials to alienate land to American settlers arriving after the passage of the law, and allegedly used materials and slaves belonging to the settlers to build his camp. It was during this eventful time that Travis drafted the document offered here. Fine. \$3,000 - up



JOHN TREADWELL AS WITNESS TO A WILL "I recommend my Soul to God...my body I commend to dust"

* 228
JOHN TREADWELL (1745-1823) Statesman. Elected a member of the legislature in 1776, and continued to take part in it until 1785, when he was appointed a member of the governor's council. He sat in the Continental congress from 1785 to 1786. He later became judge of probate, of the Supreme court of errors and judge of the court of common pleas. He was one of eight state representatives that ratified both the Constitution of the United States in 1788, and of the convention, thirty years afterward, that formed the state constitution. In 1809-'11 he was governor of Connecticut.. Document Signed "*John Treadwell*." 1808. 2 pp. will of Abel Thomson of Farmington: "*I recommend my Soul to God who gave it...my body I commend to dust whence was taken...Unto my beloved wife Sibil I give...all my household goods...half my farming tools...*" Thomson goes on to bequeath his possessions to his sons & daughters with great detail. John Treadwell signs as witness with Mary Treadwell and Patience Hotchkiss. 7 ¼" x 13". Soiling, some spots of splotched foxing, fold separations, overall condition good. \$500 - up



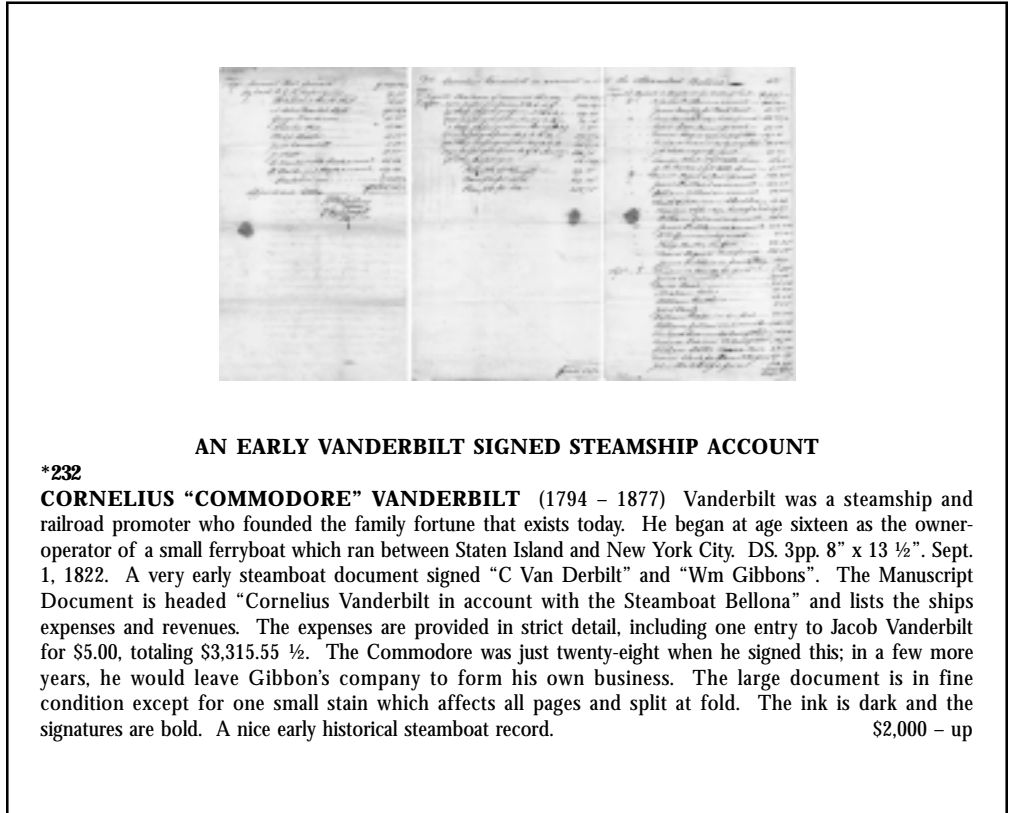
**BESS TRUMAN ALS
"I MANAGED TO SAVE SOME
FOR THE PRESIDENT"**

* 230
[FIRST LADIES] BESS TRUMAN (1885-1982) First Lady, wife of Harry S. Truman, 3rd President of the United States. 2 pp. Autograph Letter Signed on White House stationery, undated: "Dear Mr. Regan - Your lovely basket of candied fruit is beautiful and delicious! It was so very kind and thoughtful of you to send it to me and saying that I am enjoying it, is expressing it very mildly. Thank you loads for your attractive gift. — Sincerely, Bess W. Truman, Managed to save some for the President to enjoy too." In Fine condition. \$75 - up



