

COLONIAL COINS



VIRGINIA HALFPENNY

1738, Virginia. Copper. Bust of George III facing right. Extremely Fine. Some corrosion and pitting on obverse. Couple of rim problems. A fine inexpensive example.

\$125 - 175



NEW JERSEY COPPER

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1788, New Jersey. Copper. Large planchet. Maris 67-V. Very Good. Horse's head facing right on obverse with the words "NOVA CAESAREA" (New Jersey). These coins were passed as 15 to a shilling. Nice shield detail remains on reverse. Granular surface. A nice, inexpensive example of an early New Jersey Copper.

\$100 - 150



NEW JERSEY COPPER

1788, New Jersey. Copper. Large Planchet. Maris 62 Q. Very Fine. Horse' head facing right on obverse. Curved Plow Beam. Large Planchet with a Plain Shield. A nice, smooth planchet with a couple of small rim bruises, one at twelve o, clock and one at one o'clock.

\$450 - 500



CONNECTICUT COPPER

1787, Connecticut. Copper. Bust facing left. A nice example of this coin in Fine condition. A very slightly granular surface. Slightly off center strike.

\$225 - 275



NEW YORK COPPER

1787, New York. Copper. Bust facing left on obverse, seated figure facing left on reverse. A nice moderate grade "NOVA EBORAC" with a touch of red color.

\$325 - 375



VERMONT BRITANNIA

1787, Vermont. Copper. Bust facing right on obverse, seated figure facing left on reverse. A very slight planchet clip at 8 o'clock. A decent example in Fine condition with a typically weak reverse.

\$225 - 275



A NICE NCG GRADED WASHINGTON LARGE EAGLE COPPER

1791, United States. One cent. Bust portrait of Washington facing left on obverse, Large eagle on reverse. In an NCG holder graded VF 25. A nice coing with pleasing eye appeal.

\$600 - 700



1787 MASSACHUSETTS HALF CENT

1787, Massachusetts. Half cent. Ryder 5-A. Indian with a bow and arrow on obverse, spread eagle on reverse. A clean VF example.

\$425 - 500



1783 WASHINGTON DRAPED BUST WITH COLLAR BUTTON

1783. United States. Scarcer type of this coin with the button on the drapery at neck. Fine.

\$150 - up



WASHINGTON LIBERTY & SECURITY PENNY

*10

1795. Undated Liberty and Security penny. The rim is marked "An asylum for the oppress'd of All Nations". Near EF.

\$275 - 325



1721 H FRENCH COLONIES

1721 - H. Authorized by an edict of Louis XV dated June 1721, these coins were only unofficially circulated in Louisiana and other French colonies. Fine.

\$175 - 225



1785 NOVA CONSTELLATION WITH **POINTED RAYS**

1785. United States. "US" encircle with a wreath. Struck in Birminham, England, these coins were shipped to New York where they entered circulation. They appear to have been a private coinage venture undertaken by Robert Morris, Gouvernor Morris, John Rucker and William Constable. Very Fine 35

\$400 - 450



1793 WASHINGTON SHIP HALFPENNY

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1793. Washington bust facing left on obverse, ship on reverse. Lettered edge "Payable in Angelsey, London or Liverpool". Medium die state with a slight bend in the planchet at two o'clock. VF-30.

\$400 - 450



1788 MASSACHUSETTS CENT R10-L.

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1788, Massachusetts. One cent. Indian with bow and arrow on obverse, eagle on reverse. A nice example. EF.

\$500 - 600



1787 FUGIO CENT - THE FIRST COIN ISSUED BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE UNITED STATES

*15

1787. United States. 18H R6. Thirteen linked states encirling "We Are One". Sundial and Sun with the word "Fugio" and "Mind Your Business". The legends on these coins have been credited to Benjamin Franklin. Fine to Very Fine.

\$500 - 600



1787 MACHIN'S MILLS HALFPENCE

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1787. 17-87A. Half penny. Georgivs/Brittania. Often referred to as Imitation British Halfpence as they were actually minted in New York state at Machin's Mills. This was the most commonly used coin for small transactions in early America. Fine.

\$175 - 250



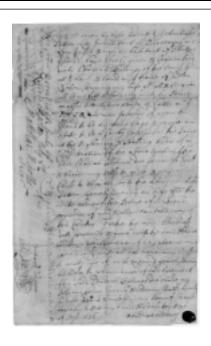
1778 MACHIN'S MILLS HALFPENCE

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1778. 11-78A. Half penny. Georgivs/Brittania. Often referred to as Imitation British Halfpence as they were actually minted in New York state at Machin's Mills. This was the most commonly used coin for small transactions in early America. Very Good.

\$100 - 125

HISTORICAL AUTOGRAPHS AND DOCUMENTS



A RARE, EARLY COLONIAL NEW YORK DOCUMENT SIGNED BY PROVINCIAL SECRETARY MATTHIAS NICHOLS

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MATTHIAS NICHOLLS (1626 - 1687?). Provincial Secretary of New York. Born in Plymouth England, he was selected to serve as secretary by Samuel Maverick while who was one of the Royal Commissioners investigating conditions in New England. Accompanying the commission to New England which was headed by appointed Governor Richard Nicolls (no relation) they were assigned the task of "wresting" the province of New York from the Dutch. Matthias held the position of provincial secretary continuously until 1680 except the short period of 1674-75 when the Dutch briefly reoccupied New York. He served twice as Mayor of New York City, 1671-72 and again in 1674-75. He is widely know as "the principal author of the legal code known as the 'Duke's Laws' promulgated by Governor Nicholls in 1665." While family lore indicates that Nicholls died in 1687, his name appears on a list of appointees to a special court of over and terminer in New York in 1688.

Document Signed. 1 page. 7 3/4" x 12 1/2".Sept. 6, 1676. An estate is bequeathed.

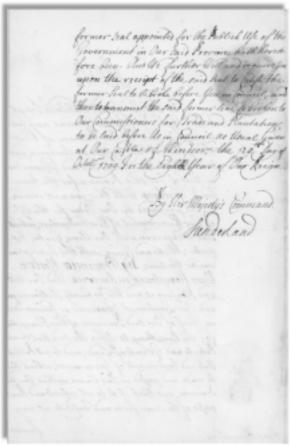
"Know all men by these presents I J. Ambrose Sutton Late Inhabitant of () in New Jersey & now in habitant of Staten Island have freely given and bequeaths unto Obadiah Holmes of the same Island all my house & land wch. I have of Peter Bellow, During my life, with all & Singular () belonging unto the same as also twenty two heads of Cattle wch. I have & am now possessed of upon the Island to be his own free & propber estate to be as jointly possessed of the same at the sd. Signing and sealing here of in Consideration of the above () said Obadiah Holems dose promise () & bind my self to give & pay or Cause to () aid unto () above Ambrose Sutton: yearly during his life () Date hereof () some of sixteen pounds of good & Marchantable pay of this Cuntry: Fourty () Ambrose doth promise & give unto () said Obadiah Holmes what () of sid sixteen pounds by () shall no have any Occasion to make use of or to expend yearly during his life: to () of wch. Agreement () said Obadiah Holmes doth bind my selfe my heires, Exuctrs. & Administraors firmly by these presents & in testimony hereof I have herewith sett my hadn & seale this sixth of Sept. 1676. Obadiah Holmes

Entered in the book of Records of Wills July 8th, 1678. Matthias Nicolls, Secry.

The docket states "Ambrose Sutton Agreement with Obediah Holmes who is admitted Administrator upon his will. Gravesend, June, 1678." Folds. Fine.

\$1,500 - up







A HIGHLY IMPORTANT AND EARLY DOCUMENT SIGNED BY QUEEN ANNE IN WHICH SHE APPROVES THE USE OF THE PROVINCIAL SEAL OF NEW HAMP-SHIRE FOR USE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*19 QUEEN ANNE (1665 – 1714).

A superb document signed. Two pages. 7 3/4" x 12". Windsor Castle, October 29, 1709. Queen Anne forwards the seal of the Province of New Hampshire and authorizes its use on official documents of the Province. To governor Joseph Dudley;

"To our trusty and well beloved Joseph Dudley Esqr. Our Captain General and Commander in Chief of Our Province of New Hampshire in New England in America, and to Our Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our said Province for the time being Greeting. With this you will receive a Seal prepared by Our Order for the Use of Our Government fo New Hampshire, which seal is Engraved with our Arms, Garter, Supporters, Motto and Crown, with this Inscription round the same Siq. Provinciae Nostrae Nova Hamptonia in America. And our will and pleasure is, and Wee do hereby authorized you and Our Lieutenant Governor or Commander in chief of Our said Province of New Hampshire for the time bing to affix the said seal to all Patents and Grants of Lands, and to all Publick Acts and Instruments of Government, which shall be made and passed in Our name within our said Province, and that it be to all intents and purposes of the same force and validity as any former seal appointed for the Publick use of the Government in our said Province hath heretofore been. And we further will and require you upon the receipt of the said seal to cause the former seal to be broke before you in Counci, and then to transmit the said former seal so broken to Our Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, to be laid before Us in

Council as Usual Given at Our Castle of Windsor the 29th Day of Octobr. 1709 In the Eight Year of Our Reign. By her Majesty's Command, Sunderland."

New Hampshire was made a separate Province by King Charles II in 1680 and provincial documents from New Hampshire history of this period have remained quite rare. This is, perhaps the finest and most important New Hampshire colonial document to come to market in recent years.

\$15,000 - up



AN EXTREMELY RARE
COLONIAL NEW YORK LAND
GRANT FOR STATEN ISLAND
LANDS SIGNED BY
GOVERNOR SIR EDMUND
ANDROS

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SIR EDMUND ANDROS (1637 – 1714). Colonial Governor. Andros first served as Colonial Governor of New York, then as Governor of the consolidated northern colonies, and finally as Governor of Virginia. Document Signed. 1 page. 20" x 14 1/2". November 27, 1675.

Edmund Andros, Esq., Signeour of Sausman, Lieuten.t and Governour Genall. Under his Royall Highness James, Duke of York and Albany & of all his Territory upon Staten Island, viz. On the South Side of the Island, containing Eighty acres, tt. Which by vertue of a Warrant hath been Laid out for John Hinchman, being bounded to the West by the Land of Thomas Davis, and to the East by the Creek and Meadowes and the Land of Paulus Regreen; and is in breadthe fourty five Rodds: Together with finve Acres of Meadow in the Creek next to the Meadow of Thomas Davis, and five Acres more of Meadow to the North East under the hand of Capt. () Cortilyre Survyour doth and may appeard. Now Know yee That by virtue of the Commission and Authority unto Me given by his Royall Higness, I have given and grannted and by these Presents do give and Grannt unto the said John Hinchman his Heyres and Assignes the afore recited Lott of Land, Meadow and Premisses, with all and singular the Appurtenances. To haven and to hold the said Lott of Land Meadow and Premisses unto the said Iohn Hinchmene his Hevres and assignes, unto the () of him the siad John Hinchman, his Heyres and Assignes forever. It continuing in Obedience, & Obedience, & conforming himself accoridng to the Laws of the Government. And yielding and paying thirty four yearly and every year, uhnto his Roy6all Higness as a Quitt-Rent, four Bushells of Good Winter Wheat unto such Officer or Officers their in Authority as shall bee empowered to received the same. Given under mv Hand and Sealed with the Seal fo the Province at New York the first day of November in th 27th year of Maties. Reigne, Anoo. Domini 1675.

Countersigned by Matthias Nicholls. The document has been professionally restored. It has been removed from old backing boards and fold splits and holes have been immaculately filled and repaired to the finest standards possible. An extremely rare early American land grant.

\$5,000 - up



A RARE, EARLY COLONIAL NEW YORK WILL SIGNED BY PROVINCIAL SECRETARY MATTHIAS NICHOLS

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MATTHIAS NICHOLLS (1626 -1687?). Provincial Secretary of New York. Born in Plymouth England, he was selected to serve as secretary by Samuel Maverick while who was one of the Royal Commissioners investigating conditions in New England. Accompanying the commission to New England which was headed by appointed Governor Richard Nicolls (no relation) they were assigned the task of "wresting" the province of New York from the Dutch. Matthias held the position of provincial secretary continuously until 1680 except the short period of 1674-75 when the Dutch briefly reoccupied New York. He served twice as Mayor of New York City, 1671-72 and again in 1674-75. He is widely know as "the principal author of the legal code known as the 'Duke's Laws' promulgated by Governor Nicholls in 1665." While family lore indicates that Nicholls died in 1687, his name appears on a list of appointees to a special court of oyer and terminer in New York in 1688. Document Signed. 4 pages. 9" x 14". July 13, 1680. "The Last Will Testament" of William Shackerley.

"I William Shackerley of this city, mariner, being sick and weake in body but of good and perfect memory, Thanks be to Almighty God, and calling to Remembrance the uncertaine Estate of this transitory life, and that all fflesh must yield to Death when it shall please god to call, do make, constitute, ordaine and declare this my last will and testament...." Shackerley details the dispostion of his estate. Signed at the conclusion next to a red seal by Shackerly. Boldy signed as a witness by Nicolls and and Edward Antill. The document is in a two sided glass frame so all pages are readable. There are fold separations and some age toning. An interesting early American document signed by Nicolls. Rare.

\$1,500 - up



A FINE EARLY MASSACHUSETTS BAY PROCLAMATION BROADSIDE DECLARING A FAST BE OBSERVED FOR ENGLAND DECLARING WAR ON SPAIN KNOWN AS THE WAR OF JENKINS EAR

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Boston. March 6, 1739. "By His Excellency Jonathan Belcher, Esq. Proclamation for a General Fast." Printed by J. Draper, Printer to his Excellency the Governour and Council, 1740. Whereas His Majesty upon wise and just Considerations, hath declared War against the King of Spain and hath likewise been pleased to appoint a Day for publick Fasting and Humiliation to be observed throughout the Kingdom of Great-Britain, to implore the Blessing and Assistance of Almighty God on His Majesty's Arms...I have thought fit to...order and appoint Thursday the Twenty-seventh day of March Instant, to be observed as a Day of publick Fasting and Humiliation throughout this Province..."

This struggle known as the War of Jenkins' Ear, between England and Spain was based on commercial rivalry and It was caused by British attempts to get around the trade provisions of the Peace of Utrecht in 1714 that had ended the War of the Spanish Succession. British merchants were unhappy with the limitations placed on trade with Spain's American colonies. So they resorted to smuggling. In 1731 Robert Jenkins, in command of the brig Rebecca, was seized by the Spanish. They took his cargo and one of his ears. At the time very few people cared about Jenkin's ear. But, by 1738 continued problems sparked a heated debate in Parliament and when Robert Jenkins recounted to the House of Commons how the Spanish Navy had cut off his ear, Prime Minister Robert Walpole was then pressured to declare war. Hostilities were limited to a few sea skirmishes and eventually led to the larger War of the Austrian Succession.

A fine coat-of-arms vignette at top center, ornate vignette at left. Some light browing in upper left panel.

