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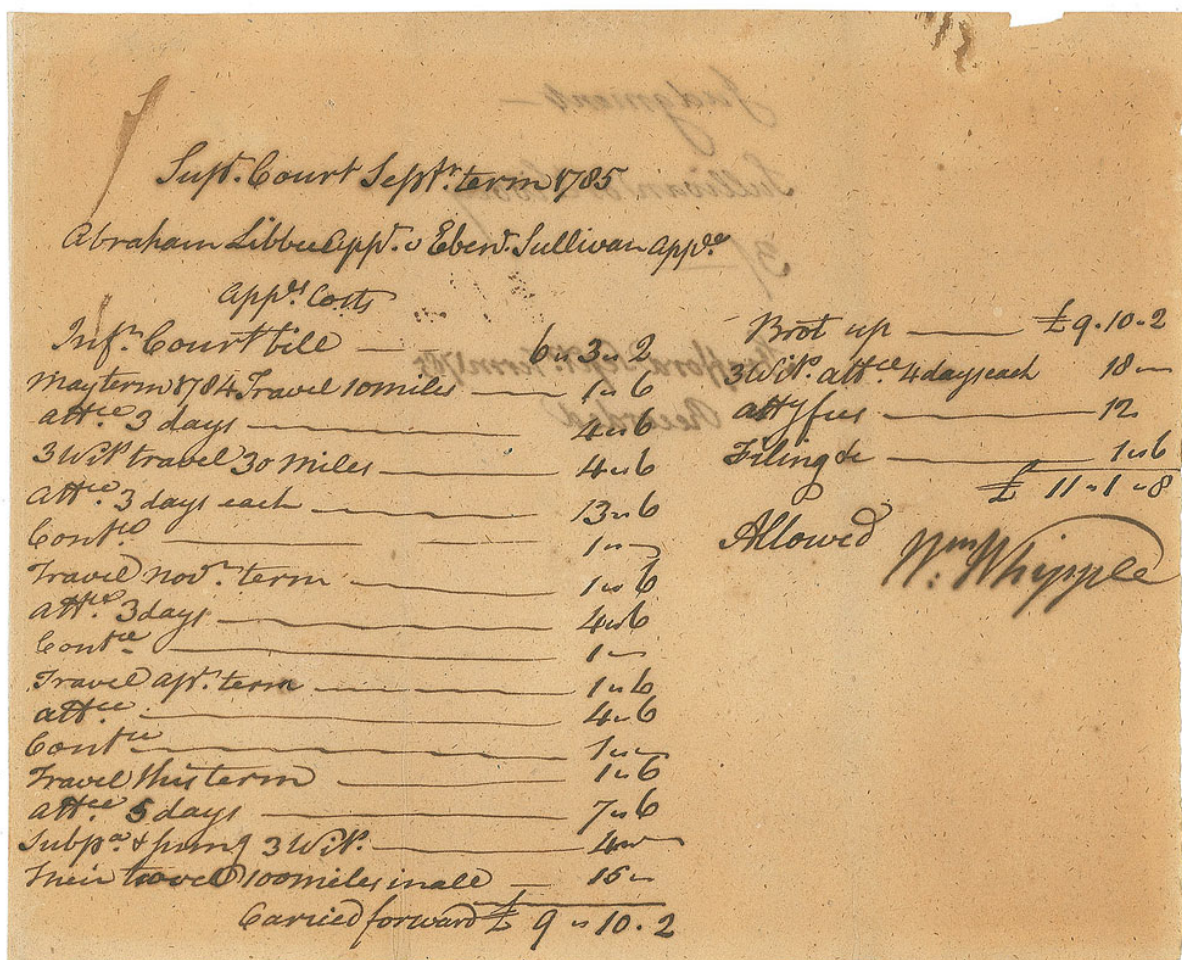
NEW HAMPSHIRE: JOSIAH BARTLETT



Josiah Bartlett One of the Council

Bold ink signature, "Josiah Bartlett," on an off-white 4 x .75 slip, marked "One of the Council" in another hand. In fine condition, with light foxing and staining.

NEW HAMPSHIRE: WILLIAM WHIPPLE



Supt. Court Sept. term 1785
Abraham Libbey app. v. Ebenezer Sullivan app.
App. Costs

<i>Inf. Court till</i>	<i>6s 3d 2</i>	<i>Prot up</i>	<i>£ 9.10.2</i>
<i>May term 1784. Travel 10 miles</i>	<i>1s 6</i>	<i>3 wit. att. 4 days each</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>att. 3 days</i>	<i>4s 6</i>	<i>att. fees</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>3 wit. travel 30 miles</i>	<i>4s 6</i>	<i>Filing de</i>	<i>1s 6</i>
<i>att. 3 days each</i>	<i>13s 6</i>		<i>£ 11.1.8</i>
<i>Cont. no</i>	<i>1s</i>	<i>Allowed</i>	<i>Wm Whipple</i>
<i>Travel Nov. term</i>	<i>1s 6</i>		
<i>att. 3 days</i>	<i>4s 6</i>		
<i>Cont. no</i>	<i>1s</i>		
<i>Travel Dec. term</i>	<i>1s 6</i>		
<i>att. 3 days</i>	<i>4s 6</i>		
<i>Cont. no</i>	<i>1s</i>		
<i>Travel this term</i>	<i>1s 6</i>		
<i>att. 3 days</i>	<i>7s 6</i>		
<i>Subp. & return 3 wit.</i>	<i>1s</i>		
<i>Trin. travel 100 miles in all</i>	<i>15s</i>		
<i>Carried forward</i>	<i>£ 9.10.2</i>		

Scarce ADS, signed "Wm: Whipple," one page, 7.5 x 6, September 1785. Document recording court costs in the case of Abraham Libbey v. Ebenezer Sullivan, itemized with travel costs, attorney fees, and filing charges, amounting to a total of £11.1.8. In fine condition, with uniform toning. Accompanied by a full letter of authenticity from JSA.

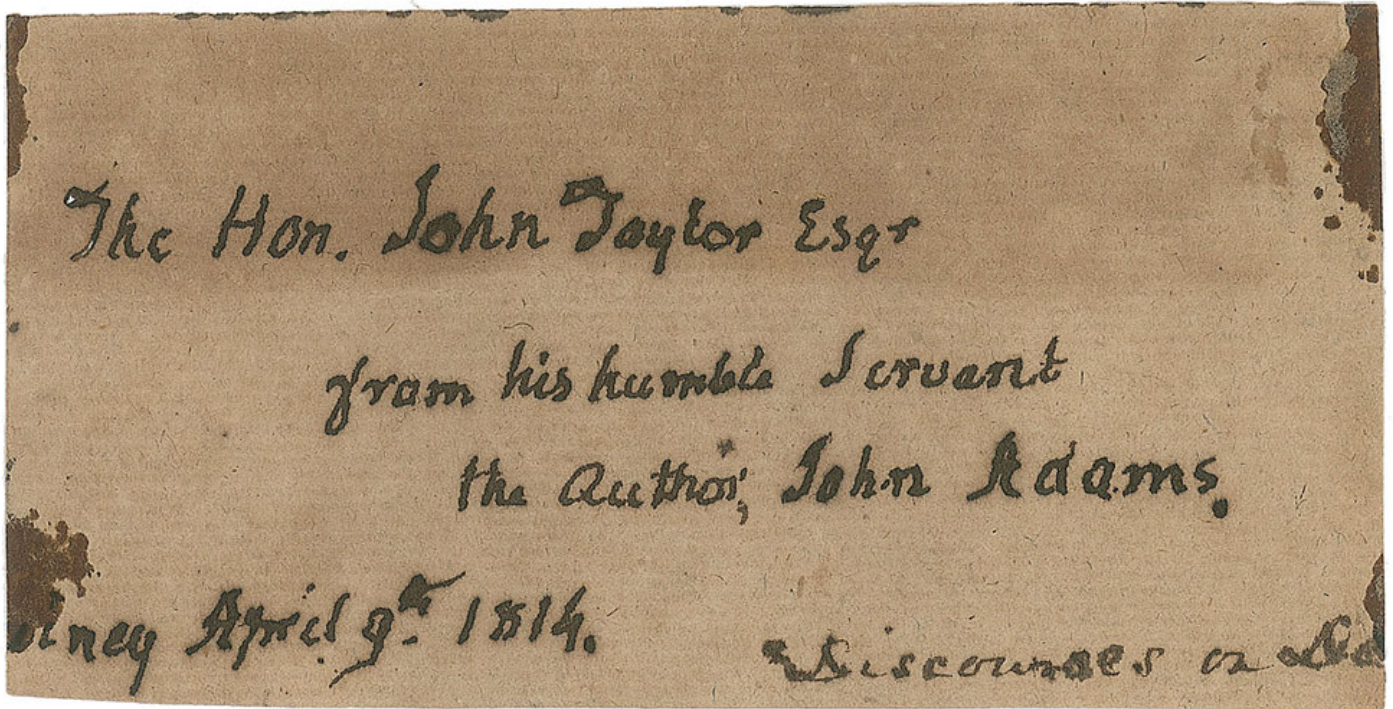
NEW HAMPSHIRE: MATTHEW THORNTON

Charges I paid for Man & horse, Doctoring, & Nursing while Sick. L. S. D.
 For Man & Horse Seventeen Days at 60/
 P. Day. 51.00.0
 Expenses on the Road. 48.00.0
 The Doct. Bills. 3.10.0
 For a Nurse eight weeks at 60/ P. week. 48.00.0
 Allist Parors Expesed. Total \$ 126.10.0
 Old Ten.

Province of New-Hampshire. th March 29. 1759. Samuel Richardson
 The above named Samuel Richardson
 After Due Caution & Made Solemn Oath That the above
 Account by him signed is Just & True
 & at the same time Joseph Richardson Made Solemn
 Oath That to the best of his Remembrance, it was about
 The Twentieth of January, 1759. before the above Samuel
 Richardson, recovered his health.
 Sworn Before Matthew Thornton Justice of Peace

Sought-after ADS, signed "Mathew Thornton Justice of Peace," one page, 7.5 x 6.5, March 29, 1759. Affidavit concerning the cost of caring for a sick man. In part: "Charges I paid for Man & horse, Doctoring, & Nursing while Sick...The above named Samuel Richardson After Due Caution Made Solemn Oath That the above Account by him signed is Just & True." Removably encapsulated in a mylar sleeve. In fine condition, with edges possibly trimmed.

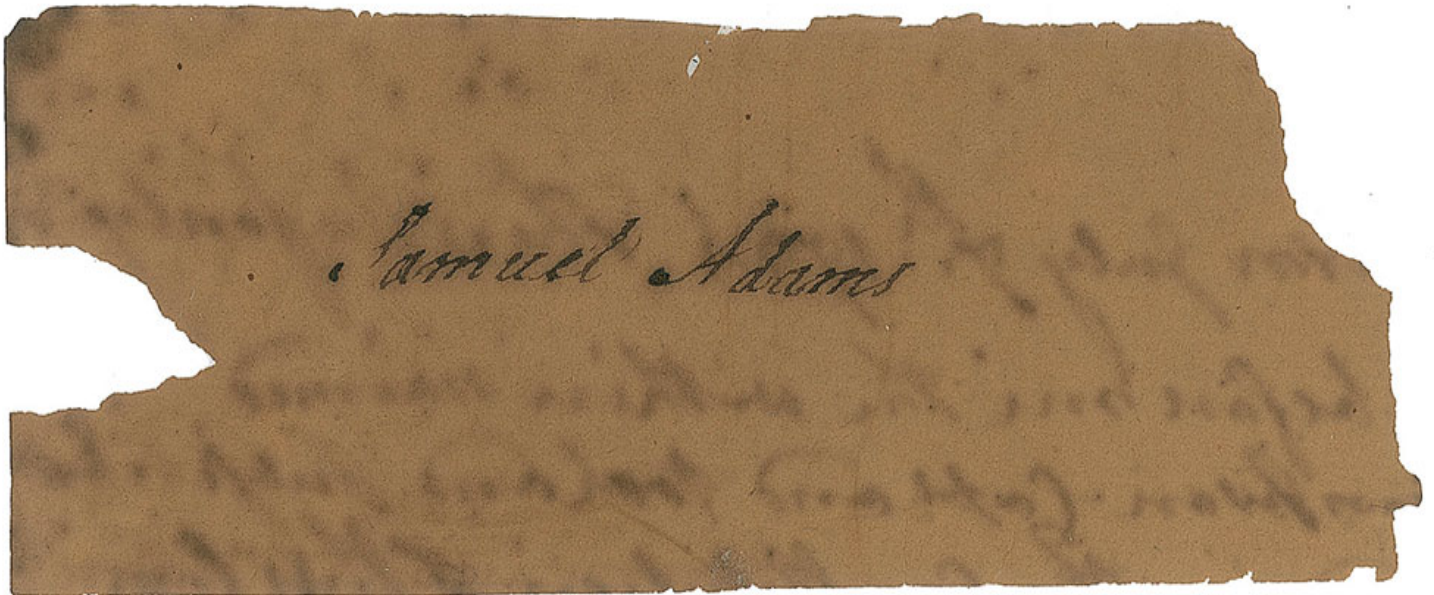
MASSACHUSETTS: JOHN ADAMS



The Hon. John Taylor Esqr
from his humble Servant
the Author, John Adams.
Doney April 9th 1814. Discourses on the

Bold ink signature and inscription, "The Hon. John Taylor, Esqr., from his humble servant, the author, John Adams, April 9th, 1814," on an off-white 4 x 2 slip, marked "Discourses on D" in another hand. In very good to fine condition, with trimmed edges, a block of toning to the top, and ink blots to edges. Accompanied by an engraved portrait. This was apparently clipped from the flyleaf of a presentation volume of Adams's 1790 book *Discourses on Davila*, a work of political philosophy in defense of the US Constitution.

