

1. **[55th Massachusetts Volunteers]:** "BETTER EVEN TO DIE FREE, THAN TO LIVE SLAVES." ORIGINAL HAND COLORED PENCIL DRAWING DEPICTING A BLACK SOLDIER IN FULL MILITARY UNIFORM FROM THE 55TH MASSACHUSETTS VOLUNTEERS. HE IS SEATED AT A TABLE WITH A UNION FLAG BEHIND HIM. IN HIS HAND HE HOLDS A PAPER TITLED "CO. G 55." IN PENCIL AT THE TOP RIGHT IN SARIF-STYLED LETTERING: "BETTER EVEN TO DIE FREE, THAN TO LIVE SLAVES." BENEATH THE SOLDIER IS "55TH MASSACHUSETTS VOLUNTEERS." AT THE LOWER RIGHT CORNER IS "1863". [Massachusetts?: 1863?]. Broadside, 5-1/4" x 9." Original pencil drawing on heavy tan paper, finished with blue, red, yellow and flesh toned paints. The talented artist has rendered a well-proportioned likeness of this 55th Massachusetts Black Soldier in Union blue. The attention to the facial features makes it appear likely that someone posed for the drawing or copied from a photograph. Light fading, Very Good.

President Lincoln gave Massachusetts Governor Andrew permission to raise the 54th and 55th Colored Regiments in late January, 1863. As soon as Andrew issued the call, Frederick Douglass wrote "Men of Color, To Arms!" dated March 2, 1863; he published it on the front page of the March 1863 edition of his Rochester paper "Douglass' Monthly."

Douglass's Address states, "A war undertaken and brazenly carried on for the perpetual enslavement of coloured men, calls logically and loudly for coloured men to help and suppress it ... Liberty won by white men would lose half it's lustre. 'Who would be free, themselves must strike the blow.' 'Better even to die free, than to live slaves.' This is the sentiment of every brave coloured man amongst us." [Douglass: THE LIFE AND TIMES OF FREDERICK DOUGLASS, London: 1862, pp.295-297; Douglass Monthly, March, 1863, Rochester, NY, p.1.]

(38570) \$7,500.00

2. **Apthorp, East:** OF SACRED POETRY AND MUSIC. A DISCOURSE AT CHRIST-CHURCH, CAMBRIDGE, AT THE OPENING OF THE ORGAN, ON TUESDAY, XXI AUGUST, MDCCLXIV, BY EAST APTHORP, M.A. MISSIONARY AT CAMBRIDGE. Boston: Printed by Green and Russell, 1764. 4to. vii, [1 blank], 22 pp. Stitched, as issued, with contemporary plain wrappers [faintly inscribed, on the front wrapper, "The President / Cambridge." Light title page dust and toning; scattered margin scorching. Good+.

Born in Boston, Apthorp was about thirty years old when he preached this Discourse, one of only five American imprints by this influential clergyman. After higher education in England, he returned to Boston as a Missionary of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, a British group which sought to spread the true Church of England faith to the uncivilized world, including America. His splendid house in Cambridge, built in 1760-1761 by Peter Harrison, became a focus of controversy when Reverend Jonathan Mayhew speculated that it might become a bishop's palace.

Apthorp's affinity for things Anglican immediately put him at loggerheads with Mayhew and Charles Chauncy, who decried British attempts to "episcopize" American religious institutions. Exhausted by controversy, Apthorp retired to England in 1764. This title, or another 1764 pamphlet, was his last published utterance as an American resident.

Apthorp dedicates this Discourse, one of the earliest American treatises on the subject, to John Temple, His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor of New Hampshire. In 1771 Temple returned to England and, though he claimed continuing friendship with the American cause,

was deemed a supporter of England. Apthorp's discourse contends that Christian music is "the effect of divine inspiration; being one of the charismata or gifts of the Holy Ghost." He says that the ancient Hebrews were "the inventors of poetry... being dictated by a real Inspiration" and "came to its perfection at once; and with the noblest enthusiasm and sublimity of stile and sentiment."

Evans 9584. ESTC W28725 (38683) \$750.00

3. **[Assembly of Pastors of Churches in New England]:** THE TESTIMONY AND ADVICE OF AN ASSEMBLY OF PASTORS OF CHURCHES IN NEW-ENGLAND, AT A MEETING IN BOSTON JULY 7. 1743. OCCASION'D BY THE LATE HAPPY REVIVAL OF RELIGION IN MANY PARTS OF THE LAND. TO WHICH ARE ADDED, ATTESTATIONS CONTAIN'D IN LETTERS FROM A NUMBER OF THEIR BRETHERN WHO WERE PROVIDENTIALY HINDER'D FROM GIVING THEIR PRESENCE. BY ORDER OF THE ASSEMBLY. Boston: S. Kneeland and T. Green, and N. Procter, [1743]. 51, [1 blank] pp. Stitched, with the half title. Untrimmed, some spotting, blank portion of half title torn. Else Very Good.

The Assembly of Ministers celebrates the Great Awakening, the explosive revival of "Righteousness and Peace and Joy in the Holy Ghost" that erupted in New England in the 1740s. "We never before saw so many brought under 'Soul-Concern'."

The flocks are cautioned "That the Nature of Conversion does not consist in these passionate Feelings," despite the "high Joys" so experienced. But the Assembly is convinced "that these extraordinary outward Symptoms, are not an Argument that the Work is delusive, or from the Influence and Agency of the evil Spirit." Indeed, they "come from the Spirit of God." About 75 New England ministers signify their agreement, by signing in type.

Evans 5136. Bristol B1224. (38688) \$850.00

4. **[Belknap, Jeremy]:** A COLLECTION OF SERMONS, IN EARLY 19TH CENTURY HALF SHEEP, BY OR ABOUT JEREMY BELKNAP. 1767. Various places, various dates [1767-1801]. Binding moderately rubbed, with hinges starting. Very Good.

An unusual collection by and about the eminent historian-clergyman who, among his other contributions, helped to found the Massachusetts Historical Society. The pamphlets have some scattered foxing and light wear.

1. Haven, Samuel: A SERMON, PREACHED FEBUARY 18, 1767. AT THE ORDINATION OF THE REV. MR. JEREMY BELKNAP. Portsmouth, NH: 1767. 36pp, but lacking the half title. First Edition. Evans 10641.

2. Belknap, Jeremy: A SERMON ON MILITARY DUTY, PREACHED AT DOVER, NOVEMBER 10, 1772... Salem: 1773. 27pp, but lacking the half title. First Edition. Evans 12667. One of Belknap's "significant publications," calling America the "asylum of liberty," asserting the American right to self-defense and to live undisturbed by European continental powers and marauding Indians.

3. [Belknap, Jeremy]: A PLAIN AND EARNEST ADDRESS FROM A MINISTER TO A PARISHIONER, ON THE NEGLECT OF THE PUBLICK WORSHIP, AND THE TEACHING OF THE GOSPEL. Salem: 1771. 26pp. Signature, 'Elizabeth Belknap,' on title page. First Edition. Evans 11980. BAL 919.

4. Belknap, Jeremy: JESUS CHRIST THE ONLY FOUNDATION. A SERMON ON I CORINTHIANS, III. II. THE SECOND EDITION. Boston: 1792. 31pp. Evans 24089. First

printed in 1779, and here "reprinted by the desire and at the expense of the Society for propagating the Gospel among the Indians and others in North-America."

5. Belknap, Jeremy: A DISCOURSE, INTENDED TO COMMEMORATE THE DISCOVERY OF AMERICA BY CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS...TO WHICH ARE ADDED, FOUR DISSERTATIONS... Boston: 1792. 132, [2 adv.] pp. First Edition. Evans 24085. BAL 931. Hubbard Sale 14 ["Very Scarce"]. A thoroughly researched biography of Columbus, an "enterprising adventurer," a pioneer among men "who had begun to think for themselves." The dissertations' subjects include the navigation of Africa, pre-Columbian claims of discovery, the honey bee, and the color of native Americans.

6. Belknap, Jeremy: DISSERTATIONS ON ... JESUS CHRIST. Boston: 1795. 140, [1 copyright] pp. Early repair to leaf 7-8 [no loss]. Evans 28256. BAL 935.