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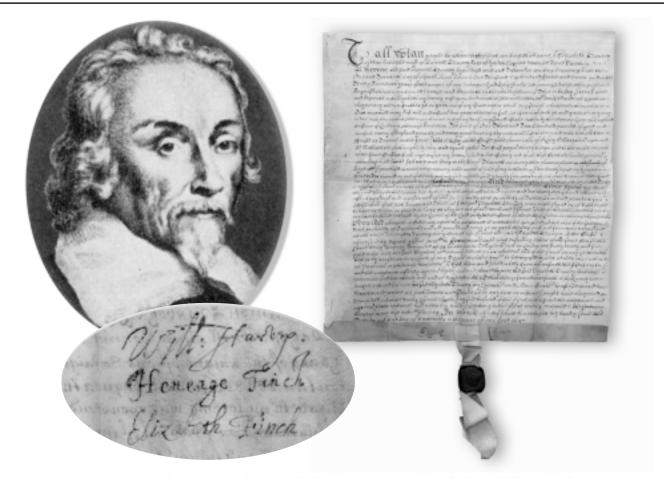
COLONIAL GOVERNOR SIR FRANCIS BERNARD AND ANDREW OLIVER

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FRANCIS BERNARD (1712-1779). The British colonial governor of Massachusetts, Bernard was personally opposed to the Stamp Act, but his position forced him to carry out this unpopular policy and ANDREW OLIVER (1731 – 1799). Jurist, Scientist, Lieutenant Governor of Mass Bay. Worked towards the repeal of the stamp act. Document Signed. 6 1/4" x 7 1/2". Boston, February 17, 1767. Partly-printed order in which the Treasurer or the Province is ordered to "pay unto the selectmen of Wilmington the sum of five pounds, seventeen shillings & seven pence to discharge their account for boarding one Thomas Clarke a poor person not an Inhabitant of any Town in the Province from the 28th Octo., 1766 until his Death." Signed as Governor by Bernard and Olivers as Secretary. Fine.

\$400 - up





AN EXCEEDINGLY RARE AUTOGRAPH OF SIR WILLIAM HARVEY, ENGLISH PHYSICIAN WHO ENUNCIATED THE NATURE OF THE CIRCULATORY SYSTEM AND THE HEART'S FUNCTION AS A PUMP

*24

WILLIAM HARVEY (1578 – 1657). English physician who, by observing the action of the heart in small animals and fishes, proved that heart receives and expels blood during each cycle. Experimentally, he also found valves in the veins, and correctly identified them as restricting the flow of blood in one direction. He developed the first complete theory of the circulation of blood, believing that it was pushed throughout the body by the heart's contractions. He published his observations and interpretations in *Exercitatio Anatomica de Motu Cordis et Sanguinis in Animalibus* (1628), often abbreviated *De Motu Cordis*. Harvey's studies were the beginnings of the science of physiology. In 1618 he was appointed as a physician to the court of James I.

HENEAGE FINCH (1621 – 1682). 1ST Earl of Nottinham, lord chancellor of England. He took no part in the politics of the English civil war, but in 1660 he entered Parliament and became solicitor general, serving as prosecutor at the trial of the regicides. He became attorney general in 1670 and lord chancellor in 1675. He was created earl of Nottingham in 1681. In an age of corruption he added to his reputation as an able lawyer that of a statesman of integrity. He is remembered by lawyers for his just and systematic administration of equity.

Rare Document signed. 1 page. London. September 21, 1647. 11 1/2" x 12". On vellum with red wax seall attached at bottom. "A Declaration of Elizabeth Harvey" A declaration of acceptance of the will of Daniell Harvey by his wife.

"...I J. Elizabeth Harvey widdow late the wife of Daniell Harvey late of London Esquire deceased send ye greeting. Whereas the said Daniell Harvey by his last will and Testamt in writing bearing date the three & twentieth years of the raigno of our sovraign Lord King Charles did (amongst other gifts and bequests therein contained) devise and bequeath in the world following. That is to say Item I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth my loveing wife upon condition that shee wil bee throughly satisfied and not expect or () any other or further () out of my estate...whatsoever than what is here mentioned in my last will and testamt.but (amount) thereof in full satisfaction of such...provided always do and this my agreemt & acceptance is nevertheless upon this condition that if the said yearly reand or annity of twelve hundred pounds and (...) shall not from tyme to tyme and at all times hereafter during the naturall life of mee the said Elizabeth Harvey ...the same being lawfully demanded at or in the Inner Temple...in London bee duly and fully paid unto mee the Said Elizabeth without any deduction or abatemt..."

Signed on the verso of the document bearing witness by William Harvey, Heneage Finch and Elizabeth Finch.

When taken in the context of the period, Harvey's contribution to medical history can only be considered a revolutionary breakthrough. His work *Exercitatio Anatomica de Motu Cordis et Sanguinis in Animalibus* (Treatise on the Motion of the Heart and Blood in Animals) published in 1628 is considered to be the most important single volume in the history of physiology. Material signed by Harvey (and indeed, most great medical figures from this period) very rarely appears on the market. We're pleased to offer this extremely rare opportunity to acquire this important autograph of one of medical history's truly important pioneers on a document also signed by the future Lord Chancellor Heneage Finch who served in that office from 1673-1682. Folds. Very Fine.

\$30,000 - 50,000



A RARE ALS FROM COLONIAL INDUSTRIALIST AND PUBLIC SERVANT JOHN PYNCHON TO HIS SON JOSEPH IN ENGLAND LAMENTING A LACK OF CORRESPONDENCE

*25

JOHN PYNCHON (1626 – 1702). Pynchon emigrated to Massachusetts Bay colony with his father in 1630. When his father returned to England in 1652, John acquired a profitable business and an influential position in Springfield. He established trading posts at Westfield, Northampton, Hadley, Hatfield, and Deerfield and held a number of public offices. He controlled a fur monopoly in early New England and was one of the wealthiest and most influential men in New England. ALS. 8 3/4" X 13 1/2". 1 page. Boston, May 18, 1762. Pynchon writes to his son Joseph in England scolding him for the lack of any letters or news:

"After mine & yr Mothers deare love to you desyring & Praying for your welfare in soule & Body. These lines may inform you of mine, your Mothers, Brothers & Sisters health & welfare & Lord be praised & of all your greate expectations to have heard () but although there be now lately no ships come in not come directly from London yet have we not recd any letter from you & though I came hither to Bsoton to inquire of such they not tell I they saw ye lately & say it was reported you had ye small Pox which is no small Troble & matter of exercise. Your greate neglect of writing does me & your Mother upon many thoughts & greate trobles. You do not well do to neglect us, last year though many ships came early yet I heard not from ye May last & now not at all. Where may by all intellingence threaten () of further opportunity. Oh how if would have Rejoyed us to have Recd some few lines from ye & how it is with ye the Lord order ye & your ways to his Praise. I have not before now to write as I would this opportunity of () I heard of but at this instant & cannot adde but ye signs () your welfare & our earnest longing after yeu & to ehar from you. The Lord saves ye from...ye Tept ...to his glory & your own comfort & so wit my earnest Praying in God for ye I Leave you with y Lord & am Your Lo. Father John Pynchon."

Integral address leaf indicates the letter was carried to London by a Mr. Tho. Genner. A wonderful opportunity to obtain a truly scarce, early autograph of this important Colonial industrialist and Public official. Small hole at center fold intersection

\$3,000 - up



AN EARLY PENNSYLVANIA
HOSPITAL SUBSCRIPTION
CERTIFICATE ISSUED
FOR AMERICA'S FIRST
SUBSCRIPTION BASED
FUNDING

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[PENNSYLVANIA HOSPITAL]. DS. 1pp. 6 1/2" x 8". Pennsylvania. August 23, 1754. A partly printed document signed "Daniel Etter" regarding Etter's financing of the famed and pioneering Pennsylvania Hospital: "Daniel Etter of ve City of Philadelphia I do promise to pay Charles Norris Treasurer of the Pennsylvania Hospital, or his Successors in the said Trust, the Sum of five pounds current Money of Pennsylvania, with lawful Interest on the same, on or before the first day of April...". Below Etter's document is a similar one for "Jacob Magg", except Magg's signature is removed. In 1751, Benjamin Franklin was approached by a friend, Dr. Thomas Bond, with the idea to create a city hospital to treat the poor. Franklin's prominence helped the project succeed, and it became the nation's first incorporated hospital; the Provincial Assembly agreed to match all private subscriptions like Etter's. Franklin ranked the establishment of the hospital as one of his most satisfying achievements and it was the first example in America of subscription-based financings. This is undoubtedly a fine piece of American financial history. There is light browning to the edges, the ink is dark and the condition is fine, despite Magg's autograph being removed.





INDENTURE OF SERVITUDE FOR AN EIGHT YEAR OLD FRENCH GIRL IN 1756

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[COLONIAL - INDENTURED **SERVITUDE**]. 7 3/4" x 12 1/2". "This indenture made this twelfth day of april and in ye twenty ninth year of his majesty's reign 1756 witnesseth that we William Williams, William Osgood, William Williams, Osgood, William Sabin, Jonathan Dresser and Samue Crest, all of Pomfrett in sd. County of Windham and Colony of Connecticut in New England and Selectmen...by and ye advice and consent....according to one statue of this Colony law book page 190...according to our capacity do put and bind Margaret Deusset a French girl of ye age of eight years...unto John Gilbert and Esther his wife, both of Pomfrett...to live with and serve...for and during ye term of ten years of untill ye apprentice shall arrive to ye age of eighteen years...". The document details the responsibilities of the couple to the child "to instruct her in ye true principles of ye Christian Religian...."etc. A fine early document detailing the practice of indentured servitude in Colonial America

\$200 - up



AN EARLY DOCUMENT FOR COMMODORE VANDERBILT'S STEAMBOAT THISTLE

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[COMMODORE VANDERBILT – STEAMBOAT THISTLE]. 1824. An account of "Steam boat Thistle, Captain Vanderbilt Dbt. John Clark". The accounting lists goods delivered to the steamboat including "packing hookes, rivits, nails" etc. Clark signs at the lower right. Nice document relating to Commodore Vanderbilt's early days in the steamboat industry. Fine.

\$125 - up



STATE OF CONNECTICUT TAX BROADSIDE SIGNED BY TREASURER JOHN LAWRENCE

*29

1785, Connecticut. Partly-printed broadside in which Treasurer Lawrence attempts to collect taxes from the Windham tax collector. "Whereas, Hezikiah Ripley, who was Constable of the Town of Windham...and collector of the State Taxes for said town...in the year 1786, has neglected to make payment of the one penny, halfpenny and six penny tax...as the law requires...execution remains to be made" Lawrence orders Ripley to be arrested. It is interesting to note that on the bottom a notation has been made "hard money or orders on the Civil List or hard money ,remainder in Soldiers notes due before June 1785 or Treasurers Certificates for interest." indicating acceptable forms of settlement of these taxes. An interesting piece displaying the difficulties of early tax collection. Fine.

\$125 - up



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS TREASURER'S OFFICE NOTE

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1783. Massachusetts. Commonwealth of Massachusetts Treasurer's Office Note Payable to and endorsed on verso by commissary General Richard Devens 6 1/2" x 5"and Fine

\$125 - up



THE COLONY OF CONNECTICUT PROSECUTES A MAN FOR FRAUD

***31**[COLONIAL FRAUD]. 7 1/4" x 4 3/4". New Haven, Feby. 26, 1763. The colony pays for the prosecution of a man who fraudulantly received money from the treasury. "Pay out of the Publick Treasury to Elisha Hall Kings Attornie for cost allowed in the prosecution of Titus Curtiss for drawing monies out of the public Treasury on Feigned Pretences for which Security is this day given for said sum – being Nine Pounds, Eleven Shillings & Six Pence lawful money per bills of the late emission.". Signed at the conclusion by

George Pitkin. Very Fine.

\$125 - up



HORSES FOR WASHINGTON'S ARMY

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1780, PA. Anderson PA 1. York County, Pennsylvania bond issued in which Lawrence Minfore "...has furnished this State, for the use of the United States, with one dark brown Horse 5 years old, 15 hands high for a waggon which has been appraised by two freeholders, on Oath at the sum of thirty pounds specie or the exchange at sixty and for which the State is now justly indebted to him with interest." Washington's Army was in dire need of horses and these were issued to horse owners who both willingly, and unwillingly saw their horses march off with the army.

\$500 - up



INTERESTING EARLY CONNECTICUT VAGRANT DOCUMENT

*33

1768, Connecticut. 7 1/2" x 6". An interesting early Connecticut document for transporting a vagrant out of the colony by lawful authority into New York Province. A nice early document related to homeless and social problems confronting Colonial New England. Fine.

\$100 - up



STATE OF CONNECTICUT PAY NOTE

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1781, Connecticut. Pay note for Thirty pounds Lawful Silver Money payable "two years from the date hereof, with Interest at the Rate of six per cent, per annum, in like money..." Signed by John Lawrence as treasurer. A scarce note. Punch and pen cancelled otherwise fine.

\$200 - up

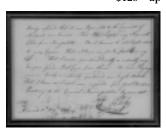


EZRA LEE, THE OPERATOR
OF: "THE TURTLE", DAVID
BUSHNELL'S SUBMARINE
WHICH MADE THE FIRST
SUBMARINE ATTACK ON AN
ENEMY SHIP HAS HIS TAXES
ABATED

TEXEM LEE – CONTINENTAL ARMY]. 7 3/4" x 4 3/4". Lyme, Jan. 15, 1779. "We the subscribers listers fo ye town of Lyme for ye eyars AD 1777 do abate out of sd. Levey 1777 to ye reverent Mr. Stephen Jenson ye sum of twelve pounds it being charged to him by a mistake also to Ezra Lee his poll said poll being L18.00 sd. Lee being an officer in ye Continental Army." Ezra Lee oper-

ated Bushnell's Turtle in an attack against the British fleet blockading New York. The submarine was capable of carrying one person who sat upright on a seat resembling that of a bicycle. Turtle s supply of air, in the submerged state, would last about 30 minutes. Located at the bottom of the submarine were a lead weight for ballast and an aperture with a valve to admit water for descent. Two brass forcing pumps served to eject the water from within for ascent. In front of the seated operator was a screw type oar for propelling the vessel forward or backward while, above him, there was a similar oar for ascending, descending, or maintenance of depth. The rudder, located behind the operator, was operated by foot. Furthermore, Turtle was equipped with a depth gauge, a compass to direct the course, and a ventilator to supply the vessel with fresh air at the surface. On the evening of September 6, 1776, Lee peddled the vessel to the hull of the British ship "Eagle". After two unsuccessful attempts at piercing the metal plate of the hull in order to place a torpedo, Lee was forced to retire. Though unsuccessful, this remains as the first submarine attack on an enemy warship. Interesting. Very Fine.

\$125 - up



A NORWICH MERCHANT'S STATES THAT HE HAS NOT VIOLATED THE NONIMPORTATION AGREEMENT IN 1770

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[NONIMPORTATION AGREE-MENT]. Document Signed by Norwich merchant Charles Phelps

Norwich 14th Augt., 1770. "Being informed that it was Represented to the Committee of Merchants in Norwich...That...I had supplyd my shop with goods from Newport, etc. Be it known to all People whom it may concern. That...I never was at Newport in my Life. That I never purchased Directly or indirectly any European goods that came from thence...Nor have I by an means directly or indirectly purchased on single article contrary to the General Nonimportation Agreement. Chs. Phelps."

The nonimportation agreement referred to by Phelps was enacted in 1768 when the Colonies felt threatened by the Townshend duties. Many Tory merchants who refused to join in the agreement were terror-

ized, vandalized and threatened by mobs incited by the Whigs and Sons of Liberty. Clearly, Phelps produced this statement in response these threats. Phelp's direct reference to Newport would have been as a result of that port's open non-compliance with the agreement and the subsequent anger caused throughout the Colonies by those actions.

A fine document displaying the difficulties faced by Mercants during this important period in American history. Some light dampstaining at bottom. Fine.

