1. **Almanacs**: ATTRACTIVE SAMMELBAND OF NINE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY AMERICAN ALMANACS, ALL SCARCE, TWO RARE, IN CONTEMPORARY CALF BINDING AND ELEGANTLY WRITTEN INK NOTES FROM ITS OWNER. Philadelphia: 1789-1800. The Volumes belonged to one John Blakey, who lists the titles in elegant ink manuscript. "Nine Almanacks in this Book." Endpapers with a couple of clippings and notes in neat ink manuscript, including "The Almanac's Vindication," an eight-line poem. Bound in contemporary calf [the first and last of several free endpapers were inserted when rebacked; the other endpapers original]. Many ink margin notes, usually concerning personal events. The marginalia notes deaths of friends, including Philadelphians Thomas Paschall [1722-1796] on 26 March 1796, aged 73; A. Paschall on 7 April 1796, aged 17; Daniel Benezet (prominent merchant and brother of abolitionist Anthony Benezet) on 24 April 1797 aged 73; and Daniel's wife Elizabeth the day after her husband, aged 77. Very Good.

Our John Blakey was probably connected by employment and friendship with the Paschall and Benezet families. His collected almanacs, several rare and significant, are:


c. [Shoemaker, Abraham]: Poulson's Town and Country Almanac, For the Year of Our Lord, 1796. Philadelphia; Zachariah Poulson, Junior, [1795]. [48]pp, as issued. "The astronomical calculations of this almanac, by Abraham Shoemaker" [page 2]. "A list of births and deaths in the several religious societies in the city of Philadelphia, from August 1, 1794, to August 1, 1795."[page 3]. Evans 29506. Drake 10413. ESTC W32731 [7].

d. [Shoemaker], Abraham: Poulson's Town and Country Almanac, For the Year of Our Lord, 1797. Philadelphia; Zachariah Poulson, [1796]. [48]pp, as issued. "A list of births and deaths in the several religious societies in the city of Philadelphia, from August 1, 1795, to August 1, 1796" [page 42]. Evans 31189. Drake 10443. ESTC W22814 [7].

e. [Shoemaker, Abraham]: Poulson's Town and country Almanac, For the Year of Our Lord, 1798. Philadelphia: Zachariah Poulson, [1797]. [48]pp, as issued, with the list of births and deaths. Evans 32834. Drake 10475. ESTC W22815 [7].


   Reverend Ashley says, "It is observable, that in the Church of Corinth there was much Contention and Division in religious Matters... and each Party was concern'd to exalt it self, and pull down the other." Such "an unbecoming Stiffness and Unyieldableness towards one another" is cured by the virtue of Charity, the sine qua non of true religion.

   Evans 4882. ESTC W20419. (38772) $375.00

3. **Barnard, John:** ELIJAH'S MANTLE. A SERMON PREACHED AT THE FUNERAL OF THAT AGED AND FAITHFUL SERVANT OF GOD, THE REVEREND MR. SAMUEL CHEEVER, PASTOR OF A CHURCH OF CHRIST IN MARBLEHEAD; WHO DECEASED, MAY 29, 1724. AETATIS SUAE, 85. BY JOHN BARNARD, HIS COLLEAGUE PASTOR. Boston Printed: Sold by S. Gerrish, near the Brick Meeting-House in Cornhill, 1724. [4], 41, [1 blank] pp, as issued, with the half title. Stitched, foxed, a light blindstamp. The half title is badly beaten up, otherwise Good+.

   In this early American imprint, Barnard gives an affectionate accounting of the life and person of Reverend Cheever. A Harvard graduate and Congregational Minister in Marblehead for over fifty years, Barnard was, according to Charles Chauncy, "equalled by few in regard either of readiness of invention, liveliness of imagination, or strength and clearness of reasoning" [DAB].