7. Belknap, Jeremy: A SERMON, DELIVERED ON THE 9TH OF MAY, 1798, THE DAY OF THE NATIONAL FAST. Boston: 1798. 29pp, lacking half title. Evans 33394. BAL 941,

8. Kirkland, John Thornton: A SERMON, DELIVERED AT THE INTERMENT OF THE REV. JEREMY BELKNAP... JUNE 22, 1798. Boston: Manning & Loring. [1798]. 27pp, but lacking the half title. Evans 33964.

9. Belknap, Jeremy: TWO SERMONS, DELIVERED APRIL 27, 1798, ON THE ... SABBATH. Boston: April, 1801. 38pp, with half title. AI 157 [4].

(38721) \$2,000.00

5. **Bradford, Ebenezer:** STRICTURES ON THE REMARKS OF DR. SAMUEL LANGDON, ON THE LEADING SENTIMENTS IN THE REV. DR. HOPKINS' SYSTEM OF DOCTRINES: IN A POSTSCRIPT OF A LETTER TO A FRIEND. Boston: Printed by I. Thomas and E.T. Andrews, 1794. 47, [1 blank] pp. Stitched, untrimmed, light fox and wear. Last two leaves have some blank upper margin chipping. Very Good.

"Dr. Langdon," says Bradford, "in order to attack his brother doctor with more show of erudition, as well as success, first raises to our view a kind of Metaphysical Demon ... Among this host of metaphysical jugglers, he fixes his eye on Dr. Hopkins, as one of the foremost in modern times."

Evans 26697. ESTC W3581. Sabin 7244.

(38615) \$175.00

6. **Bromley, George W. & Walter S.:** ATLAS OF THE ENTIRE CITY OF BOSTON, BRIGHTON, FROM ACTUAL SURVEYS AND OFFICIAL PLANS. Philadelphia: G.W. Bromley & Co., 1025. Folio. 29 numbered double-page folio plates, colored, backed in linen; index and general map leaf. The plates are frequently dusted, and include contemporary, relevant notations. Loose covers and leaves. Good+. (38693) \$750.00

7. **[Charlestown]:** MANUSCRIPT DOCUMENT SIGNED BY JOSIAH WATERS AS CONSTABLE OF CHARLESTOWN, REQUESTING FEES FOR DELIVERING WARRANTS "WARNING MARY VINE OUT OF TOWN" AND "WARNING THOMAS WEBB AND HIS WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN OUT OF TOWN," 4 JULY 1730. Charlestown MA: 1730. Single leaf, written on recto in neat ink manuscript. Docketed in ink on verso: "Josiah Waters Letter." Very Good original colonial document

Pursuant to Town Warrants, Constable Waters served papers warning the named indigent residents, who had not yet established a settlement in Charlestown, to leave town.

Under colonial law, persons who had not established their residency in a town were not entitled to town assistance if they became impoverished.

(38634) \$250.00

8. **Chauncy, Charles:** THE APPEAL TO THE PUBLIC ANSWERED, IN BEHALF OF THE NON-EPISCOPAL CHURCHES IN AMERICA; CONTAINING REMARKS ON WHAT DR. THOMAS BRADBURY CHANDLER HAS ADVANCED, ON THE FOUR FOLLOWING POINTS. THE ORIGIN AND NATURE OF THE EPISCOPAL OFFICE. REASONS FOR SENDING BISHOPS TO AMERICA. THE PLAN ON WHICH IT IS PROPOSED TO SEND THEM. AND THE OBJECTIONS AGAINST SENDING THEM OBTAINED AND REFUTED. WHEREIN THE REASONS FOR AN AMERICAN EPISCOPATE ARE SHEWN TO BE INSUFFICIENT, AND THE OBJECTIONS AGAINST IT IN FULL FORCE. Boston: Kneeland and Adams, for Thomas Leverett., 1768. 205, [1 bookseller advt.] pp. Lacking the half title, some lower portion spotting to first few leaves. Contemporary ink correction on page 27. With the contemporary ownership signature of Jacob Hurd. Good+ or so.

Thomas Chandler was a Connecticut-born Episcopal priest. His 'Appeal to the Public' [1767] was a major weapon in the Church of England's dispute with Reverend Chauncy and others who resisted the Anglican Church's establishment in America. "The clergy of New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania delegated him as a leading advocate of American episcopacy to prepare a plea for the sending of bishops to America..." [DAB]. Chauncy refutes it here. Chauncy was the most prominent American voice for the authenticity and validity of non-Episcopal ordination; he passionately disputed the notion that "the established religion of England was that of its dependencies also. English bishops wrote as if Congregationalism were no religion at all" [DAB].

Religious separation paved the way, less than a decade later, for political separation and Revolution.

FIRST EDITION. Evans 10853. Gephart 4099. (38690) \$650.00

9. **Colman, Benjamin:** A HUMBLE DISCOURSE OF THE INCOMPREHENSIBLENESS OF GOD. IN FOUR SERMONS, PREACHED AT THE LECTURE IN BOSTON. 1714. WITH A PREFACE BY THE REVEREND MR. PEMBERTON. Boston in N.E.: Printed by B. Green, for Daniel Henschman at the corner Shop over against the Brick Meeting-House, 1715. [2], xii, 109, [1 blank] pp. Lacking half title and final blank, else Very Good. Bound in contemporary sheep, rebacked in calf. Modern owner's stamp on front pastedown. Very Good.

Colman was Pastor of the Brattle Street Church from 1699 until his death nearly fifty years later.

This copy bears an unusual and perhaps unrecorded variant of the printer's 1715 imprint. ESTC does not record our imprint. ESTC notes a few copies-- all quite scarce-- printed by Green for Henschman "at his shop over against the Brick Meeting-House." ESTC also notes Green's printing for Henschman "over against the brick Meeting-House in Cornhil"; and Green's printing for "Samuel Gerrish at his shop on the north side of the Town-House."

Our copy also has another variant 1715 title page loosely laid in, extremely rare, with the imprint: "Printed by B. Green, for Daniel Henschman at his Shop on the South side of King-Street." All recorded titles, as noted by ESTC, are paginated identically. Evans 1734, 1735. ESTC W39239, W12802, W12801. (38727) \$1,750.00

10. **Colman, Benjamin:** A SERMON PREACH'D AT THE ORDINATION OF MR. WILLIAM COOPER, IN BOSTON, N.E. MAY 23, 1716. WITH MR. COOPERS CONFESSION OF FAITH, AND HIS ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS PROPOSED TO HIM ON THAT OCCASION. Boston: Printed by B. Green, for Samuel Gerrish, and Daniel Henchman, and sold at their shops near the town-house, 1716. [4], 40, 24 pp. Later front wrapper [detached], with early script title lettering in ink. Manuscript paper fragment inscribed, "Job Cushing's July 7: 1716," pasted to verso of front endpaper Some underlining, scattered foxing. About Good+.

A scarce, early American imprint. Colman remarks on the novelty of his appearance in this role: "hitherto it has been Usual for the Person who is to be Ordained Himself to Preach. This Practice has of late Years been much complain'd of by our Young Ministers, as a Great Impropriety Imposed on them. In which Opinion I concur, and was therefore willing to relieve Mr. Cooper, and to assign him a more proper Part and Service..."

Cooper's Confession of Faith is separately titled and paginated, as issued.
FIRST EDITION. Evans 1806. ESTC W29221. (38686) \$1,250.00

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12. **Congregational Board of Publication:** LIBERTY OR SLAVERY: THE GREAT NATIONAL QUESTION. THREE PRIZE ESSAYS ON AMERICAN SLAVERY. Boston: Congregational Board of Publication, 1857. Original publisher's cloth, with bright gilt-stamped title on front cover. vi, 138 pp. Fine. Ownership signature "J.B. Lowell" on front endpaper.

The book prints three abolitionist essays: (1) Rev. R.B. Thurston, The Error and the Duty in regard to Slavery; (2) Rev. A.C. Baldwin, Friendly Letters to a Christian Slaveholder; (3) Timothy Williston, Is American Slavery an Institution Which Christianity Sanctions and Will Perpetuate?

LCP 5884. Dumond 74. Sabin 95775.