\$250 - up



AN EARLY MASSACHUSETTS
LEGAL DOCUMENT
ANSWERING REASONS OF
ARREST SIGNED BY
COLONIAL JURIST AND
MASSACHUSETTS BAY
ATTORNEY GENERAL PAUL
DUDLEY

*37 **PAUL DUDLEY** (1675 - 1751). Jurist (called to the bar in 1700). Commissioned by Queen Anne in 1702 as attorney-general of the Province of Massachusetts Bay. Appointed Chief Justice of Massachusetts in 1745. DS. 1 page;. 8 1/2" x 12 1/2". In a frame. An answer concernin a legal case being "Capt. James Smith his Answer to Mr. John Colemans Reasons...In Arrest of Judgmt. The document details five answers concerning an action in which a ship's master has sued the owners "...to set forth their particular shares..." Wonderful detail answering the defendants. Court docketing on verso. Some mounting materials at left away from any text. A very scarce Colonial Áutograph. Very Fine.

\$500 - up



A RARE AUTOGRAPH OF EARLY PRINTER SOLOMON SOUTHWICK

*38 The James Franklin Printing Press

In 1717, James Franklin, older brother of Benjamin Franklin, returned home to Boston after serving as a printer's apprentice in England. He brought with him this printing press. Made in London of unseasoned English elm, probably about 1650, the press proved to be rugged enough to take over a century's worth of continuous hard work. It was a "common press," designed to be dismantled for easy transport. Upon his return to Boston with the press, James Franklin established one of the first newspapers in the American colonies, the New England Courant. Soon, Franklin's younger brother, Benjamin was placed with James as an apprentice by their father. This relationship turned sour, however, and Benjamin ended his apprenticeship early by running away to Philadelphia.

The strong political views that James expressed in the editorials of the Courant provoked the Boston authorities to censor him. Like so many before him, rather than submit to their authority, he left the restrictive atmosphere of Massachusetts and came to the more tolerant Rhode Island in 1725. James Franklin created printing history when he arrived in Newport. He became the most prolific printer in Rhode Island, printing the currency of the colony, the Acts and Resolves of the General Assembly, hundreds of broadsides, almanacs, and countless other printed pieces. He established Rhode Island's firstif short-lived-newspaper, the Rhode Island Gazette, which was published between 1732 and 1733.

By 1733, Benjamin Franklin had established himself as a printer in Philadelphia. James Franklin died in 1735, and Benjamin Franklin took his nephew, James Franklin, Jr., as his apprentice. Young James remained with his uncle until he was old enough to return to Newport and take over management of his family's shop in 1748. In the meantime, Anne Franklin, James' widow, and her daughters took over the shop.

In 1758, after James, Jr. returned from Philadelphia, the Franklin family established the Newport Mercury, which has been in continuous publication to this day. It is now published by the Sherman family who also publish the Newport Daily News. James, Jr. died in 1762 and his mother once again took over the printing operation, this time with her son-in-law, Samuel Hall.

In 1768, Hall sold the press and the business to Solomon Southwick. In July 1776, Southwick printed copies of the Declaration of Independence for all the towns of Rhode Island. Southwick continued using the press until the American Revolution. During the war, Solomon Southwick buried part of the Franklin Press behind his house on Broadway in an attempt to hide it from the British. A local Tory informed on Southwick and the British dug up the press for their own use during their occupation of the city. \$500 - up



SAMUEL ADAMS APPOINTS A CORONER IN MASSACHUSETTS

*39

SAMUEL ADAMS (1722-1803). Signer of the Declaration of Independence from Massachusetts; Revolutionary patriot. DS. 1 page. Boston, June 23, 1794. As governor of Massachusetts, Adams appoints "John Bacon, Jr....to be Coroner in the County of Berkshire". Large attached paper seal with the state seal of Massachusetts. Boldly signed by Adams. Folds. A couple of minor holes at fold intersections. Fine.

\$1,250 - up



FRANKLIN IMPRINT SIGNED BY JAMES HAMILTON EXTREMELY RARE EARLY PENNSYLVANIA LOAN OFFICE BOND

JAMES HAMILTON (1710-1783). Hamilton was the son of the prominent Philadelphia attorney Andrew. James also served as a Pennsylvania lawyer and politician. DS. 1 page. 7 1/2" x 12 1/4".1733, Pennsylvania.Partly-printed document in which "William Swayne of East Marlborough in the County of Chester Yeoman am held and firmly bound unto Andrew Hamilton, Charles Read, Jeremiah Langhorne, Richard Hayes, and John Wright, Trustees of the General LOAN OFFICE of the Province of Pennsylvania, in the Sum of One hundred and eight pounds lawful money...The condition of this Obligation I susch, that if the Above bounden William Swayne or his Heirs, Executors, or Administrators, do well and truly pay unto the said Trustees of their Successors...the value of Fifty four pounds in Bills of Credit current by the Law of the said Province, or in current Money of America, with Interest for the same a Five per cent per annum...the above obligation to be void."

This is the earliest Pennsylvania Loan office document we have seen. This is similar to #10 in Benjamin Franklin's Philadelphia Printing by C. William Miller. As Miller states, Franklin must have completed some number of printings of these certificates which were used to obtain general mortgage money from the Loan Office. Rare. Very Fine.

\$1,000 - up



HENRY VANE SIGNS AN ORDER FOR THE PAYMENT OF A HORSE

*41

SIR HENRY VANE (1613-1662). Vane, an English Parliamentarian, was a leading minister under James I and Charles I. His early sympathies with the Puritans led him to immigrate to America in 1635, and the following year he was chosen governor of Massachusetts. His advocacy of religious tolerance cost him his popularity, and he returned to England in 1637. There Vane served as joint treasurer of the navy from 1639 to 1641 and was knighted in 1640. Although a leader of the parliamentary side in the conflict between Charles I and Parliament that led to the English Revolution, Vane remained a monarchist. In 1643, he was the English Parliament's chief negotiator of the Solemn League and Covenant with Scotland. After the execution of Charles, he became a leading figure in Commonwealth and an intimate of Oliver Cromwell. Upon Cromwell's dissolution of the Rump Parliamentin 1643, however, the two became enemies and Vane was imprisoned in 1656. He returned to Parliament during 1658 and 1659. After the restoration of Charles II as king in 1660, he was suspected of having plotted with General John Lambert to institute a dictatorship; he was imprisoned and executed for treason. DS. 1 page. 8" x 12 1/2". Westminster. July 20, 1647. Vane signs an order to pay for "a gray hunting horse...". In an old frame. The document is in fine condition.

\$750 - up



LOUIS AGASSIZ

*42

(1807-1873). Naturalist. ALS 1 page. Agassiz writes "My Dear Doctor, There is nothing to be altered in the ticket for my lectures and I thank you for the communication of it. I shall be gone to Albany for my trial, but return in time for the 3d December. My next weeks are to be rather exciting as I expect also my girls before that date. Your friend, L. Agassiz." He ads a postscript; "Mrs. Agassiz sends her kindest regard, to Mrs. Cotting, and I cheerfully join in the message." Mounted to another sheet of paper.

\$150 - up



APOLLO 11 MOONWALKER BUZZ ALDRIN SIGNED CHECK

*43

EDWIN "BUZZ" ALDRIN (1930-). Aldrin was the second man to walk on the Moon. DS. 1 page. 6" x 2 3/4". 1985, California. Partly-printed bank check drawn on RECON Company, Aldrin's consulting firm. Accomplished and signed by Aldrin as maker. Bank stamp cancellation not affecting signature.

\$100 - up



CHECK SIGNED BY BASEBALL HALL OF FAMER ED BARROW

*44

(1868-1953) Boston Red Sox and NY Yankee executive responsible for converting Babe Ruth from pitcher to outfielder, molding the Yankees team into the most powerful in the league in the 20's and 30's DS "E. G. Barrow" National Bank, NY Sept 11, 1952. Made payable to "Cash" in the amount of \$50. Boldly signed and completed in his hand. He has also initialed check in bottom left corner. Lightly punch cancelled and Extremely Fine. \$100 - up



JOHN JACOB ASTOR LETTER DETAILING THE "PRESENT STATE OF EXCHANGE ON AMSTERDAM" AND LONDON BILLS OF EXCHANGE

*45

JOHN JACOB ASTOR (1763-1848). Fur trader; Capitalist. Astor remains as one of the quintessential representations of wealth in America. Letter signed. 2 pages with attached integral address leaf. 8" x 10". New York, 31st March, 1830. To J. P. Van Ness, Esqr., in part; "...the present state of exchange on Amsterdam here is 39 1/2 cents the guilder. Bills on London are 8 percent premium...this is for bills at 60 days sight. Bills at short sight are worth more, but not equal to the difference of the time. Bills on London direct at 10 days sight may be called 8 1/4 to 8 1/2 percent premium. The regular commission for selling and endorseing bills here is 2 ? per ct. but when the amount is large and the bills undoubted, I presume it may be done at 1 1/2 to 1 1/4. If you wish to sell the bills at once, I presume 7 per ct less 1/4 nett may be obtained for them & I would probably take them myself. provided they are accompanied sith satisfactory documents that the will be paid, and als that the money here may be paid by instalments, because it would not be worth while for any one for so small acommission to make advances unless for a moderate sum..." Nice content displaying the mechanisms of the internation Bill of Exchange market during the period. Fine.

\$1,250 - up



WILLIAM B. ASTOR SIGNS A BOND FOR \$125,000 WITH THE MATTEAWAN COMPANY FOR HIS FATHER, JOHN JACOB ASTOR

*46

WILLIAM B. ASTOR (1792 -1875). Businessman. Second son of John Jacob Astor (1763-1848), William was taken into partnership by his father in 1815. Upon the elder Astor's death in 1848, William advanced to the rank of the wealthiest man in the nation. His inheritance totaled some \$18,000,000. most of which he invested in New York real estate, eventually becoming known as the "landlord of New York." DS. 1 page. May, 24, 1834. A bond in which "the Matteawan Company are held, and firmly bound to John Jacob Astor of the City of New York in the sum of One hundred and twenty thousand dollars, lawfull money..." The Matteawan Company built machinery and provided services for the rapidly expanding American textile industry. Signed twice by William for his father indicating receipt of interest on the bond. Some light discoloration. Fine.

\$400 - up



CHARLES BIDDLE SIGNED LAND GRANT

*47

CHARLES BIDDLE. Secretary of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania. 1785, Pennsylvania. Land grant. DS. 1page. Land grant for "a certain tract of land called the "Addition" Situate on Tumbling Run in Brunswick Township, Berks county..." Signed by Biddle at left border. Attached state seal at upper left corner. Some light staining and folds.

\$150 - up



NAPOLEON SENDS MILITARY ORDERS

NAPOLEON BONAPARTE (1769-1821). French emperor. The "Little Corporal" whose brilliance in the field of battle and as Emperor of France has made him perhaps the most important figure of post-Renaissance Europe. LS. 1 page. 7 1/4" x 9". St. Cloud, June 17, 1811. To General Berthier, following the disastrous Portugal campaign. In part: "...Order the first and second battalions of the Italian infantry to leave July 12...to Saragon where they will be there under the command of General suchet to rejoin their corps. Give order to the detachments of the army...who appear in the army of Aragon to go to Pau where they will reconnoiter with two battalions of Italian infantry..." LOUIS GARRIEL SUCHET (1770 - 1826), was one of Napoleon's most trusted marshals, serving with distinction in numerous battles in Spain with the Army of Aragon. On July 8, 1811, just weeks after this letter, he was awarded a baton as Marshal of the Empire for his service. Very Fine condition.

\$1,000 - up



WILLIAM WALDORF ASTOR

*49 WILLIAM WALDORF ASTOR

(1848-1919). Capitalist; Journalist. Upon the death of his father, Astor succeeded to the management of the family estate with a personal fortune estimated as \$100,000,000. ANS. 1 page. 3 1/2 " x 6 1/2". "Mrs. Darlington, Please send me two pounds instead of one butter, until further notice & oblige. W.W. Astor. 8 East 33 rd St. New York. Some light dampstaining. Fine.

\$50 - up



PROMINENT NEW HAMPSHIRE POLITICIAN AND REVOLUTIONARY WAR **SOLDIER APPEALS TO THE** ASSEMBLY FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF SUPPORT GIVEN TO TROOPS **MARCHING TO REPEL THE ENEMY FORCES DURING** THE RAID AT ROYALTON, **VERMONT**

BENJAMIN BELLOWS (1740 -1802). New Hampshire Colonial and State legislator. Appointed as Continental Congressman but declined. Member of the state convention that ratified the federal constitution in 1788. Presided over the

electoral college that elected Washington in 1788. Brigadier general of the state militia and served as Colonial during the revolutionary war. Document Signed. 1 page. 8 1/4" x 12 3/4". Walpole (NH), March 27, 1784. Bellows writes to the Speaker of the New Hampshire Assembly in an attempt to have the state reimburse a group of citizens who had provided support for American forces and horse in their repelling of a British incursion following the Destruction of Royalton, Vermont.

"This may inform your Honours that in the fall of the year 1780, When Royalton was distroyed by a Party of the Enemy, the Alarm was great and Sudden upon this side the river, when many turned out upon short warning (and the first report was that they were two or three Thousand Strong Destroying all before them) the zeal and forwardness of the People which has always been great with us, prevented many from taking from home wherewithal to support them upon the road. In consequence hereof Moses Chase and some others were obliged to keep them and their Horses to a considerable amount and this at the intercession of the officers who led the men upon that occasion, expecting the State, as it was in the support of the Common Cause, would be so reasonable as to allow the same to those who produced fair accts. Of such charges, with proper evidence thereof. Being desired I must acquiant your honours that as to my certain knowledge this was Matter of Fact – And it is hoped that such Justice may be done in the case as will not by any means make any of the officers ashamed of their reliance on the equity of the State, by encouraging the Petitioners to entertain Soldiers engaged upon that occasion...'

As part of the British movement in Vermont, the Mohawk Indians swept through the White River Valley in an action in which they burned numerous buildings, killed livestock and took a number of male prisoners. It remains as an important action in Vermont history during the revolution. Folds and Extremely Fine condition.

\$1,000 - up



KENTUCKY GOVERNOR JOHN BREATHITT SIGNED CERTIFICATE

GOVERNOR JOHN BREATHITT (1832 - 1834). Governor of Kentucky. DS. 1 page. 10" x 8 ". A certificate signed by Kentucky Governor John Breathitt appointing Charles Fox a Justice of the Peace. Breathitt's signature is in dark bold ink. Nice upper corner vignette of an eagle with shield. Attached seal. Archival tape repair along seam on verso otherwise fine. \$ 80 - up

WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN LETTER

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WILLIAM JENNNINGS BRYAN.

A two page letter written entirely by Bryan and signed by him at the conclusion. "I have the pleasure of meeting at Washington on 21 or 24 - we have so much to do packing....I appreciate your invitation & shall run down...at the earliest opportunity bu can not come this trip....Am enclosing my lecture in which I discuss the matter or settlemt very fully...W. J. Bryan" Written in a blue color ink which run due to dampstaining.