**CORNELIUS VANDERBILT,
JR ENDORSES A CHECK
AS PRESIDENT OF THE
NEW YORK AND HARLEM
RAILROAD CO.**

* 231
CORNIELIUS VANDERBILT, JR. (1843 - 1899); Railroad executive; Capitalist. The first son of William H. Vanderbilt, Cornelius succeeded to the Chairmanship of the New York Central and Hudson River and the Michigan Central railroads. Upon his father's death, he came to be regarded as the head of the family and the chief director of its railroad empire. He constructed "The Breakers" in



AN EARLY VANDERBILT SIGNED STEAMSHIP ACCOUNT

*232
CORNELIUS "COMMODORE" VANDERBILT (1794 - 1877) Vanderbilt was a steamship and railroad promoter who founded the family fortune that exists today. He began at age sixteen as the owner-operator of a small ferryboat which ran between Staten Island and New York City. DS. 3pp. 8" x 13 1/2". Sept. 1, 1822. A very early steamboat document signed "C Van Derbilt" and "Wm Gibbons". The Manuscript Document is headed "Cornelius Vanderbilt in account with the Steamboat Bellona" and lists the ships expenses and revenues. The expenses are provided in strict detail, including one entry to Jacob Vanderbilt for \$5.00, totaling \$3,315.55 1/2. The Commodore was just twenty-eight when he signed this; in a few more years, he would leave Gibbon's company to form his own business. The large document is in fine condition except for one small stain which affects all pages and split at fold. The ink is dark and the signatures are bold. A nice early historical steamboat record. \$2,000 - up

Newport, Rhode Island, and contributed greatly to numerous philanthropic endeavors. DS. 1pp. 7 3/4" x 3". New York. Feb. 16, 1874. A "National Broadway Bank" check issued to "The Harlem RR Co." Cross-punch cancelled, though barely even visible, even when held to light. Fine. \$200 - up



**CONTRACT SIGNED BY
WILLIAM H. VANDERBILT**
* 233
WILLIAM H. VANDERBILT
Land Indenture of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad. Boldly signed by Vanderbilt. \$300 - up



**"COMMODORE"
CORNELIUS VANDERBILT
SIGNS AN EXQUISITE 7-
PAGE DOCUMENT CON-
CERNING THE HUDSON
RIVER RAILROAD**

* 234
CORNELIUS VANDERBILT (1794 - 1877) American financier. Built Grand Central Station in New York City. A declaration of trust between Vanderbilt and John M. Tobin, of one part, and The Hudson River Rail Road Co., of the other part. Much of the lengthy text describes the boundaries of several tracts of land, adjacent to Harlem River Rail Road prop

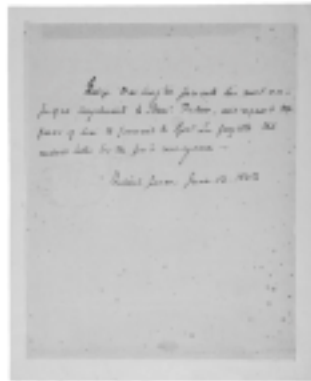
erty between Albany and Poughkeepsie purchased by Vanderbilt and Tobin from several different parties. The tracts are part of a farm in the vicinity of Stuyvesant and Cocksackie Ferry, and lands in the towns of Stuyvesant and East Greenbush. The final section of the text explains that Vanderbilt and Tobin were paid one dollar each by the HRR and the lands were conveyed to them to be held in trust for the use of the railroad. Signed on page 7 by Vanderbilt, Tobin and Edwin Quackenbush. After being primarily involved in shipping for years, later in his life Vanderbilt became involved in railroads. Gaining control of The Hudson River Rail Road was his second project in this industry, after he took over its competitor, The New York and Harlem. The transactions documented here must have been part of Vanderbilt's master plan to control the Hudson Valley railroads and consolidate three inefficient operations into a single well-run system. Vanderbilt took control of the third line, the New York Central, in 1867, by the early 1870's he had accomplished his goal. Good condition, with considerable fold repair. The paper and writing are otherwise Fine. \$1,500 - up