(38609) \$85.00

13. **[Crevecoeur, Michel Guillaume St. Jean]:** LETTERS FROM AN AMERICAN FARMER, DESCRIBING CERTAIN PROVINCIAL SITUATIONS, MANNERS, AND CUSTOMS, NOT GENERALLY KNOWN; AND CONVEYING SOME IDEA OF THE LATE AND PRESENT INTERIOR CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE BRITISH COLONIES IN NORTH AMERICA. WRITTEN FOR THE INFORMATION OF A FRIEN [sic] IN

ENGLAND, BY J. HECTOR ST. JOHN, A FARMER IN PENNSYLVANIA. London: Printed for Thomas Davies in Russel Street Covent-Garden, and Lockyer Davis in Holborn, 1782. [14], 318., [2- publ. advts.] pp. Two maps, "The Island of Nantucket" bound after page 122 [mispaginated '102', as issued], and "Island of Nantucket" bound after page 160. This is the variant noted by ESTC, with 'Friend' in the title misspelled. Lacking the half title, a clean text but for infrequent minor soil, else Fine. Bound in modern quarter calf [gilt spine rules and spine title on red morocco] and marbled paper over boards.

The first edition of this "Description of American life of great influence in attracting European immigration in the post-revolutionary period. As literature unexcelled by any American work of the eighteenth century" [Howes]. The book has "some of the most thoughtful and influential commentary on the meaning of the Revolution ... This is certainly one of the chief works of literature and one of the most important observations on America in the era of the Revolution. Also notable are Crèvecoeur's account of Nantucket and the excellent maps of that island and Martha's Vineyard" [Reese].

"These are a series of twelve charming letters, describing life in America, four of them about Nantucket, and one about Martha's Vineyard and the Whale Fishery" [Streeter Sale]. "They have a winsome flavor, and picture so delectably the independence, the resources, and peace of an agricultural life, just before and after the Revolution, in the more settled states of America, that the reader of the present day cannot feel surprised that he beguiled many an emigrant from the Old World to the banks of the Ohio and the Delaware" [Larned].

Along with his descriptions of the charms of American life, Crèvecoeur does not shrink from painting a dark picture of "the horrors of slavery, the hardship of incessant toils; and no one thinks with compassion of those showers of sweat and of tears which from the bodies of Africans, daily drop, and moisten the ground they till. The cracks of the whip urging these miserable beings to excessive labour, are far too distant from the gay Capital to be heard..." FIRST EDITION. Reese, Revolutionary Hundred 70. Adams 82-26a. Streeter Sale 711. Howes C883. Larned 1283.

(38728) \$5,000.00

14. [Crèvecoeur, Michel Guillaume St. Jean]: LETTRES D'UN CULTIVATEUR AMERICAIN ADRESSEES A WM. S... ON ESQR. DEPUIS L'ANNEE 1770, JUSQU'EN 1786. PAR M. ST. JOHN DE CREVE COEUR, TRADUITES DE L'ANGLOIS. KEEN FEELINGS INSPIRE RESETLESS THOUGHTS. Paris: Chez Cuchet Libraire, Rue det Hotel Serpente, 1787. Three volumes: xxxii, 478, [2- Table], [2 blanks] [plus three plates (including frontis) and one folding map] ; [2], 438, [6] [with three folding maps]; [2], 592 pp [one folding map, one folding chart]. Contemporary calf, gilt spine rules and titles, marbled endpapers. Minor scattered foxing, owner bookplate on front pastedowns, Very Good.

"Best French edition and most complete of all editions" [Howes]. "This edition is greatly enlarged, the whole of the third volume being added. This translation was made by the author himself." [Sabin]. The folding maps depict Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket, the northern United States, and the Ohio River. The northern United States map is from New England, south to Virginia and west to Illinois. A whole third volume has been added to this edition as well as four plates and three maps, including a version of the famous Lewis Evans map as corrected by Thomas Jefferys, and smaller maps of the Muskingam and Grand Castor Rivers

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(38737) \$3,500.00

15. **Edwards, Jonathan:** SOME THOUGHTS CONCERNING THE PRESENT REVIVAL OF RELIGION IN NEW-ENGLAND, AND THE WAY IN WHICH IT OUGHT TO BE ACKNOWLEDGED AND PROMOTED, HUMBLY OFFERED TO THE PUBLICK, IN A TREATISE ON THAT SUBJECT. IN FIVE PARTS... Boston: Printed by S. Kneeland and T. Green in Queen-Street, 1742. [2], iv, 378 pp, with the errata statement at the bottom of page 378. Bound in original sheep [front hinge detached; rear hinge starting]. Light foxing and light wear. Good+. Contemporary signatures, J.D. McLarin, and Nathan Ker.

This is the first edition, and the only 18th century American printing, of Edwards's most comprehensive analysis and defense of the Great Awakening, issued during the height of the revivals that had swept New England and generated unprecedented argument and discussion among the clergy.

"The year 1742 was one of rapidly rising controversy over revivalism. Dismayed that 'the glorious work' was threatened on one side by the indiscretions of overzealous promoters and on the other by the stiffening opposition of its critics, Edwards spoke out once again in its defense. In his most ambitious writing yet, he expanded the arguments of *The Distinguishing Marks*, seeking more largely to define evangelical experience, rebuke spurious manifestations of it, refute captious criticisms against it, and urge its cordial support by all classes of Christians" [The Jonathan Edwards Center at Yale University, online].

FIRST EDITION. Johnson, Jonathan Edwards 83. Evans 4939. ESTC W29462.

(38724) \$5,000.00

16. **Edwards, Jonathan:** A TREATISE CONCERNING RELIGIOUS AFFECTIONS, IN THREE PARTS...BY JONATHAN EDWARDS, A.M. AND PASTOR OF THE FIRST CHURCH IN NORTHAMPTON. 1746. [2], vi, 343, [9] pp. Page 215 is misnumbered '115,' as issued. The Errata is the verso of page 343, followed by the Table of Contents. "The Booksellers Advertisement" is at the bottom of the last page. Occasional mild foxing, Very Good, with Benajah Case's 1746 ownership inscription on front free endpaper. Modern bookplate on rear pastedown.

This first edition is "The supreme expression of Edwards's psychology of religion" [DAB]. In this book "Edwards insisted, against the revival critics' ideal of sober, 'reasonable'

religion, that 'the essence of all true religion lies in holy love,' a love that proves its genuineness by its inner quality and practical results."

FIRST EDITION. Evans 5767. ESTC W29564. (38713) \$3,000.00

17. **Edwards, Jonathan:** TWO DISSERTATIONS, I. CONCERNING THE END FOR WHICH GOD CREATED THE WORLD. II. THE NATURE OF TRUE VIRTUE. BY THE LATE REVEREND, LEARNED AND PIOUS JONATHAN EDWARDS, A.M. PRESIDENT OF THE COLLEGE OF NEW-JERSEY. Boston: Printed and Sold by S. Kneeland, 1765. Stitched as issued. [2], iii, [3], 191, [1 blank] pp. Untrimmed, uncut, Fine. Housed in a modern half morocco and marbled case, with clasp.

This is the first edition, reprinted in Philadelphia a generation later and in London in 1778. According to Wikipedia [citations omitted], "Edwards argues against contemporaries who claimed that human happiness was the end for which God created the world. Edwards instead puts forth the idea that the reason for God's creation of the world was not human happiness, but the magnification of his own glory and name. Edwards then argues that since true happiness comes from God alone, human happiness is an extension of God's glory.

FIRST EDITION. Evans 9962. Johnson 228. ESTC W28418.

(38726) \$1,250.00

18. **Foxcroft, Thomas:** OBSERVATIONS HISTORICAL AND PRACTICAL ON THE RISE AND PRIMITIVE STATE OF NEW-ENGLAND. WITH A SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE OLD OR FIRST GATHER'D CHURCH IN BOSTON. A SERMON PREACH'D TO THE SAID CONGREGATION AUG. 23. 1730. BEING THE LAST SABBATH OF THE FIRST CENTURY SINCE ITS SETTLEMENT. Boston, N.E.: Printed by S. Kneeland and T. Green, for S. Gerrish in Cornhill, 1730. [8], 46, [2 blanks] pp. Stitched and untrimmed, generously margined. Half title present [torn with loss]. Else Very Good. With the ownership signature of Caleb Cushing, probably the Massachusetts diplomat and politician. In modern marbled wrappers.