\$125 - up



WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN

(1860 - 1925). American reformist lawyer, orator and statesman nominated by the Democratic party three times as presidential candidate, later serving as secretary of state under Wilson (1913-15). ALS, 14pp, 8" x 9 1/4", Hot Springs, AK, Nov 26, 1919. On Majestic Hotel letterhead responding to Mr. Berger about the children's' budgetary expenditures and need for economy which Bryan goes into some detail to explain. In small part, "...We have a mutual interest in them & in their children and I hope you will feel free to consult me about any matter that concerns them. The amount of their income as you estimate it does seem large but some deductions have to be made. 1st, the 2500 I advanced to them was sent him more than a year ago used to pay accumulated deficits. You will remember that his salary...did not begin until last July and that for some eight months (a year & a half ago) he was on a sick leave without salary...I do not know of any extravagance of which they have been guilty except that Wm. Smokes. I a sorry that he does so but most of the young men use tobacco and by using a pipe he spends less than if he bought cigars..." More similar content, concluding, "Mrs.

Bryan continues to improve. She walks as much as a quarter of a mile a day...We are planning to leave her on the 12th or 13th for Florida, stopping a few days in Asheville..."Boldly penned and signed.

\$300 - up



NATURALIST JOHN BURROUGHS SIGNATURE WITH SENTIMENT

*54

JOHN BURROUGHS (1851-1921) taught countless Americans to appreciate nature. Signed card with sentiment. 5" x 3". "to Lillian G. Kimball. Hearty May time greetings, from John Burroughs. May 22nd, 1902. Fine.

\$50 - up



CHECK SIGNED BY DANIEL BUTTERFIELD

*55

DANIEL BUTTERFIELD (1831-1901). Major General during the Civil War; Brother of John Butterfield who served as president of American Express Company. August 1, 1856. DS. 1 page. Aug. 1, 1856. Partly-printed bank check drawn drawn on the Office of the American Express Co. payable in the amount of \$25. Accomplished in his hand and signed by Butterfield for Wells, Butterfield & Co. Nice early steam locomotive vignette at bottom. Cut cancel at center not affecting signature. Very Fine.

\$200 - up



ELLSWORTH BUNKER SIGNED PHOTO

***56 ELLSWORTH BUNKER** (1894 – 1984). Diplomat and executive. He

was ambassador to South Vietnam during the crucial stages of the Vietnam War (1967 – 73). Inscribed signed photo. 8" x 10". "To Donald Kidston – with affection and best wishes Ellsworth Bunker, Saigon 6-20-68".

\$50 - up



JOHN C. CALHOUN FREE FRANK

*57

JOHN C. CALHOUN (1782-1850). Vice-President of the United States; U.S. Secretary of State and of War; U.S. Senator. Calhoun was a major political figure in the U.S. for 40 years. Free franked address leaf with a Washington postmark of July 2, 1838. Measures overall 10" x 8". Addressed to A. Burt, Esq. Boldly signed in blue pen "Free, J. C. Calhoun". A nice, bold example. Fine

\$150 - up



RAMSEY CLARK TLS

*58

RAMSEY CLARK. (1927-). Attorney General of the United States from 1967-1969. TLS. 1 page. 6 3/4' x 9". Washington D.C. 1968. Typed letter signed by Ramsey Clark complimenting the Border Patrol for their rapid radio communications and timely information during the Poor People's campaign in Washington D.C. Clarks signature is in blue ink and bold.

\$25 - up



"...there is reason to apprehend that the vote of Kentucky has been given to Gen. Jackson. Without that vote, there is but too much probability of his election. To this decision of the People of the United States patriotism and religion both unite in enjoining submission and resignation. For one, I shall endeavor to perform that duty. As a private citizen, and as a lover of liberty I shall ever deeply deplore it..."

A SUPERB AND IMPORTANT HENRY CLAY LETTER SIGNED IN WHICH HE LAMENTS THE ELECTION OF ANDREW JACKSON AS PRESIDENT IN THE BITTER 1828 ELECTIONS

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HENRY CLAY (1777-1852) Clay served as a Congressman, Senator and John Quincy Adams' Secretary of State. "The Great Compromiser" unsuccessfully ran for the President three times, but is probably best known for fashioning Compromise of 1850, accomplished while he was in the Senate, which is generally regarded as having postponed the onset of the Civil War. Letter Signed. 2 pages with integral franked address leaf. Washington, 13th Nov., 1828. A superb letter concerning the election of President Jackson in the 1828 vote. A very distressed Clay writes with great disappointment at the victory of Jackson in what was one of America's bitterest of Presidential campaigns and political rivalries between the Jackson camp and the J. Q. Adams camp whom Clay was a supporter. To his friend Adam Beatty,

"I received your letter of the 6th instant. From the information which it communicates, and that which I derive from other channels, there is reason to apprehend that the vote of Kentucky has been given to Gen. Jackson. Without that vote, there is but too much probability of his election. To this decision of the People of the United States patriotism and religion both unite in enjoining submission and resignation. For one, I shall endeavor to perform that duty. As a private citizen, and as a lover of liberty I shall ever deeply deplore it. And the course of my own state, should it be what I have reason to apprehend it has been, will mortify and distress me. I hope, nevertheless, that I shall find myself able to sustain with

composure the shock of this event, and every other trial to which I shall be destined.

"You kindly promise me the suggestion of your ideas as to my future course. I shall await it with anxiety, and shall receive and deliberate upon it in the friendly spirit by which I know it will be dictated. Faithfully and cordially, Your Friend, H. Clay"

A superb Clay letter summing up the deep political divide which existed and displaying the complete disgust Clay felt towards the Jackson camp. A wonderful political letter from this political icon of American history. Folds. Fine.

\$3,000 - up



A LEGAL ANSWER TO A COMPLAINT AGAINST HENRY CLAY'S CLIENTS IN HIS HAND

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"The answer of Charles Humprheys and Thomas Bodley to a bill of complaint against them, James Hures and others exhibited in Chancery in the Fayette Circuit Court by Mary Usher adm. of Thomas Usher."

"These defendents saving...for answer to the said bill say, that it is true that the deed of trust mentioned in the bill has been executed by their co-defendant Hughes, including the 130 acres fo land described in the bill. That one of the purposes, and a principal one, of the said deed of trust is to secure payment to the complt of her debt, and your respondents are therefore willing, and do hereby consent to

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the sale of the said land - and these defts. Pray..." Signed at the conclusion by the two defendants Charles Humphreys and Thomas Bodley." A nice legal related Clay autograph document.

\$200 - up



GROVER CLEVELAND CUT SIGNATURE WITH DATE

*61

CLEVELAND, GROVER (1837-1908). Twenty Second and Twenty Fourth President. Cleveland began his political career as the reformminded mayor of Buffalo, NY, and was elected Governor of New York the very next year. In 1884 he was elected President of the U.S., the first Democrat to hold that office since the Civil War. His election was a protest against the waste and corruption that had characterized the Republican administrations after the war, and his personal integrity helped restore confidence in the government. Cut signature with date. 3 1/2" x 2". Signed "Grover Cleveland, Aug. 8, 1892".

\$200 - up



FRANCIS CLEVELAND LETTER SIGNED WITH FREE FRANKED **ENVELOPE**

*62

FRANCIS CLEVELAND (1864 -1947). First Lady; Married Grover Cleveland on June 2, 1886 during his first term as President. TLS 1 page. Princeton, January 14, 1916. On her imprinted "Westland, Princeton, New Jersey" stationary. A friendly letter to Miss Katherine Huntington discussing the camp fire girls and the red cross. A small postscript in her hand at the conclusion. Signed as Francis F. C. Preston. In 1913 Frances married Thomas J. Preston, Jr., a professor of archeology, and remained a figure of note in the Princeton community until she died. Accompanied by a free-franked address envelope. A fine pair.

\$175 - up



FRANCIS CLEVELAND ALS WITH FREE FRANKED **ENVELOPE**

*63

FRANCIS CLEVELAND (1864 -1947). First Lady; Married Grover Cleveland on June 2, 1886 during his first term as President. ALS. 1 page. Princeton, 24 January, '13. To Miss Katherine Huntington; " I was so sorry to be unable to see you & Lucretia when you called but I was in the midst of some business I could not leave. I find today a card...My best wishes to you & to Lucretia, Very sincerely, Frances F. Cleveland" Accompanied by the free franked envelope in which it was sent. Fine.

\$175 - up



SCARCE MOSES CLEAVELAND DOCUMENT SIGNED

MOSES CLEAVELAND (1854-1806) Brigadier general in the Connecticut Militia during the American Revolution. Pioneer settler. In 1796, he was commissioned General Agent and Superintendent to lead the first exploring party into Connecticut's Western Reserve lands in northeast Ohio. His party of fifty endured a long and torturous trek westward. Once arrived, it was Moses Cleaveland's job to negotiate with the Indians, convincing them to give up their land claims. The negotiations and surveys took about three months, the surveyors, who thought very highly of their leader, named the site of the future city "Cleaveland". Document signed. 1 page 8" x 4". Partly-printed document in which Connecticut Load Office Commissioner John Lawrence acknowledges receipt of "...four hundred and thirty three & a half dollars- it being for the Interest arisen on two Continental Certificates, in favour of Col. Aaron Cleavland, dated 28th November 1778 to the 28th of November 1779..." Signed at lower right "Moses Cleaveland" indicating receipt of money. A scarce autograph. Excellent.

\$500 - up



GEORGE AND DEWITT CLINTON SIGN A SINGLE **DOCUMENT CONCERNING A** STATE RESOLUTION

GEORGE CLINTON (1739-1812). Revolutionary soldier; Statesman; Seven-term governor of New York and two-time Vice President of the U.S under Jefferson and Madison and DeWITT CLINTON (1769-1828). Statesman; U. S. Senator; Governor. DS. 1page. 8 3/4" x 9". In Council of Revision. February 27,

"Resolved that it does not appear improper to the Council that the Bill entitled "an act for the amendment of the Law & the better advancement of Trustee "should become a Law of this State George Clinton".

"Ordered that a Copy of the preceeding Presentation signed by his Excellency the Governor be delivered to the Honorable the assembly by Mr. Chief Justice Morris. De Will Clinton".

A nice association of these two important New York figures.

\$300 - up



PETER COOPER WRITES A PROSPECTIVE INVESTOR IN THE ATLANTIC CABLE COMPANY INVITING HIM TO A MEETING "TO HEAR A STATEMENT IN REGARD TO THE PRESENT POSITION, AND FUTURE PROSPECTS OF THE ATLANTIC TELEGRAPH **COMPANY**

*66 COOPER, PETER (1791-1883). Manufacturer; Inventor; Philanthropist. LS. 8" x 7 1/2". In a frame which measures 9 1/2" x 9 ?" overall. 1 page. On early lined paper with a nice embossed Cyrus Field & Co. cache in upper left corner. New York, May 21, 1857. "You are respectfully invited to meet a few Gentlemen at my house No. 9 Lexington Avenue, corner of East 22nd Street, at 8 O'clock on Saturday evening, the 23rd instant, to hear a statement in regard to the present position, and future prospects of the Atlantic Telegraph Company."

"There are many facts in connection with this great enterprize, which are not generally known, and which it is believed, will be interesting to you."

The Atlantic Cable Company was organized in 1854 by CYRUS W. FIELD (1819-1892). Capitalist; Telegraphy pioneer; Promoter Field was the driving force behind the first telegraph cable across the Atlantic ocean. Early partners in the venture included Peter Cooper, Marshall Roberts, Moses Taylor and Wilson Hunt. After unsuccessful attempts in 1857-58, Field succeeded in laying a working cable between Ireland and Newfoundland in August 1858, only to have it fail four weeks later. He finally succeeded in laying a working cable in

A fine early letter signed by Cooper displaying his attempts to attract investors in the highly risky project. Mounted to another board. Fine.

\$750 - up



JOSEPH PLATT COOKE (1730-1816). Cooke was a Revolutionary War officer and a delegate to the Confederation Congress. DS. 1 page. May 10, 1768. An order to Treasurer Talcott to "Please pay to Nathan Gregory Constable of Danbury for transporting a vagrant transient woman belonging out of this Government from Danbury to New Fairfield, then she returned back & was carreid by Sd. Collr.to the Constable of New town..." Signed at the conclusion by Cooke. A nice early document related to homelessness and the social problems confronting Colonial New England, Fine.

\$150 - up

EZRA CORNELL SIGNATURE WITH SENTIMENT

*68

EZRA CORNELL. Signature with sentiment. 4" x 2 1/2". Ithaca N.Y. "May I fall in good Company in the City of brotherly love." Ezra Cornell Ithaca N.Y. Mounting traces on verso. Fine.

\$100 - up



CLARENCE DARROW CARD SIGNED

*69

CLARENCE DARROW (1857-1938). Lawyer and social reformer. Darrow was one of the first to be called a "labor lawyer", a result of his enthusiastic support of organized labor's legal battles. Signature on a red colored card. Fine.

\$275 - up



LEE DEFOREST

*70

LEE DEFOREST (1873-1961). Inventor of the vacuum tube; Radio broadcast pioneer. TLS 1 page 8" x 10". Hollywood, CA September 20, 1951. On imprinted stationary of United Engineering Laboratories. DeForest writes with thanks for a birthday congratulation. Nice bold signature. File holes at left. Nice for framing. Fine.

\$250 - up



KENTUCKY GOVERNOR JOSEPH DESHA DS

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JOSEPH DESHA. (1768-1842) Governor of Kentucky. DS. 1 page. 10" x 8". A certificate signed by Kentucky Governor Joseph Desha appointing D. Benton Sheriff a Justice of the Peace. Desha's signature is in dark bold ink. Nice upper corner vignette of an eagle with shield. Attached seal. Fine.

\$80 - up



JAMES C. DOBBIN ALS

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JAMES C. DOBBIN (1814-1857). Dobbin served as Franklin Pierce's Secretary of the Navy. He instituted many reforms, including the forced retirement of many old and ineffective Navy officers. ALS. 1 page. 7 3/4" x 10". Navy Department, March 19, 1856. Addressed to "Gen. A Henderson, Com't. U.S. Marine Corps, Washington D.C.". It reads in full; "You are authorized to direct an increase of the compensation of the Matron of the Marine Hospital, at Head Quarters, from eight dollars per month, the present rate, to twelve dollars per month. I am respectfully your obt. Srt. J.C. Dobbin." Two horizontal folds and very fine.

\$75 - up



IAMES DUANE

*73

JAMES DUANE (1733-1791). A Revolutionary War-era politicians, Duane was a conservative from New York City who wanted to slowly separate from England. He served in the Continental Congress and later in New York State positions. DS 8" x 6 1/2". 1 page. March 22,1788. Partly printed document paying Duane "For my attendance in Senate, as member from the Southern District from the twentieth day of January to the twenty-second day of March..." Duane boldly signs at the lower right indicating his receipt of payment. Fine.

\$125 - up



SOUVENIR PROGRAM SIGNED BY DUKE ELLINGTON

*74

DUKE ELLINGTON (1899 – 1974). Composer, bandleader, and pianist. Generally considered to be the most important and prolific composer in jazz history. Signed Souvenir Program. 2 1/4" x 3". Brass plated with a red braided cord at left small red suede piece attached at center with gold embossed seal "Oberlin College – Learning and Labor" "Senior Promenade June 9, 1936". "Music by Duke Ellington and His Orchestra", signed by Ellington on the back of the previous page. Excellent.

\$300 - up



OLIVER ELLSWORTH

75

OLIVER ELLSWORTH (1745-1807). Ellsworth, a Revolutionary figure and the second Supreme Court Chief Justice, was a member of the Connecticut Pay Table and member of the Continental Congress during the Revolution. He was instrumental in forging the compromise, which provided for equality of representation in the Senate, and is believed to have introduced "United States." DS. 1pp. 7" x 6". Hartford. Aprl 29, 1777. A document signed "O. Ellsworth" as a Pay Table Committeeman and "Ino Laurence Esq." as Treasurer. The document states: "Pay Mr. Saml Matthews Six pounds three Shillings for Charges of his Sons Sickness on his way Home from Service ay NYork [sic] in the Connecticut new Levies as pr. Amount Charge the State." The top and bottom borders are irregular, but it affects nothing and the ink is dark; the condition is fine.