MASSACHUSETTS: SAMUEL ADAMS



Samuel Adams

Ink signature, "Samuel Adams," on an off-white 5 x 1.75 slip, with a partial manuscript passage on the reverse dated July 7, 1794. In very good condition, with heavy uniform toning, archival tape repairs on the reverse, show-through from writing to reverse, and chipping to edges; the signature remains crisp and bold.

MASSACHUSETTS: JOHN HANCOCK

100 Dollars. — Annapolis Royal 20th May 1762.
Sir At Ten days sight please to pay to Mr. James
Nichols or Order the Sum of One Hundred and Eighty Dollars
it being Cash receiv'd for use of His Majesty's Works here.
I am, Sir, Your most hum^{ble}
To Thomas Hancock Esq: Servant
Merchant in Boston
28th May - accepted John Hancock Tho: Williams.

Early autograph endorsement, "28th May—accepted John Hancock," signed at the bottom of a pay order issued to his uncle Thomas Hancock by Thomas Williams, one page, 6.25 x 4.25, May 20, 1762. In part: "At Ten days sight please to pay Mr. James Nichols or Order the Sum of One Hundred and Eighty dollars it being Cash received for use of His Majesty's Works here." In fine condition. An attractive, early example of his classic signature.

MASSACHUSETTS: ROBERT TREAT PAINE

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Clapp vs Fales 31

Gray & Paine
Plea good

And the within named Fales comes & defends
vs & c when he & c for plea with he never pro
mises the Pth in manner & c as he within
complaints & therof puts & c by
Robt Paine his atty

And the within named Clapp reserving libe
ty to waive this demurrer & join the issue
above tendered at the Supreme Court
with the sd Fales's plea
is bad & c by edgray his atty

24 Feb 1794

And said Fales agreeing thereto with
his plea is good & c by Robt Paine his atty

I suppose the 19.25 is the date of 1794. By order of
the Court and for want of good Plea or Answer
to Attack & Answer taken the Body of the within
named Fales and have had him to Jail
Jenny 1/4
Theo Barrele Dyer

DS, endorsed twice on the reverse, "Rob't Paine his att'y," three pages on two sheets, 9 x 12.5, February 24, 1794. Document in which the sheriff of Suffolk County is commanded to bring Stephen Fales of Boston before the court to respond to a complaint made by William Clapp. Endorsed twice on the reverse by Paine as Fales's defense attorney. In good condition, with irregularly trimmed edges, repaired separations, and tears and toning to folds.

MASSACHUSETTS: ELBRIDGE GERRY

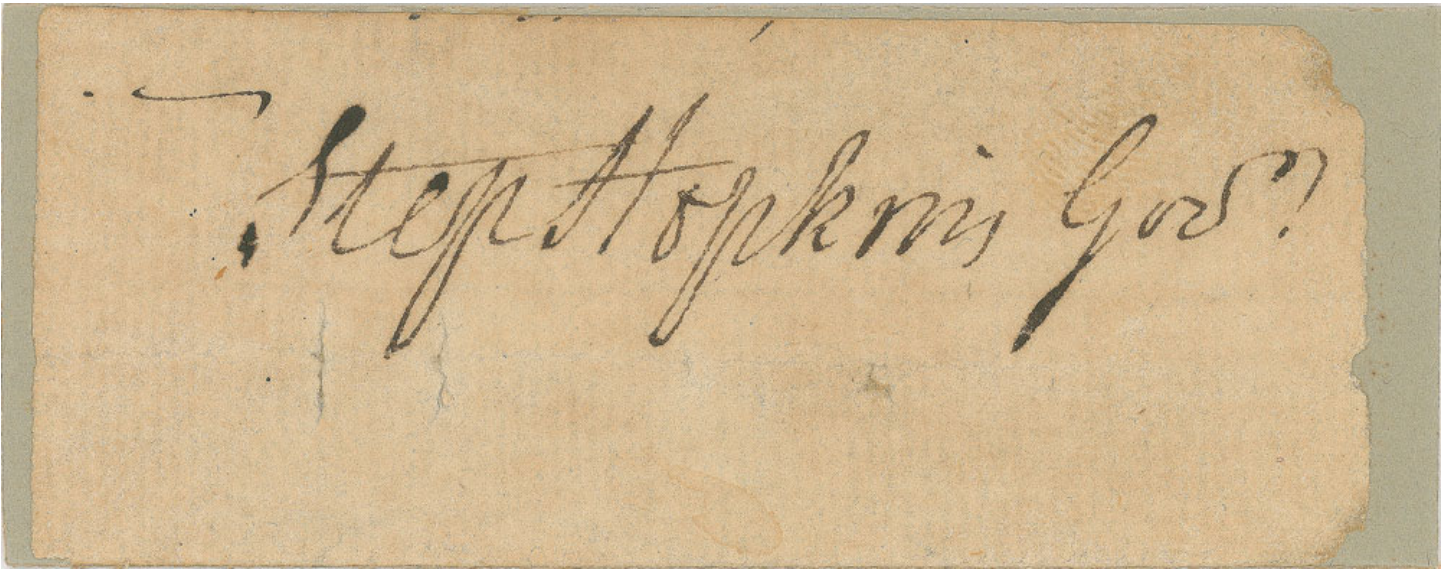
Cambridge 16th March 1805

My dear Sir,

I have recd the deed of your land
in this place, & wish that a paragraph may be
inserted in the advertisement which I have sent to
Messrs Adams & Rhoades for Monday next, agreeably
to the bill enclosed for them. Two hundred dollars is
a small sum, & till of late could be spared by one
at almost any time without inconvenience, but I
have been obliged to take money out of one of the Boston
banks in consequence of several disappointments, which
I have lately experienced: Otherwise it should be instantly
furnished agreeably to your request. The great scarcity
of this article, exceeds ~~anything~~ ^{I believe} I have ever met with
in this country, & is ^{artificial}; to enable usurers who
command the banks to ^{stick to a great amount} ~~take~~ money at exorbitant prices
- usury. I will make the most of your land, as the greater
the saving to yourself, the more agreeable to me. I will
guarantee the payment of your note for the ^{to be} ~~the~~ ^{year} ~~year~~
for six months, if that will be of any service to you, in
any mode ^{to you} ~~most agreeable~~ being your very sincerely &c &c

ALS signed "E. Gerry," one page, 7.75 x 9.25, March 16, 1805. Letter to "Honble Mr. Bartlett," in part: "I have rec'd the deed of your land...& wish that a paragraph may be inserted in the advertisement which I have sent to Messrs. Adams & Rhoades for Monday next...Two hundred dollars is a small sum, & till of late could be spared by me at almost any time...but I have been obliged to take money out of one of the Boston banks in consequence of several disappointments, which I have lately experienced: otherwise it should be instantly promised agreeably to your request. The great scarcity of this article, exceeds everything I have ever met with in this country." In good to very good condition, with a strip of tape along the back of the left edge, overall dampstaining affecting appearance but not readability, scattered small areas of paper loss affecting a few words of text, and professional silking to the reverse to reinforce the otherwise fragile paper.

RHODE ISLAND: STEPHEN HOPKINS

A photograph of a small, rectangular, off-white paper slip with a slightly irregular, torn edge on the right side. The slip is mounted on a larger, light greenish-grey card. On the slip, the name "Step Hopkins" is written in a dark ink in a cursive script, followed by "Gov'r" in a similar but slightly less formal cursive. The ink is dark and the paper shows some minor staining and texture.

Ink signature as governor of Rhode Island, "Step. Hopkins, Gov'r," on an off-white 3 x 1.25 slip. Affixed to a slightly larger card and in very good to fine condition.

RHODE ISLAND: WILLIAM ELLERY

Sir,

Collector of Port of Newport
Apr. 10th 1795

A case has occurred about which I wish to consult you. A considerable property is in my custody which is liable to seizure and confiscation, and in case a libel should be necessary it will require particular skill and attention to draw it properly. Some of this property the owners wish to be possessed of immediately to put on board their vessel, which is ready to sail, and the detention of ^{it} for any length of time will be injurious to them and may be ruinous to the master of ^{the} vessel who received it on freight. I desire therefore that as soon as you can be released from Court you would come immed^y to Newport.

I am in haste
Sir Y^r most obed^t servant
Wm Ellery Collr

Ray Greene Esq^r
District Attorney

ALS signed "Wm. Ellery, Collr.," one page, 6.5 x 8.5, April 10, 1795. Letter to District Attorney Ray Greene, written as collector of the port of Newport, Rhode Island. In part: "A case has occurred about which I wish to consult you. A considerable property is in my custody which is liable to seizure and confiscation, and in case a libel should be necessary it will require a particular skill and attention to draw it properly. Some of this property the owners wish to be possessed of immediately to put on board their vessel, which is ready to sail...I desire therefore that as soon as you can be released from Court you would come immed'y to Newport." In fine condition, with light scattered dampstaining affecting appearance but not readability. Accompanied by a full letter of authenticity from JSA.

CONNECTICUT: SAMUEL HUNTINGTON

Sir

Middletown Jan^y 2 1786

The bearer Capt: Phillips will be
kind enough to take the execution in your hands
against Dr. Crocker if you will please to in-
close it to me -

I am - Sir,

very respectfully

Your ob^t. h^l serv^t

John Leverett

I deliver'd the above Execution
to Capt. Phillips in pursuance
of the above request

S. Huntington

Autograph endorsement, "I deliver'd the above Executions to Capt. Phillips in pursuance of the above request, S. Huntington," at the conclusion of a letter sent to him by John Leverett, one page, 6 x 7, January 2, 1786. Leverett's request, in full: "The bearer Capt: Phillips will be kind enough to take the execution in your hands against Dr. Crocker if you will please to inclose it to me." Affixed to a larger sheet. In fine condition, with trimmed edges.

CONNECTICUT: ROGER SHERMAN

Philadelphia April 5th 1777

Sir

Please to pay to Roger Sherman Esq^r
or order Seven hundred and fifty Dollars
Continental currency and place it to
the account of Your humble servant
(Value received)

Apot. Niles

To the Hon^{ble} Jonathan
Trumbull Esq^r

Hartford Oct^r 16th 1777

Rec^d an order on Treasurer for Two Hundred & Twenty five Pounds
in full of the above order

Roger Sherman

ADS by Sherman

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Revolutionary War-dated manuscript DS, endorsed, "Roger Sherman," one page, 8.25 x 9, issued at Philadelphia, April 5, 1777. A pay order submitted to Jonathan Trumbull, in part: "Please to pay to Roger Sherman Esq^r or order Seven hundred and fifty Dollars Continental currency." Below, on October 16, 1777, Sherman confirms receipt of "Two Hundred & Twenty five Pounds in full." In fine condition.

CONNECTICUT: WILLIAM WILLIAMS

Account of Probate taken at Lebanon in & for Windham
District this 10th of April AD 1806

Present William Williams Esq Judge

Mr Joseph Loomis Esq Administrator on the Estate
of Mr Oliver Wattles of Lebanon late Dec^d, having
produced to this Court his Account of the Debts against
^{which being duly audited} the Allowance to the Widow being de-
ducted, leaves the sum of \$450.00 ^{to be divided} among
the Widow & Ten Children of Dec^d. Now moves the
Court for Orders to Divide & Distribute the Estate to the Widow
& Children of Dec^d. Which Motion is Allowed, and thereupon
this Court do Appoint Messrs. ^{Poling} ~~Thomson~~ Esqs
~~and~~ ^{Wm. Williams} all of Lebanon of said

Freeholdes to Divide & Distribute the said Estate the
same being all personal Estate, to & among the Children
and Widow of Dec^d. (Vir), the Amt of the remaining In-
ventory is \$450.00 Which is to be divided to and among
the Widow and Children of Dec^d. The ³ Distributors are
therefore to set out & Distribute to the Widow of Dec^d the
fourth part of ^{the} Inventory, articles and price and to the
Ten Children of the Dec^d in all to the Amount of \$300.00
that is to each of them ^{three} several equal proportions of
the sum to be Inventory Articles, as Justly apportioned as they
be - & Distributors to make Return of their Doings
to this Court ~~any from attending to do so~~
By order of Court