Sabin calls this a "valuable tract, compiled from original sources." Foxcroft, minister of the First Church of Boston, begins his Observations with the Protestant Reformation, "after a long Night of Popish Darkness" caused by "that cruel Church." He moves on to the exodus of Puritans who "sought a Refuge and Covert from the Storm in some quiet Recess of the NEW WORLD," in order "to enjoy the spiritual Liberties & Blessings of the purest Church-State under a faithful Ministry." They thus "planted themselves, Families, and Estates into these remote Regions of NEW-ENGLAND." Foxcroft then explains the history of the previous hundred years' experience of Puritans in New England.

Sabin 25399. Evans 3280. ESTC W28699. Howes F309aa. Sabin 25399.

(38720) \$1,250.00

19. **Gee, Joshua:** ISRAEL'S MOURNING FOR AARON'S DEATH. A SERMON PREACHED ON THE LORD'S DAY AFTER THE DEATH OF THE VERY REVEREND AND LEARNED COTTON MATHER, D.D. AND F.R.S. PASTOR OF THE NORTH CHURCH IN BOSTON: WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE, FEBRUARY 13. 1727-8. AET LXVI. BY...PASTOR OF THE SAME CHURCH. Boston, New-England: Printed for S. Gerrish at the lower End of Cornhill, and N. Belknap, near Searlets-Wharff., 1728. [2], 34 pp. Lacking the half title and final blank. With the Errata statement at the bottom of page 34. Several closed tears to title leaf [no loss]. Toned, foxed outer leaves, Good.

Mather's assistant, Gee succeeded him as Pastor of the North Church. Gee explains "the shining parts" of Mather's character: "The capacity of his mind; the readiness of his wit; the vastness of his reading; the strength of his memory...He was pious, but not affected; serious without moroseness; grave, but not austere; affable without meanness; and facetious without levity. He was peaceable in his temper; but zealous against sin. He was a strenuous nonconformist to uninstituted ceremonies imposed upon conscience..."

FIRST EDITION. Evans 3031. II Holmes, Cotton Mather 745.

(38692) \$600.00

20. **Hitchcock, Gad:** A SERMON PREACHED BEFORE HIS EXCELLENCY THOMAS GAGE, ESQ; GOVERNOR: THE HONORABLE HIS MAJESTY'S COUNCIL, AND THE HONORABLE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, OF THE PROVINCE OF THE MASSACHUSETTS-BAY IN NEW-ENGLAND, MAY 25TH, 1774. BEING THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE ELECTION OF HIS MAJESTY'S COUNCIL FOR SAID PROVINCE. BY...PASTOR OF A CHURCH IN PEMBROKE. Boston: Edes & Gill, 1774. 56pp, with the half title. Disbound. Scattered foxing, Good Plus. Ink inscription on half title, "For Capt. Ebenezer Hitchcock."

"The text is almost entirely devoted to a discussion of the nature of political liberty" [Jenkins]. And an excellent discussion it is. Hitchcock argues, "In a state of nature men are equal" and "the people are the source of civil authority, and they may lawfully oppose those rulers, who make an ill use of it."

Except by consent, "no individual has any authority, or right to attempt to exercise any, over the rest of the human species, however he may be supposed to surpass them in wisdom and sagacity." Thus "all lawful rulers are the servants of the public, exalted above their brethren not for their own sakes, but the benefit of the people," whose submission is achieved under the rule of law.

FIRST EDITION. Evans 13330. III Jenkins, Early American Imprints 257. Bailyn, Ideological Origins of the American Revolution 38, 310. ESTC W29308.

(38699) \$1,000.00

21. **Hutchinson, Thomas:** THE SPEECHES OF HIS EXCELLENCY GOVERNOR HUTCHINSON, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE MASSACHUSETTS-BAY. AT A SESSION BEGUN AND HELD ON THE SIXTH OF JANUARY, 1773. WITH THE ANSWERS OF HIS MAJESTY'S COUNCIL AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES RESPECTIVELY. Boston, New-England: Edes and Gill., 1773. 126pp. Bound in later half calf and marbled boards. Light uniform toning, Very Good.

The struggle of the colonists to establish their right to govern themselves is "best revealed in the remarkable series of exchanges between Lieutenant Governor Thomas Hutchinson of Massachusetts and the two Houses of Assembly of that colony in 1773. Smarting under the publication late in 1772 of the belligerent Votes and Proceedings of the Boston Town Meeting, Hutchinson on January 6, 1773, launched a formal debate on the central question involved" [Bailyn]. In a "characteristically temperate and lucid speech" [id.], he asserted the authority of Parliament over the Colonies, defended British rule as assuring the highest degree of freedom, and deplored those who deny "the Authority of the Parliament to make and establish Laws for the Inhabitants of this Province..."

The Answers of the Council and the House of Representatives retort that disorder and tumult in the Commonwealth are the direct result of the "ill Policy of a late injudicious Administration," a Parliament which has denied freedom to the Colonists. Hutchinson's

Speech of February 16 condemns the Resolves passed by the inhabitants of Boston "denying in the most express terms the Supremacy of Parliament, and inviting every other Town and District in the Province...to establish Committees of Correspondence." The Answers, Speeches, Replies, and Hutchinson's closing speech of March 6 are all printed in this significant document illuminating the conflicts that led to the Revolutionary War.

FIRST EDITION. Howes H854. Evans 12856. Bailyn, *Ideological Origins of the American Revolution* 219. Adams, *Independence* 97. Stevens *Rare Americana* 108 [London, 2d ed.].
(38698) \$3,500.00

22. **[Leverett, John]:** THREE FUNERAL SERMONS PREACH'D AT CAMBRIDGE, UPON THE DEATH OF THE REVEREND & LEARNED, MR. JOHN LEVERETT, LATE PRESIDENT OF HARVARD-COLLEGE. [Boston: Printed by B. Green, for S. Gerrish, 1724]. [2], [2], 24, [2], 25, [1 blank], [2], 36 pp, lacking the final blank. The general title page is followed by three sermons, paginated individually but signed consecutively. Light wear, bound in modern half dark cloth and marbled paper over boards, with gilt-lettered spine title. Very Good. Modern ownership stamp of Wilson H. Kinnach on front pastedown.

A very scarce, early American imprint. ESTC corrects Evans's cataloguing of the three sermons as separate imprints. They include Benjamin Wadsworth's 'Surviving Servants of God...'; Benjamin Colman's 'The Master Taken Up From the Sons of the Prophets'; and Nathanael Appleton's 'A Great Man Falleth in Israel.'

Church could "find no record of all three bound together, except possibly the copy in the Massachusetts Historical Society's Library." Leverett was Harvard's first secular president; he served from 1708 until his 1724 death.

Church 896. ESTC W28094. Evans 2500, 2514, 2591.
(38702) \$950.00

23. **[Mather, Cotton]:** THE MINISTER. A SERMON, OFFER'D UNTO THE ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION OF MINISTERS, FROM SEVERAL PARTS OF NEW-ENGLAND, MET AT BOSTON, 31 D. II M. 1722. BY ONE OF THEIR NUMBER. Boston: 1722. Modern cloth, gilt morocco spine label. Half title, 45, [1 blank] pp. 1787 ownership inscription of William Mather on half title. Light foxing in outer leaves. Very Good to Near Fine.

"Mather's authorship of this book is established by his letter of June 12, 1722, to Thomas Prince, who put the work to press. Mather had mentioned Fleet as a possible printer, but it came forth without any printer's name attached. The typography strongly resembles the work not of Thomas Fleet but of Samuel Kneeland. The author contributed fifty shillings towards the cost of printing, and planned to distribute his share of the copies in Connecticut. The author takes the subject of service to illustrate and typify the life and work of a minister, which in its various aspects is dealt with throughout the sermon" [Holmes].