\$200 - up



RHODE ISLAND GOVERNOR IAMES FENNER

*76

JAMES FENNER (1771-1846). Governor of Rhode Island. DS. 1 page. 8" x 13 1/4". 1810, Rhode Island. An interesting document signed by James Fennner as Governor affirming a marriage for Justice of the Peace John Spaulding. Governor Fenners signature is in dark bold ink. Attached seal and fine.

\$100 - up



CYRUS W. FIELD WRITES
CONCERNING THE PENSIONS
OF FORMER FIRST LADIES
MRS. GARFIELD AND
MRS. LINCLON

*77 CYRUS W. FIELD (1819-1892) Capitalist; Telegraphy pioneer; Promoter. Letter signed 1 page. New York, 10th Dec. 1881. To Mr. Stanley Brown: "...I hope congress will do its plain duty in the matter of the pension to Mrs. Garfield & the increase of Mrs. Lincoln's pension. Will you be so good as to consult Mr. Dawes as to the best course to adopt & advise much, and me oblige. Very truly your friend, Cyrus W. Field". An interesting letter displaying the financiers deep interest in insuring that the former first ladies of two assassinated presidents were well taken care of by the United States government. Folds Fine.

\$350 - up



MILLARD FILLMORE,
MONTHS BEFORE BEING
ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT,
SIGNS A HUDSON AND
BERKSHIRE RAILROAD
COMPANY BOND AS NEW
YORK STATE COMPTROLLER

*78
MILLARD FILLMORE (1800-1874). Thirteenth President. DS. 1pp. 14" x 14 1/2". Hudson [New York]. September 15, 1848. A "Hudson & Berkshire Rail-Road Co." bond signed "Millard Fillmore" as the New York State Comptroller. The one thousand-dollar bond has thirty-one coupons for thirty-five dollars remaining attached, although four coupons have been removed. The bond states in part: "...the Hudson and Berkshire Rail-Road Company, Acknowledges themselves indebted to the Comptroller

of the State of New York, for the use of the holder of this Bond, in the sum of One Thousand Dollars...they promise to pay at the Mechanics' Bank, in the City of New York...with interest at the rate of seven percent per annum..." The bond, printed on paper with elaborate border engravings, is in fine condition. There are four punch holes through Fillmore's dark signature.

\$750 - up



ALBERT GALLATIN WRITES CONCERNING A TREASURY REPORT

*79

ALBERT GALLATIN (1761-1849). Swiss-born American Financier; Secretary of the Treasury. ALS. 1 page. 57 Bleeker St. 8th Febr., 1848. To Geo. Newbold, Bank of America. Dear Sir:

"I had had the report of the Secy. Of the Treasy. But a few hours in my possession, when I added to my essay (the whole of which was printed and the proof sheet corrected) my hasty postscript. On a first impression I had, as you see, taken the same view of the subject as yourself. Subsequently, on examination of the various tables annexed to the report, I discovered to my great surprise, by table KK page 106, that at the very time that Treasy. Notes were quoted and sold above par, a large amount was nevertheless paid for customs, rather than in specie. I had, in the postscript, attended to the items of 2.631.347.01 and 2.385.329.63, which I considered as erroneous for the reasons therein stated, and therefore not to be deducted. I see now clearly that, on account of the large payment for customs, the first item may be accounted for and should be deducted. But there is still an apparent difficulty in the other item, which belongs to the quarter ending 30th Sept. 1847, during which only 37.500 dollars, pr. Table KK, were paid in for customs, and I cannot conceive how the balance (2.350.000) of that item should consist of and come to maturity and actually paid off. All this may, and I believe, will be explained: but it requires explanation. The statement M still appears to me to be evidently erroneous. Respecfully yours, Albert Gallatin" Nice detail. \$250 - up



TREASURY CIRCULAR SIGNED BY ALBERT GALLATIN

*80

ALBERT GALLATIN (1761-1849). Swiss-born American Financier; of the Treasury. Secretary Document Signed. 1 page. 8" x 10" Treasury Department. May 15, 1809. To David Gelston, Collector, New York. "I am advised by Thomas Cooke, Jr., Collector of Edgartown that certain merchandise imported into that district, the duties on which have been already paid, have been transported to your district for the purpose of exportation, and that he has not money sufficient in his hands to pay the debentures that will be issued on the exportation. I have therefore to request that you will pay his drafts for a sum not exceeding Seven thousand one hundred dollars, to enable him to pay the aforesaid debentures; charging the payment in your accounts as made for this purose and referring to this letter as your authority for so doing." In excellent condition.

\$225 - up



LUCRETIA GARFIELD

*81

LUCRETIA GARFIELD (1832-1918). Wife of President James A. Garfield; First Lady from March 4, 1881 until her husband's death on September 19, 1881 at the hands of an assassin Charles Guiteau. Signature on paper mounted to an album page measuring 6 3/4" x 4" overall. "Lucretia R. Garfield". Excellent.

\$100 - up



*82

ELBERT H. GARY (1846-1927). Gary was a successful corporate attorney and judge. Gary helped organize the U.S. Steel Corporation, America's first billion dollar company, and served as its Chief Executive Officer. Signed card. 4" x 2 1/2". Mounted to another sheet of paper. Very Fine.

\$100 - up



JOHN WARNE GATES SIGNS A MILLION DOLLAR CHECK

*83

GATES, JOHN WARNE (1855-1911). Promoter; Capitalist. Gate's nickname, "Bet a Million," was a result of his overzealous speculative nature. Probably his greatest industrial achievement was the American Steel & Wire Co. with which he was able to monopolize the wire industry in America. This led Gates to the formation of U.S. Steel Corporation with J. P. Morgan, an adversarial relationship ending in Gates' departure for business ventures in Texas and his subsequent role in the formation of Texaco.DS. 1 page. 8 1/4" x 3". New York. 1900. Bank check issued to and signed on the verso by John "Bet A Million" Gates. Gates signature is in dark ink and bold. This check was issued in the amount of \$1,087,395,000. Bank checks issued in the 1900's for this amount were very rarely seen. Fine.

\$1,000 - up



ELBRIDGE GERRY APPOINTS A JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

*84

ELBRIDGE GERRY (1744-1814). Signer of the Declaration of Independence from Massachusetts; Vice-President of the United States under Madison; Member of U.S. House of Representatives (1st and 2nd Congress). DS. 9 1/4" x 14 3/4". Boston, June 28, 1811. Partly-printed appointment of John Bacon as a Justice of the Peace. White wafer seal at top left. Boldly signed by Gerry as governor of Massachusetts. Fine.

\$600 - up



PROMISSORY NOTE ISSUED TO STEPHEN AND ENDORSED BY HIM ON VERSO. SIGNED LESS THAN A MONTH BEFORE GIRARD'S DEATH.

*85

STEPHEN GIRARD (1750-1831). American banker; Businessman; Philanthropist. Girard was one of the most important bankers in America during the early 1800's.June 1, 1831. Girard died on December 26, 1831. DS. "Six months after date I promise to pay to the order of Stephen Girard Four Hundred thirty-seven 12/100 dollars without defalcation for value received. Girard endorses the promissory note issued to him on verso just shortly before his death in a very elderly and shaky hand. The docket on verso indicates a date of December 1. Girard died on December 26. Fine.

\$350 - up



SIGNED COVER BY BRITISH PRIME MINISTER WILLIAM GLADSTONE

*86

WILLIAM GLADSTONE (1809-1898). British Prime Minister under Queen Victoria. Postal cover addressed in Gladstone's hand and signed by him at lower left. Postmarked Feb. 1861. Some light soiling.

\$125 - up



GOVERNOR OF MASSACHUSETTS CHRISTOPHER GORE DS

*87

CHRISTOPHER GORE (1758-1827) Born in Boston, Suffolk County, Mass., September 21, 1758. Delegate to Massachusetts state constitutional convention, 1788: member of Massachusetts state house of representatives, 1788-89, 1808; U.S. District Attorney for Massachusetts, 1789-96; member of Massachusetts state senate, 1806-07; Governor of Massachusetts, 1809-10; U.S. Senator from Massachusetts, 1813-16. DS. 1 page. 7 1/2" x 9". 1806, Suffolk County, Massachusetts. A legal document approving of a lawyers conduct and his conforming to the rules after being admitted to the bar in Massachusetts. An early Massachusetts legal doucment.

\$200 - up



CONNECTICUT DEPUTY
GOVERNOR MATTHEW
GRISWOLD SIGNED LEGAL
DOCUMENT

*88

MATTHEW GRISWOLD (1714-99), American jurist and politician. Admitted to the bar in 1743, he was very learned in the law and was active in Connecticut politics. As deputy governor (1769–84) before and during the American Revolution he was ex officio judge of the highest court in Connecticut, and by his wisdom contributed much to the new state in troubled times. He was later governor (1784-86) and presided over the state convention (1788) that ratified the Constitution. Roger Griswold was his son. 1773, Connecticut. DS. 1 page. Document 6 1/2" x 5 1/4" with frame 8 3/4" x 7 3/4" . A legal document ument summoning a person to court to answer for an unpaid debt. Signed by Mathew Griswold as Deputy Governor. Attractive black

frame with gold trim. Fine. \$100 - up

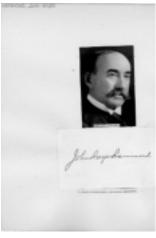


W.F. HALSEY SIGNED PHOTO

*89

WILLIAM FREDERICK "BULL" HALSEY (1882 – 1959). He was one of the leading American naval commanders in WWII. General Douglas MacArthur called Halsey "the greatest fighting admiral" of WWII. Inscribed signed photo. 10" x 8". "To Donald Kidston with regards, W.F. Halsey".

\$300 - up



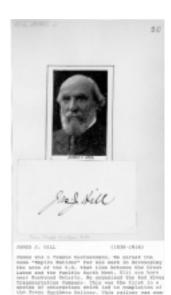
*90 JOHN HAYS HAMMOND (1855-1936). Mining engineer, called "America's greatest miner"; Financier.Signed card. 4" x 2 1/2". Mounted to another sheet of paper. Very Fine.

\$40 - up



*91 MARCUS A. HANNA (1837-1904). Businessman; U.S. Senator. Hanna was a successful Ohio businessman who was instrumental in the election of William McKinley as President. Signed card. 3 1/4" x 1 1/2". "M. A. Hanna, U.S.S. Ohio, 1898". Mounted to another sheet of paper. Very Fine.

\$40 - up



JAMES J. HILL SIGNED CARD

*92

JAMES J. HILL (1838-1916). Railroad executive; Financier. Hill is often referred to as an empire builder because of his great contributions to the development of the Northwest United States. His development and leadership of the Great Northern Railroad stands today as one of the monumental achievements in railroad and financial history. Signed card. 4" x 2 1/4". "Jas. J. Hill". Mounted to another sheet of paper. Very Fine.

\$300 - up





CABINET PHOTO OF MEDAL

OF HONOR WINNER

RICHMOND P. HOBSON

*93

RICHMOND P. HOBSON (1870 -1933). Naval officer, reached the rank of rear admiral. Awarded the medal of honor during the Spanish-American War "In connection with the sinking of the U.S.S. Merrimac at the entrance to the fortified harbor of Santiago de Cuba, 3 June 1898. Despite persistent fire from the enemy fleet and fortifications on shore, Lt. Hobson distinguished himself by extraordinary courage and carried out this operation at the risk of his own personal safety." DS. 1 page. New York, Feb. 10, 1937. Partly-printed bank check drawn on the Corn Exchange Bank payable in the amount of \$25.00. Accompanied by an unsigned cabinet photo of Hobson. The check is extremely fine, the photo has a some light foxing and an ink fingerprint mark. A nice pair for the MOH collector.

\$125 - up



CHARLES EVANS HUGHES

*94

(1862 - 1948) Greatly esteemed chief justice of U.S. Supreme Court (1930-41) Republican presidential candidate defeated by Woodrow Wilson; US secretary state (1921 -25) under Harding and Coolidge. TLS as governor 1p, 8vo Albany, Dec. 15, 1908. On embossed Executive Chamber letterhead to Walter Gilman Page graciously declining an invitation. Fine.

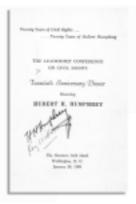
\$100 - up



APOLLO 15 MOONWALKER JIM IRWIN SIGNED CHECK

JIM IRWIN (1930-1991). American astronaut and Moonwalker. Irwin was aboard Apollo 15, but resigned soon afterwards to start an evangelical group called High Flight. DS. 1 page. 6" x 2 3/4". 1991, Colorado. Partly-printed bank check drawn on First Bank, Colorado Springs. Issued to USAA in the amount of \$110.18. Accomplished and signed by Irwin. In excellent condition and great for display.

\$100 - up



HUBERT HUMPHREY SIGNED DINNER PROGRAM

HUBERT H. HUMPHREY (1911-1978). 38th VICE PRESIDENT of the United States. DS. 4pp. 5 1/2" x 8 1/2". A Leadership Conference on Civil Rights dinner program signed by Hubert Humphrey in dark bold ink on the front cover.

\$40 - up



REVOLUTIONARY WAR SOLDIER'S CERTIFICATION SIGNED BY **JABEZ HUNTINGTON**

*97

JABEZ HUNTINGTON (1719 -1786). Major-general of the Connecticut militia during the revolution. Windham, August 31, 1780. Pair of documents being a partly-printed pay order for a soldier serving in the Continental Army and his certification of service signed by Jabez Huntington. Huntington certifies "that Francis Shalliess served as a soldier in the Continental Army Connect. Line in Capt. Webb Company, Colo. Durkee's Regt. Before and on the first day of January 1780 and hath received no support from the Town of Windham where he belongs..." A fine pair. In excellent condition.

\$125 - up



SUPERB REGGIE JACKSON **GATEWAY COVER**

*98

REGGIE JACKSON (Mr. October). Over 16 seasons (1971-1986), Jackson's teams played in 17 postseason series, winning five World Series titles. He won the home run title for three teams and provided some of the most dramatic home runs in history. An egotistical superstar, Jackson offended teammates, opponents, fans, and owners, but always made sure to get along with the press. He saved his worst behavior for his managers, especially Billy Martin, with whom he had a love/hate relationship. Excellent.

\$50 - up



ANDREW IOHNSON SIGNED APPOINTMENT OF A BREVET **MAJOR "FOR GALLANT AND** DISTINGUISHED SERVICES AT THE BATTLES OF PREBLES' FARM AND HATCHERS RUN, **VIRGINIA SIGNED JUST SIX DAYS AFTER ABRAHAM** LINCOLN'S DEATH

ANDREW JOHNSON (1808-1875). Seventeenth President of the United States; Only President to be both impeached and tried. DS. 1 page. 15 1/2" x 17 1/2". April 20, 1865. Large spread-eagle vignette at top, flags and military equipment at bottom. Attached blue seal at upper left. Johnson appoints "A.W. Clark of U.S. Volunteers...the rank of Major BY BREVET in said service to rank as such from the Twenty-eighth day of October....one thousand eight hundred and sixty four, for gallant and distinguished services at the battles of Prebles' Farm and Hatchers Run, Virginia." Signed by Johnson just six days after Lincoln's assassination. Countersigned by Edwin M. Stanton. Trimmed along the lower border into the vignette and backed with a heavy board. Certainly among the earliest of appointments signed by Johnson.