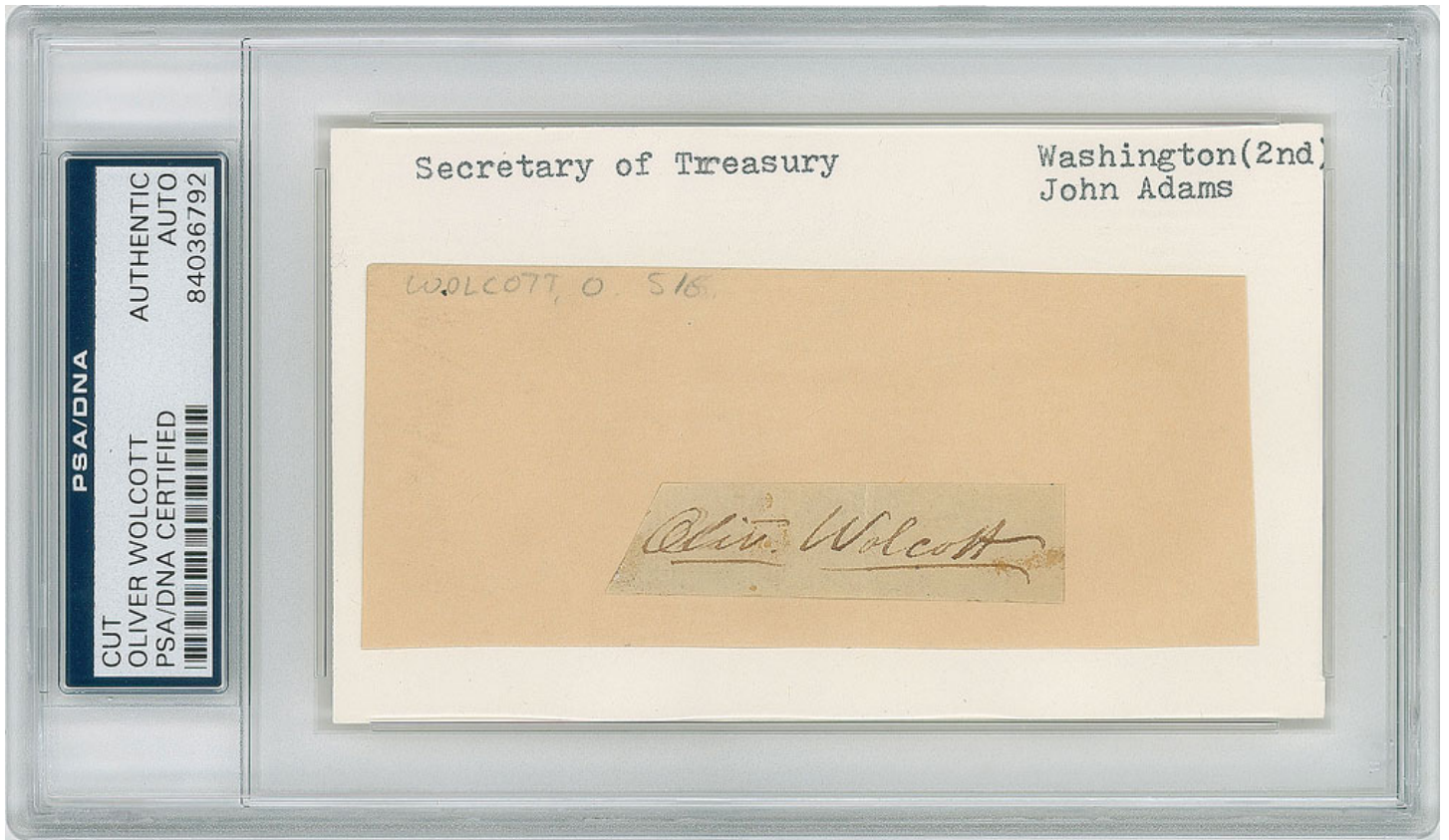
Test Wm Williams Esq Judge Prob.

& The Distributors are also to set out to the
Widow to & value of of Co Doves in Inventory which
allowed her for years & years & years, &
there will be enough left to Distribute according to the
above Orders

Wm Williams Judge Prob

Interesting manuscript DS, signed "W. Williams" and "Wm. Williams, Judge Prob.," one page, 7.25 x 12.75, April 10, 1806. Probate court document outlining distribution orders for the estate of Mr. Oliver Wattles of Lebanon. Williams makes several handwritten emendations to the body of the document, adding a five-line note at the conclusion. Signed both within the body and at the conclusion by Williams. In fine condition, with some chipping to edges and archival tape repairs to reverse. Accompanied by a full letter of authenticity from JSA.

CONNECTICUT: OLIVER WOLCOTT



Ink signature, "Oliv. Wolcott," on an off-white 2.25 x .5 slip. Affixed to a larger card and encapsulated in a plastic PSA/DNA authentication holder. In fine condition.

NEW YORK: LEWIS MORRIS

No 3114. Lewis Morris
£76.16.00

Rec'd May 12th 1784 from Gerard Bancker Esq: Treasurer
Seventy six Pounds Sixteen shillings in full for this
Account.
£76.16.00

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Manuscript DS, one page both sides, 7.75 x 4.25, May 12, 1784. A pay order for Morris's services in the New York State Senate, signed on the front by Pierre Van Cortlandt, in part: "The State of New York, To Lewis Morris...To my attendance in Senate as a Member from the 24th day of January to the 12th day of May, 94 days and 2 Travelling days, 96 days, at 16/ £76.16." Morris endorses below an acknowledgment of the payment on the reverse, in part: "Rec'd May 12th 1784 from Gerard Bancker Esqr Treasurer Seventy six Pounds Sixteen shillings in full for this account." In fine condition. Pierre Van Cortlandt served as the first lieutenant governor of New York and was president of the New York State Constitutional Convention in 1777; on July 9, 1776, he was among 38 delegates to ratify the Declaration of Independence at White Plains. Morris served as a New York state senator from 1783 to 1790.

NEW YORK: PHILIP LIVINGSTON

Mr. Richard Derby
Sir/

New York 19th Decem: 1768

I received your Letter dat^d the 15th Octob:
last by Mr. Broome and confess that I have too Long Neglected to
Send you Acc^t Sales & admittance for your Citron left in my hands
by Cap: Driver which has proceeded Entirely from want of
Attention & by no means from any desire or design to make
any Advantage to my self from the delay. I now send you the
Sales Inclosed N^o proceeds being £68.10.0 is paid to the cred^t
of your Acc^t Curr^t (Also Inclos^d you will see by perusing the
Acc^t that I have Credited the Same for the Interest which
has Accrued since the money Came to my hands, the balance
of the Acc^t is £68.14.5³/₄ for which sum I will in a few days
send you a draft on Mr. Lloyd of Boston. I am Extremely sorry
to find the Acc^t falls so much short of your Expectations as to price
But I could make no more of it, as to the Quantity you must
Certainly be mistaken, as I do not believe the Citron to have
dried out more than a 10 or two of Boxes. I remain

S^r your most Hum: Serv^t.
Phil. Livingston

LS signed "Your most Hum: Serv't., Phil. Livingston," one page, 7.5 x 12.25, December 19, 1768. Letter to Richard Derby, in part: "I received your Letter dat'd the 15th Octob'r last by Mr. Broome and confess that I have too Long Neglected to Send you Acc't Sales & admittance for your Citron left in my hands by Cap. Driver which has proceeded Entirely from want of Attention & by no means from any desire or design to make any Advantage to my self from the delay. I now send you the Sales Inclosed...proceeds being £68.10.0." In fine condition, with show-through along the left edge from a mounting strip to the reverse, and a few small stains. Accompanied by a full letter of authenticity from JSA.

Dear Sir,

New York 19 October 1761.

Last night by express. received a Letter from
Jos. Chew Esq. of New London. as follows "" At last. I have got an
order of Court for the Mines to be deliverd to the Owners. which were
Seized at Millford on the propertyts being proved, — let me have
all the Bills Lading &c. from the Gentlemen Concerned (Yours I have
already) and I shall directly Buy their Mines for New York. "" —
In answer to this Letter. have desired him to send
your wines down directly. & draw on me for the Charges. when I
receive them shall advise You.

W. Stephen Loyer. a Young Gentleman who has for
some time past. wrote in my Counting House, and for whom
from his real deserts I have a particular regard. has a great desire
to go a Voyage. as a Super Cargo. to the West Indies or else-
where in order to gain Experience. and promote himself in business
he has an Inclination to. sail out of Philadelphia if could meet
any encouragement, I can venture to recommend him for his honesty
& Willingness, if any opening should offer either from Yourself or
friends should be glad You would advise me, & he shall wait upon
You accordingly. I am D^r Sir

Your very Humble Serv^t
T. M. Lewis

ALS signed "Fra. Lewis," one page, 7.5 x 9, October 19, 1761. Letter to a gentleman, in part: "I last night by Express received a Letter from Jos. Chew Esqr. of New London, as follows, 'At last, I have got an order of Court for the Wines to be deliver'd to the Owners, which were Seized at Millford on the propertys being proved,—let me have all the Bills Lading &c. From the Gentlemen Concerned (Yours I have already) and I shall directly order their Wines for New York.' In answer to this Letter, have desired him to send your wines down directly & draw on me for the Charges...Mr. Stephen Sayer...has a great desire to go a Voyage as a Super Cargo to the West Indies or elsewhere in order to gain Experience and promote himself in business." Professionally silked on the reverse and in fine condition. Accompanied by a full letter of authenticity from JSA.

NEW YORK: WILLIAM FLOYD

Rec'd Albany 14 May 1801. From Robert M. McClellan
Treasurer of the State of New York. Sixty Three Doll.
ars in full for the above warrant.
\$63
Wm. Floyd

Manuscript DS signed "Wm. Floyd," one page, 6.75 x 3, May 14, 1801. A payment receipt, in full: "Rec'd Albany, 14 May 1801 from Robert McClellan Treasurer of the State of New York, Sixty Three Dollars in full for the above warrant." Prominently signed at the conclusion by Floyd. In fine condition. Accompanied by a full letter of authenticity from JSA.

NEW JERSEY: ABRAHAM CLARK

An Act for Subjecting the Estates of the
General Proprietors of the Eastern Division
of this Colony, to the Indemnification
of this Province, from any expences in
running the Line between New Jersey and
New York.

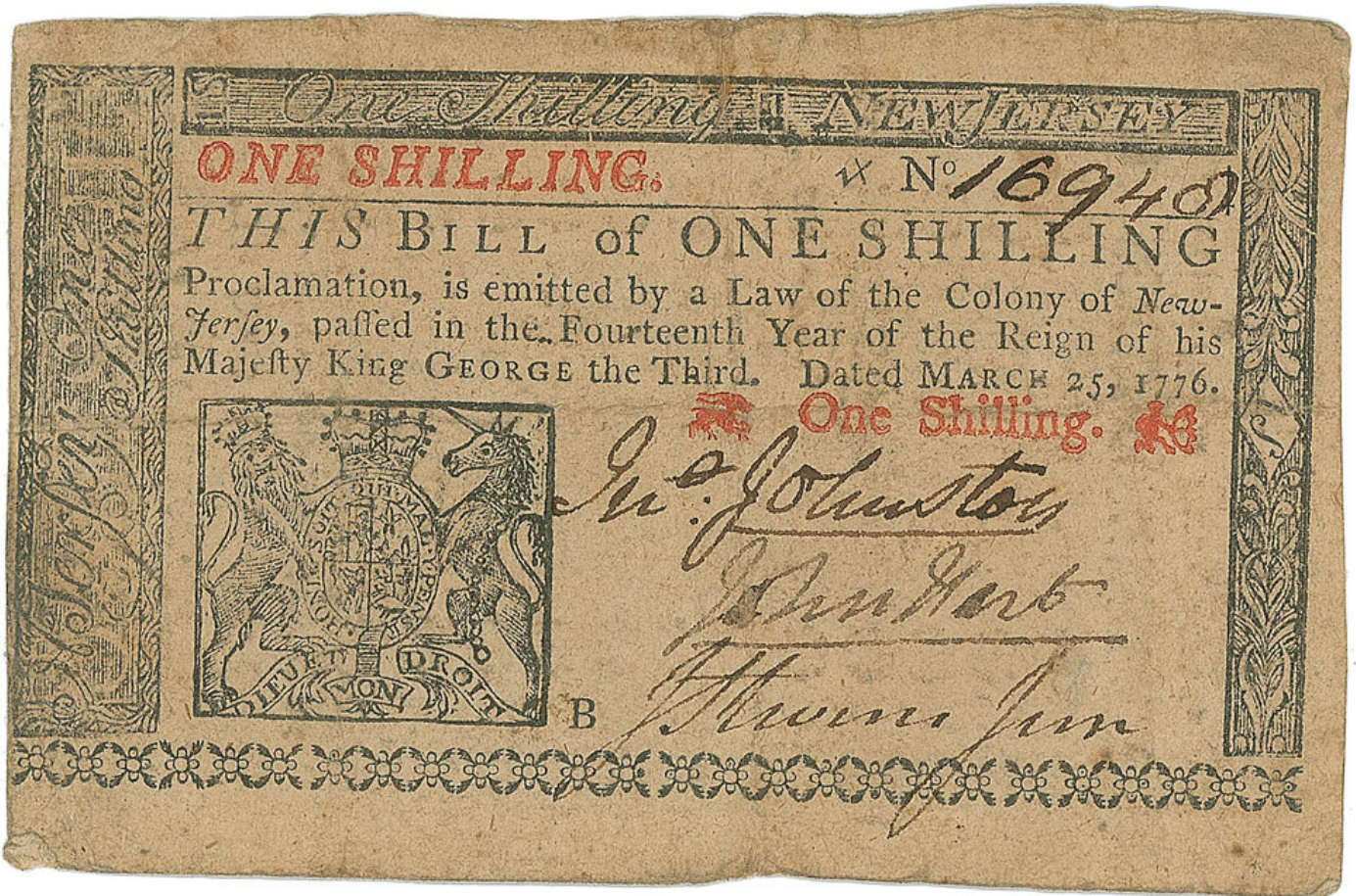
House of Assembly —
February 22. 1764

This Bill having been three
times read in the House of Represen-
tatives, is passed.