STEPHEN VAN RENSSELAER
* 235

STEPHEN VAN RENSSELAER (1764-1839). Patroon, soldier, congressman. He inherited vast lands in New York and was probably the foremost man in the state in wealth and social prominence. DS 14 1/2" x 17 1/2". Partly-printed. Indenture for land in Van Rensselaer's estate in which leases lands to Samuel Nerry for the sum of five pounds. The details of the lease are outlined in the printed text. Age spots and a couple of fold separations. Bold, large signature of this important early New York figure. \$300 - up

government to raise troops for the attack. He was adjutant general of the expedition that captured (1710) Port Royal (now Annapolis Royal, N. S.) and became military governor (1710-13) and civil governor (1715-17) of the Port Royal. Manuscript Document Signed, 1p.w/ docketing, April 22, 1703. New York. A very early English language "bill of balance" concerning cargo aboard the sloop "Mary" in New York harbor. Signed and sealed with red wax by Samuel Vetch, sloop's owner, and Samuel Bounds, sloop's master. Witnessed and signed by Matthew Ling and Jason Ennott. Light soiling, else Fine condition. \$750 - up



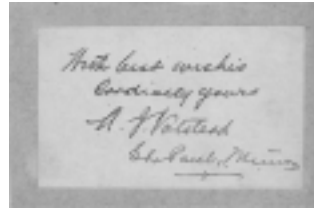
BUSHROD WASHINGTON'S CORRESPONDENCE TO "GEN. LA FAYETTE"

* 237
BUSHROD WASHINGTON, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court and Nephew of George Washington, who Served in the Continental Army, after his Legal Career, Retired at Mount Vernon. Autograph Note Signed in the Third Person, "Judge Washington," 1 page, 8" x 6.5", dated at "Walnut Farm - June 12, 1802", Very Fine. This note reads in full: "Judge Washington presents his most respectful compliments to Mons. Pichon, and requests the favor of him to forward to Gen. La Fayette the enclosed letter by the first conveyance." There are a few tiny scattered flyspecks and small 1" x 1.5" paper loss, just partially touching two letters, likely from when the sealed letter was opened, has been professionally replaced and archivally tipped to a larger sheet. A remarkable, and historic note of conveyance between George Washington's nephew to his beloved General Lafayette, whom was loved by Washington like his son! \$750 - up



RARE NAVAL RELATED DOCUMENT SIGNED BY COLONIAL GOVERNOR SAMUEL VETCH

* 236
SAMUEL VETCH (1668 - 1732) British soldier and colonial administrator. He was born in Scotland and eventually settled in Albany, N.Y., In 1699, he became a trader with the Native Americans. Author of a plan to capture French Canada, he was empowered (1709) by the British



VOLSTEAD CUT SIGNATURE WITH SENTIMENT

* 238
ANDREW J. VOLSTEAD (1860-1947). American legislator. Cut signature with sentiment tipped on paper. 4 1/4" x 2 3/4". "With best wishes cordially yours, A.J. Volstead . St. Paul Minny." Fine. \$40 - up

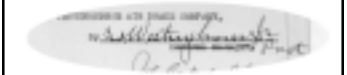
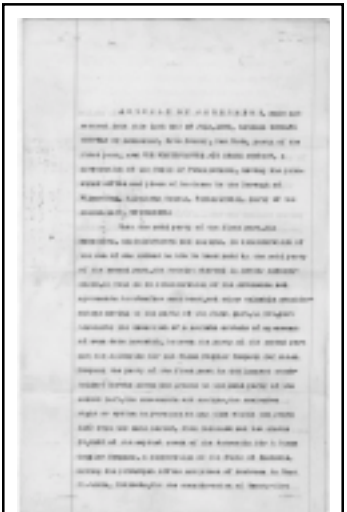


THE SHIP "OHIO" - ROBERT J. WALKER SIGNED DOCUMENT

* 239
ROBERT J. WALKER (1801-1869). Walker was Polk's Secretary of the Treasury who established the Independent Treasury system and drafted the 1846 Walker Tariff. DS. 1pp. 8" x 9 3/4". Treasury Department. 16th March, 1846. A partly-printed document signed "**R J Walker**" addressed to "C. W. Lawrence Esq., Collector of the Customs, New York": "Application having been made to me by Messrs. Butterfield Brothers & Co. under date of the 13th inst. to admit to entry The merchandise mentioned in the enclosed invoice, and imported from Liverpool in the Ship 'Ohio'; and you having certified your opinion that no fraud was intended in the invoice, and there not appearing any just ground to suspect that a fraud upon the revenue was intended, you are authorized and directed to admit the said merchandise to entry, in the same manner as if the invoice had been duly certified and authenticated, upon compliance with the provisions of the tenth section of the supplementary Act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage, passed

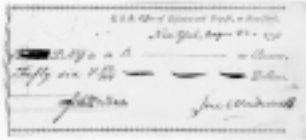
the 1st of March, 1823."