   Evans 2501. ESTC T232470. (38784) $750.00

4. **Bellamy, Joseph:** THE GREAT EVIL OF SIN, AS IT IS COMMITTED AGAINST GOD. A SERMON PREACHED IN GOSHEN, AT A MEETING OF THE
Bellamy was a Connecticut Congregationalist minister, an ally of Jonathan Edwards, and a fan of the Great Awakening.

Evans 6963. ESTC W20421 [recording eight locations]. Sabin 4489.


On the Yazoo Land Fraud. The introduction states, "This Pamphlet is an...answer to the 'State of Facts,' published by the Georgia Companies. It contains the outlines of the present state of the Georgia business, and a brief sketch of the arguments on both sides, with such Commentaries as the compass of the work would allow." Georgia's Companies had issued their defense in 1795. See Howes G126.

Georgia had granted four land companies the right to buy what later became Mississippi and Alabama, for a half million dollars. Virtually the entire Georgia legislature was bribed. Enraged, Georgia's Crawford-Jackson political faction spearheaded the election of a new legislature the next year which rescinded the grant. A State constitutional amendment ratified the rescission. Bishop says Georgia's land grant is void: in addition to the rampant fraud, Georgia had never acquired title to the lands, which belonged to the resident Creeks, Chickasaws, and Choctaws. But the Companies had nevertheless made many sales of the lands to settlers and speculators. These purchasers, known as the 'Yazoo Claimants', disputed Georgia's rescission. In 1810, after years of litigation, the U.S. Supreme Court decided Fletcher v. Peck, the landmark case construing the Constitution's prohibition on a State's impairment of the obligations of a contract. The Court held unanimously that Georgia's rescission was unconstitutional.


DAB ranks Bowdoin "among the founders of the republic." Writing as Governor of Massachusetts, he reports the status of negotiations to fix the eastern boundary of New York State with Massachusetts. Bowdoin received a "joint letter" from the Massachusetts and New York delegates advising "that the actual running of that line may with greater facility be effected in the fall of the year; & therefore propose the beginning of October next, as a proper time to commence the executing it: but if that time should not comport with the other engagements of those Commissioners, they say they must submit to its being deferred another
year. They add, that they have such perfect reliance on their integrity & abilities, as in case of Mr. Hutchins's inability to attend, supercedes the necessity of any other appointment."

"On June 29, 1785, Congress appointed commissioners of its own to settle the dispute (Thomas Hutchins, John Erving, and David Rittenhouse as of Dec. 1785). In Massachusetts, Resolves 1785, Feb 1786 Sess (Mar. 14, 1786) appointed Edwards, Sedgwick, and Jahleel Woodbridge agents to assist them, again with the collaboration of New York agents. St 1786, c 8 (June 27, 1786) reiterated this arrangement, this time with Edwards, Strong, Woodbridge, and Dr. Samuel Williams as agents. Massachusetts gave Congressional commissioners additional time to complete their mandate (St 1786, c 70, Mar. 1, 1787), and an agreement with both states was completed on July 21, 1787. Resolves 1787, Oct Sess, c 101 (Nov. 21, 1787) directed the agreement and accompanying papers to be filed with the state secretary (actually now found in: Passed resolves ((M-Ar)228))" [archive grid online].


Byles says the late Governor Dummer represents "man at his best estate," a "father to his country." The last three pages extract "from the Boston news-papers" a summary of Dummer's life and character. FIRST EDITION. Evans 8809. ESTC W29650. (38760) $450.00


Clarke displays his extremely complicated calculations, with prophecies, to conclude that the day of judgment will occur very soon, sometime in the 1760s. The Charleston first edition, as well as a Philadelphia and this Boston edition, issued in 1759. Evans 8320. ESTC W5561 [7 institutional locations]. I Turnbull 142 [Charleston]. (38783) $500.00