Evans 2357. Holmes, *Cotton Mather* 237. ESTC W16939.
(38673) \$3,500.00

24. **[Mather, Cotton]:** RATIO DISCIPLINÆ FRATRUM NOV-ANGLORUM. A FAITHFUL ACCOUNT OF THE DISCIPLINE PROFESSED AND PRACTISED; IN THE CHURCHES OF NEW-ENGLAND. WITH INTERSPERSED AND INSTRUCTIVE REFLECTIONS ON THE DISCIPLINE OF THE PRIMITIVE CHURCHES. Boston: Printed for S. Gerrish in Cornhill, 1726. [2], iv, 10, 207, [3-- Postscript, Errata, Contents], as issued. Attractive contemporary calf, tooled in blind, neatly rebacked with the title and

imprint in gilt, in a neat hand. Blank front free endpaper laid down [several ownership signatures: Giles Merrill, Moses Merrill, Lucy Sewall, John Ellingwood]; Inner blank margin of title leaf and page 207 archivally strengthened; last page expertly repaired with clear tape [text visible, no loss]. Except as noted, Very Good.

Mather's book, one of his most important, begins with a four-page Attestation by Increase Mather, dated 1719. The book is an "important exposition of the tenets of Congregationalism that carefully reaffirms the principles of the CAMBRIDGE PLATFORM" [Streeter]. "In the Postscript, on p. 208, Cotton Mather acknowledges himself to be the author of this book, which is a sort of historical relation of church discipline in New England" [Church].

Holmes reports that the book was actually written in 1701; this 1726 printing is its first edition. Holmes quotes from Mather's Diary: "About this Time I finished a Work, which cost me much Time, and Care and Study. I wrote in a Book of above an hundred pages in Quarto, an account of the Principles and Practices of the Churches of New England. But I embellished it all along, with a further Account of what was done in the primitive Churches, which required some exquisite labor. I concluded, that a Book of this Importance, would have a mighty Tendency, to preserve the holy Discipline in our own Churches, from the Dangers of the Apostasy which may threaten it, and promote the Designs of Reformation abroad in the world."

FIRST EDITION. Streeter Sale 672. Evans 2775. Holmes, Cotton Mather 318. Church 903. Holmes, Increase Mather 9.

(38667) \$3,500.00

25. **Mather, Samuel:** AN APOLOGY FOR THE LIBERTIES OF THE CHURCHES IN NEW ENGLAND: TO WHICH IS PREFIX'D, A DISCOURSE CONCERNING CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES. BY...PASTOR OF A CHURCH IN BOSTON, NEW ENGLAND. Boston: T. Fleet, for Daniel Henchman, 1738. Modern marbled wrappers, with original gilt-lettered morocco spine title laid down. [8], ix, [1 blank], [errata leaf], [1 blank], 116 [i.e., 216] pp, as issued. Attractive type ornamentation. 1738 inscription in ink at head of title. Light foxing. Very Good.

Mather argues for "the Royal Favour and Protection in the undisturb'd Enjoyment of the Liberties of our Churches and Schools." His Preface, in the form of a dedication to "Mr. Holden, one of the Directors of the Bank of England, at London," emphasizes "that it would by no Means do well for [the King] to take away from the People of New-England any of their Privileges," which were "confirm'd unto them by the Charter, which was granted to this Province by King William and Queen Mary of glorious and immortal Memory."

Mather explains the governing principles of New England's Congregational churches, and their differences with-- and advantages over-- the "National churches in various Kingdoms and Countries, with an Uniformity of Doctrine and of Discipline." Those national churches require "the Aid of the secular Powers," but the Congregational way is independent of them.

FIRST EDITION. Evans 4275. Holmes, Minor Mathers 60 [reproducing the title page at page 113]. Brinley Sale 1323. ESTC W37808.

(38719) \$850.00

26. **Mather, Samuel:** THE DEPARTURE AND CHARACTER OF ELIJAH CONSIDERED AND IMPROVED. A SERMON AFTER THE DECEASE OF THE VERY

REVEREND AND LEARNED COTTON MATHER, D.D. F.R.S. AND MINISTER OF THE NORTH CHURCH, WHO EXPIRED FEB. 13. 1727,8. IN THE SIXTY-SIXTH YEAR OF HIS AGE. Boston: G. Rogers, for S. Gerrish and T. Hancock, 1728. [4], 26, [2 blanks] pp. With the half title. Disbound, light foxing. Else Very Good.

This is Mather's sermon on the death of his father, a "sad and affecting Instance of Mortality," with his recognition that "there is an Order of Providence which renders the Death of all Men necessary and indispensable."

Mather is comforted by the parallels with Elijah in the life of his father, "our American Elijah." Each was "sent by HIM" to call his community "to Repentance." At pages 13-17 Samuel describes the final illness and serenity of his father, who exclaimed, "Is this to dy? Is it nothing but this? Who would be afraid, that is willing to go to Jesus?"

FIRST EDITION. Evans 3063. Church 908. Holmes, Minor Mathers 65. ESTC W20121.
(38722) \$1,750.00

27. **Mayhew, Experience:** GRACE DEFENDED, IN A MODEST PLEA FOR AN IMPORTANT TRUTH... Boston: Printed by D. Green for D. Henchman, 1744. [2], vi, 7, [1 Advertisement], 208 pp, as issued. Contemporary paneled calf [light rubbing, some binding edges chipped], professionally restored at spine. Scattered light spotting. Very Good, with the signature "Jeremiah Belknap/ His Book/ 1744 June 8," with a partially effaced "May" to the left; and later signature, "Charles Eliot Norton./ 1844." Norton, the author and social reformer, evidently acquired the book while a student at Harvard. Our copy does not have an errata slip. NAIP records "an errata slip in some copies."

Mayhew spent much of his career as a missionary to the Indians on Martha's Vineyard. "The humane labors of this noble missionary" [Field 1045] garnered much praise. His son Jonathan was one of the most influential clergy on behalf of religious and political self-determination for the Colonies.

Experience's "theological writings, of which 'Grace Defended' was the most important, show him to have been a moderate Calvinist who deviated, as he himself realized, from the strictly orthodox. He seems to have spoken for a measure of free will against the doctrine of total depravity, and it has been said that he wrote in opposition to Jonathan Dickinson and Whitefield" [DAB].

Evans 5439. NAIP w012480.
(38681) \$2,500.00

28. **Mayhew, Experience:** GRACE DEFENDED, IN A MODEST PLEA FOR AN IMPORTANT TRUTH... Boston: Printed by D. Green for D. Henchman, 1744. [2], vi, 7, [1 Advertisement], 208 pp, as issued. Expertly repaired tear, without loss, at leaf 187-188. Faint blindstamp on title page. Very Good, in modern quarter blue cloth and paper over boards, original gilt-letter morocco spine label.

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total depravity, and it has been said that he wrote in opposition to Jonathan Dickinson and Whitefield" [DAB].

Evans 5439. ESTC W12480.

(38703) \$2,500.00

29. **Mayhew, Jonathan:** A DISCOURSE OCCASIONED BY THE DEATH OF KING GEORGE II. AND THE HAPPY ACCESSION OF HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE III. TO THE IMPERIAL THRONE OF GREAT-BRITAIN; DELIVERED JAN. 4TH 1761. AND PUBLISHED AT THE DESIRE OF THE WEST CHURCH AND CONGREGATION IN BOSTON, NEW-ENGLAND. Boston: New-Englands: Printed and Sold by Edes & Gill, 1761. [3]-43, [1 blank] pp, lacking the half title. Disbound, early leaves lightly foxed. Good+. A single-line errata statement at the end of page 43.

George II was "an excellent king, whom every good British subject was habituated to consider rather under the amiable and endearing character of a father, than the more awful one of a sovereign." Sometimes nations choose a bad king-- like, for example, James II, "an open, professed, and bigotted roman-catholic" who sought "to despoil the British nations of their ancient liberties, and to entail upon them the two-fold curse of popery and slavery."

Mayhew rejoices in the Declaration of Rights, which secured "the public liberty" and ended notions of an "indefeasible hereditary right."

Evans 8925. ESTC W20183.

(38738) \$375.00

30. **Mayhew, Jonathan:** A DISCOURSE OCCASIONED BY THE DEATH OF THE HONOURABLE STEPHEN SEWALL, ESQ; CHIEF-JUSTICE OF THE SUPERIOUR COURT OF JUDICATURE, COURT OF ASSIZE, AND GENERAL-GOAL-DELIVERY; AS ALSO A MEMBER OF HIS MAJESTY'S COUNCIL FOR THE PROVINCE OF THE MASSACHUSETTS-BAY IN NEW-ENGLAND. WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE ON WEDNESDAY-NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 10. 1760. AETATIS 58. DELIVERED THE LORD'S DAY AFTER HIS DECEASE. Boston: Printed by Richard Draper..., 1760. [3]-66, [2 blanks] pp, lacking the half title. Disbound, with a clean text. Good+.