In 1820 the ship Ohio was launched at the New York Navy Yard. In 1838, Ohio sailed to join the Mediterranean Squadron under Commodore Isaac Hull. Acting as flagship for 2 years, she protected commerce and suppressed the slave trade off the African coast. In 1840 she returned to Boston where she again went into ordinary. From 1841 to 1846 Ohio served as receiving ship. Hint of light edgewear, altogether Fine. \$75 - up



PRESIDENT OF WESTINGHOUSE AIR BRAKE COMPANY, GEORGE WESTINGHOUSE, JR. SELLS STOCK OPTIONS

* 240
(1846 - 1914). Typed Document Signed. 8" x 13". Four pages. July 10, 1895. For the sum of one dollar, Westinghouse sells the option "to purchase at any time within ten years...five thousand and ten shares of the capital stock of the Automatic Air & Steam Coupler Company." Westinghouse signs as president of the Westinghouse Air Brake Company. Couple of staple holes. Very Fine. \$850 - up



**CHECK SIGNED BY
JEREMIAH WADSWORTH**

*** 241**
JEREMIAH WADSWORTH.
Army officer; Member of the U.S. House of Representatives; Business executive. A successful merchant, Wadsworth was appointed to a number of commissary-general posts beginning in 1775. He served as the commissary-general of the Continental Army, 1778-79. Document signed. 1 page. New York, August 23, 1793. 6 1/2" x 3". Partly-printed bank check drawn on U.S.B., Office of Discount and Deposit payable to A. B. (possibly Aaron Burr) in the amount of \$56.50. Accomplished in his hand and signed by Wadsworth as maker. Usual bank cut cancellation not affecting Wadsworth's signature. A nice example of this underrated revolutionary war figure. Extremely Fine.

\$450 - up



**CONTINENTAL
PAYMASTER GENERAL
"J WARREN"**

*** 242**
JAMES WARREN, Paymaster General of the Continental Army. Signed Title Page from "The Modern Part of A Universal History", "J Warren", in brown ink, James Warren's Library, 8" x 5", Very Fine. Attractive page with a lovely vignette. The page is toned with a few edge chips. Warren also served as president of the Provincial Congress of Massachusetts.

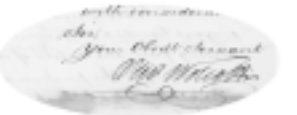
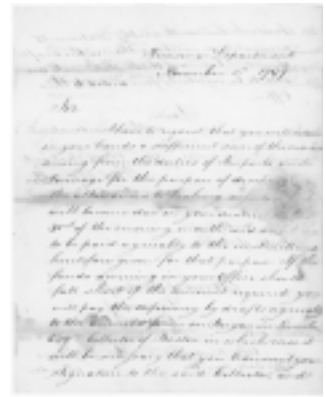
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**DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE SIGNER
GEORGE WYTHE IN 1799**

*** 243**
GEORGE WYTHE (1726 - 1806) Wythe was one of the first to advocate colonial independence. A member of a committee that protested the Stamp Act, he was a delegate to the Continental Congress and was a Signer of the Declaration of Independence. Scarce Manuscript legal document signed by John S. Woodcock, three full pages in the hand of John S. Woodcock, in part: "*Humbly complaining showeth unto your honor your orator Samuel Kerchival of Frederick County...in 1793... a certain Christopher Robinson, John Rumney and William Hodgson merchants and partners under the name and firm of Robinson Saunderson and company instituted a suit in the...District Court...against John Kerchival, the brother of your orator... a writ...was issued against the estate of the said John Kerchival and your orator...and an Execution is now again issued and your orator will be compelled to pay the same to the great injury and ruin of your orator without the interposition of your honor...*". Docketed on the verso "*An injunction is awarded on the usual terms, 11 of May, 1799, G. Wythe*", by the first professor of law in an American college and instructor to Thomas Jefferson, James Monroe, John Marshal and Henry Clay, 3 full pages, 8" x 13", Frederick County [Maryland].

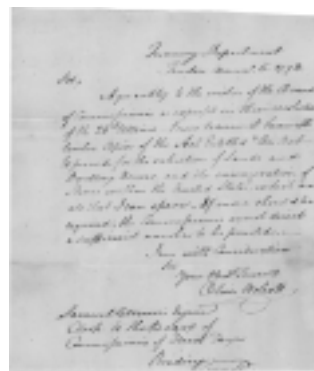
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OLIVER WOLCOTT JR.