\$900 – up



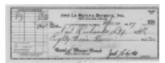
A FINE LBJ INSCRIBED SIGNED PHOTO

*100
LYNDON JOHNSON. Inscribed "To Don Kidson, with best wishes. Lyndon B. Johnson. In old frame. Fine. \$750 - up



BENITO JUAREZ APPOINTS A CAPTAIN IN THE ARMY RESERVE FORCES

BENITO JUAREZ (1806-1872). A Mexican politician, Juarez was a lawyer who pressed for fairer land distribution. He was elected President in 1861 and in an attempt to support the failing Mexican economy, he stopped payment on European loans for two years. The French used this as an excuse to invade and install Maximillian an emperor, while Juarez directed the defenses of Mexico. After the Americans pressured the French to leave, he was again elected President and separated church and state, altered the land system and spoke for greater religious toleration. DS. 1 page. 11 1/2" x 17". Oaxaca. November 18, 1847. Partly-printed appointment "In recognition of the merit and service of Citizen Luis G. Aponte, Infantry Captain, I confer upon him the position in the reserve armed forces of the army, with seniority dating to December of 1867..." Signed at lower left by Juarez. Folds.



BOXER JAKE LAMOTTA SIGNED CHECK

*102

JAKE LAMOTTA. DS. 1pp. 8" x 3". Miami Beach. April 10, 1957. A check signed by boxer Jake LaMotta drawn on the Jake LaMotta Skybrite account. The boxer paid Peel Richards, LTD \$89.29". The check is punch cancelled, though not affecting LaMotta's signature in any way. It is in fine condition overall.

\$30 - up

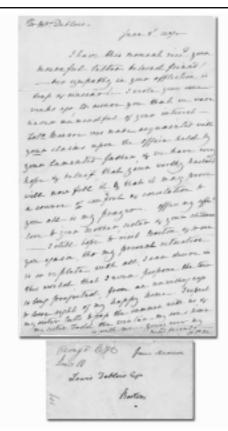


KING GEORGE V AWARDS THE USE OF THE INSIGNIA OF OFFICER OF THE ORDER OF THE OUISSAM ALAOUITE

*103

KING GEORGE V OF ENGLAND (1865-1936). The King of England from 1910 until his death, George and his wife Victoria endeared themselves to the British population by their courage during World War I. DS. 8" x 13". 3 pages. Saint James Court, May 1, 1925. The King awards to Edward La Fontaine Hunot, the "Royal Licence and Authority that you may avail yourself of the said mark of His Majesty's Favour and wear the Insignia of Officer of the Order of Ouissam Alaouite". Scattered light foxing. Fine.

\$400 - up



A CHOICE COMBINATION OF BOTH DOLLEY AND JAMES MADISON ON A LETTER

DOLLEY MADISON CALMS THE WIFE OF A FRIEND SEEKING A GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENT NOTING THAT THE NEW PRESIDENT "COLONEL MONROE" IS AWARE OF THE CLAIMS

*104

DOLLEY MADISON (1772-1849). Dolley was the wife of President James Madison and a popular First Lady. She is best remembered for removing the portrait of George Washington from the White House during the burning of Washington, D.C. in 1814 by the British. Autograph Letter signed "D. P. M." 1 page. 8" x 12 3/4". Orange County, Virginia, June 8, 1817. With attached integral address leaf bearing a choice franking signature of JAMES MADISON, her husband, who had just left the presidency. To Mr. Lewis Deblois, Boston; "I have this moment received your mournful letter beloved friend! Our sympathy in your affliction is deep and sincere! I wrote you some weeks ago to assure you that we were never unmindful of your interest. Col. Monroe was made acquainted with your claims upon the office held by your lamented father and we have every hope and belief that your worthy husband will now fill it, and that it may prove a source of comfort and consolation to you all is my prayer. Offer my affection and love to your mother, sister and your children. I still hope to visit Boston and to see you again, tho my present situation is so replete with all I can desire in this world that I even postpone the tour so long projected, from an unwillingness to loose (sic) sight of my happy home. I expect my sister Cutts to pass the summer with us and my sister Todd the winter - my son's home is with me. Yours ever, my kind friends, DPM"

The letter remains in fine condition as well as the free franked address leaf bearing James Madison's franking signature. A choice combination of Dolley and James together on one document with commentary on the new president, Monroel.

\$3,500 - up

\$750 - up

Fine.



MINUTES OF A MEETING SIGNED BY SIMON LAKE

*105

SIMON LAKE (1866-1945). Inventor; Submarine pioneer. Beginning in the early 1890s, and continuing for over 40 years, Lake built a succession of submarines through which he developed some portion of the submarine technology in use today. DS. 2pp. 8 1/2" x 11". August 7, 1934. " A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lake Submarine Salvage Corporation was held at the office of the Corporation, 31 Broad St., Milford Conn. At 4 p.m. on August 7, 1934, to authorize the president to complete the purchase of the dredge "Chicago" by paying the sum of \$4,000.00 in cash and issuing notes of the Corporation in the total sum of \$20,000.00 in accordance with the terms of the option.....". Signed by Lake in bold in ink along with the other four directors.

\$100 - up



BUFFALO BILL'S WILD WEST AND PAWNEE BILL'S FAR **EAST SHOW CHECK**

No other Oklahoman exemplified "The Wild West" as did Gordon W. Lillie ...Pawnee Bill. He was born in Illinois in 1860 and became interested in the west as a child. He came to Indian Territory in 1875 and was appointed teacher for the Pawnee Indians in 1879. In 1883, Gordon W. Lillie joined thenewly formed "Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show" as an interpreter and performer. In 1886 he married May Manning, a 15 year old girl from Philadelphia he had met while traveling with the show. In 1888 Pawnee Bill formed his own "Wild West Show" and May became a very popular act in her own right for her marksmanship and riding.

In 1908, Pawnee Bill merged his Wild West Show with the Buffalo Bill Wild West Show and the combined show became know as "The Two Bills' Show." It was billed as the entertainment triumph of the ages

and it traveled all over the world entertaining audiences with both realistic and fantasy views of the Old West. The show closed in Denver, Colorado, in 1913 after touring for five seasons as "Buffalo Bill's Wild West and Pawnee Bill's Great Far East Show."

\$800 - up



DOUGLAS MAC ARTHUR PHOTO WITH SIGNED CARD

GENERAL DOUGLAS MAC **ARTHUR** (1880-1964). US general & war hero in World War II & Korean War; superintendent of US Military Academy 1919-1922; army chief of staff 1930-1935; commanded US occupation of Japan 1945-1951; recalled by Harry Truman 1951. Signed card. 1 page. 4" x 3". Photo 6 1/2" x 4 1/2". Frame 10 1/2" x 11 3/4". A superb framed and matted photo of General Mac Arthur and his wife Jean enjoying dinner. The photo is accompanied by a hotel card signed by General Mac Arthur and his wife. A true conversation piece.

\$350 - up



ZEPPO MARX

(1901-1979). Zeppo, the youngest of the five Marx Brothers, appeared in many movies as the straight man. DS. 1pp. 8 1/2" x 3 1/2". Los Angeles. 3/1/74. A check signed "Zeppo Marx" drawn on the "Security Pacific National Bank". He paid "Billings Interiors. \$212.18". The yellow check has the usual punch cancellation holes and a dark signature. It is in very fine condition.

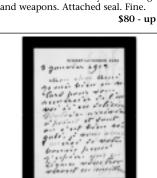
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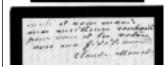


KENTUCKY GOVERNOR THOMAS METCALF DS

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THOMAS METCALFE (1848-1849). Representative and a Senator from Kentucky; born in Fauquier County, Va., March 20, 1780; moved with his parents to Fayette County, Ky.; attended the common schools; learned the mason's trade; served as captain in the War of 1812; member, State house of representatives 1812-1816. DS. 1 page. 10" x 8 ". A certificate signed by Kentucky Governor Thomas Metcalfe appointing Robert Caldwell a Justice of the Peace. Metcalfes signature is in dark bold ink. Nice upper corner vignette of a shield with military helmet flags and weapons. Attached seal. Fine.





MONET THANKS A FRIEND "FOR SENDING HERE THE **DELICIOUS GUINEAU HENS"**

CLAUDE MONET (1840 - 1926). French painter, leader of the impressionist movement. ALS. 2 pages, both sides of a single sheet. 5" x 6 3/4". Giverny. January 3, 1913. To Gustave Geoffrey; "My dear friend, I am very late in thanking you for sending here the delicious guineau hens, which arrived done to a turn and which were so much enjoyed. I tank you for your good thoughts. I hope these lines find you in better health and I send my best wishes for you and yours. With my loyal friendship, Claude Monet". Accomplished on mourning stationary as Monet remained deeply depressed following the death of his second wife Alice in 1911. Accompanied by the original envelope addressed in Monet's hand. Centerfold, Fine. \$1750 - up



TENNIS STAR HELEN WILLS MOODY SIGNED ENVELOPE-FIRST DAY COVER

HELEN WILLS MOODY, (1905 -1998). Women's tennis great who won eight Wimbledon singles titles in the 1920s and 1930s; won 31 major titles, including seven U.S. championships and four French titles over her illustrious career; garnered an Olympic gold medal in Paris in 1924; she won her first girl's national title at the age of 17, making her the youngest champion to that point; her serious demeanor earned her the nickname "Little Miss Poker Face"; was inducted to the International Tennis Hall of Fame in 1959 and was named AP Female Athlete of the Year in 1935.



GROUP OF FOUR MOVIE STAR AUTOGRAPHS

*112

Bryant Washburn autograph with sentiment Ted Lewis autograph with sentiment Ethel Barrymore signed album page with date 1926 Will Fyffe self portrait with inscrip-

tion and date 1929 All Excellent.

\$150 - up



GROUP OF FOUR MOVIE STAR AUTOGRAPHS

*113

Bert Lytell autograph with sentiment.
Gertrude Hoffman autograph with sentiment.
Paul Whiteman Signature.
Frances Williams autograph with sentiment.
All excellent.

\$100 - up



AN EXTRAORDINARY BOOK OF LETTERS PRESENT TO ADOLPH HITLER ON HIS BIRTHDAY

*114

[NAZI GERMANY]. Book. DANKESCHREIBEN FUR HITLER-SPENDE, approximately 300 pp., quarto, 1935, Germany. A volume of 177 bound thank you letters with snapshots and news clippings presented to Hitler on his birthday by grateful SA and SS recruits. These young men were sent by sponsors to camps and training facilities throughout Germany for "vacations" under Hitler's "Strength Through Joy" program of Nazi indoctrination. Inscribed in the book is a record of the participants, sponsors, dates and locations pertaining to those writing the thank you letters. A sample donation form is also included, on the back of which are listed the requirements of the program. Among these are instructions to write a thank you letter to Hitler upon returning home. A fascinating and informative primary source of material showing one way in which the ethos of the Third Reich was nurtured among its youth. Marbleized covers with leatherette spine showing wear on high points with light aging internally. Overall VG condition. \$2500 - up



SUPREME COURT JUSTICE SAMUEL NELSON WRITES CONCERNING A JUDICIAL APPOINTMENT

*115

SAMUEL NELSON (1792-1873). A Supreme Court Justice, Nelson was appointed to the High Court by President Tyler. Als. 2pp. Washington, Nov. 7/69. 5" x 8". A autograph letter signed by Judge Samuel Nelson offering his opinion of Judge Woodruff; "...I have a very high opinion of Judge Woodruff's legal qualifications, and probate work, and that he would make a most creditable appointment..." Signed "Yours Truly S. Nelson". Fold. Fine.

\$125 - up



MAXFIELD PARRISH

*116

(1870-1966). American painter and illustrator of Washington Irving's Knickerbocker's History of New York. His vivid Old King Cole murals in the St. Regis Hotel in NYC are his best known works. Partly printed DS twice, 1p, 8vo, Windsor,



AN ARCHIVE OF LETTERS TO HERMAN GOERING AND HIS WIFE CONGRATULATING THEM ON THE BIRTH OF THEIR DAUGHTER EDDA IN 1938

*11

[NAZI GERMANY]. Archive of 78 items congratulating Hermann Goering and his wife, Emma, on the birth of their daughter, Edda, in 1938. Hermann Goering (1893-1946), a noted World War I flying ace, rose through the Nazi ranks to become the second most powerful man in Germany, only answering Adolf Hitler. Goering was at the height of his popularity with the German public when his second wife gave birth to their only child. This event was highly publicized and resulted in a torrent of cards and letters from well-wishers. The items in this group are of varying sizes up to 8" x 10" and degrees of quality, ranging from simple penned notes to embossed full color cards. Many of the greetings, be they from Party officials or grandmothers, close with "Heil Hitler!". One post card in particular stands out in that it shows the familiar needle and globe from the 1939 New York World's Fair. Datelined Flushing, Long Island, the card was written by a German-American who was probably a member of the pre-war Bund. This grouping is accompanied by a brief note on brown wrapping paper that states "Cards and letters from a German Castle Taken by a pilot during World War II". Each greeting is housed in its own sleeve along with a translation. Overall VF. \$2500 - up

VT Nov 1947. An orange Railway Express Agency shipper's Receipt completed in his holograph. In bold pencil. Parrish consigns "Lot shipment Manuscript and 4 Pieces Clothing" to "Mrs. Maxfield Parrish" in "Brunswick: Georgia," weighing "112lbs." Partial fold separation without paper loss. Fine.

\$300 - up



JAMES KIRKE PAULDING

*118

(1778-1860). American writer advocating the use of American subject

matter; and Secretary of the Navy (1838-1841). He collaborated with Washington Irving and others on the satirical periodical Salmagundi (1808-1808). His works include Life of Washington (1835). LS "J K Paulding" as naval Secretary, 1p, 4to, "Navy Department," Jul 8, 1839. A Circular directing Capt. A.A. Nicholson, Quarter Master, US Marine Corps to "furnish to the Department Monthly statements of balances in your Lands, under each head of appropriation, to be accompanied with an Estimate of the amount which you will require under each head, for the succeeding month..." Boldly signed at conclusion. Occasional minor foxing; Fine.

\$100 - up



SCARCE CHECK SIGNED BY "BLACK JACK" PERSHING

*119

JOHN J. PERSHING (1860-1948) American General. Pershing came to national attention when he commanded the army that entered Mexico to pursue Pancho Villa and his compatriots who had been raiding American communities along the Mexican border. Pershing's long pursuit finally broke Villa's power. Upon American entry into World War I, Pershing was given command of the American forces in Europe. Partly printed bank check drawn on his personal account payable to Waldo C. Moore in the amount of "one cent only". Pershing is quiet scarce in check format. Pershing's signature is just a touch lighter at the conclusion as the pen appears to have been running out of ink. Uncancelled and Fine.

\$250 - up



TIMOTHY PICKERING SIGNED FREE FRANK

*120

TIMOTHY PICKERING (1745-1829). Soldier; Administrator; Politician. A man of formidable administrational ability, Pickering held increasingly important posts during and after the Revolutionary War: adjutant-general and quartermaster-general of the Revolutionary and, Armv. successively. Washington's Postmaster General, Secretary of War and Secretary of State. JAMES McHENRY, (1753-1816). Signer of the U.S. Constitution from Maryland; U.S. Secretary of War. 1811, February. DS. 1 page. 9 3/4" x 7 3/4". A free Frank signed by Timothy Pickering on a cover addressed to James McHenry. Piece missing at bottom center that does not affect the signature.