Abra. Clark Jun^r Clerk

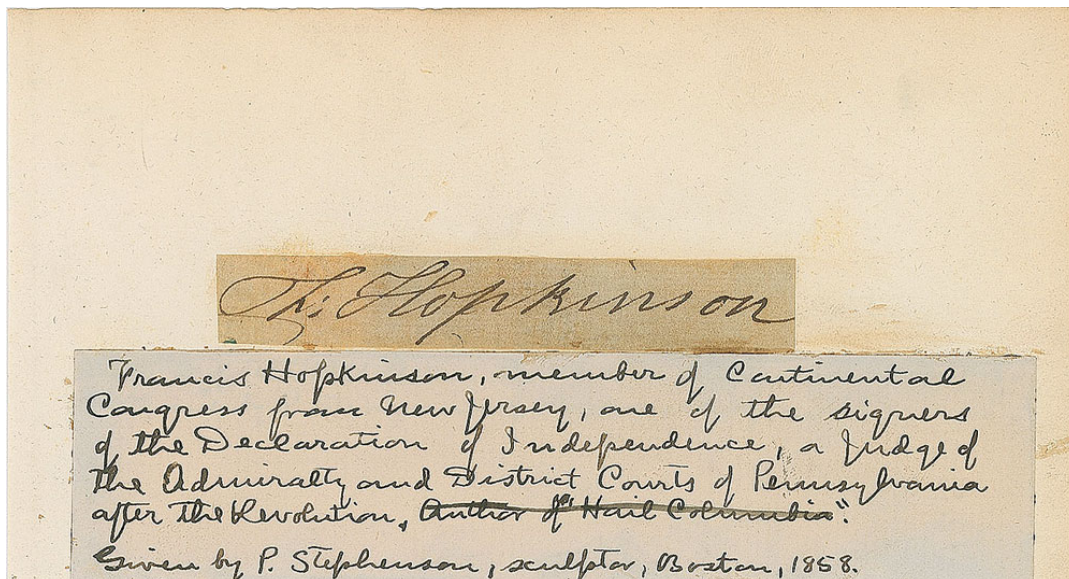
ADS signed "Abra: Clark Jun^r Clerk," one page, 4 x 6, February 22, 1764. The docketing panel of a bill passed in the Provincial Assembly, identified as "An Act for Subjecting the Estate of the General Proprietors of the Eastern Division of this Colony, to the Indemnification of this Province, from any expences in running the Line between New Jersey and New York." Clark writes: "House of Assembly, February 22, 1764, This Bill having been three times read in the House of Representatives, is passed." The opposite side bears a section of the manuscript text of the act. In fine condition, with trimmed edges and a small tear to the top edge. Accompanied by a full letter of authenticity from JSA.

NEW JERSEY: JOHN HART



Engraved one shilling New Jersey note, printed by Isaac Collins of Burlington, 4.25 x 2.5, dated March 25, 1776, signed in black ink by John Hart, John Johnston, and John Stevens, Jr. In fine condition, with a central vertical fold and a mounting remnant to the reverse. Accompanied by a full letter of authenticity from JSA.

NEW JERSEY: FRANCIS HOPKINTON



Ink signature, "F: Hopkinson," on an off-white 3 x .5 slip affixed to a larger card bearing a note indicating that the signature was obtained by Boston sculptor P. Stephenson in 1858. In very good to fine condition.

NEW JERSEY: RICHARD STOCKTON

Rec'd Dec'r 9th 1760 of Mr. Sergeant Treasurer of the College of
 New Jersey the sum of twenty seven pounds ^{one hundred} ~~pro. money~~
 and the sum of eighty five pounds ~~pro. some short~~
 time since, in the whole amounting to two hundred
 and twelve pounds ~~pro. to be applied to the~~
 discharging the purchase of Land lately made
 by the Trustees of the College of Mr. Christopher
 Sheriff of the County of Middlesex

£ 27
 105.—
 £ 132.—

Rich'd Stockton Att'y of the
 Trustees

ADS signed "Rich'd Stockton Att'y of the Trustees," one page, 7.75 x 6, December 9, 1760. In part: "Rec'd Dec'r 9th 1760 of Mr. Sergeant Treasurer of the College of New Jersey the Sum of twenty seven pounds...in the whole amounting to two hundred and twelve pounds...to be applied to...the purchase of Land lately made by the Trustees of the College." In very good to fine condition, with a central vertical split repaired with tape on the reverse, and ink erosion affecting the sum penned in the lower left. Accompanied by a full letter of authenticity from JSA.

NEW JERSEY: JOHN WITHERSPOON



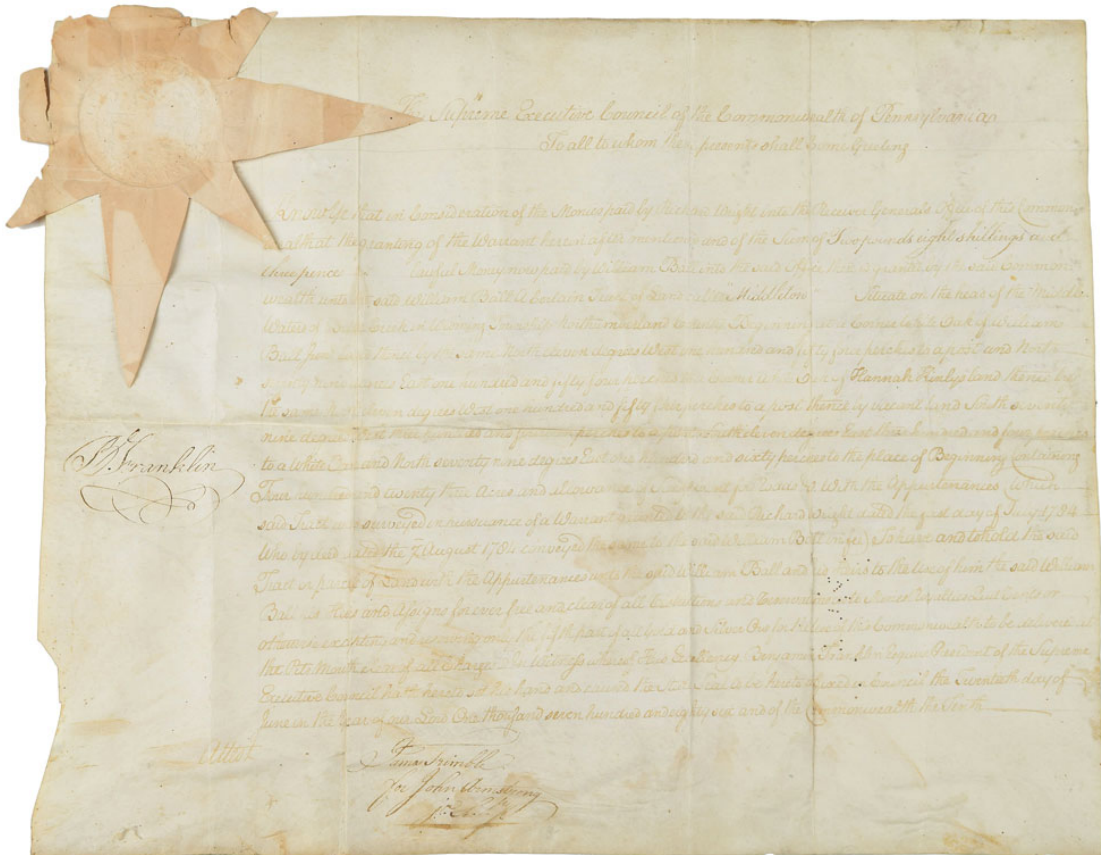
Ornate vellum manuscript DS in Latin, signed "Joannes Witherspoon Pres.," one page, 19 x 13, October 1792. A diploma from the College of New Jersey (now Princeton University), signed at the conclusion by Witherspoon as the university's president, and countersigned by seven trustees. Among the other signers are Continental Congressmen Elias Boudinot and John Beatty, and noted clergyman Ashbel Green. In very good to fine condition, with scattered soiling and a bit of flaking and fading to ink. Accompanied by a full letter of authenticity from JSA.

PENNSYLVANIA: GEORGE CLYMER



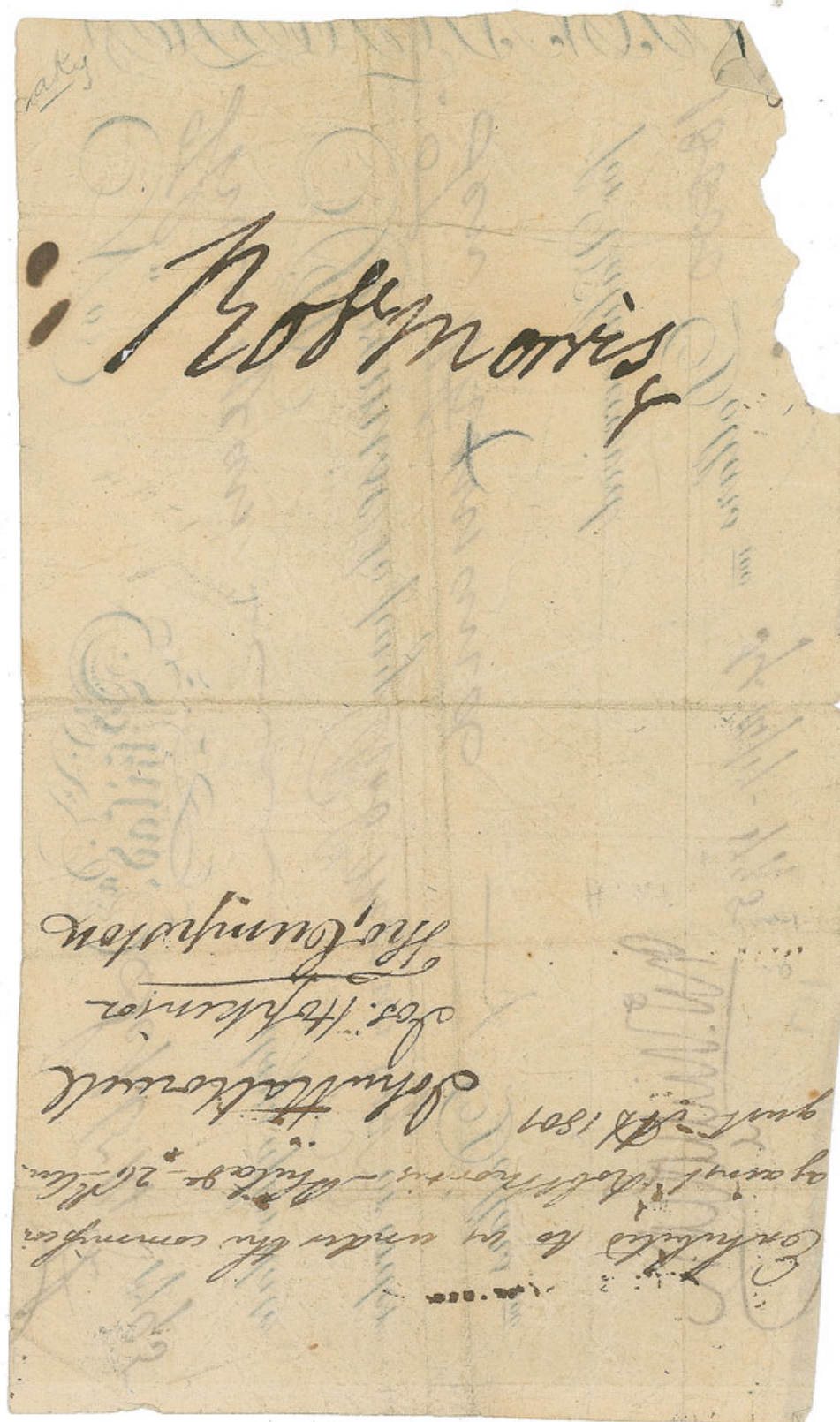
Philadelphia Bank check, 5.5 x 2, filled out and signed by Clymer, "Geo. Clymer," made payable for \$20, January 12, 1807. In fine condition, with light irregular toning to the front, and two pieces of reinforcing tape on the reverse.

PENNSYLVANIA: BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



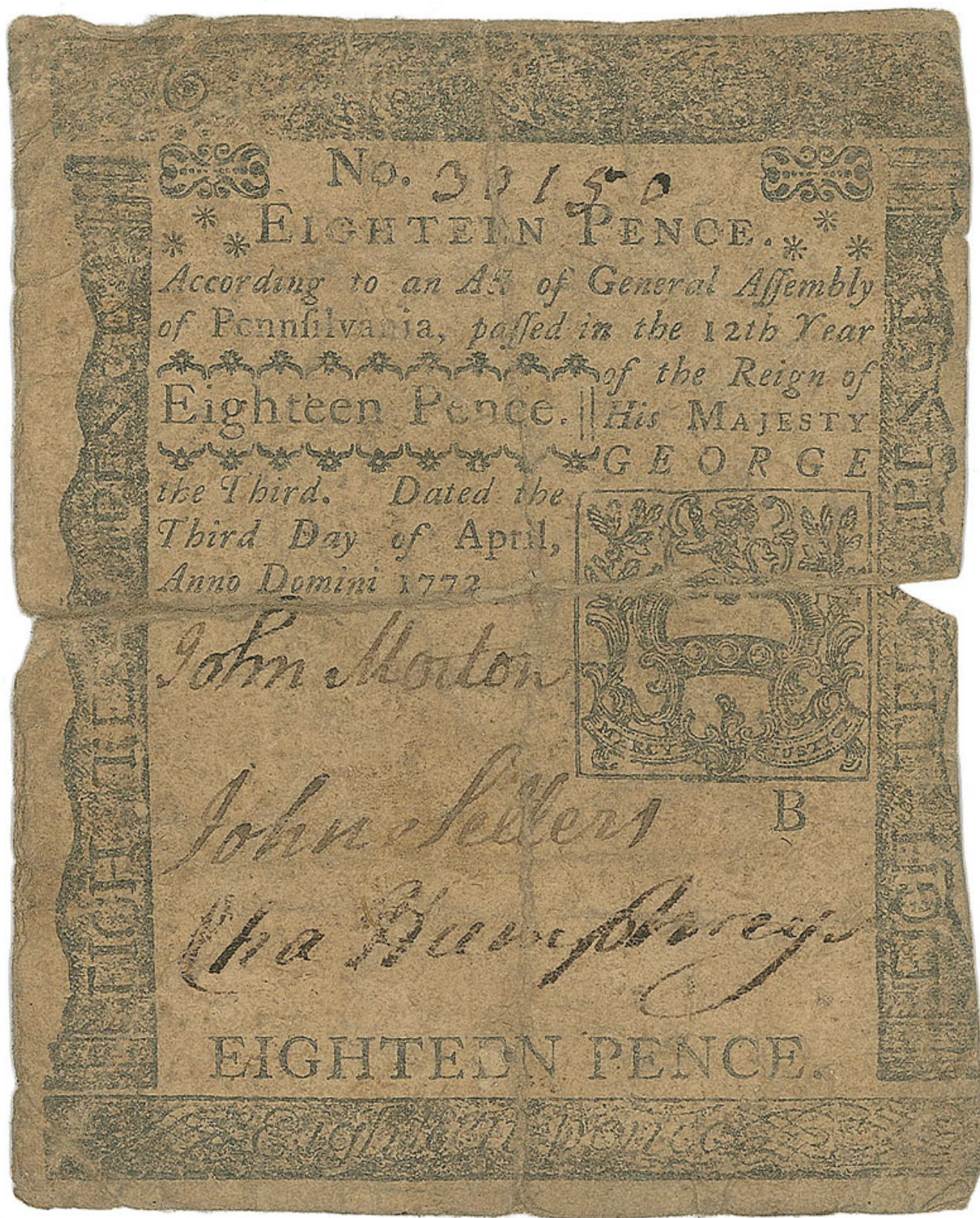
Vellum manuscript DS, signed "B. Franklin," one page, 16.75 x 13.5, June 20, 1786. As president of the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Franklin issues a land grant to William Ball for "a Certain Tract of Land called 'Middleton.'" Beautifully signed in the left margin by Benjamin Franklin, and countersigned by James Trimble for John Armstrong as junior secretary. The official paper seal affixed to the upper left remains partially intact. In very good to fine condition, with intersecting folds, a small clipped section to the lower left edge, and several points of the seal missing.