*** 245**
OLIVER WOLCOTT JR. (1760-1833) Secretary of the Treasury under Washington and Adams; Governor of Connecticut. . LS. App. 7 3/4" x 9 3/4". Treasury Department. November 11, 1798. A letter signed "Oliv Wolcott Jr. " as Connecticut Governor to William Webb Esquire of Maine: "*I have to request that you will retain in your hands a sufficient sum of the monies arising from the duties of Imports and Tonnage for the purpose of discharge the allowances to fishing vessels which will become due in your district on the 31st of the ensuing month ...*" His large, flourishing signature with paraph is on page two. Below is written "*Form of the draft, District of Collectors Office... Benjamin Lincoln, Esq. Coll of Boston*" The

**FROM THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT ON "AN ACT TO PROVIDE
FOR THE...ENUMERATION OF SLAVES"**



*** 244**
OLIVER WOLCOTT JR. (1760-1833) Secretary of the Treasury under Washington and Adams; Governor of Connecticut. Treasury Department. Trenton, November 6, 1798. To Samuel C. Morris, Esquire. Clerk to the Board of Commissioners of Direct Taxes, Reading Pennsylvania. 7 'li" x 9". "*Agreeably to the wishes of the Board of Commissioners as expressed in their resolution of the 26th ultimo I now transmit herewith twelve copies of the Act entitled "An act to provide for the valuation of lands and dwelling houses, and the enumeration of slaves within the United States, which are all that I can spare..."*" Retained copy with a secretarial signature of Wolcott. "A Federal act dated 14 July 1798 (1 Stat. 597) imposed the first direct tax of the United States Government on its citizens. A previous, related act dated 9 July 1798 (1 Stat. 580) provided for the evaluation of Lands and dwelling houses and the enumeration of slaves. The resulting lists contained the names of those throughout the country who owned real property or slaves together with a variety of additional detail. The assessments were made "with reference to" 1 October 1798 by the Commissioners, under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury. The states were divided into divisions and the divisions into assessment districts." (NY Genweb project). A fine, early American slavery related item. In excellent condition.

\$300 - up

letter shows considerable damp staining at folds and some condition with a light moldy splotch in on the last blank page and small loss of paper. All in all, still Good. \$250 - up

and other Cod fisheries with, or without further advice." 7 3/4" x 9 3/4". A few small mounting traces to edge, mostly Fine \$250 - up



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
PAYNOTE ISSUED TO
WILLIAM SAMUEL
JOHNSON AND SIGNED BY
OLIVER WOLCOTT JR.**

* 246
1788, Connecticut. Paynote for ten pounds issued to but Not Signed by William Samuel Johnson. WILLIAM S. JOHNSON (1727-1819). A Delegate and a Senator from Connecticut Signer of the Constitution. Stamp cancelled. Cancellation hole at center. Very fine. \$125 - up



**OLIVER WOLCOTT SIGNED
TREASURY CIRCULAR**

* 247
OLIVER WOLCOTT, Jr. (1760-1833). Autograph Letter Signed. November 7th 1799, Treasury Department. 1 1/2 page. To William Webb, Collector of Bath. A Treasury circular setting up payment for imports; "I have to request that you will retain in your hands a sufficient sum of the monies arising from the duties of Imports and Tonnage for the purpose of discharging the allowances to Fishing Vessels which will become due in your District on the 31st of the ensuing Month..." Inside it reads further in "The Form of the Draft" for the District of Collectors Office allowances for those "employed during the last season in the Bank,

**JOHN WANAMAKER RE-
SPONDS TO THE
DELINEATOR**

* 248
JOHN WANAMAKER (1838-1922). Merchant; Philanthropist. Wanamaker was a successful Philadelphia merchant who pioneered the development of department stores. For many years John Wanamaker & Company was one of the largest department stores in the U.S. 1 p. Typed Letter Signed dated 1905 by the famous merchant and Postmaster General on his "Private Office" letterhead to the editor of the Delineator Magazine, Mr. Charles Dwyer, thanking him for his letter and commenting on an article the editor requested for the "different conditions under which work is done today compared with years ago..." Signed boldly "John Wanamaker." 5 1/2" x 8 3/4", blue paper, two tiny notch marks on top of page, o/w Very Fine. \$125 - up

AMASA WALKER ALS

* 249
AMASA WALKER (1799-1875) businessman, economist, and U.S. representative. He was the father of Francis Amasa Walker. Walker helped found Oberlin College and lectured there (and at other colleges) on political economy for many years. During the panic of 1857 he had an opportunity to put his monetary theories to the test and his experiment saved many Boston banks. Walker was elected as a Republican to Congress to fill a vacancy in 1862 and 1863. In 1866 he published his widely read work "The Science of Wealth: A Manual of Political Economy." Throughout his life he devoted himself to temperance, world peace, and abolition. Autograph Letter Signed from North Brookfield, 1845. Addressed to William Hyde regarding a lecture before the Lyceum. Integral address leaf with red postal stamp. On the seal is a tiny 1" x 3/4" green printed stamp that reads "do good to them that despitefully use you" Says the Saviour. "Trample them in the dust" cries the Warrior. War is contrary to the Spirit of the Gospel." Fine. \$100 - up