9. **Colman, Benjamin:** *The Case of Satan's Fiery Darts in Blasphemous Suggestions and Hellish Annoyances: As They Were Considered in Several Sermons, Heretofore Preach'd to the Congregation in Brattle-Street, Boston, May 1711. And Lately Repeated to Them in May 1743. And Now Publish'd at the Desire of Some, Who Having Suffer'd by Such Temptations, Would Thus (by the Will of God) Minister to the Direction and Support of Others in Like Spiritual Trouble and Distress.* Boston: Printed by Rogers and Fowle, for J. Edwards in
Colman was Senior Pastor of the Brattle Street church, one of the most prolific and best known of 18th century sermonizers and ministers, and "a strong believer in the evangelistic movement known as the Great Awakening" [DAB].

This sermon is taken from John XI. 35: "Jesus wept." He describes the character of Cooper, emphasizing that Cooper too was moved by the Great Awakening.

Evans 5367. Sabin 14495. ESTC W 20559.

Colman's sermon-- against the background of the Great Awakening-- includes an admonition to beware of preachers who are "grossly unfurnished with ministerial Gifts and Knowledge." He refers to these dangerous people as "illiterate Teachers."

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Colman dedicates this early Boston sermon to Paul Dudley, Joseph's son, a Massachusetts judge and councilman. This scarce, early American imprint includes an "Addenda from the Boston News-Letter," announcing Dudley's death and recording his biography.

Evans 2103. Sabin 14504. ESTC W28841.


An early legal digest with numerous forms; an index to the topics covered-- including Free Negroes, Slaves; Indentures; Runaways; the prescribed Declaration of Belief in the Christian Religion; Manumission; Naturalization; printed forms.


"The victims were two revenue agents who tried to intercept smugglers taking potash into Canada. They were shot with a gun nine feet, four inches long. Dean was sentenced to hang" [McCade]. "Dean was the leader of the crew of the Black Snake, a vessel engaged in smuggling of goods into Canada" [McCorison]. "McCorison's 'Additions...' attributes the text to Royall Tyler, who was the Chief Judge" [Cohen].

The pamphlet summarizes the witnesses' testimony, other aspects of the trial proceedings, and unsuccessful efforts of Dean's attorneys to set aside the guilty verdict. McDade 246. McCorison 983. Cohen 12500.

Dickinson "was born in Hatfield, Massachusetts, graduated from Yale College in 1706, and came to Elizabethtown in 1708 as pastor of what would soon become the Presbyterian church. He remained pastor of the church until his death. He was one of the founders of the College of New Jersey and served briefly as its first president, from 1746 until his death in 1747" [Felcone Collection 65]. Evans 4710. ESTC W2538. Sabin 20062. Not in the Felcone Collection.


"The source account, taken in the main from Brainerd's private papers and diary" [Eberstadt]. Larned calls it a "religious classic...Brainerd's life was very short (1718-1747), and his missionary activity extended over only 4 years, but his memory is imperishable, thanks to the fact that Jonathan Edwards wrote his memoir, and no student of American church history can pass his life by."

"Brainerd died at the home of Edwards, to whose daughter he was engaged to be married" [Felcone].

17. **Eells, Nathanael**: THE EVANGELICAL BISHOP. A SERMON PREACHED AT STONINGTON, IN CONNECTICUT COLONY, JUNE 14TH. 1733, AT THE ORDINATION OF THE REVEREND MR. NATHANAEL EELS, AND NOW PUBLISH'D (AT THE DESIRE OF MANY OF THE PRESBYTERY THAT HEARD IT; AND SOME OTHERS) WITH SOME INLARGEMENT. BY NATHANAEL EELS, V.D.M. FATWHER
The Preface, signed Eliphalet Adams in type, explains the tradition of Ordination Sermons. 