PENNSYLVANIA: ROBERT MORRIS



Partly-printed DS, endorsed on the reverse, "Rob't Morris," one page, 4 x 6.75, September 14, 1795. A promissory note signed on the front by John Nicholson, in part: "Three years after date I Promise to pay Rob't Morris Esq. or order Ten thousand Dollars." Boldly and prominently endorsed on the reverse by Morris, and countersigned by three others. In very good condition, with intersecting folds, overall wrinkling, and paper loss to one corner.

PENNSYLVANIA: JOHN MORTON



Engraved eighteen pence Pennsylvania note, printed by D. Hall and W. Sellers, 2.75 x 3.5, dated April 3, 1772, signed in black ink by John Morton, John Sellers, and Charles Humphreys. In good to very good condition, with heavy folds and creasing, a partial separation repaired with archival tape on the reverse, and general wear.

PENNSYLVANIA: BENJAMIN RUSH

Dear Sir

I send you herewith the bonds and mortgage executed in due form also \$124 $\frac{84}{100}$ for my proportion of the taxes of both houses last year, and for the other charges mentioned in your note all of which I believe are perfectly correct.

I had supposed the contract for the last house purchased was on Monday the 13th of October, but upon further recollection I am satisfied it was on Saturday the 11th of the month; - of course the date of the bonds is correct.

With many thanks for the trouble you have taken in this business, I am &c &c respectfully yrs Benjⁿ Rush

ALS signed "Benj'n Rush," one page, 6.5 x 7.75, no date. Letter to a gentleman concerning his real estate dealings, in part: "I send you herewith the bonds and mortgage executed in due form also \$124 84/100 for my proportion of the taxes of both houses last year, and for the other charges mentioned in your note all of which I believe are perfectly correct. I had supposed the contract for the last house purchased was on Monday the 13th of October, but upon further recollection I am satisfied it was on Saturday the 11th." Professionally inlaid into a slightly larger sheet. In very good to fine condition, with dampstaining to edges affecting appearance but not readability. Accompanied by an engraved portrait.

PENNSYLVANIA: GEORGE ROSS

February Term 1755

Lancaster County ss

George Reazor Late of Lancaster County Yeoman
 Thence called George Reazor of Dinagall in the County of
 Lancaster Yeoman Was
 Summed to answer William Bowsman
 of a plea that he tender him Forty five pounds sixteen shillings
 & four pence Lawfull money of Pennsylvania which to
 him owes & Unjustly Detains &c
 And Whereupon the said William in his own proper
 person saith that whereas the afore said
 George the fourth day of February in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven
 hundred & fifty five at Lancaster County aforesaid by
 certain Writing Obligatory did grant himself to be held
 firmly bound unto the said William
 in the said sum of Forty five pounds
 sixteen shillings & four pence to be paid to the said William
 when he should afterwards be therunto required
 Nevertheless the said George at the often
 Required the aforesaid sum of Forty five pounds sixteen shillings & four
 pence to the said William yet hath not paid but the
 same time & then to pay altogether hath refused & there
 doth Refuse to the Damage of the said William ten
 pounds
 And Therefore brings this Suit &c And brings hereinto
 Court the Writing Obligatory aforesaid &c
 Wm Bowsman in person
 John Doe
 &
 Rich Roe

I appear for the above Def't & Confess Judg't to Wm Bowsman
 the Pltiff for the sum of Forty five pounds sixteen shillings & four
 pence Lawfull money of Debt besides Costs of Suit by the said Def't with
 Plea of Error &c
 Geo: Ross Att'y Def't by Spec'l Warr't.

Manuscript DS with an autograph endorsement signed "Geo: Ross," one page, 7.5 x 12.5, February 1755. A legal document concerning a financial dispute between George Reazor and William Bowsman, endorsed at the conclusion by Ross: "I appear for the above Def't & Confess Judg't to Wm. Bowsman the Pltiff for the sum of Forty five pounds sixteen shillings & four pence Lawfull money...Geo: Ross Att'y Def't by Spec'l Warr't." In very good to fine condition, with splits to folds and minor paper loss professionally repaired on the reverse.

PENNSYLVANIA: JAMES SMITH

York County fs — April Term 1754

William Shriner late of York County Yeoman
 otherwise called Wm. Srinot of the Township of Newbry in the County
 of York and Burgess of Pennsylvania was
 summoned to answer Robert Whinery
 plea that he render to him ten pounds
 which to him they owe & unjustly detain &c.^a

And Whereupon thes. ~~Wm~~ Robert Whinery in
~~his own behalf~~ proper person ~~by~~ & saith That Whereas thes. William
 the third day of December in the year of
 our Lord one thousand seven hundred & fifty three at York
 in the County afo. by his certain Bill obligatory which the said
 Robert with the Seal of thes. William signed
 here into Court brings whose date is the same day & year afores. did
 Acknowledge himself to be held & firmly bound unto the said
 in the sum of ten pounds
 to be paid unto thes. Robert at or upon the
 first day of May next ensuing the date of
 the said Bill to the which Payment well & truly to be made thes. William
 did bind himself in the afores. ten pounds
 by thes. Bill And thes. Robert in fact said that the said
 William did not pay him thes. ten pounds
 the afores. ten pounds sum of money on or before the first
 day of May afores. which to him he
 ought to have paid on or before thes. day according to the form & effect of the
 Bill afores. by reason whereof Action accrued to thes. Robert
 to require & have the afo. William the afo.
 ten pounds Nevertheless thes. William
 tho' often thereto required the afo. sum of ten pounds to thes.
 Robert hath not paid but the same to him to pay
 hath denied & still doth deny to the Damage of thes. Robert
 fifteen pounds & thereupon he bring suit &c.

Robert Whinery in person

Pledges &c. John Do. Rich. Roe

I am not in formid
 James Smith Attor. gen.
 J. Deft by sp. l. Wart.

ADS signed "James Smith Attorney, Def't by sp'l Wart.," one page, 7.75 x 12.25, April 1754. A lengthy legal document in the case of Robert M. Whinery v. William Shriner, beginning: "William Shriner late of York County Yeoman otherwise called Wm. Srinot of the Township of Newbry in the Country of York...was summoned to answer Robert Whinery of a plea that he render to him ten pounds which to him they owe & unjustly detain." In fine condition, with a few small tape repairs to reverse. Accompanied by a full letter of authenticity from JSA.

PENNSYLVANIA: JAMES WILSON

No 04 July Term 1775

David Stoner
v
John Hawk &
John English

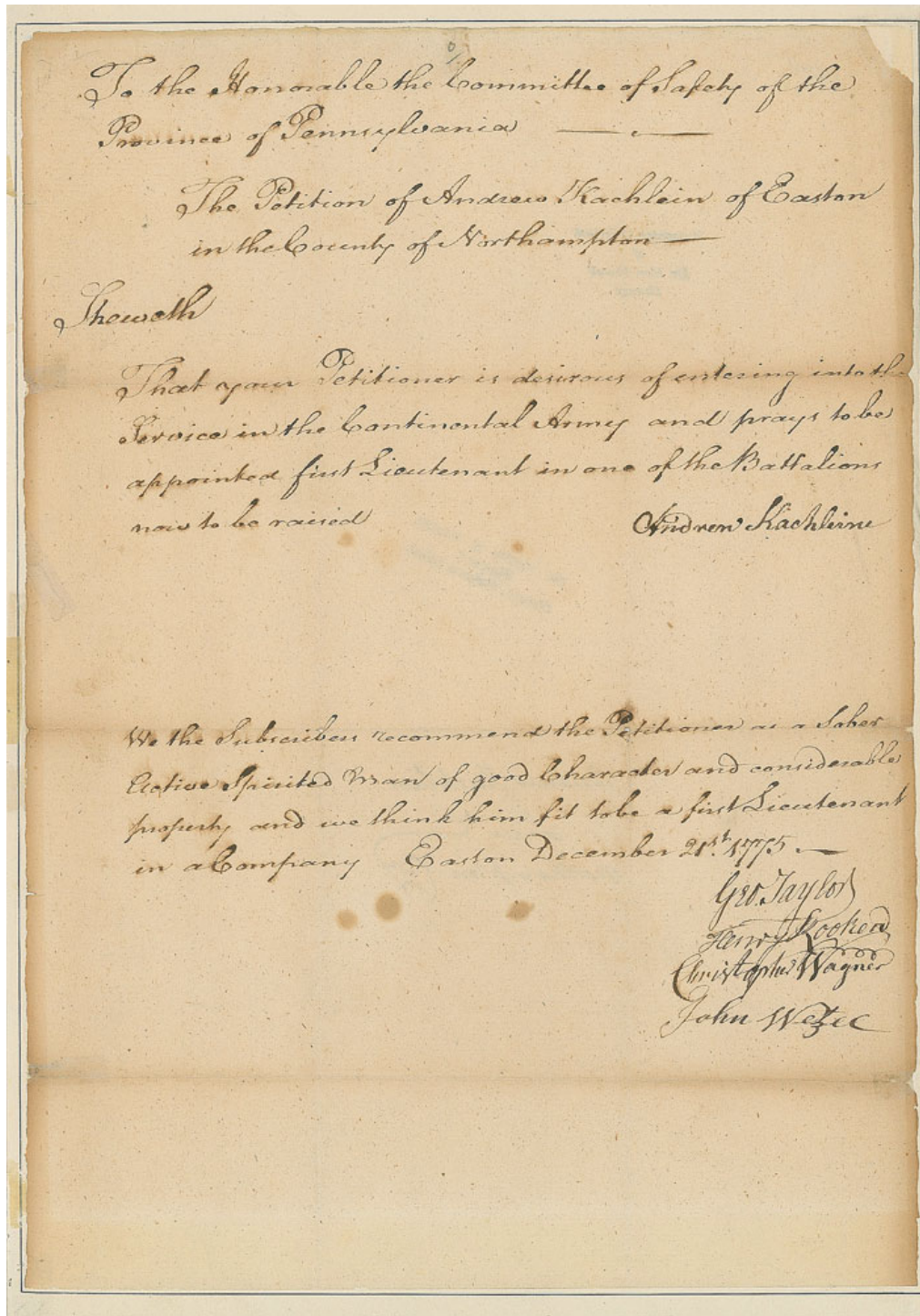
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Miler 36 Robt Temple Shff

Wilson

Revolutionary War-dated partial partly-printed DS, endorsed on the reverse, "Wilson," one page, 3.75 x 6.5, July 1775. The docketing panel from an order issued to a sheriff, ordering two men to appear before the court. Endorsed on the reverse by Wilson to approve a summary of legal fees. In fine condition, with half of the front of the document absent.

PENNSYLVANIA: GEORGE TAYLOR



Revolutionary War-dated manuscript DS, signed "Geo. Taylor," one page, 8.25 x 11.75, December 21, 1775. Document headed, "To the Honorable the Committee of Safety of the Province of Pennsylvania—The Petition of Andrew Kachlein of Eason in the County of Northampton." The petition, signed "Andrew Kachleine," reads: "Showeth, That your Petitioner is desirous of entering into the Service in the Continental Army and prays to be appointed first Lieutenant in one of the Battalions now to be raised." Below is a statement supporting the petition, "We the Subscribers recommend the Petitioner as a Sober Active Spirited man of good Character and considerable property and we think him fit to be a first Lieutenant in a Company," endorsed below by George Taylor, Henry Looker, Christopher Wagner, and John Wetzel. Professionally inlaid into a slightly larger sheet. Reverse bears an ink stamp, "Autograph Collection of Dr. Max Thorek, Chicago." In fine condition, with toning and light chipping to edges. Accompanied by a full letter of authenticity from JSA.

DELAWARE: GEORGE READ

Melchior Schultze }
Adam Wink } Your H: S:
_____ }

P

Please to Issue the above & You'll Oblige
Your very Humble Serv't
George Read Clerk to
Mr. Molland

Philad: Dec: 3: 1752

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Early autograph ink endorsement signed "George Read," one page, 6.5 x 7.75, December 3, 1752. Docket of a leaf which once contained a legal document concerning the case of Melchior Schultze & Adam Wink. The endorsement, penned by a 19-year-old Read, in full: "Please to Issue the above & You'll Oblige, Your very Humble Serv't, George Read Clk to Mr. Molland." In very good to fine condition, with scattered light staining, and repairs to fold splitting and small areas of paper loss. A desirable pre-Revolutionary example.