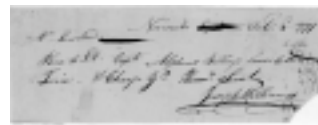


**MAYOR WOOD OF NY TO
FRANKLIN PIERCE:**

"I AM QUITE SURE THAT POLITICAL CONSIDERATION CAN HAVE NO INFLUENCE...
(BUT) HIS EXTENSIVE INFLUENTIAL FAMILY CONNECTIONS ARE OF OUR OWN POLITICAL FAITH -
HE IS A DEMOCRAT OF UNWAVERING STOMP..."

* 250
FERNANDO WOOD (1812-1881). Congressman, Mayor of New York City. Autograph Letter Signed "Fernando Wood." 1 page, New York, 1853. Mayor Wood writes to Franklin Pierce, "His Excellency" with some insightful political content into the political appointment process:

"...I beg to recommend to your favorable consideration the application of Wm. H. Allmand, Eng. To be appointed one of the Pursers of the United States Navy...*Though I am quite sure that political consideration can have no influence with your excellency in that appointment, yet I am happy to add...his extensive influential family connections are of our own political faith - He is a democrat of unwavering stomp...*" Includes a 19th century steel plate engraving of Wood. Light age wear, mostly Fine. \$125 - up



**GENERAL JOSEPH WILLIAMS
* 251**

JOSEPH WILLIAMS. Brigadier-General of the Third Brigade, Connecticut Militia. He was a friend and correspondent of George Washington; Putnam, and Gov. Trumbull as well as a member of the original purchasers of the site where Cleveland stands. Document Signed. 1 page. 7" x 2 3/4". 1791, Norwich. Military order for twine. Signed by Williams in dark bold ink. Fine. \$125 - up



**FAMED ENGRAVER NEZIAH
WRIGHT SIGNS A
DOCUMENT**

* 252
NEZIAH WRIGHT (c1805 - c1873) Wright was a well-known engraver and a partner of the famous engraving and printing firm of Rawdon, Wright and Hatch, known for their high quality work on stocks, bonds and banknotes. Document Signed. 1pp. 8" x 10". New York. April 19, 1845. A partly printed document signed "Neziah Wright, Engraver". The document states in part: "We Certify, that we have this day placed respective seals upon One package of Bank Notes for Mechanics Banking Association. and that the said package so sealed has been counted by us, and contains...200 imprs. of 5.5.5.5.". The piece is in extremely fine condition overall. Wright's signature is quite rare. \$100 - up




**WHERE ARE MY
CONSTITUTIONS?**

* 253
JAMES WHITCOMB (1795 - 1852) Senator from Indiana; appointed by President Andrew Jackson as Commissioner of the General Land Office 1836-1841. Autograph Letter Signed. Indianapolis. June 5, 1851. 1 pp. 7 3/4 x 9". Addressed to R.P. Anderson: "I wish you would inquire of Mr. Peters, as to my "Constitutions." Some of them may have been taken to Mr. Bright's

room, though I distinctly recollect seeing a large pile of books folded, and I think they were constitutions in the Pub. Lands Comm. Room of the Senate where many of the other documents were kept. They were not in the small alcove in the S.W. corner but on the outside of it...I am certain I requested that they should be kept for me at the capital...If found, let them remain in the capital...J.A. Whitcomb."

\$100 - up



ROBERT YATES

*** 254**
ROBERT YATES. ADS 1pp. 7 1/4" x 4". Rensslerwyck Manor. February 2, 1776. ADS. Yates summoned John Smith "to appear before me on Saturday the eleventh day of February... to answer Henry Chambers in an action of trespass on the case to his damage thirty two shillings..." Fine. \$150 - up

"... IF THE WAR CONTINUES, IT WILL BE ABOUT 8,000 DOLLARS A YEAR TO MY ADVANTAGE BUT STILL DON'T YOU SAY THAT I AM A FRIEND TO THE WAR FOR I FEAR IT WILL BE THE RUIN OF OUR COUNTRY ..."

*** 255**

WILLIAM WHITTEKER (1775 - 1853) A carpenter who set out for Boston in 1795 to find success in the fur trade and salt industry. Later settled in Chaleston West Virginia.