\$275 - up



PRINCE ALBERT SIGNATURE

*121

PRINCE ALBERT (1819 – 1861). Prince Consort, Husband of Queen Victoria. Bold signature. "Pr. Albert" on partly-printed sheet of paper cut from a larger document, signed beneath the words "The Foreign Office". Two small file holes below signature. Very Fine.

\$100 - up



FDR THANKS HIS SHIRT MAKER

*122

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT (1882-1945). Thirty-second President. TLS. 1page. 8" x 10". Albany, January 18, 1932. On gold embossed imprinted State of New York letterhead. As Governor FDR writes to his shirtmaker; "Thank you for your letter. I have not as yet worn the dress shirt which you made, but the others are most satisfactory". Fun topical matter. Fine for display.

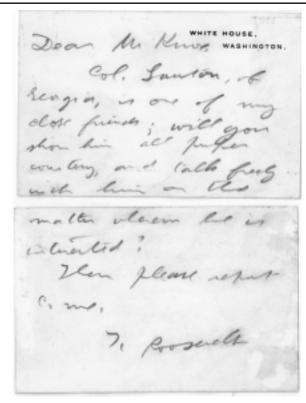
\$300 – up



RINGLING BROTHERS CHECK SIGNED BY CHARLES RINGLING

*123

CHARLES RINGLING (1863-1927). Charles was one of the original Ringling Brothers. DS. 1pp. 8 1/4" x 3 1/4". Chicago, Ills. Oct 13, 1914. A check signed "Chas Ringling" completed in another hand. The check, drawn on the "Fort Dearborn National Bank",



T.R. WRITES AND SIGNES A NOTE TO SECRETARY OF STATE PHILANDER KNOX ON A WHITE HOUSE CARD

*124

THEODORE ROOSEVELT (1858-1919). Twenty-sixth President. Autograph note signed "T. Roosevelt", as president. Washington. 4" x 2 3/4". White House Card. Note written on both sides to Secretary of State, Philander Knox. "Dear Mr. Knox, Col. Lanton, of Georgia is one of my close friends; will you show him all proper courtesy and talk freely with him on the matter wherein he is interested? Then please report to me." Fine.

\$2,500 - up

paid "Swift & Co. \$51.76". There is an engraving of a fort in the upper left corner and the usual cancellation perforations do not affect the signature. It is in fine condition.

\$125 - up



ASSISTANT SURGEON NAVAL APPOINTMENT SIGNED BY THEODORE ROOSEVELT

*125

THEODORE ROOSEVELT (1858-1919). Twenty-sixth President. DS. 15 3/4" x 19 1/2". February 21, 1905. Lovely engraved spread eagle vignette at top and Sea scene with Neptune at bottom. Attached blue embossed paper seal. Naval Appointment for "Owen J. Mink, I have nominated, and by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint him an Assistant Surgeon in the Navy with the rank of Lieutenant (junior grade) from the 7th day of June 1904...". Signed by Theodore Roosevelt. Excellent.

\$400 - up



INTERIM APPOINTMENT SIGNED BY THEODORE ROOSEVELT

*126

THEODORE ROOSEVELT (1858-1919). Twenty-sixth President. DS. 16" x 19 1/2". June 7, 1904. Partly-printed document with attached blue embossed paper seal. An interim appointment for "Owen J. Mink, I do appoint him an Assistant Surgeon in the Navy with the rank of Lieutenant (junior grade) from the Seventh day of June, 1904, in the service of the United States...". Signed by Theodore Roosevelt. Some light age toning and fine.

\$400 - up



INTERIM APPOINTMENT SIGNED BY THEODORE ROOSEVELT

*127

THEODORE ROOSEVELT (1858-1919). Twenty-sixth President. DS. 16" x 19 1/2". July 8, 1907. Partly-printed document with attached blue embossed paper seal. An interim appointment for "Owen J. Mink, I do appoint him a Passed Assistant Surgeon in the Navy, with the rank of Lieutenant, from the seventh day of June, 1907, in service of the United States...". Signed by Theodore Roosevelt. Fine.

\$400 - up



PASSED ASSISTANT SURGEON NAVAL APPOINTMENT SIGNED BY THEODORE ROOSEVELT

*128

THEODORE ROOSEVELT (1858-1919). Twenty-sixth President. DS. 15 3/4" x 19 1/2". February 21, 1905. Lovely engraved spread eagle vignette at top and Sea scene with Neptune at bottom. Attached blue embossed paper seal. Naval Appointment for "Owen J. Mink, I have nominated, and by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint him a Passed Assistant Surgeon in the Navy with the rank of Lieutenant, from the 7th day of June 1907....". Signed by Theodore Roosevelt. Very Fine.

\$400 - up



PETE ROSE SIGNED GATEWAY COVER

*129

PETE ROSE. Nicknamed Charlie Hustle. Rose is the career leader in hits (4,256), singles (3,215), at-bats (14,053) and games played (3,562). He is second all-time in doubles, fourth in runs, and collected at least 100 hits in his first 23 seasons, a record. He had more than 200 hits in a season 10 times, also a record, led the league in hits in seven seasons, and is the most prolific switch-hitter in history. He is the only player to play 500 games at five different positions. Great addition to any collection. Excellent.

\$40 - up



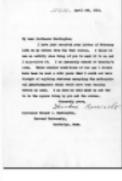
THEODORE ROOSEVELT
WRITES THANKING
QUENTIN'S HARVARD
PROFESSOR FOR
FORWARDING A SATIRICAL
POEM WRITTEN BY THE
YOUNGER ROOSEVELT
CONCERNING HIS
FRUSTRATION WITH
MATHMATICS

*130

THEODORE ROOSEVELT (1858-1919). Twenty-sixth President. TLS. 1 page. 7" x 10". Oyster Bay, April 4, 1916. Roosevelt writes to Harvard Professor Edward S. Huntington thanking the latter for forwarding a page from Quentin Roosevelt's midyear bluebook in 1916 on which Quentin had typed a satirical poem detailing his frustrations with math. TR writes;

"I have just received your letter of February 14th on my return from the West Indies. I think it was an awfully nice thing of you to send it to me and I appreciate it. I am immensely amused at Quentin's poem. Under similar conditions at his age I should have been in such a wild panic that I could not have thought of anything whatever excepting the mathematical phantasmagoria which would have been dancing before my eyes. I am sure he will pick up and try to do the square thing by you and the course."

The poem being a leaf taken from Quentin's yearbook and forward to



TR accompanies the letter and offers a fun view into Quentin's witty side.

Ode to a Math. Exam "If it be not fair to me, What care I how fair it be?"

How can I work when my brain is whirling?
What can I do if I've got the grippe?
Why make a bluff at a knowledge

that's lacking? What is the use if I don't give a rip?

Cosine and tangent, cotangent, abscissa,

Dance like dry leaves through my sneeze-shattered head: Square root of a2 plus b2 plus k2 Gibber and grin in the questions I've read

Self centered circles and polar coordinates Triangles twisted and octagons wild, Loci whose weirdness defies all description Mountains of zeros all carefully piled

Still I plod on in a dull desperation, Head aching dismally, ready to sip Goblets of strychnine or morphine or vitriol,

How can I work, when I've got the grippe?

Quentin Roosevelt (1897 – 1918) was shot down by two German flyers while serving in the American air service during World War I at the age of 20. He was the youngest of TR's children. A truly fine and unusual TR item.

\$1,500 - up



TOM SEAVER SIGNED GATEWAY COVER

*131

TOM SEAVER. An intelligent, hardworking perfectionist and the quintessential professional, Seaver was

the first true star for the Mets and led them to their miracle World Championship in 1969. In his 10 years in New York from 1967 to 1977, he won 25% of the Mets' games. The 17th 300-game winner in major league history, Seaver set a major league record by striking out 200 or more hitters in 10 seasons, nine in a row from 1968 to 1976. Excellent

\$30 - up



AN INCREDIBLE ACCOUNT OF A SEA SERPENT SIGHTING

*132

An interesting three page account of a sighting of a "Sea Serpent". Appears to be part of a personal diary kept by an individual traveling aboard a ship detailing the people aboard and part of the journey with an unusual description of the Sea Serpent sighting. "Journal of a Voyage from Lubec to Newburyport in the () Charity, Capt. Moses Pike." "...Mount desert "Thursday, June 11 at three O'clock P.M...About M. N. W. Mount Desert Rock () S. s. E. 6 O'clock saw under our bow about 100 fatherms distance something crossing us in a direction about E. N.E. which on a nearer view we made to be the Monstrous Sea Serpent which so much astonished the Inhabitants of Massachusetts, his appearance was truly terrific, his motion very quiet. Should judge we saw about 40 feet of him at the same time a whale made his appearance crossing our bow in the same direction..." A great early seafaring account. Fine.

\$250 - up

*134



A NICE DEALER'S LOT OF SPINNER SIGNED CHECKS

*133

FRANCIS SPINNER (1802-1890). Treasurer of the United States. Lot of 14 checks drawn on the Mohawk Valley Bank. All measure approximately 7 3/4" x 4". Lovely engraved vignette of a farmer and horse-drawn plough at upper left, formally dressed man at left. All are dated between 1853 and 1855 and remain in fine or better condition but for one which has some mildew stain and minor paper loss. Nice dealer group.

\$500 - up



"If you have simply procured an authorization for an amateur performance and are availing yourself of it to give a professional one, you are committing the blackest crime possible in theatrical business."

GEORGE BERNARD SHAW SCOLDS A SHOW PRODUCER FOR OBTAINING RIGHTS FOR AN AMATUER SHOW FOR USE IN A PROFESSIONAL VENUE

GEORGE BERNARD SHAW (1856-1950). Irish-born dramatist, critic and essayist; Nobel laureate. Shaw ranks as one of the most important literary figures of the 1900s. In a career spanning nearly 60 years, Shaw wrote over 50 plays, most being comedies appealing to the emotions of the audience. He was a mischievous and original thinker, involving himself in various social issues. He was awarded the 1925 Nobel prize for literature. Typed letter signed. 1 page. April 6, 1911. 8" x 10". On his imprinted letterhead. An interesting letter in which Shaw writes admonishing the recipient for falsely obtaining rights to his work for the use of a professional performance under the pretence that it was for amateur use.

"The best performance of Bompas I have seen was given by Mr. A. G. Poulton; but I do not know where he is a present, and cannot say anything as to his terms. I am rather bewildered by all the paragraphs that have reached me. Your performance seems to me to be a regular professional one; and I have certainly not authorized anything of the kind. If you have simply procured an authorization for an amateur performance and are availing yourself of it to give a professional one, you are committing the blackest crime possible in theatrical business. As a matter of fact, I have received a very strong remonstrance from an actor who is negotiating with me for a production of "How He Lied"; and the negotiations will very probably fall through in consequence. I have no doubt you will go on since you are in so far, and I have no time to bother about it; but you really must not do these things. You might quite easily involve an

author in a breach of contract involving very heavy damages. I may add that in nine cases out of ten, when only a single performance is contemplated, it is cheaper to obtain an authorization on professional than on amateur terms."

A fine example detailing what must have been a litany of literary rights infringements faced by the writers of the period. Folds. Excellent.

\$1250 - up



FRANCIS SPINNER

*135

FRANCIS SPINNER (1802-1890). 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. He is credited with bringing women into the civil service. Very ornate and distinctive American autograph. LS. 1 page. Washington, DC. May 29, 1856. To a John A. Rasback in Ilion, New York. A choice letter in which Spinner writes the he is serving "on the Committee of investigation in the Brooks case" and is return home to Ilion. A fine letter written from the House of Representative. Excellent condition.

\$100 - up



COMMODORE VANDERBILT CUT SIGNATURE

*136

"COMMODORE" CORNELIUS (1794-1877). Steamship and railroad promoter; Capitalist. Founder of the family fortune which exists yet today, Vanderbilt stands as one of the greatest American capitalists. Signature cut from a letter. 2 3/4" x 1" mounted to another sheet of paper. A must for any collection.

\$225 - up



DEALER'S LOT OF SPINNER SIGNED LETTERS SIGNED WHILE SERVING AS CASHIER OF THE MOHAWK VALLEY BANK

*137

FRANCIS SPINNER (1802-1890). Treasurer of the United States. A fine group of 38 Spinner letters including 1 letterpress copy and 1 secretarial signed. All are related to the receipt and payment of routine bank transactions. Nice dealer lot.

\$1,250 - up



LELAND STANFORD SIGNS A CHECK

*138

LELAND STANFORD. DS. 1pp. 7 3/4" x 2 3/4". San Francisco. 14 June 1872. Partly-printed bank check drawn on the Bank of California payable to Leland Stanford in the amount of \$100. Signed by Stanford as maker. Light bank cut cancellation. A scarce check signed by Stanford. In excellent condition.

\$1,000 - up

LELAND STANFORD (1824-1893). Railroad magnate; California governor and U.S. Senator. Known as a great railroad builder, Leland Stanford began his professional career as a lawyer. However, losing his law office and library in Port Washington, WI to fire, young Leland followed his five brothers west to California, where he set up business with a stock of miners supplies. Settling in Sacramento with his wife, he became involved in California politics, eventually being elected Governor in 1861, when the outbreak of the Civil War split the opposing democratic party in half. Holding office for only one term, Stanford's political accomplishments include holding California safely within the Union, relieving the 1861 Sacramento flood, and approving several public grants to

the transcontinental railroad via Truckee, CA. This latter was the enterprise which brought him both wealth, and the bulk of his reputation. Providing seed money for initial feasibility studies of the Central Pacific Railroad, Stanford would be intimately involved with this venture from its inception until his death in 1893 and, in fact, felt no remorse about taking official action as governor when his private interests as railroad president were engaged. The Central Pacific brought together Stanford, Charles Crocker, Mark Hopkins and C. P. Huntington, commonly known as "The Big Four" into one of the most ambitious and important railroad projects in American history. The combined talents of these railroad greats accomplished the seemingly impossible task of connecting the Central and Union Pacific railroads. President and director of the Central Pacific from its beginning until his death, he also served as director of Southern Pacific Company from 1885-93, and president from 1885-90. Stanford was also a director of Southern Pacific Railroad in 1889-90. Among his notable railroad accomplishments include the acquisition of satisfactory terminal facilities for the Central Pacific in San Francisco bay, the 1871 purchase of the competing line of the California Pacific Company Railroad from Sacramento to Vallejo, purchase of the San Francisco and San Jose Railroad, and the organization of the Southern Pacific Railroad. With connecting lines under the same holding control of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, He created a through line from San Francisco to New Orleans. Though elected to the U.S. Senate late in his career, Stanford lacked political savvy and was largely ineffective. He is remembered today as the founder of Stanford University, a memorial to his beloved son.



A LARGE INDENTURE SIGNED TWICE BY NAVAL OFFICER ROBERT F. STOCKTON

*139 **ROBERT F. STOCKTON** (1795 – 1866). Naval Officer. DS. 27 1/2" x 33". October 28, 1854. Land indenture for property in Philadelphia signed twice by Stockton along with a William Wharton and Hannah Hollingsworth. Two large vellum sheets tied together. Fine.

\$200 - up

WILLIAM H. VANDERBILT

*140

(1821-1885). Financier, philanthropist. Son of Cornelius Vanderbilt, William became president of the New York Central and Hudson River RR and affiliated corporations upon his father's death in 1877. DS "W.H. Vanderbilt," 9pp, legal folio, New York, Apr 24, 1874. Legal instrument agreeing to convey property between Vanderbilt and The New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company consisting of 11 acres between 64th and 65th Streets mortgaged to Joseph Dunyer by Vanderbilt. Boldly signed on last page above embossed corporate seal. Cover evidence edge chipping with some paper loss. Internally Fine.