DELAWARE: CAESAR RODNEY

May the 11th 1771. Then Recd^d of John Hardin the Sum of Thirteen pounds, Eleven shillings, and four pence In full for the Interest due on this Mortgage to this day, but no part of the principal
Interest £13. 11. 4
Outstanding as above £30. 6. 8
J Caesar Rodney Surv: g Trustee

ADS, signed "Caesar Rodney, Surv:g Trustee," one page, 10 x 1.5, May 11, 1771. Receipt for a mortgage payment, in part: "Recd of John Hardin the Sum of Thirteen pounds, Eleven shillings, and four pence." Professionally inlaid into a slightly larger sheet. In fine condition. Rodney famously rode his horse 80 miles non-stop to break the deadlock within the Delaware delegation to vote in favor of Independence on July 2, 1776.

DELAWARE: THOMAS McKEAN

Tho M Kean

 To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:
 Know ye, That in consideration of the monies paid by Jeremiah Loker, Jeremiah Loker and Richard Loker, into the Receiver-General's Office of this Commonwealth at the granting of the Warrant herein after mentioned, there is granted by the said Commonwealth unto the said William Ogden of the State of New York Esquire a certain tract of land called "Landsdown" situate in the late purchased new Venango County Beginning at a Tree thence by their other land East two hundred and eight perches to a post, thence by land of John Loker East one hundred and fifty nine perches to a post, thence by land of William and H. Blue West three hundred and twenty perches to a White Oak, and thence by other land of said Loker and others South three hundred and thirty eight perches to the Beginning Containing Six hundred Acres and allance of six ft Cent for roads CC, Which said Tract was conveyed in pursuance of a Warrant N^o 3818 dated the 18th April 1773 granted to the said Jeremiah Loker, Jeremiah Loker and Richard Loker, who by deed dated the 25th August 1800 conveyed the same to the said William Ogden with the appurtenances. To have and to hold, The said tract or parcel of land, with the appurtenances, unto the said William Ogden and his heirs and assigns forever, free and clear of all restrictions and restraints as to Mines, Royalties, Quit-rents, or otherwise, excepting and reserving only the fifth part of all Gold and Silver Ore for the use of this Commonwealth, to be delivered at the Pit's Mouth clear of all charges. In Witness whereof, Thomas McKean, Governor of the said Commonwealth hath hereunto set his hand, and caused the State Seal, to be hereunto affixed the twenty fifth day of October - in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and six - and of the Commonwealth the thirty first.

Attest:
M Thompson Sec

Partly-printed vellum DS, signed "Tho. M:Kean," one page, 20.5 x 11.75, October 25, 1806. As governor of Pennsylvania, McKean grants William Ogden "a certain tract of land, called 'Landsdown' situate in...Venango County...containing Six hundred Acres." Boldly signed in the upper left corner by Governor McKean. Also signed on the reverse by Timothy Matlack, the engrosser of the Declaration of Independence. The crisp white paper seal remains affixed to the upper left. In very good to fine condition, with moderate intersecting folds and areas of light staining.

MARYLAND: CHARLES CARROLL

you will excuse
 communicating all the intelligence you have
 received of y^e movements below, & in particular
 whether de Barras squadron from Newport has
 joined the Count de Grasse—I have just heard
 that y^e French fleet went out of our bay in
 pursuit of an English fleet & was not returned
 when y^e prize came up—We desire to be
 respectfully remembered to you & Mrs. Lee—Yours
 with great respect & regard
 Dⁿ his y^e most hum. Serv^t
 Ch. Carroll of Carrollton
 excuse the scantiness
 of y^e paper furnished in
 a great hurry.

Revolutionary War-era partial ALS signed "Ch. Carroll of Carrollton," one page, 6.5 x 6.25, no date but circa 1781. Letter to Maryland Governor Thomas Sim Lee, in part: "Communicating all the intelligence you have received of the movements below, in particular whether de Barras squadron from Newport has joined the Count De Grasse—I have just heard that the French fleet went out of our bay in pursuit of an English fleet & was not returned...We desire to be respectfully remembered to you & Mrs. Lee." Carroll adds a brief postscript apologizing for the "scantness" of the missive. In very good to fine condition, with scattered light toning and foxing, and a tear/hole affecting a few words of text.

On August 25, 1781, a French fleet under the command of Comte de Barras left Newport, Rhode Island, and sailed south to deliver siege equipment to the forces of the Comte de Grasse anchored at Chesapeake Bay. When a British fleet led by Sir Thomas Graves arrived at the mouth of the Chesapeake on September 5th, de Grasse and a line of 24 ships sailed out to meet the encroaching British flotilla. Although the battle proved evenly matched, the strategic decisions of de Grasse enabled de Barras's fleet to arrive unmolested, and subsequently prevented the Royal Navy from supporting or evacuating the forces of Lieutenant General Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown, Virginia.

MARYLAND: SAMUEL CHASE

if they still remained Inhabitants of
the province. or if Judgments had
been obtained to enable the person
in whose favor such Judgment was
rendered to file a Writ under
the Seal of our Courts and therefor
your Courts should issue execution
as if they had been originally
proposed of and had the Jurisdiction
of the Courts.

The Reason of this is one Mr.
Geo. Adams in whose favor a
Judgment is obtained in the
Supreme Court of this province,
and is intitled to the assistance
of your Legislature to enable
him to obtain the Effect of his
Suit.

I am Sir with Respect
Your Obedt Servt
Saml Chase

Samuel Chase -
30th July 1775

Revolutionary War-dated ALS signed "Sam'l Chase," one page both sides, 7.25 x 12.5, July 30, 1775. A boldly penned letter to a gentleman, in part: "Many judgments have been obtained, and many suits are now...in the Courts of Common Law in this Province, against Persons, who by the late Lines are become inhabitants of your Province. Public Dues...are still due from many of them. Justice requires that they should be answerable to the one and liable to pay the other. I submit to your Consideration, whether it would not be proper to pass a Law to enable our Courts that are already possessed of Judgments or Actions against any of the late Inhabitants of this province to retain them and for our own Sheriffs to execute all process till satisfaction made and to collect all public Dues." In very good to fine condition, with partial splits to intersecting folds. Accompanied by a full letter of authenticity from JSA.

MARYLAND: THOMAS STONE

Marmaduke Sims
atf.
Ignatius Adams and
Wife

And the said Marmaduke in as
much as he hath above alledged
in his said ^{Plea sufficient}
matter in Law to ~~of~~ preclude the said
Ignatius and Eleanor from having
their said action against him the
said Marmaduke which he is ready to verify, which
matter the said Ignatius and Eleanor do not deny
nor in anywise answer but altogether refuse to stand
the same to be verified. he the said Marmaduke prays
judgment and that the said Ignatius and Eleanor may
be precluded from having their said action against him.

T. Stone Def't.

Exceptional twice-signed ADS, signed at the conclusion, "T. Stone Def't," and endorsed on the reverse, "T. Stone," one page, 7.25 x 5.25, no date. Legal document penned by Stone in a dispute between "Marmaduke Sims" and "Ignatius Adams and Wife," in part: "And the said Marmaduke in as much as he hath above alledged in his said plea sufficient matter in Law to preclude the said Ignatius and Eleanor from having their said action against him the said Marmaduke." Endorsed on the reverse by Stone, "Mr. Fendall—File this joinder...T. Stone." Professionally inlaid into a slightly larger sheet and in fine condition, with a thin archival tape repair on the reverse. Accompanied by a full letter of authenticity from JSA.

MARYLAND: WILLIAM PACA

[illegible]

Manuscript DS, signed "Wm. Paca," one page, 19.5 x 13, October 27, 1783. As governor of Maryland, Paca grants Jacob Parker the "Tract or Parcel of Land called Forest Grove" in Worcester County. Prominently signed in the left margin by Governor William Paca and countersigned by Chancellor John Rogers. In very good to fine condition, with light staining and toning, paper loss at fold intersections, and the seal detached but present; Paca's signature is in the clear, and unaffected by any flaws. In his 1995 reference *History Comes to Life*, Kenneth Rendell places Paca's autograph material into the 'rare' category among the Signers.

VIRGINIA: RICHARD HENRY LEE

In witness whereof the parties to these presents have hereunto
hands and Seals the day and year above written
Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of
James Craig
Richard Henry Lee
Jos. Blackwell

Partial ADS signed "Richard Henry Lee," one page both sides, 8.5 x 2.75, no date. The concluding portion of a document pertaining to a parcel of land, signed at the conclusion by Richard Henry Lee and countersigned by three witnesses. In good condition, with repaired tears passing through Lee's signature, light dampstaining, and chipping to edges. Accompanied by a full letter of authenticity from JSA.

VIRGINIA: FRANCIS LIGHTFOOT LEE

Dear Sir,

Mount Airy Dec^r 27th 1770.

I have just rec^d a Letter from Mr. W. Lee in which he informs me, that fearing he should be pressed for money, he had presented your Bill to Mr. Russell who refused payment, & it was noted for non payment. Mr. Lee says he will take care that you sustain no kind of inconvenience from it. Mr. Lee's ship may be expected early in next month, & I hope my Dear Sir, you will give her all the Assistance in your power; as a relation & acquaintance he claims the preference, & I don't doubt but you will allways find in him, an honest Friend. Sometime agoe I wrote to you, begging the fav^r of you to take care of the few things I had at Sandy Point, to wit, 3 Mattresses, 3 Counterpanes, 2 p^r of blankets, & a Cask, or chest containing bottled spirit. I have never heard whether you rec^d the Let^r. I fear they will not be taken care of there. We heartily wish Mrs. Turberville yourself & little Gaven a merry, very merry Christmas.

Francis Lightfoot Lee

ALS, one page, 6 x 7.25, December 27, 1770. Letter to George Turberville, mainly concerning the monetary and business matters of his brother, William Lee. In part: "I have just recd. a Letter from Mr. W. Lee in which he informs me that fearing he should be pressed for money, he had presented your bill to Mr. Russell who refused payment & it was noted for non-payment. Mr. Lee says he will take care that you sustain no kind of inconvenience from it. Mr. Lee's ship may be expected early in next month, & I hope my Dear Sir, you will give her all the Assistance in your power; as a relation & acquaintance he claims the preference, & I don't doubt but you will allways find in him an honest Friend. Sometime agoe I wrote to you, begging the fav'r of you to take care of the few things I had at Sandy Point, to wit, 3 Mattresses, 3 Counterpanes, 2 p'r of blankets, & a Cask, or chest containing bottled spirit. I have never heard whether you rec'd the Let'r. I fear they will not be taken care of there." The integral address leaf has been professionally inlaid into a larger sheet. In fine condition.

VIRGINIA: CARTER BRAXTON

Sir.

Octo^r 16. 1788. Richm^d -

It is not in my power at this time to pay the
Bond or any part of it in Money or Goods—But
it will probably be in the course of a Month—as
soon as it is I will inform you & will pay it

~~your~~ Dear Sir

Mr. T. Metcalf -

Carter Braxton

ALS, one page, 7.75 x 3.25, October 16, 1788. Letter to Mr. T. Metcalf, in full: "It is not in my power at this time to pay the Bond or any part of it in Money or Goods—But it will probably be in the course of a Month—as soon as it is I will inform you & will pay it." In very good condition, with heavy intersecting folds, creasing, small tape repairs on the reverse, and mild staining. Accompanied by a full letter of authenticity from JSA.

VIRGINIA: BENJAMIN HARRISON and GEORGE WYTHE

WE the President and Professors of William & Mary College do hereby certify His Excellency the Governour that we have examined Samuel Hanway Gentleman, and find him able to execute the Office and fulfil the Duties of a Surveyor, and we nominate him to be Surveyor for the County of Monongalia. In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our Hands and caused the Seal of the said College to be affixed this eight Day of April in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and 83.

J. Madison
G. Wythe
Robert Rind
Ch. Bellini

THE within named Samuel Hanway is hereby required to give Bond before the Court of the said County, with two sufficient Sureties, in the Sum of One thousand Pounds, payable to the Governour and his Successors, for the faithful Execution of his Office.