Mayhew, the eloquent voice for American religious and political freedom, likens Sewall to the biblical Samuel, "many years the chief judge and magistrate of Israel; one of the most excellent characters which we meet with amongst those of the ancient worthies."

Justice Sewall, like Samuel, was "an excellent patriot ... ever properly jealous for its laws and liberties," and acutely aware of "the evils, the oppressions, and the grievous slavery" of a monarchy. Unlike many contemporary funeral orations, this one is a detailed biography of Sewall, from his younger days as a student at Harvard, which he entered at the age of fourteen. Mayhew emphasizes his aptitude for the law: "His genius was so piercing, and his natural penetration at once so deep and quick, that no science, however crabbed, intricate or involv'd, could long make opposition thereto." His only faults were "an excess of these two virtues, liberality and self-diffidence!"

Sewall's father was Stephen Sewall of Salem, the clerk of court at the Salem Witch Trials. Justice Sewall's uncle, Samuel Sewall, presided at those trials.

Evans 8666. Cohen 2097. ESTC W20184.

(38732) \$500.00

31. **Mayhew, Jonathan:** A DISCOURSE ON REV. XV. 3D, 4TH. OCCASIONED BY THE EARTHQUAKES IN NOVEMBER 1755. DELIVERED IN THE WEST-MEETING-

HOUSE, BOSTON, THURSDAY DECEMBER 18, FOLLOWING. IN FIVE PARTS, WITH AN INTRODUCTION... Boston, N.E.: Edes & Gill., 1755. pp 72, [2] pp, but lacking the half title. The Advertisement and the erratum are present in the final two pages. Disbound, lightly foxed, Good+.

This extraordinarily talented and influential minister, who championed the integrity of American religious institutions against establishmentarian claims of the Church of England, discourses on "the marvellous, unsearchable nature of God's Works." John Adams wrote of him, "To draw the character of Mayhew, would be to transcribe a dozen volumes" [quoted in DAB]. Upholding the liberty of conscience, Mayhew urges his Congregation: "Let your candor and good-will be extensive and conspicuous: Scorn all bigotry, party-spirit, and narrowness of mind in religious matters; and allow to all men that liberty herein, which you take yourselves, without hating or reviling them, merely because they differ from you in opinion."

The Cape Ann earthquake of 18 November 1755, the most powerful in Massachusetts history, was felt in Nova Scotia and South Carolina, damaging hundreds of Boston's buildings. It occurred just after the huge November Lisbon earthquake of November 1; the events suggested God's anger at man's sinfulness.

FIRST EDITION. Evans 7486. ESTC W20194. (38731) \$750.00

32. **Mayhew, Jonathan:** THE EXPECTED DISSOLUTION OF ALL THINGS, A MOTIVE TO UNIVERSAL HOLINESS. TWO SERMONS PREACHED IN BOSTON, N.E. ON THE LORD'S-DAY, NOV. 23, 1755; OCCASIONED BY THE EARTHQUAKES WHICH HAPPENED ON THE TUESDAY MORNING, AND SATURDAY EVENING PRECEEDING. Boston: Printed by Edes & Gill ..., 1755. [3]-76, 5, [1 blank] pp. Disbound. Lacking the half title. Light scattered foxing. Good+.

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Evans 7487. Sabin 47136. ESTC W32207. (38740) \$500.00

33. **Mayhew, Jonathan:** GOD'S HAND AND PROVIDENCE TO BE RELIGIOUSLY ACKNOWLEDGED IN PUBLIC CALAMITIES. A SERMON OCCASIONED BY THE GREAT FIRE IN BOSTON, NEW-ENGLAND, THURSDAY, MARCH 20. 1760. AND PREACHED ON THE LORD'S DAY FOLLOWING. Boston: Printed by Richard Draper..., 1760. [3]-38, [1], [1 blank] pp. Disbound. Lacking the half title. Light scattered foxing. Else Very Good.

Mayhew's Sermon elaborates on the Book of Amos: "Shall there be evil in a city, and the LORD hath not done it?" Mayhew explains that, since God is in charge, "he must, in some sense, either mediately or immediately, be the author of whatever events come to pass... And this is one of the ways, in which God has often threatned to chastize a wicked and rebellious people."

Evans 8665. Sabin 47137. ESTC W20388.

(38739) \$500.00

34. **Mayhew, Jonathan:** A SERMON PREACH'D IN THE AUDIENCE OF HIS EXCELLENCY WILLIAM SHIRLEY, ESQ; CAPTAIN-GENERAL, GOVERNOR AND COMMANDER IN CHIEF, THE HONOURABLE HIS MAJESTY'S COUNCIL, AND THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, OF THE PROVINCE OF THE MASSACHUSETTS-BAY, IN NEW-ENGLAND. MAY 29, 1754. BEING THE ANNIVERSARY FOR THE ELECTION OF HIS MAJESTY'S COUNCIL FOR THE PROVINCE. N.B. THE PARTS OF SOME PARAGRAPHS, PASSED OVER IN THE PREACHING OF THIS DISCOURSE, ARE NOW INSERTED IN THE PUBLICATION. London: Boston, Printed: London, Reprinted for G. Woodfall, [1754]. [3]-56 pp, lacking the half title. Disbound, short closed margin tear at leaf 33-34. Widely scattered light foxing. Good+.

The great Massachusetts clergyman was one of the most influential voices for the primacy of American religious institutions and an insistence upon the rule of law in the American colonies. Even at this early date, he denies the notion that the King has been specially anointed by God. "All the different constitutions of government ...are immediately the creatures of man's making, not of God's." The purpose of government is "human felicity," founded in "common consent." No ruler has authority to subvert that purpose by "plain lawless force and violence."

Praising British rule, he warns of French "perfidy," predicting that "there is not a true New-England Man...whose purse, and his arm also, if need be, is not ready to be employed" against France. As an example of French treachery, he notes the killing of Captain Howe by the Indians, at the instigation of the French, under a flag of truce. Vail, New England Election Sermons 20. ESTC T25411.

(38730) \$350.00

35. **Mayhew, Jonathan:** A SERMON PREACHED AT BOSTON IN NEW-ENGLAND, MAY 26, 1751. OCCASIONED BY THE MUCH-LAMENTED DEATH OF HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS FREDERICK, PRINCE OF WALES, &C. &C. Boston; New-England: Printed and Sold by Richard Draper ..., 1751. [3]-39, [1 blank] pp, lacking the half title. Disbound, lightly foxed. Good+.

The great Massachusetts clergyman was one of the most influential voices for the primacy of American religious institutions and an insistence upon the rule of law in the American colonies. Though he warns that "our sovereigns are, at best, but frail, weak creatures," Mayhew liked Prince Frederick, "a zealous promoter of liberal arts and ingenuous learning in the nation."

Evans 6717. ESTC W3171. (38744) \$350.00

36. **Mayhew, Jonathan:** SERMONS UPON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS, VIZ. ON HEARING THE WORD: ON RECEIVING IT WITH MEEKNESS: ON RENOUNCING GROSS IMMORALITIES: ON BEING FOUND IN CHRIST: ON JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH: ON THE NATURE, PRINCIPLE AND EXTENT, OF EVANGELICAL OBEDIENCE: ON THE DECEITFULNESS OF THE HEART, AND GOD'S KNOWLEDGE THEREOF. ON THE SHORTNESS AND VANITY OF HUMAN LIFE: AND ON THE TRUE VALUE, USE AND END OF LIFE; TOGETHER WITH THE CONDUCIVENESS OF RELIGION TO PROLONG, AND MAKE IT HAPPY. Boston: Printed by Richard Draper, 1755. [2], iv,[2], 510, [1 errata], [1 blank] pp, as issued. Bound in original sheep [rubbed], front board detached but present. Bookplate of J.M. Wainwright on

front pastedown, probably Jonathan Mayhew Wainwright [1792-1854], an Episcopal priest whose mother was Jonathan Mayhew's daughter. Signature at title leaf margin: "E. Mayhew's 1769." Scattered toning and light foxing. Good+.