(38778) $500.00

18. **Foxcroft, Thomas:** A DISCOURSE CONCERNING KINDNESS. BEING A SERMON PREACH'D IN BOSTON, ON THE LORD'S-DAY, FEBR. 28TH. 1719,20. AND NOW PUBLISHED, WITH SOME ENLARGEMENT, AT THE IMPORTUNITY OF MANY THAT HEARD IT. Boston: Printed by S. Kneeland, for S. Gerrish, 1720. [2], 36 pp, as issued. Stitched into modern plain wrappers. Trimmed closely at the margins, occasionally shaving a catchword or a signature number. Else Very Good. 

This is the only 18th century American printing. Foxcroft "was learned, devout, and a good logician, and was admired both for his talents and for the elegance of his manners" [Appleton's]. 

Kindness, he explains, is "that frame or temper of mind, whereby we are in all regards favourably disposed, and kindly affectioned towards others. It implies a certain Good Nature, Sweetness, Softness, Compassion, Lenity, Civility, Candour, Ingenuity, and Generosity of Spirit." 

Evans 2118. ESTC W37963. (38777) $1,000.00


Foxcroft "was learned, devout, and a good logician, and was admired both for his talents and for the elegance of his manners" [Appleton's]. A fan of the Great Awakening, he forcefully expresses his affection in this sermon. A friend of Jonathan Edwards, he disliked the cold rationalism of much of New England theology, and welcomed Whitefield's 1840 visit to Boston. 

Evans 4510. Sabin 25405. ESTC W3517.  
(38768) $500.00

20. **[Gates, Horatio]**: LOT OF FIVE AUTOGRAPH RECEIPTS FOR HAY, SIGNED AND SOLD BY REVOLUTIONARY WAR GENERAL HORATIO GATES THROUGH THE FIRM OF JOHN & GILBERT COUTANT OF THE BOWERY DISTRICT OF NEW YORK CITY, DATED FROM APRIL 30, 1791 THROUGH APRIL 5, 1793. [New York]: 1791-1793. Five printed receipts completed in manuscript. Average size 2-1/2" x 3-1/2" to 3" x 4". All printed with decorative border and "New-York, Bowery, "179
Receipts include: 27 February 1792 and 26 February 1793 to Mr. S. Winship; 16 March 1792 to Mr. Patten; 26 May 1792 to Mr. Elsworth; and 14 January 1793 to Mr. Warner.

Revolutionary General Horatio Gates [1727-1806] is credited with the American victory at Saratoga, and blamed for the defeat at Camden. In 1790 Gates sold his Virginia plantation and moved with his wife to the Rose Hill Estate, a 92-acre farm a few miles outside New York City on the banks of the East River. The farm boasted an elegant dwelling, large farm house, barn with carriage house, fowl house, 260 apple trees, 9000 fruit trees, fruits, vegetables, several acres of wheat and rye, and much more.

John Coutant [1757-1795] and Gilbert Coutant [1766-1845] owned and operated a store at "Two Mile Stone" in Bowery Village. Gilbert was a manager of the Society for the Reformation of Juvenile Delinquents in the City of New York from 1824-1826; member of New York State Assembly in 1825 and 1827; Alms House Commissioner about 1831; and father-in-law to Ely Moore, a U.S. Representative from New York. John Coutant died at age 38 during a Yellow Fever epidemic.


The cases print the complete Opinions of the Judges, who must judiciously sort the tangle of land titles in this western State, formerly a part of Virginia. Several sketches of plats are printed in the Opinions, and the gamut of legal issues in this frontier State, including issues regarding Slaves and Slavery.


"This sermon has been judged worthy of a second publication." Also reprinted in Bristol, Rhode Island and New Haven in 1808 and 1809. Haynes records only the 1809 New Haven issue.