with Advice of Council.
Benj. Harrison

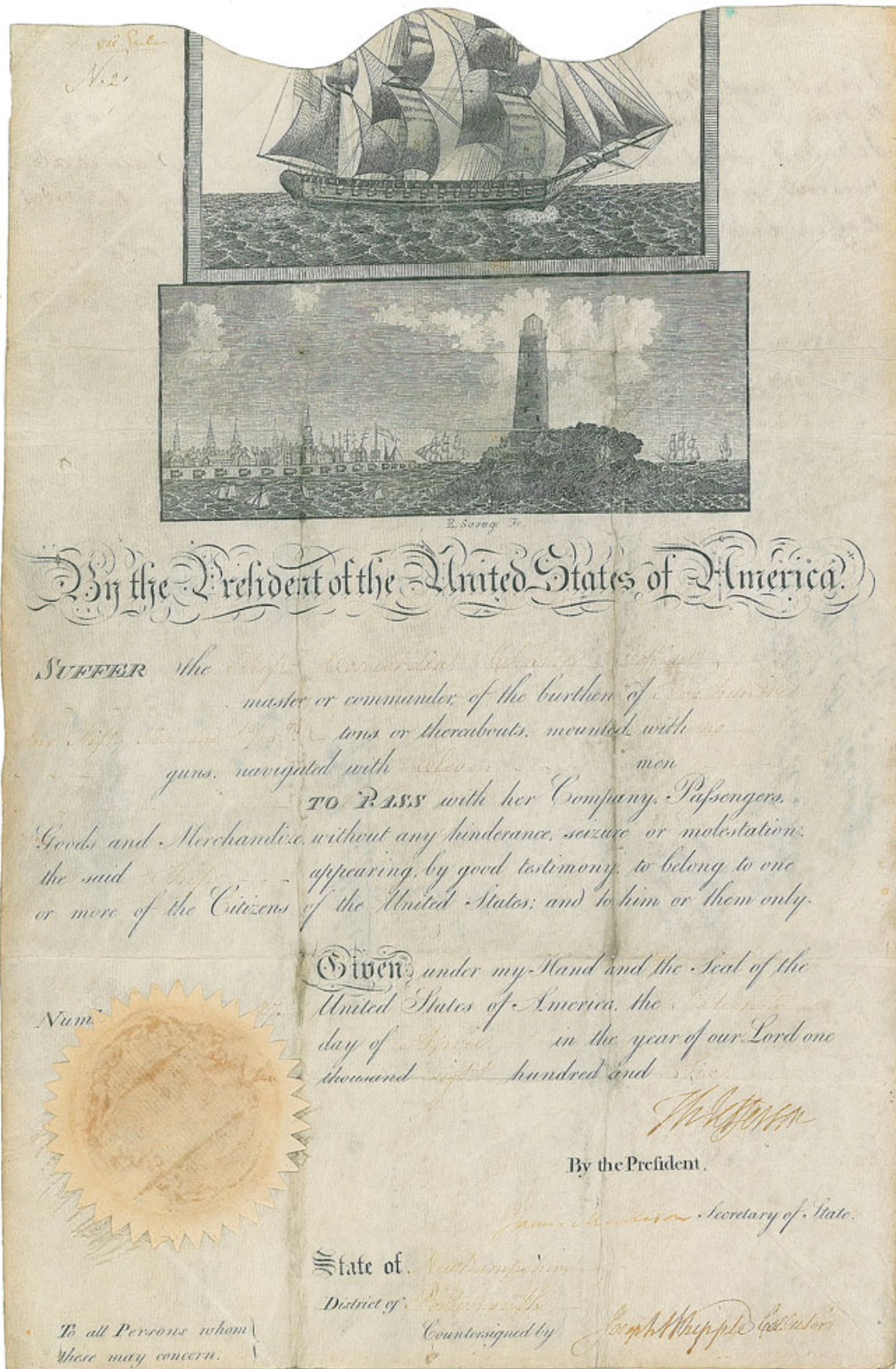
THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA to Samuel Hanway Gentleman, greeting: KNOW YOU that our Governour being duly certified of your Ability and good Character, hath constituted you the said Samuel Hanway Surveyor for the County of Monongalia, with Authority to execute the said Office within the said County, and to take for so doing the Fees allowed by Law: SAVING AND RESERVING to the President and Professors of the College of William & Mary one sixth part of the legal Fees which shall be received by you. IN TESTIMONY whereof these our Letters are made patent. WITNESS THOMAS JEFFERSON, Esquire, our said Governour at Richmond the 13 Day of June in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and eighty three.

Benj. Harrison

X.R. This commission is to be null & void provided the present Surveyor who is supposed to be killed by the Indians shall be alive. The nullity to commence from the return of Mr. Madison
Benj. Harrison

Revolutionary War-dated partly-printed DS, signed three times by Benjamin Harrison, "Benj. Harrison," and once by George Wythe, "G. Wythe," one page both sides, 8.25 x 13, April 8, 1783. As governor of Virginia, Harrison appoints Samuel Hanway as "Surveyor of the County of Monongalia," with an intriguing note: "This commission is to be null & void provided the present Surveyor, who is supposed to be killed by the Indians, shall be alive." The reverse bears the endorsements of the professors of the College of William & Mary, including fellow Declaration signer George Wythe and Bishop James Madison, the college's president and cousin of the future American president of the same name. In very good condition, with intersecting folds, scattered staining, and a bit of paper loss to edges. Accompanied by a full letter of authenticity from JSA.

VIRGINIA: THOMAS JEFFERSON



Desirable partly-printed vellum DS, signed "Th: Jefferson" as president and "James Madison" as secretary of state, one page, 10 x 15.5, April 16, 1806. Scallop-topped ship's pass issued to "the Ship Concordia." Prominently signed at the conclusion by President Jefferson and countersigned by Secretary of State Madison. The white paper seal affixed to the lower left remains fully intact. In very good condition, with the manuscript text uniformly faded, and Madison's signature quite light but visible; Jefferson's signature remains strong and crisp.

VIRGINIA: THOMAS NELSON, JR.

Knowall Men, by these Presents, that Mr. Thomas Nelson Jr. of
the County of York - & Nath. Burwell of the County of James City
are held and firmly bound unto
Richard Corbin of the County of Falmouth in the just and full sum of
Three hundred sixty Six pounds - fourteen shillings sterling
Money
to be paid unto the said Richard Corbin
his certain Attorney, his Heirs, Executors, Administrators, or assigns; to
which Payments, well and truly to be made, We bind Ourselves our
Heirs, Executors, and Administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by
these Presents. Sealed with our Seals and dated this twenty eighth
Day of June Anno Domini 1786.

The Condition of the above Obligation is such, that if the above bound
Thomas Nelson Jr.

do, and shall well and truly pay, or cause to be paid unto the said

Richard Corbin

his certain Attorney, his

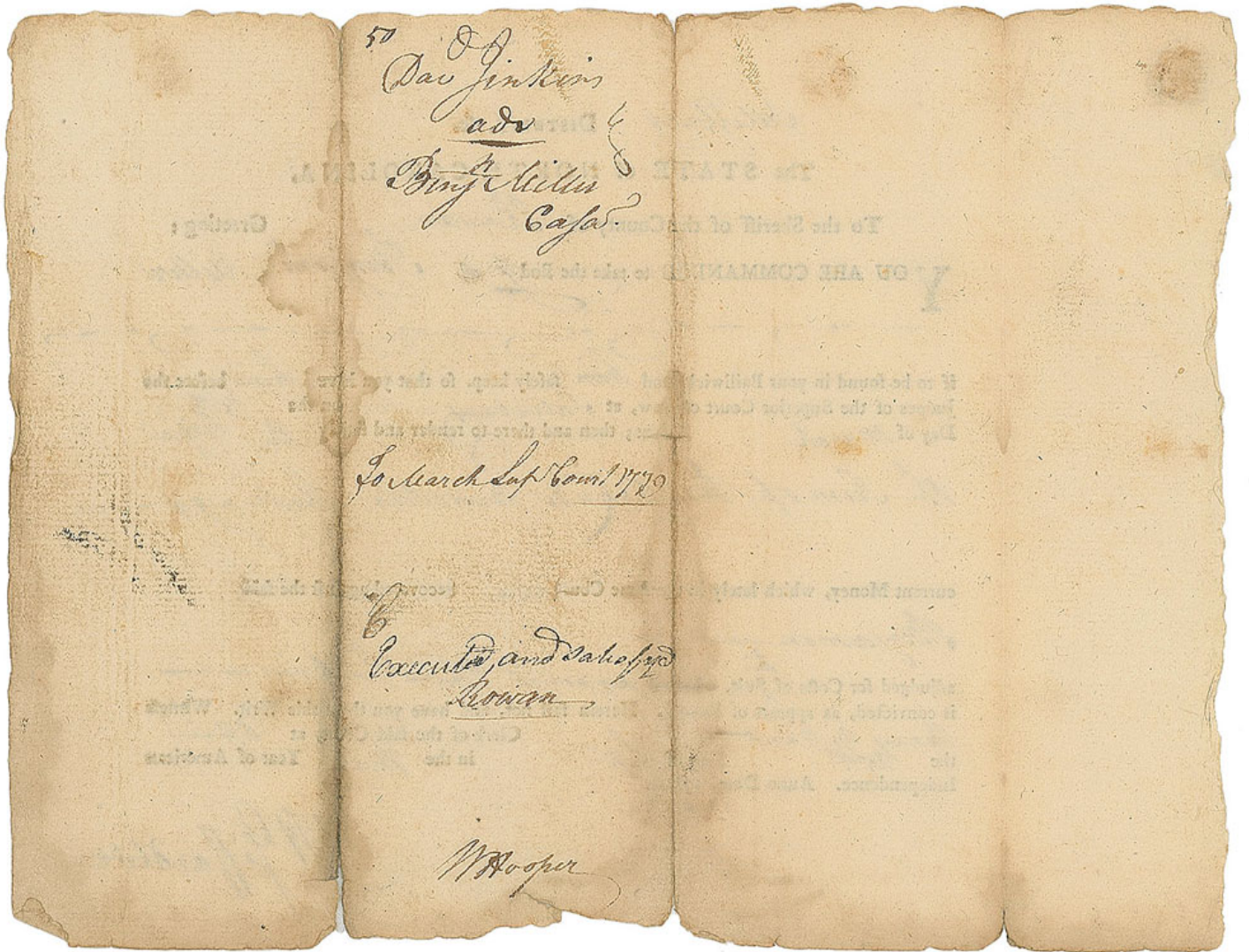
Executors, Administrators, or assigns, the just sum of One hundred and
eighty three pounds - seven shillings sterling Money - in Gold or
Silver Coin - in Gold Coin at four pounds sterling the ounce - or Silver Coin
at five shillings St. the ounce upon demand with legal Int. from the
Date
to be void, or else to remain in full Force and Virtue.

Scaled and Delivered
In the Presence of
Burrhead

Thos Nelson Jr.

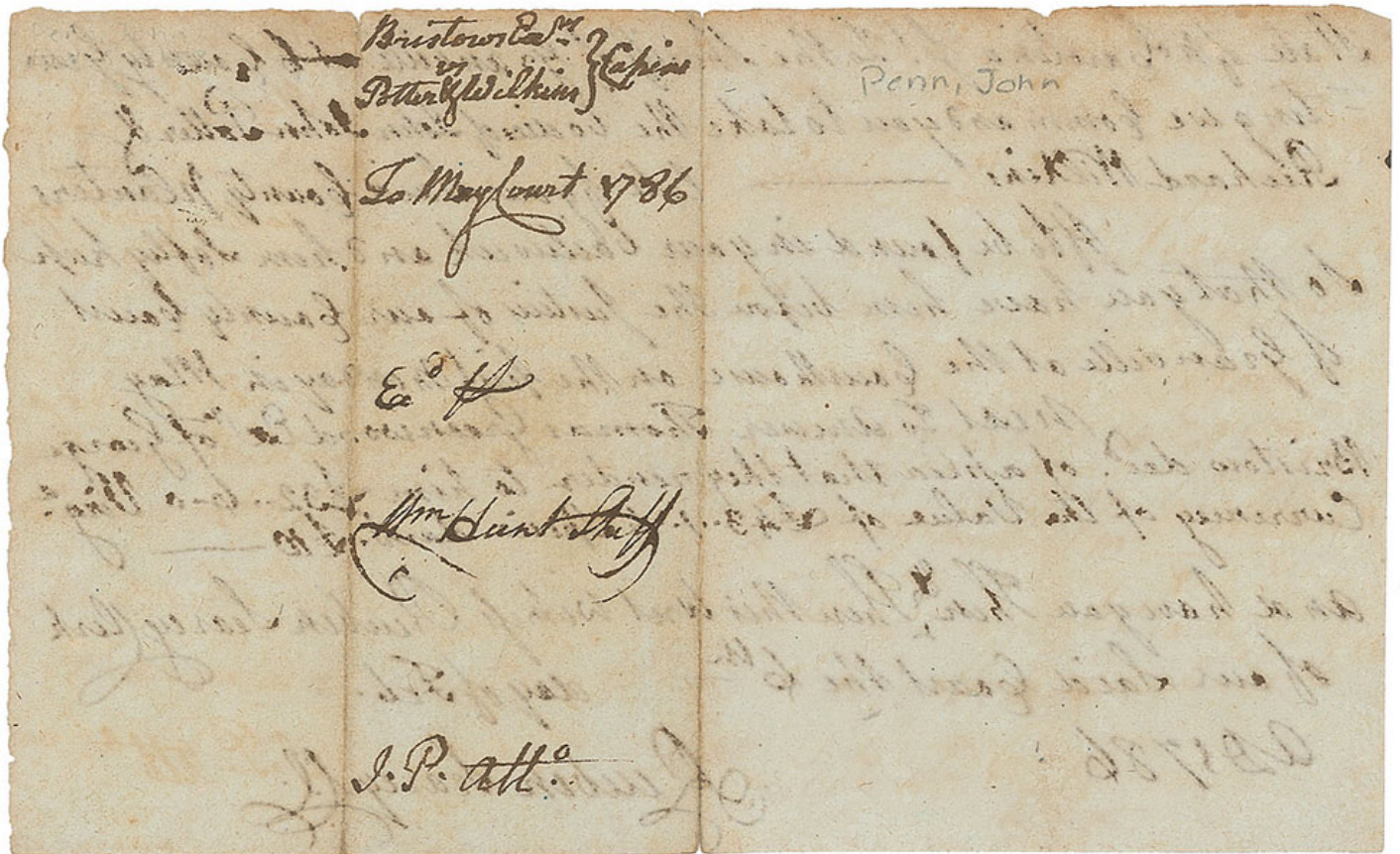
Nath. Burwell

NORTH CAROLINA: WILLIAM HOOPER



Revolutionary War-dated partly-printed DS, endorsed on the reverse, "W. Hooper," one page, 8.25 x 6.5, September 25, 1779. Legal document commanding the sheriff of Rowan County to "take the Body of Benjamin Miller...and him safely keep so that you have him before the Judge of the Superior Court of Law, at Salisbury...to render and satisfy the Office the Sum of three pounds nineteen shillings...adjudged for Costs of his Suit." Endorsed on the reverse by Hooper. In very good to fine condition, with small splits to edges and light dampstaining. Accompanied by a manuscript bill accounting for the fees related to the lawsuit.



NORTH CAROLINA: JOHN PENN



Ink endorsement signature, "J. P. atto," on the reverse of a manuscript legal document, one page, 7.5 x 4.5, February 6, 1786. Writ order addressed to the Sheriff of Granville County to "take the bodies of John John Potter & Richard Wilkins" and to render unto Thomas Greenwood the sum of £32.6.0. In fine condition, with light toning along folds.