Evans 7488. ESTC W29392. (38723) \$375.00

37. **Mayhew, Jonathan:** SEVEN SERMONS UPON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS; VIZ. I. THE DIFFERENCE BETWIXT TRUTH AND FALSHOOD [sic], RIGHT AND WRONG. II. THE NATURAL ABILITIES OF MEN FOR DISCERNING THESE DIFFERENCES. III. THE RIGHT AND DUTY OF PRIVATE JUDGMENT. IV. OBJECTIONS CONSIDERED. V. THE LOVE OF GOD. VI. THE LOVE OF OUR NEIGHBOUR. VII. THE FIRST AND GREAT COMMANDMENT, &C. PREACHED AT A LECTURE IN THE WEST MEETING-HOUSE IN BOSTON, BEGUN THE FIRST THURSDAY IN JUNE, AND ENDED THE LAST THURSDAY IN AUGUST, 1748. London: First Printed at Boston in New-England. London Reprinted, for John Noon..., 1750. [6], 132 [i.e., 162] pp, with last two pages misnumbered as issued. Disbound, scattered foxing. Good+.

Seven sermons, first printed in 1749 at Boston, by the extraordinary minister who led the struggle for the integrity of American religious institutions and of whom John Adams wrote, "To draw the character of Mayhew, would be to transcribe a dozen volumes" [quoted in DAB]. Mayhew insisted upon the religious duty to exercise private judgment in religious matters; he opposed religious establishments, and vigorously opposed establishmentarian efforts by representatives of the Church of England in America. Because God has endowed men with the ability to discern right from wrong, "men are under obligation to exert these faculties; and to judge for themselves in things of a religious concern
ESTC T3087.

(38734) \$350.00

38. **Mayhew, Jonathan:** STRIVING TO ENTER IN AT THE STRAIT GATE EXPLAIN'D AND INCULCATED; AND THE CONNEXION OF SALVATION THEREWITH, PROVED FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES. IN TWO SERMONS ON LUKE XIII. 24. Boston: New-England: Printed and Sold by Richard Draper..., 1761. 88pp. Disbound, but lacking the half title. Else Very Good.

Mayhew, Pastor of the West Church in Boston, was an outspoken defender of American religious institutions and thus an opponent of attempts to establish the Anglican Church in the American colonies.

Evans 8926. (38733) \$350.00

39. **Peabody Education Fund:** FOURTH REPORT OF THE GENERAL AGENT OF THE PEABODY EDUCATION FUND, FROM JULY 1, 1869, TO JANUARY 19, 1870, WITH SOME ACCOUNT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE TRUSTEES RELATING TO THE SUBJECT OF HIS AGENCY. MR. GEORGE PEABODY'S GIFT FOR SOUTHERN EDUCATION. Staunton, VA: "Staunton Spectator" Job Office, [1870]. 18pp. Original printed front wrapper. Disbound, pages tanned and somewhat brittle. About Good+.

George Peabody established the Fund in 1867 with a gift of one million dollars; Barnas Sears, who wrote this report and had been president of Brown University, served as the Fund's agent from 1867-1880. Emphasizing aid to elementary education, Sears traveled throughout the South to establish a network with local educators and civic leaders. Local

politics and sentiment, despite Sears's universalist views, resulted in his consent to funding racially segregated schools. [West, *The Peabody Education Fund and Negro Education*, 1867-1880. IN *6 History of Education Quarterly* 3. 1966.] This Report describes his progress -- and lack thereof -- in long trips in Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Tennessee, West Virginia, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Arkansas. Not in LCP or Haynes. OCLC 1001226640 [1- AAS] as of August 2022.

(38639) \$350.00

40. **Pemberton, Ebenezer:** THE DIVINE AND ORIGINAL DIGNITY OF GOVERNMENT ASSERTED; AND AN ADVANTAGEOUS PROSPECT OF THE RULERS MORTALITY RECOMMENDED. A SERMON PREACHED BEFORE HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOUR, THE HONOURABLE COUNCIL, AND ASSEMBLY OF THE PROVINCE OF THE MASSACHUSETTS-BAY, IN NEW-ENGLAND, MAY 31. 1710. THE DAY FOR THE ELECTION OF HER MAJESTIES COUNCIL THERE. BY EBENEZER PEMBERTON PASTOR OF A CHURCH IN BOSTON, AND FELLOW HARVARD COLLEGE IN CAMB. Boston in N.E.: Printed by B. Green. Sold by Samuel Gerrish at his Shop in Corn hill., 1710. [2], 106pp. Disbound with foxing. One v-shaped tear at the top of leaf 59-60 affects two words in the running title and three in the text. Good+, in an attractive blue slipcase with gilt-lettered spine title. Ownership signatures, "Joseph Gerrish his Booke" [probably the Massachusetts minister, 1650-1720] and "Thomas Cheever" [probably the Massachusetts minister, 1658-1749].

In this very early election sermon-- one of the earliest obtainable today-- Pemberton expresses an important American theme: rulers' "Dignity & Power must be temper'd with the more cloudy Idea of their Frailty: A Separation of these will lead into gross Illusions, and betray into Errors fatal to themselves and their Dependents." Otherwise, the polity is in "danger of being dazled with the Glare of Grandeur" emanating from the Ruler. It is essential that "the Privileges of the Ruled must be Maintained," for the protection of their "Liberty and Property."

FIRST EDITION. Evans 1484. ESTC W20236.

(38664) \$2,750.00

41. **Prince, Thomas:** A FUNERAL SERMON ON THE REVEREND MR. NATHANAEL WILLIAMS, WHO DECEASED TUESDAY JANUARY 10. 1737,8. AETATIS 63. DELIVERED AT THE SOUTH-CHURCH IN BOSTON, ON THE LORD'S DAY AFTER. Boston: S. Kneeland & T. Green, 1738. [2], 30 pp, as issued. Disbound and stitched. Inner margin remnants of a blue wrapper. Attractive death's head ornamentation at head of title. Scattered light foxing, Very Good.

Included in Prince's discourse are observations on the "Union and Constitution of our Souls and Bodies, that they have a mutual Influence on each other; that they affect each other with their mutual Infirmities and Disorders." These "show us our present Weakness and Dependance on the Sovereign Power and Grace of God."

An errata appears at the base of page 30.

FIRST EDITION. Evans 4306. ESTC W20362. (38705) \$650.00

42. **Prince, Thomas:** THE NATURAL AND MORAL GOVERNMENT AND AGENCY OF GOD IN CAUSING DROUGHTS AND RAINS. A SERMON AT THE SOUTH CHURCH IN BOSTON, THURSDAY AUG. 24. 1749. BEING THE DAY OF THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING, IN THE PROVINCE OF THE MASSACHUSETTS, FOR

THE EXTRAORDINARY REVIVING RAINS, AFTER THE MOST DISTRESSING DROUGHT WHICH HAVE BEEN KNOWN AMONG US IN THE MEMORY OF ANY LIVING. Boston: Printed and Sold at Kneeland and Green's, in Queen-Street, 1749. [6], 40pp, with half title. Attractive ornamentation. Disbound, spine separated at page 27. Good+.

The learned author presents material that includes his scientific as well as religious observations. This item was reprinted in Boston and London in 1750.
FIRST EDITION. Evans 6408. Sabin 65606. (38682) \$500.00

43. **Prince, Thomas [editor]:** THE CHRISTIAN HISTORY, CONTAINING ACCOUNTS OF THE REVIVAL AND PROPAGATION OF RELIGION IN GREAT-BRITAIN & AMERICA. FOR THE YEAR 1743. Boston: Printed by S. Kneeland and T. Green, for T. Prince, junr, 1744. Modern calf, raised bands, gilt-lettered red morocco spine title. Issues 1-52 [complete] for the first year of this weekly. [2], vi, 416 pp. Original spine label preserved. Very Good plus.