Significant 14 piece archive of correspondence by William Whiteker 1797 to 1819 to his friend back home in Boston, Eliakim Richards during a time when French and US relations were strained. Whitteker talks about the fur trade, "I can get beaver skins here from one dollar to three . . ." and the War of 1812's impact on his business. The Archive also touches upon the Spanish Inquisition as some letters are dated from Puebla New Spain when Whitteker's friend speaks of being baptized into the Presbyterian Church. More than 20 years of correspondence.



In part: "*Philadelphia April 1st, 1797 (to Eliakim Richards from William Whitteker) . . . I am sorry to trouble you again with another letter but the necessity [sic] I am in obliges me to write I am going to India I expect the fifteenth of this month in the ship called the New Jersey and I want you should send me any of that money as you can conveniently . . .*" Memorandum: Whitteker says that he is going to make a voyage on a "new and beautiful ship New Jersey . . ." where he signed aboard as a Carpenter's mate. Whitteker makes reference to this voyage in the following letter: "*Philadelphia April 5th, 1800 (to Eliakim Richards from William Whitteker) Dear friend, I take up my pen once more to transmit to you a few lines to inform you of my safe arrival here . . . a fit of sickness, that lasted me . . . weeks and I have been in good health since . . .*" "*Feb. 22, 1803 (to Richards from William) We have had the hardest winter ever known in this country and the Ohio River has been glated . . . I have collected eight hundred bearskins besides dear otters . . . and I shall start at 3 or 4 days at my rate let the water be high . . .*" Memorandum: Knowing a trade for bear skins. Whitteker often talked about his search for bear skins in his memorandum. He often told Eliakim about his successes in collecting the skins. "*River State of Ohio Dec. 11/14th, 1803 (to Richards from William) By this I inform you that I arrived home . . . I'm in good health after a long and . . . route . . . My reasons for not going to Detroit are these. When I arrived at Fort Erie I found by good information that Detroit Markets was overstocked in my absence and Merchants were selling at reduced prices. I therefore attend my route and I have come down the French . . . and the Allegheny River 300 miles and down the Ohio, 400 miles . . . This is a King of a Place to Detroit for collecting furs. I can get beaver skins here from one dollar to three. Most any quantity if I had another hand with me and all other kinds of fur. I have nothing more to write . . .*" "*August 8th, 1805 (Henry Richards to Elekiam Richards) Apologizing for not being able to come home . . . I made my escape from an English man at war about 60 leagues from Vienna to the Eastward . . . traveled all the way without*

a shirt on and without eating or drinking on the burning sands of this climate four of {men} my attempted to swim on shore two of them drowned and the other died four days after we arrived to . . . I often wrote to you from on board a man of war but never received any answers . . . Henny Richards"
 "Puebla - March 17th - 1808 New Spain (Henry Richards to Elekiam Richards) *Dear brother, the happy our [sic] is come unexpected.... I have seen you and I swam on shore from an English finigate. In the Buy of Mexico and I was three days before I see any human being more than my companion who swam ashore with me and we were naked for at least two miles before there . . . runaway . . . for us to make our escape and . . . found that runaway before us died of fatigue . . . although they had their clothes so you may think that I and my companion could not be in a comfortable situation being entirely naked in the high latitude in mountains of sand without water but got be blessed I am still in the land of the living . . .*"

It was during this year that Henry Richards was baptized into the Presbyterian church by a young missionary named Dr. Henry Ruffner and the two men became very good friends. "*Puebla New Spain July 9th, 1809...Dear brothers and sisters, I write to inform you of my welfare . . . I confess I have committed some errors in not given you directions in Spanish for direction you letter in English they never will come to me and now I the give the direction . . . Jose Del Prado I convento de santo Domingo and then if you take the trouble to go to the Spanish consoul [sic] he will direct your letter with these correctors and also send it in a package to Havannah. And I shall receive your letters in looking over my letter I receive that I have written rashly . . . But you would be so good as to forgive me when you consider the misfortunes that has befell me since I left Newbury.*" "*Puebla Dec. 1809 (Henry Richards to Elekiam Richards) . . . God nows [sic] when the times are very bad at present here and business is dull. I hope to leave this country soon but it will need with a great deal of trouble for there are very superstitious people and greater [sic] rogues then fools I have had many troubles to live in their country . . .*" Much more. An extremely interesting lot. 14 pieces total. \$2,000 - up

WESTERN AUTHOR

* 256

WARREN FERDE WILCOX: Western Author. Typed Letter. Montrose Colorado, Oct 11, 1912. 8 1/2 X 11"; 2 pp. On his personal letterhead which is embellished in print with his writings in columns on either side. He writes his father a detailed letter about life in Colorado, the difficulty of growing and selling spuds; feeding green alfalfa to cows makes them bloat; "...our Bible class teacher a nice old fellow who is leaving for California he thinks California is the finest place on earth and I believe so too; if I ever change again it will be for California; I hate winter worse every year; I don't like it especially when one has to live in such a shack where he just about freezes to death all the time. "The mountain rats are awful thick. I shot two and killed one with a stick then got a trap and caught one and this morning had a rabbit in it. The cotton tails are awful thick just dozens of them all around. Our Belgian hares are multiplying awfully we must have 25 or 30 more than we can eat."