"In a period of formalism and decay in the Church, he stood forth, at first almost alone, as the apostle of vital religion...Although deeply attached to the Episcopal Church, he was treated with coolness by many of its clergy, and attended few of its conventions. At one held at Richmond, May 3, 1792, however, he preached an earnest, evangelical sermon..." DAB. Evans 24431. Johnson 1247. (38767) $250.00


A minister of the Church of England, Johnson "ranks with Jonathan Edwards as one of the two most important exponents of idealistic philosophy in colonial America" [DAB]. He dedicates this rare piece to Lord Jeffery Amherst, Commander in Chief of English forces in North America in the French and Indian War, and congratulates him "on the glorious Success of His Majesty's Arms, under Your Conduct, in the Reduction of all CANADA..."

The ornamentation at the base of page 28, where his sermon concludes, is especially attractive. In the six-page 'Letter to a Friend, Relating to the Same Subject,' which follows, Johnson argues that Skepticism is even worse than Popery. The final four pages are A Short Tract on Mysteries. "This work has the imprint of New York's seventh printer, William Weyman, who carried on business from 1748 to 1768, the year of his death. From 1753 to 1759, he was in partnership with James Parker. The author was the first president of King's College, now Columbia University, from 1754 to 1763..." [Church]. Evans 8627. Church 1033. ESTC W17906. (38761) $850.00


Langdon's sermon includes biographical information on Winthrop and his family, and a sketch of his character.
Winthrop "descended from an antient and worthy family in England...[T]hro' the various civil commotions and revolutions there since the reformation from popery, that family always took part on the side of the liberties of the people." True to his tradition, from 1773 onward he "gave his assistance in all the measures taken to secure his country from the power of oppressors."

Evans 16315. ESTC W12690. (38749) $500.00

26. **Lillingston, Luke:** REFLECTIONS ON MR. BURCHET'S MEMOIRS. OR, REMARKS ON HIS ACCOUNT OF CAPTAIN WILMOT'S EXPEDITION TO THE WEST-INDIES. London: Printed, and sold by the Booksellers of London and Westminster, 1704. [18], 90, 95-171, [1 blank]. Pages 79 and 86 are misnumbered '76' and '96' respectively. Despite the mispagination, the text is continuous. ESTC notes an errata slip, apparently in some copies. Bound in original speckled roan [rebacked], with gilt-lettered red morocco spine label. Bookplate on front pastedown of William Trumbull: "Virtute et Industria." A thorough biography of Sir William Trumbull [1639ñ1716] is at the web site of David Nash Ford's Royal Berkshire History. Very Good.

Lillingston was, he says, badly treated in Burchet's Memoirs. He writes to expose "the black Circumstances of Actions hitherto conceal'd; my proper Business not being to reflect on any particular person's behaviour, any farther than I am obliged to it, in my own just Vindication."

Captain Wilmot, commander of the 60-gun ship Dunkirk, was appointed to lead an expedition, in cooperation with Spain, against the French in the West Indies. Colonel Lillingston commanded 1200 soldiers with the same purpose. After much discussion, "they attacked and on 3 July took Port de la Paix, out of which they collected a booty estimated as worth about 200,000 [pounds]. This seems to have been the cause of the bitter quarrel which broke out between Wilmot and Lillingston, though the particulars are unknown. Wilmot was anxious, late as the season was, to go on and capture Petit Goave and Leogane; but the sickly state of the troops, and probably also Lillingston's ill will, rendered this impossible, and leaving the 50-gun ships behind for the protection of Jamaica, Wilmot sailed for England on 3 Sept. But the fever, which had killed so many of the soldiers, had now spread to the ships, and very many of the seamen died, Wilmot himself among the first, on 15 Sept. Lillingston afterwards published a pamphlet accusing Wilmot of several irregularities, none of which, however, he could substantiate by any evidence except his own assertion; and Wilmot was dead. In the account of the expedition published by Burchett, who, as secretary of the admiralty, was in a better position for learning the truth than any other man could possibly be, the accusations of Lillingston are passed over with contempt." [Article on Wilmot at online Three Decks].

Cundall 1998. ESTC T117286. Sabin 41072. Not in Ragatz. (38831) $1,250.00

and signed in ink by the Association's three officers, with affixed red wax seal. A bit of blank edge wear, closed margin tear [no loss]. Very Good.