NORTH CAROLINA: JOSEPH HEWES

State of North Carolina }
 Chowan County } Know all men by these presents that We John
 Williamson and Joseph Hewes Esqrs Both
 of the County aforesaid ~~legally and lawfully~~ held and stand firmly
 bound unto Evan Skinner high Sheriff of the County aforesaid in the full and
 just sum of Two thousand pounds to the which payment well and
 Truly to be made and done we bind our selves our heirs exec^s
 administrators and assigns Truly By these presents Sealed with
 our Seals and Dated this 10th Day of April 1778
 The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above
 Bounden John Williamson do well and Truly make his personal
 appearance Before the Justices of our Superior Court to be held at the
 Court house in Edenton for the District of Edenton on the first
 Day of May next then and there to answer to Job Bunker
 of a plea with force and arms the Damage one Thousand pounds
 and there stand to and abide by the Judgment of the said Court and
 not Depart Without Liberty first had and obtained that then the
 above obligation to be Void or else to stand be and Remaine
 in full force and Virtue
 Sealed and Delivered
 in the Presence of
Job Boyer

John Williamson 
 Joseph Hewes 

Revolutionary War-dated manuscript DS, one page, 8.25 x 8.75, April 10, 1778. Legal document concerning a bail payment, in part: "Know all men by these presents that We John Williamson and Joseph Hewes Esqr...stand firmly Bound unto Evan Skinner high Sheriff...in the full and just sum of Two thousand pounds...The Condition of the above obligation is in such that if the above...John Williamson...make his personal appearance Before the Justices of our Superior Cort." Boldly signed at the conclusion by both parties. In fine condition. Accompanied by a full letter of authenticity from JSA.

SOUTH CAROLINA: EDWARD RUTLEDGE



Edward Rutledge

Ink signature, "Edward Rutledge," on an off-white 15.75 x 1.75 slip clipped from an oversized indenture, with a large seal removed from between his first and last names; the slip has been folded to bring the halves of the signature closer together. In very good condition, with toning, small pieces of tape along the bottom, and aforementioned vertical folds.

SOUTH CAROLINA: ARTHUR MIDDLETON

Philadelphia 29th Dec^r 1781

Sir,

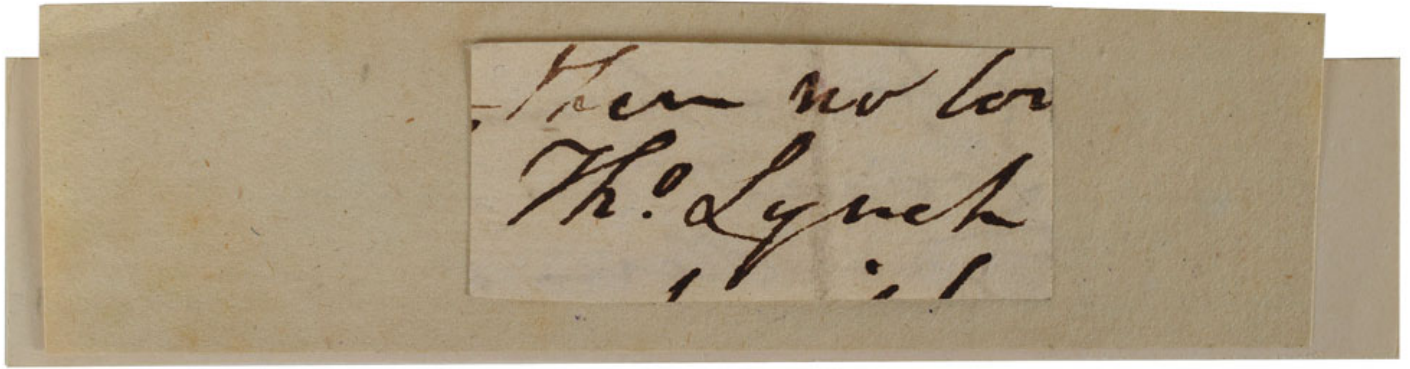
Four months after date, please to pay to Alex^r.
Moultrie Esq., or Order, Two hundred Spanish milled
Dollars, and charge the same to the state of South
Carolina —

I.
John Ross Esq.
Messrs.
in Philadelphia

A Middleton
Thos Bee
Isaac Motte,
N. Eveleigh

Revolutionary War-dated manuscript DS, signed "A. Middleton," one page, 7.75 x 6.25, December 29, 1781. Pay order issued to John Ross in Philadelphia, in full: "Four months after date, please to pay to Alex^r Moultrie Esqr., or Order, Two hundred Spanish milled Dollars, and charge the same to the state of South Carolina." Signed at the conclusion by four of South Carolina's delegates to the Continental Congress: Arthur Middleton, Thomas Bee, Isaac Motte, and Nicholas Eveleigh. Endorsed on the reverse by Moultrie, indicating receipt of the funds. In fine condition. Accompanied by a full letter of authenticity from JSA. A superior war-dated exemplar signed by South Carolina's delegates to the Continental Congress, highlighted by the scarce and highly sought-after Middleton.

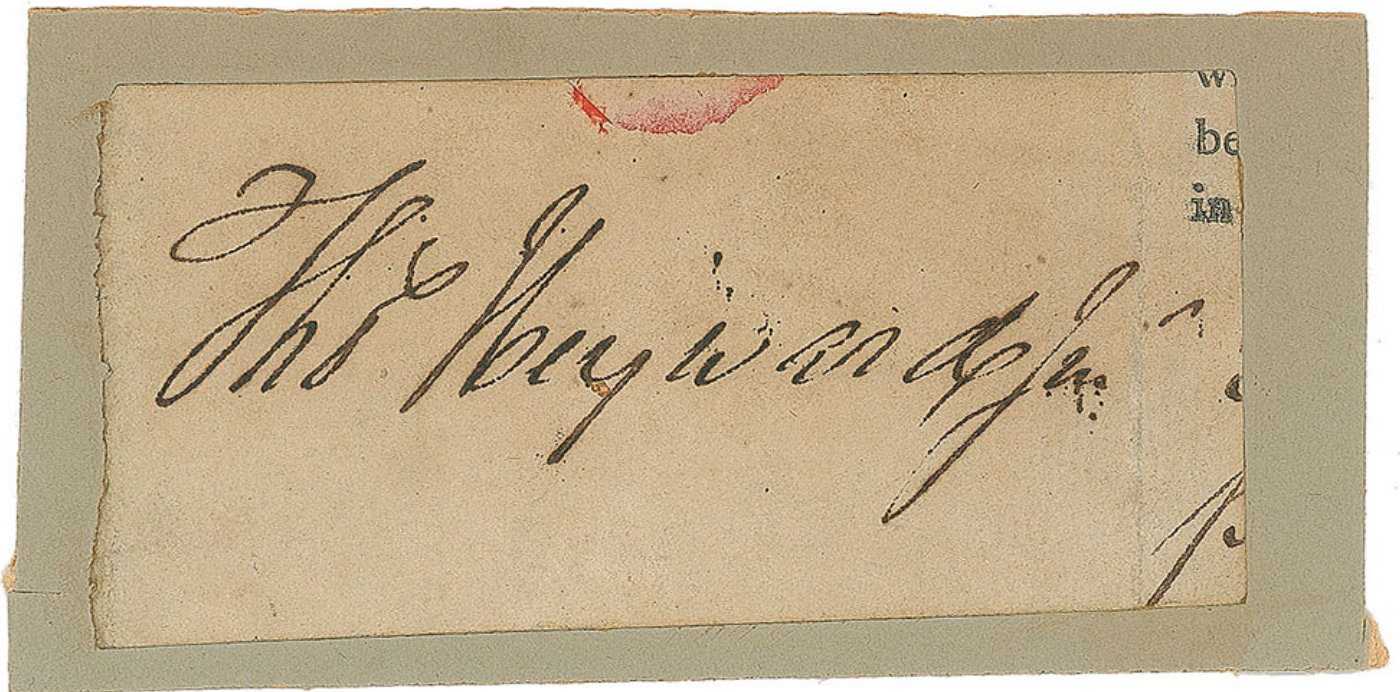
SOUTH CAROLINA: THOMAS LYNCH, JR.



Excessively rare ink signature, "then no lo, Tho. Lynch," on an off-white 1.75 x .75 slip clipped from a longer autograph letter, affixed at one edge to a slightly larger slip. In fine condition, with a central vertical fold. Accompanied by a photocopy of a certificate of authenticity from Charles Hamilton, dated September 18, 1995, stating: "I certify that the signature 'Tho. Lynch'...is an authentic, original signature of the famous signer of the Declaration of Independence, Thomas Lynch, Jr." Also includes a full letter of authenticity from University Archives. Provenance: Remember When Auctions, March 15, 1997.

With the rise of autograph collecting in nineteenth-century America, one of the first areas of specialization was Signers of the Declaration of Independence. Apart from the Signers' central role in American history and the unusual significance of their autographs—after all, writing their names is what ensured their immortality—obtaining all 56 represented a goal that, with a little determination, could be achieved by a resourceful collector. It quickly became evident, however, that there were two notorious 'stoppers' among the Signers: Button Gwinnett and Thomas Lynch, Jr. It is not entirely clear which is rarer—while Gwinnett was generally thought to be the rarest of all signers, recent studies have proclaimed Lynch as the scarcer of the two. This is an unusually bold, well-preserved example of Lynch's signature.

SOUTH CAROLINA: THOMAS HEYWARD, JR.



Large ink signature, "Tho's Heyward, Jr.," on an off-white 3.5 x 1.75 slip. Affixed to a slightly larger card and in fine condition.

GEORGIA: LYMAN HALL

1779 Rec'd 4th May of Dr. James Dunsany the sum of
Thirteen Hundred & two Pounds five Shillings & 6^p
Carolina Currency, which he Rec'd of Mr Joshua
Lockwood for me — Rec'd pr Lyman Hall

Rare Revolutionary War-dated ADS, one page, 7.5 x 2.5, May 4, 1779. Receipt of payment, in part: "1779, Rec'd 4th May of Dr. James Dunsany the sum of Thirteen Hundred & two pounds five shillings...Carolina Currency, which he Rec'd of Mr. Joshua Lockwood for me—Rec'd pr Lyman Hall." In very good to fine condition, with a few repaired edge tears. Hall remains among the rarest of all Declaration signers.

GEORGIA: GEORGE WALTON

Georgia
County of Chatham

To all and singular the Sheriffs within the said State Greeting.

You are hereby commanded that of the Goods and Chattels, Lands Tenements of Francis Paris of the said County Chatham you cause to be made as well thirty-four Pounds one Shilling and six Pence Sterling which in the superior Court of the said County of Chatham before the Chief Justice and his Associates was adjudged to Isaac La Roche of the said County of Chatham for his Damages which he had sustained by Occasion of the not performing certain Promises and Undertakings made by the said Francis to the said Isaac as also three Pounds for his Costs and Charges by him the said Isaac about his suit in that behalf expended. And have that Money before the Chief Justice and his Associates in the County where the Levy and Sale shall be made as aforesaid on the first Day of the next superior Court to be held in such County to render to the said Isaac La Roche for his Costs and Charges aforesaid and have then and there this Writ. Witness the Honorable George Walton Esquire Chief Justice of said State the twenty first Day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five and in the tenth year of the Independence of the united States of America

Geo Walton.

Spoke Atty
Spued 9th January 1786

Manuscript DS, signed "Geo. Walton," one page, 12.25 x 7.75, January 9, 1786. Official document issued in the County of Chatham, Georgia, in part: "To all and singular the Sheriffs within the said State greeting, You are hereby commanded that of the Goods and Chattels, Lands Tenements of Francis Paris...you cause to be made as well thirty-four Pounds one Shilling and six Pence Sterling which in the superior Court of the said County...was adjudged to Isaac La Roche of the said County of Chatham for his Damages." Boldly signed in the upper left by Walton as Chief Justice of Georgia. The white paper seal affixed to the upper left remains fully intact. In very good to fine condition, with light staining to the top, two old tape stains, and archival reinforcements to fold splits on the reverse.

Additional item: TIMOTHY MATLACK

Be it remembered That on the ^{fourth} ~~fourth~~ day of September in
the Year of Our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Seventy Eight,
Before me George Bryan Esq. Vice president of the Supreme Executive
Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania personally appeared
Ashton Humphreys One of the Witnesses to the aforesaid Writing, and
made Oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God That he was
personally present and did see the therein named Severatus
Clarkson and Thomas Ashton severally Seal and as their several
and respective Act and Deeds deliver the same And that the Name
of this Deponent thereunder subscribed as a Witness thereof is of his
this Deponents own proper hand Writing And that he did also see
Samuel Murdocks sign and subscribe his Name thereunder as the
other Witness of such Sealing and Delivery
Ashton Humphreys

In Testimony whereof I the said Vice president
have unto set my hand and caused the Seal of
the Commonwealth to be hereunto affixed this
day and Year above said

Geo. Bryan Vice president.

Attest T. Matlack Sec'y

8th Sept 1778
Ashton
Murdock
Clarkson
Severatus

In addition to the items signed by these 55 signers is one signed by Timothy Matlack, the political leader from Pennsylvania best known for engrossing the Declaration of Independence on parchment: Revolutionary War-dated manuscript DS, signed "Attest T. Matlack Sec'y," four pages on two adjoining sheets, 8.25 x 13, September 3, 1778. Lengthy indenture concerning "a certain Plantation or Tract of Land Situate on Stephen's Run a branch of Crooked Run in the said County of Frederick." Signed at the conclusion below the affixed white paper seal by Matlack as secretary of the Supreme Executive Council of Pennsylvania. Intersecting folds with repaired partial separations and light soiling, otherwise fine condition. Accompanied by a complete typed transcript of the lengthy document.