Wilcox wrote "Last of the Famous Six hundred Dead," 1908. Print is light, but packed with a great many details. With original envelope. VG. \$300 - up



SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY WILLIAM WINDOM

SIGNS A MINT DOCUMENT JUST DAYS BEFORE HIS STUNNING HEART ATTACK

* 257

WILLIAM WINDOM (1827-1891). Garfield's & Harrison's Secretary of the Treasury. Windom proposed a plan for purchases of domestic silver in the open market, and the issuance of certificates redeemable in silver. This was enacted as the Sherman Silver Act of 1890, which also provided for the coinage of silver dollar coins. The death, as the life, of Secretary Windom was dramatic. On January 29, 1891, delivering the last words of a patriotic address before the New York Board of Trade in New York City, he sank to the floor and was dead before anybody could reach his side.

EDWARD SAMUEL LACEY (1835-1916) US Congressman from Michigan; commissioned by President Harrison to be Comptroller of the Currency.

Document signed by the fiery Secretary of the Treasury "William Windom." Treasury Department Office of the Comptroller appointment of Samuel McD. Tate as examiner of the affairs of the National Banking Associations. Dated January 2, 1891, just a few weeks before his stunning death. Signed also by Comptroller E.S. Lacey. In 1891 Windom addressed

the New York Board of Trade with the words, "As a poison in the blood permeates arteries, veins, nerves, brain and heart, and speedily brings paralysis or death, so does a debased or fluctuating currency permeate all arteries of trade, paralyze all kinds of business and brings disaster to all classes of people." Seconds later he suffered a heart attack and died.

14" x 10"; with the exception of usual fold marks, in mint condition. Upon Windom's death in 1891, the two-dollar silver certificate was redesigned with his portrait. A remarkably crisp Treasury document from a remarkable man. \$200 - up



BRITISH MILITARY 7 PIECE ARCHIVE INCLUDING FOUR DOCUMENTS SIGNED BY SIR GEORGE YONGE AS BRITISH SECRETARY AT WAR

* 258

GEORGE YONGE (1731-1812) was British Secretary at War from 1782-1794. Interesting collection of four Manuscript Documents (three signed) and three Manuscript Letters

Signed, each one page. The archive dates from 1788 to 1792 Includes: A partially printed document Signed: "Geo. Yonge" acknowledging receipt of "620 Pounds in full for Three Months Allowance as Secretary at War from Michaelmas day 1788 to Christmas day following".

Autograph Letter Signed signed: "Geo: Yonge" dated Sept. 4, 1788 requesting the Paymaster General "issue to Edward Moore Esquire Deputy Paymaster of Widows Pensions the Sum of Three thousand Pounds..." ALS signed: "Geo: Yonge" dated Nov. 10, 1790 asking the Paymaster General "out of the Monies advanced to you on account of Bounty and Subsistence for the Independent Companies to be forthwith raised you do issue to the respective Agents the Sums specified in the list hereunto annexed..." Manuscript list of six lieutenants, each to be paid one hundred pounds, is present.

An ALS signed: "Geo: Yonge" dated May 8, 1790 asking the Paymaster General to "issue to Edward Moore Esquire the Sum of 3,300 Pounds on account of Widows Pensions . . ." Other items include a partially printed document signed: "W Brummell" dated Aug. 3, 1792 acknowledging receipt of "Fourteen Pounds five shillings in full for Six Months Net Allowance for Fire and Candle, to the Garrison of Chester..." An unsigned document which reads, "General Account for Levy Money Pay &c of Cat. T.J. Hardyman Independent Company raised in pursuance of The Rt. Hble. the Secretary at wars letter of 13th Octo 1790 & finally inspected the 14th Decem following." Total of 548 pounds 17 shillings 6 pence. A document signed: "Andrew Lawrie Agent" dated June 4, 1791 relating to the "General Account of Captain Donald Macdonalds Independent Company" totaling 634 pounds 7 shillings 7 pence. In Fine condition.

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