A very early certificate for the venerable society which was founded in 1795 with Paul Revere as president, and remains active today as the Massachusetts Charitable Mechanic Association. This certificate was designed by Samuel Gore, drawn by G. Graham, and engraved by Samuel Hill.

An "Explanation of the Certificate of Membership of the Massachusetts Mechanic Association" appears in "Annals of the Massachusetts Charitable Mechanic Association." It explains the balance between the tools of commerce and of trade at the top, justifying the association's motto "Be Just and Fear Not." Patriotic motifs include a large eagle, a flag, and a monument to Washington with an equestrian statue just being mounted. The portrait on the wax seal represents Archimedes.

The officers signing this certificate include Boston Tea Party veteran Jonathan Hunnewell (1759-1842) and publisher Benjamin Russell (1761-1845). See Buckingham, ANNALS OF THE MASSACHUSETTS CHARITABLE MECHANIC ASSOCIATION 71 [Boston: 1853]. OCLC 1129235082 [1- Boston Athenaeum] as of October 2022. Not in Evans or ESTC or the online AAS site.

$1,000.00


"The only recorded copies are incomplete" of the 1707 first edition. [ESTC W18688]. The second edition of 1718 is extremely rare, apparently held only at Trinity College. ESTC W18687 lists the third edition, published "not before 1720," only at AAS.

Our copy, the final 18th century American printing, "requires a most attentive Perusal, a most affecting Perusal. Well perused and performed, it will render thee an happy Creature; despised, thou art, beyond all Expression, miserable."

Roger Sherman, who printed and sold the work, was America's Complete Founding Father, the only person to have signed the four most significant documents of early American history: the Continental Association from the first Continental Congress, the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation, and the United States Constitution. According to ESTC and OCLC, this is one of only two titles listing Roger Sherman's name in the imprint.

Holmes, Cotton Mather 165-D. Evans 10067. Trumbull 775. ESTC W18690 [holdings at AAS, Boston Ath., Boston Public, Newberry, DLC, U VA, Beinecke].

$5,000.00

29. **Mayhew, Jonathan**: TWO DISCOURSES DELIVERED OCTOBER 9TH, 1760. BEING THE DAY APPOINTED TO BE OBSERVED AS A DAY OF PUBLIC THANKSGIVING FOR THE SUCCESS OF HIS MAJESTY'S ARMS, MORE ESPECIALLY IN THE INTIRE REDUCTION OF CANADA. Boston: 1760. 69, [1 blank] pp, with the half title but lacking the final blank. Disbound with light and widely scattered
Mayhew says that, against a despotic and Popish enemy, not only did our "civil rights and liberties" depend upon the success of arms, but also whether the people "shall lose or enjoy their religion, with their spiritual privileges." The victory over the French was remarkable: "What part of our extended frontier in America, was not drenched with blood?" Reviewing the factors that make for success or failure in War, Mayhew observes that, "The French no longer hold a single fort, garrison, or fortified place." Thus "the conquest of Canada" is complete.

He describes Canada's inhabitants, who have taken an oath of loyalty to His Majesty; the Indians, who are friendly; the vast acquisition of territory, "large and fruitful, many parts of it well cultivated;" the "peace for the future" that the colonies will enjoy; and the expansion of the fisheries, commerce, and manufactures. He ably discusses the strategy of Amherst and the navy in their campaign, and relations with the Six Nations and other Indian tribes.


30. **Moodey, Samuel:** [JUDAS THE TRAITOR HUNG UP IN CHAINS, TO GIVE WARNING TO PROFESSORS, THAT THEY BEWARE OF WORLDLYMINDEDNESS AND HYPOCRISY: A DISCOURSE, CONCLUDING WITH A DIALOGUE; PREACHED AT YORK IN NEW-ENGLAND. New Haven: Printed for the Widow Sarah Diodate, 1761. 39pp, sewn as issued [loosening], untrimmed and partly uncut, lightly worn and spotted. Very Good. "In this issue there is no comma after 'worldlymindedness' and the pastor's surname is spelt 'Moodey'." [ESTC]. In the other issue, the author's name is spelled 'Moody.'