\$250 - up



JAMES WADSWORTH SIGNED DOCUMENT

*141
JAMES WADSWORTH (1730-1817) soldier, born in Durham, Connecticut. DS. 1 page. 8" x 12 3/4". 1785, Durham. State of Connecticut accounting sheet listing names and amounts of taxes abated for citizens in Durham, Connecticut. Boldy signed by James Wadsworth as one of the town officials. Fine

\$125 – up



JEREMIAH WADSWORTH SIGNS RECEIVING PAYMENT FOR THE NURSING OF SMALLPOX VICTIMS DURING THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

*14:

JEREMIAH WADSWORTH (1743 1804). 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, during which time Washington wrote that, thanks to Wadsworth, "supplies had been good and At the request of Rochambeau, Wadsworth served as commissary-general for the French troops until the close of the war. After the war, Wadsworth helped found, or was a director of, organizations such as the Bank of North America in Philadelphia, the United States Bank, and the Bank of New York. DS. 1 page. 4 1/2" x 3 3/4". An order to pay Catherine Bolton, Dr. "to 26 days nursing the smallpox..." At the bottom Wadsworth has penned "Middletown, June 17, 1776. Rec. the contents in full Jere. Wadsworth, Catherine Bolton." Bolton has place her mark in the form of an X." Fine.

\$275 - up



SIGNED PHOTO OF GENERAL JONATHAN WAINWRIGHT

*144

JONATHAN M. WAINWRIGHT. (1883- 1953). General Jonathan Mayhew Wainwright stands as perhaps one of America's greatest heroes from World War II, the second "war to end all wars". Inscribed signed photo. 14" x 11 1/2". A nice addition to any military collection.

\$125 - up



DANIEL WEBSTER SIGNED BANK CHECK

*145

DANIEL WEBSTER (1782-1852). Statesman; U.S. Secretary of State; Orator. Trained as a lawyer, Webster was elected to the U. S. House of Representatives in 1812, thereby beginning a distinguished political career that would span four decades and would greatly impact the direction the U.S. would take in the future. DS. 1 page. 6 1/2 x 2 1/2". 1843, New York. Bank check signed by Daniel Webster. A superb New Hampshire related item. Fine.

\$175 - up

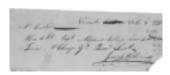


UNSIGNED PHOTO OF GENERAL WAINWRIGHT & WIFE

*143 JONATHAN M. WAINWRIGHT. (1883- 1953). General Jonathan

Mayhew Wainwright stands as perhaps one of America's greatest heroes from World War II, the second "war to end all wars". Unsigned photo. 13 1/4" x 10 1/2". Superb parade photo of General Wainwright and his wife. Ideal for framing.

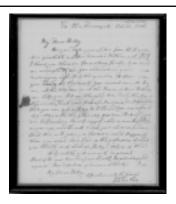
\$50 - up



CONNECTICUT GENERAL JOSEPH WILLIAMS

*146
JOSEPH WILLIAMS General of the Connecticut militia. DS. 1 page. 7" x 2 3/4". 1791, Norwich. Military order for twine. Signed by Williams in dark bold ink. Fine.

\$100 - up



"Nothing can help you but an Almighty Arm."

A RARE IOHN WESLEY **LETTER OFFERING SPIRITUAL ADVICE**

*147

JOHN WESLEY (1703 – 1791). British clergyman. ALS. 1 page. London, Oct. 23, 1786. To. Eliz. Davenport. "My Dear Betsy: As you date your letter from Shillington it is probable a letter directed hither will you find. I love you the more for writing feely: you need no reserve with me. You understand your own distemper well. But the question is how can you heal it? Certainly you cannot cure it. () all the Wisdom or all the power of man! Nothing can help you but an Almighty Arm. Only the Great () can heal your (). His wand, do it quickly. Buy you are not willing to be heald!. You are afraid of parting with the pleasing person's! But if you are half willing, He will supply what is wanting. Pray as you can, and He will (). And this will give you forever sold happiness that you want...find in the possession of what you blindly seek. Look up. Betsy! Help is at hand!...'

A choice letter in which the great British religious leader writes displaying his religious fervor while offering spiritual advice.

\$2,000 - up



OLIVER WOLCOTT SIGNED TREASURY CIRCULAR CON-**CERNING ALLOWANCES TO** FISHING VESSELS

*148 **OLIVER WOLCOTT, Jr.** (1760-1833). Secretary of the Treasury under Washington and Adams; Governor of Connecticut. Son of a Signer of the Declaration of Independence, Oliver Jr. served the treasury Department faithfully and superbly under Alexander Hamilton, and was instrumental in developing a plan for the establishment of branches of the Bank of the United States (founded 1791). 1799, Treasury Department. ALS. 1 page. 7 3/4" x 9 3/4". 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..."

\$250 - up



*149 **ORVILLE WRIGHT** (1871-1948). Aviation pioneer, together with his brother Wilbur, they invented the first successful airplane achieving flight at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina on Dec. 17, 1903. DS. 1 page. Dayton, Ohio. May 16, 1947. Partlyprinted bank check payable to Wilbur H. Wrightin the amount of \$50.93. Accomplished in a secretarial hand and signed by Wright as maker. Usual bank punch cancellation not affecting Wright's signature. In excellent condition.

\$500 - up



UNCUT SHEET OF THREE CONNECTICUT NOTES SIGNED BY OLIVER WOLCOTT JR.

*150 OLIVER WOLCOTT, Jr. (1760-1833). Secretary of the Treasury under Washington and Adams; Governor of Connecticut. Son of a Signer of the Declaration of Independence, Oliver Jr. served the treasury Department faithfully and superbly under Alexander Hamilton. and was instrumental in developing a plan for the establishment of branches of the Bank of the United States (founded 1791). 1788, Connecticut. Connecticut comptrollers notes. DS. 1page. 6 1/4" x 15". Uncut sheet of three Connecticut comptrollers notes signed by Oliver Wolcott Jr. Pen cancellations slightly affect Wolcotts signature otherwise fine.

\$200 - up



A TREASURY DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR REQUIRING "THE **ENUMERATION OF SLAVES"**

*151 [OLIVER WOLCOTT, JR.]
Treasury Department. Trenton, November 6, 1798. To Samuel C.

Morris, Esquire. Clerk to the Board of Commissioners of Direct Taxes, Reading Pennsylvania. 7 1/2" x 9". "Agreeable 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. If more should be required, the Commissioners must direct a sufficient number to be printed. I am wit consideration, Sir, Your Obedt. Servant, Oliver Wolcott". 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 of 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.

\$250 - up



WOODROW WILSON SIGNED NAVAL SURGEON APPOINTMENT

WOODROW WILSON (1856-1924). Twenty-eigth President. DS. 15 3/4" x 19 1/2". March 16, 1917. Lovely engraved spread eagle vignette at top and Sea scene with Neptune at bottom. Paper Seal is missing at bottom center. Naval Appointment for "Owen J. Mink, I have nominated, and by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint him a Surgeon in the Navy, with the rank of Lieutenant Commander, from the 29th day of August, 1916....". Signed by Woodrow Wilson. Very Fine.

\$400 - up

OSCAR BERGER CARICATURES

While alive Oscar Berger was acclaimed as "the greatest living caricaturist of world celebrities". His list of subjects reads like a who's who of the world. Oscar Berger, for a large part of the previous century was an internationally celebrated artist whose caricatures of hundreds of world-famous personages graced the pages of many of the leading newspapers and magazines throughout the world. Among these publications was The New York Times, Look, The Saturday Evening Post, Harper's, Saturday Review, London Daily Telegraph, London News Illustrated, Le Figaro and numerous others. His drawings were widely syndicated, televised and featured in newsreels and he was often seen at important world gatherings such as the League of Nations, United Nations, House of Commons, The White House, etc. Featured in countless news articles, Berger's tales of his meetings with the World's elite were as interesting as the artwork.



GENERAL OMAR BRADLEY

*153

A nice signed caricature of General Omar Bradley drawn from life by world famous Czechoslovakian caricaturist Oscar Berger. DS. 1pp. Washington D.C. n.d. 11" x 16". Bradley, Omar Nelson (1893-1981), American general, who was the senior commander of United States ground troops in the invasion of Europe in 1944. Fine.

\$250 - up



KING HUSSEIN OF JORDAN

*154

A rare signed caricature of King Hussein I of Jordan drawn from life by world famous Czechoslovakian caricaturist Oscar Berger. DS. 1pp. n.p. n.d. 10" x 13". Hussein I , 1935-99, king of Jordan; educated in England at Harrow and Sandhurst. He ascended the throne (1953) after his grandfather Abdullah had been killed (1951) by a Palestinian extremist and after his father was declared (1952) mentally unfit to serve as king. The target of more than a dozen assassination attempts, Hussein generally espoused a moderate pro-Western policy that brought him into conflict with leftist leaders in other Arab countries, as well as with Palestinians in Jordan. An extraordinary piece.

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A LARGE LYNDON B. JOHNSON **SIGNED CARICATURE**

A rare and fascinating signed caricature of Lyndon B. Johnson drawn from life by world famous Czechoslovakian caricaturist Oscar Berger. 1pp. n.p. n.d. 9 1/2" x 13 1/4". Johnson, Lyndon Baines, 1908–73, 36th President of the United States (1963–69), b. near Stonewall, Tex. Very fine.

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HARRY S. TRUMAN

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A superb signed caricature of Harry S. Truman drawn from life by world famous Czechoslovakian caricaturist Oscar Berger. DS. 1pp. n.p. n.d. 12" x 9 3/4". Truman, Harry S, 1884-1972, 33d President of the United States, b. Lamar, Mo. A nice example.

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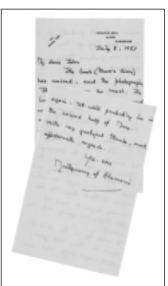


RICHARD NIXON

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An interesting signed caricature of Richard M. Nixon drawn by world famous Czechoslovakian caricaturist Oscar Berger. DS. 1pp. n.p. n.d. 10" x 14". Nixon, Richard Milhous (1913-1994), 37th president of the United States (1969-1974), and the only president to have resigned from office. He was elected president of the United States in 1968 in one of the closest presidential elections in the nation's history and in 1972 was reelected in a landslide victory. Nixon's second administration, however, was consumed by the growing Watergate scandal, which eventually forced him to resign to avoid impeachment. Nixon was the second youngest vice president in U.S. history and the first native of California to become either vice president or president.

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MONTGOMERY OF ALAMEIN AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED

BERNARD LAW MONTGOMERY

(1887-1976). Montgomery, also known as Montgomery of Alamein, was a popular British Army general in World War II. At the start of war, he led troops in France for nine months before being rescued at Dunkirk. In 1942, he drove Rommel out of North Africa and helped plan the Normandy invasion. After the war, he headed NATO's military forces. 5" x 8". 2 pp. ALS dated July 5, 1957. A letter of thanks to John for the book (Keam's diary) and photos. Excellent.

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*159

MEL FERRER (1917 -) Producer, Actor. Dropped out of Princeton University in his sophomore year to become an actor in summer stock; meanwhile he worked as an editor for a small Vermont newspaper and wrote a children's book. He debuted on Broadway in 1938 as a chorus dancer; two years later, he made his debut as an actor. 11" x 13 1/2". Autograph sketch in pencil, by Oscar Berger. \$125 - up



*160 **ERNEST** BEVIN (1881-1951) British statesman, born in Winsford, Somerset, SW England, UK. Orphaned at seven, and self-taught, he early came under the influence of trade unionism and the Baptists, and was for a time a lay preacher. A paid official of the dockers' union, he gained a national reputation in 1920 when he won most of his union's claims against an eminent barrister, earning the title of "the dockers' KC'. He built up the National Transport and General Workers' Union, and became its general secretary (1921-40). In 1940 he became a Labour MP, minister of labour and national service in Churchill's coalition government, and in the Labour government was foreign secretary (1945—51). 8" x 11 1/2". Autograph sketch in pencil, made from life, by Oscar Berger.

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*161
[ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL]
(1847-1922) Inventor and educator.
Bell is best known for perfecting the telephone to transmit vocal messages by electricity. The telephone inaugurated a new age in communication technology. 10 1/2" x 13 1/2". Unsigned drawing by Oscar Berger. \$75 - up



*162 SIR (HAROLD) MALCOLM (WATTS) SARGENT (1895 — 1967) Conductor, born in Ashford, Kent, SE England, UK. Originally an organist, he first appeared as a conductor when his Impression on a Windy Day was performed at a Promenade Concert in 1921. He conducted the Royal Choral Society from 1928, the Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra (1942—8), and the BBC Symphony Orchestra (1950-7). From 1948 he was in charge of the London Promenade Concerts. His sense of occasion and unfailing panache won him great popularity at home and abroad. He was knighted in 1947. 11" x 14 3/4". Autograph sketch in pencil, made from life, by Oscar Berger.

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KENNETH GALBRAITH IOHN (1908)—) Economist; born in London. Ontario, Canada. Emigrating to the U.S.A. in 1931, he pursued a diverse career that led him through academic and government positions including that of a Harvard professor (1949-75), U.S. ambassador to India (1961-63), personal adviser to President Kennedy, and best-selling author. His serious academic work focused on a critical analysis of interactions between economics and power in U.S. society. His broader reputation derives from his often acerbic and openly partisan

critiques of national political as well as economic policies. 9 3/4" x 14". Autographed sketch, drawn from life by Oscar Berger.

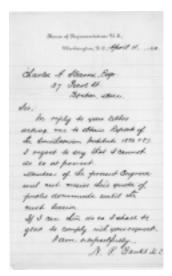
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*164 DAVE GARROWAY (1913 - 1982) Television host; born in Schenectady, N.Y. Originally a disk jockey on Chicago radio, he appeared in his own variety show, Garroway-at-Large (1949-51) on National Broadcasting Company (NBC)-TV. The first Today host (1952-61), he later hosted Wide, Wide World (1955-58), also on NBC. Retiring after his wife's death, he later worked on National Educational Television's show, Exploring the Universe (1961-62). 13" x 18". Autographed sketch in pencil, drawn from life by Oscar Berger.

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THE CIVIL WAR

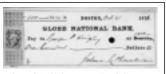


GOVERNOR OF MASSACHUSETTS AND UNION GENERAL NATHANIEL BANKS ALS

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NATHANIEL BANKS (1816-1894). Congressman, Governor and Union soldier. 1890, Washington D.C. 1page. "I reply to your letter asking me to obtain Reports of the Smithsonian Institute 18886 & 87. I regret to say that I cannot do so at present...I am respectfully, N.P. Banks M.C.". Small tear at top that does not affect signature or text.

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CHECK SIGNED BY JOSHUA CHAMBERLAIN

*166 JOSHUA CHAMBERLAIN (1828 –

1914). Union Soldier, made a brigadier-general in 1864 by U. S. Grant. Received the congressional medal of honor at Gettysburg for his defense of Little Round Top. DS. 1 page. Boston, Oct. 31, 1876. 7 1/4" x 2 3/4". Partly-printed bank check drawn on Globe National Bank payable to George P. Kingsley in the amount of \$100. Accomplished entirely in his hand and signed by Chamberlain as maker. One small punch cancellation at center not affecting signa-

ture. A nice example.

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