The two Boston printings in 1714 are rare. Sarah Diodate [1689-1764] was an early woman bookseller, about whom little is known. She is buried in New Haven's famous Grove Street Cemetery, across the street from what is now the Yale Law School.

Evans 8931. ESTC W42278. Trumbull [supp.] 2412. Not in Hudak. (38770) $500.00


During John Jay's term as Governor, the Legislature passed 133 Acts, listed here. ESTC lists holdings only at AAS; OCLC adds a few more.

Evans 38093. ESTC W10245. (38803) $1,250.00

286 is misprinted '186,' as issued. The final leaf torn at the bottom, costing the letter "S" in "FINIS." One [of two] front free endpapers torn away. Scattered and generally light foxing. Bound in attractive contemporary sheep with raised spine bands, gilt-lettered spine title on red morocco. Contemporary ownership signatures of Aaron Westervelt. Good+ or better.

For a biography of Parker, see Felcone, NEW JERSEY BOOKS 211. The book lists alphabetically the legal issues encountered by these officers [from 'Accessory' and 'Buggery' to 'Witchcraft' and 'Women']. Part II explains the office and duties of Sheriffs, the role of Jurors, and Maxims and General Rules. Cohen lists the numerous American editions of this popular work.

Evans 21359. Cohen 7959. ESTC W37507. (38847) $450.00


Payson hears "the loud voice of weeping through the American states," the mourning of "the free and federal citizens of America." As with Moses, "God formed, endowed and assisted George Washington, a native of Virginia, to be the deliverer of his country, and perform wonders, which astonish the world." Payson notes especially "the manner of his retiring from the scene of war, and disbanding his army, when he had delivered his country." Evans 38201. ESTC W3018. (38763) $250.00


One of several sermons printed during 1748 on this fire, which destroyed public records and "other useful and valuable Writings." Prentice offers an unusually interesting explanation of the "Injustice and Unrighteousness" which caused the fire.

The cause is "an uncertain and sinking Paper-Medium which circulating through the Land, doth I fear, spread Injustice...and sadly corrupt and endanger the whole Political Body." For "Men, finding the Currency sinking, and having no Way to right themselves therefor, but by altering and adjusting the Prices of Things, to what they suppose to be the Decrease, of the Value of the Bills, and so being left at Liberty to judge and determine their own Cause...are apt, in every Advance, to rise too high, in their Demands..."
FIRST EDITION. Evans 6227. Not in Rink, Kress. ESTC W28505. (38752) $750.00

archivally reinforced, light to moderate spotting. Good, with contemporary owner inscriptions [e.g. "Mary Smith's Book"].

An early American imprint. Thomas Prince was regarded as "the most learned scholar, with the exception of Cotton Mather, in New England" [Dr. Charles Chauncey, quoted in Appleton's]. Samuel Prince was his father.

Evans 3095. ESTC W20415. (38781) $350.00


" Entirely related to political and historical-- not to religious-- events of the year 1745" [Jenkins]. Prince discusses the ongoing struggle for control of North America. The principal enemy is France's "popish, cruel, ambitious, restless House of Bourbon," whose aggressions-- which nearly succeeded-- in the West Indies, Canada, the Great Lakes, the Mississippi River, and among the Indian tribes are chronicled.

Prince recounts the remarkable works of God [assisted by the British army and navy, as well as the weather] that thwarted France's devilish dreams of conquest.


This passionate political message, which appears to be unrecorded, urges the election of Thomas Rice to Congress as a Federalist. Rice (1768-1854) would win and serve two terms, after which he was defeated for reelection. His supporters, who sign in type at the end, were all Federalists active in Massachusetts-Maine political and public affairs. Samuel Wilde became a Justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court. Jeremiah Perley wrote The Maine Justice and the proceedings of the Convention establishing the statehood of Maine. All opposed the ongoing War with England.

The signers urge a "united voice of New-England" against the "unnecessary prosecution of the war," and to "preserve us from impending dangers."

Not located in American Imprints, Sabin, Williamson, or the online sites of OCLC, AAS, MA Hist. Soc. as of October 2022. (38841) $950.00

Rogers dedicates his Oration to the President [Thomas Mifflin], Vice President [Thomas M’Kean], and members of the Pennsylvania Society of the Cincinnati. He calls July 4 "The Sabbath of our Freedom! The animating rays of our new Constellation have been felt on the exhausted soil of Europe, and have penetrated the barbarous shades of Africa!"

Rogers, an original member of the Society of the Cincinnati, rejects criticism of the Society as an anti-democratic organization. He lauds the Society, "an institution founded upon a basis the most honorable, with views the most friendly, humane, and patriotic!"

Unlike European "orders of military merit," the Society of the Cincinnati stands for "the rights of mankind." It expresses "the grace of simplicity with the dignity of virtue," as opposed to European "pomp of pride."

The 1919 Huntington Auction called this "An important piece, upholding the Society of the Cincinnati, at whose request it was published."

Evans 22120. Sabin 72741. ESTC W5774. (38751) $750.00

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40. **Sewall, Joseph**: THE CERTAINTY & SUDDENNESS OF CHRIST'S COMING TO JUDGMENT, IMPROVED AS A MOTIVE TO DILIGENCE IN PREPARING FOR IT. IN A SERMON AT THE LECTURE IN BOSTON, OCTOBER 6. 1715. BY...PASTOR OF A CHURCH IN BOSTON. Boston: Printed by B. Green, for Samuel Gerrish, 1716. [2], 19, [1 blank] pp. Stitched into modern plain wrappers. Complete but the imprint is LACKING the second title with which it was issued: Sewall, Joseph: BELIEVERS INVITED TO COME TO CHRIST AS THE AUTHOR OF THEIR RESURRECTION AND LIFE. Boston: B. Green, for Samuel Gerrish. 1716.

Evans 1853 records ours as a separate imprint; but the catchword at the bottom of page 19 makes clear that the second title is supposed to follow it.

ESTC W7578. (38779) $375.00

The American edition was published in the next year. "The portrait of Andre was engraved by Hopwood, probably from the print by J.K. Sherwin. Letters from Andre to Miss Seward written in 1769 are included on pp. 336-357. This book was published by Mr. Smith to justify his own character against the charge of being involved in the Arnold treason." Sabin. The brother of William Smith, the historian of New York, he had been a member of the New York constitutional convention of 1776-1777, and was tried and acquitted for complicity in Arnold's treason.
FIRST EDITION. Howes S631. Sabin 83421. (38839) $150.00

42. [Spencer, Thomas]: THE NEW VADE MECUM; OR, YOUNG CLERK'S MAGAZINE; DIGESTED AND IMPROVED TO CORRESPOND WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW-YORK IN PARTICULAR, AND THE UNITED STATES IN GENERAL: CONTAINING A VARIETY OF THE MOST USEFUL PRECEDENTS, ADAPTED TO ALMOST EVERY TRANSACTION IN LIFE...TO WHICH IS ADDED A COLLECTION OF FORMS OF WRITS, &C. MOST COMMON IN USE IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW-YORK. THE FIRST EDITION. Lansingburgh [NY]: Printed by Silvester Tiffany, for, and sold by, Thos. Spencer, at his Book Store, in Albany., 1794. 346 [i.e., 336] pp. Original calf [rubbed], hinges firm. Light scattered foxing. Lacks the rear free endpaper. Very Good.
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