"One of the earliest of American magazines. It was undertaken at the suggestion of Rev. Thomas Prince, who was one of the principal contributors. It was regularly published in weekly numbers of eight pages each, from March 5, 1743, to February 23, 1745, making 104 numbers in all." Sabin. The first 52 issues, providing valuable information on the Great Awakening, comprised "a volume to which was prefixed a title page and index." Evans. This is "the first religious and fourth magazine published in America, containing extracts from the works of Jonathan Edwards" [Lomazow] and accounts of the Great Awakening.
FIRST EDITION. Evans 5154. Sabin 65618. Lomazow 4.
(38663) \$2,000.00

44. **[Sargent, Lucius]:** THE BALLAD OF THE ABOLITION BLUNDER-BUSS. Boston: For Sale by the Booksellers, 1861. 32pp. Stitched as issued.

The Preface, signed in type by 'Sigma,' is dated March 4, 1861-- Lincoln's inauguration day-- from Roxbury. He describes in poetry the "high love-feast held by the Abolitionists of the Massachusetts Legislature at the State House" on January 26. Governor Andrew, Theodore Parker, Wendell Phillips, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Thomas Wentworth Higginson, Henry Ward Beecher are all mocked, and the subject of humorous illustrations.

The author has been described as "an odd bird and ornery." He was a prominent temperance advocate, but also bitterly critical of abolitionists. "Lucius Sargent loathed those pushing for emancipation and often locked horns with William Lloyd Garrison through dueling editorials and blasted Ralph Waldo Emerson in his writings." [See, online <https://historicaldigression.com/tag/lucius-manlius-sargent/>].
Sabin 81901. Not in LCP. OCLC records many facsimiles. (38621) \$750.00

45. **Sewall, Joseph:** THE ORPHAN'S BEST LEGACY: OR, GOD'S PARENTAL CARE OF BEREAVED CHILDREN: A DISCOURSE OCCASION'D BY THE DEATH OF THE HONOURABLE SAMUEL SEWALL ESQ; WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE, JAN.1, 1729, 30. AETATIS 78. BY HIS SON, JOSEPH SEWALL, PASTOR OF THE SOUTH CHURCH IN BOSTON. Boston: Printed by B. Green: Sold by S. Gerrish and D. Henchman, at their Shops, 1730. [2], 33, [1], lacking the half title and final blank. Clipped presentation inscription: 'The Author to Franc. Willoughby'. Disbound with spotting, Good.

Samuel Sewall, a wealthy merchant and member of the Governor's Council, had presided over the Salem Witch Trials. Several years later he publicly repented; each year he set a day aside to fast and pray for forgiveness. His son Joseph was "a rigid Calvinist and a foe to free discussion and novel opinions, but gave his support and approval to Whitefield's revival in 1740" [Appleton].

FIRST EDITION. Evans 3351. ESTC W3806. (38706) \$600.00

46. **Stillman, Samuel:** A SERMON PREACHED BEFORE THE HONORABLE COUNCIL, AND THE HONORABLE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS-BAY, IN NEW-ENGLAND, AT BOSTON, MAY 26, 1779. BEING THE ANNIVERSARY FOR THE ELECTION OF THE HONORABLE COUNCIL. BY... PASTOR OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN BOSTON. Boston: Fleet and Gill, 1779. [3]-38 pp, lacking the half title and final blank. Blank inner margin of title page restored. Spotting of early leaves. Early ownership signatures of Philander Gillman and George Adams. Bound in modern marbled wrappers, Good+.

Stillman had been an original trustee of Rhode Island College [later Brown University]. After the Revolution he was one of Boston's twelve delegates to the Convention to ratify the U.S. Constitution. This is a significant Revolutionary War sermon, emphasized by his admonition, "Let us not amuse ourselves with a prospect of peace, and in consequence thereof abate in our preparations for the war. If we should, it may prove greatly injurious to the freedom and glory of this RISING EMPIRE."

Stillman advocates separation of Church and State, the abolition of slavery, and the extinction of religious establishments, ideas which would be substantially incorporated into the Massachusetts Constitution the following year.

About this speech DAB writes, "The General Court invited him to preach the annual election sermon in 1779 when the most vital public concern was the policy of the constitutional convention. Stillman frankly argued the necessity of inserting in the constitution of the state a Bill of Rights and provision for the separation of church and state, since only by this procedure could the sacred rights of conscience be secured." The Massachusetts Constitution, drafted by John Adams and adopted in 1780, is the oldest extant State constitution; it served as the model for many others, with the Declaration of Rights advocated here by Stillman.

FIRST EDITION. Evans 16537. Vail, New England Election Sermons 22. Not in Gephart, Newberry Library, Stevens Rare Americana, Church.

(38707) \$750.00

47. **Stoddard, Solomon:** THE SAFETY OF APPEARING AT THE DAY OF JUDGMENT, IN THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF CHRIST: OPENED AND APPLIED. BY...PASTOR TO THE CHURCH OF NORTHAMPTON IN NEW-ENGLAND THE THIRD EDITION. Boston: 1742. Modern quarter calf and marbled boards [2], iv, 296, [1-printer's advt], [1 blank] pp Several archival repairs to blank margins, scattered fox, else Very Good

A significant work in the history of New England theology that would influence the leaders of the Great Awakening. Earlier editions were printed in 1687 and 1729. Stoddard's great theological opponents were the Mathers. Grandfather of Jonathan Edwards, who thought him too liberal, Stoddard was a prominent Puritan religious leader; his opinions stirred up much controversy, and his opponents called him 'Pope' Stoddard. His view, that

Christians who lived pious lives but who had not experienced a spiritual conversion should be entitled to the sacraments, created a major theological dispute.

"For half a century he was the most influential person in western Massachusetts. Not so learned as the Mathers, he was more forceful as a writer and more original as a thinker. As an ecclesiastical statesman he was unrivaled in his generation" [DAB].

Evans 5068. ESTC W2902. (38718) \$750.00

48. **Story, Isaac:** A SERMON, PREACHED AUGUST THE 15TH, 1798, AT HAMILTON, AT THE ORDINATION OF THE REV. DANIEL STORY, TO THE PASTORAL CARE OF THE CHURCH IN MARIETTA, AND ITS VICINITY, IN THE TERRITORY OF THE UNITED STATES, NORTH-WEST OF THE RIVER OHIO. Salem: Thomas C. Cushing, 1798. 43pp, lacking the half title. Scattered light foxing, disbound with some loosening. Good+.

This pamphlet "also contains Cutler's charge to the good doctor about to become Ohio's pioneer preacher" [Eberstadt], and "the Proceedings of the Council called to ordain Dr. Story" [Thompson]. Indian Mounds are described in detail, and their purpose discussed. "Pages 34-36, are principally devoted to the Antiquities of Marietta" [Evans].

Story, "the earliest Protestant preacher of the gospel in the territory northwest of the Ohio, except the Moravian missionaries, was a native of Boston, and graduated at Dartmouth in 1780. The directors and agents of the Ohio Company having passed a resolution in 1788, for the support of the gospel and the teaching of youth, Rev. Manasseh Cutler, one of the company's directors, in the course of that year engaged Mr. Story, then preaching at Worcester, to go to the West as a chaplain to the new settlement at Marietta. In the spring of 1789 he commenced his ministerial labors as an evangelist, visiting the settlements in rotation. During the Indian war from 1791 to 1795 he preached, during most of the time, in the northwest block-house of Campus Martius...

"When the war was over Mr. Story preached at the different settlements; but as there were no roads, he made these pastoral visits by water, in a log canoe, propelled by stout arms and willing hearts. In 1796 he established a Congregational church, composed of persons residing at Marietta, Belpre, Waterford and Vienna, in Virginia. Mr. Story died December 30, 1804, at the age of 49 years. He was a remarkable man, and peculiarly fitted for the station he held." [<http://www.usbiographies.org>]. See, also, Summers, HISTORY OF MARIETTA, page 202 [1903].

136 Eberstadt 525. Thomson 1112. Evans 34609. ESTC W3221.

(38709) \$850.00

49. **Tucker, John:** A SERMON PREACHED AT CAMBRIDGE, BEFORE HIS EXCELLENCY THOMAS HUTCHINSON, ESQ; GOVERNOR: HIS HONOR ANDREW OLIVER, ESQ; LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR. THE HONORABLE HIS MAJESTY'S COUNCIL, AND THE HONORABLE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, OF THE PROVINCE OF MASSACHUSETTS-BAY IN NEW-ENGLAND, MAY 29TH, 1771. BEING THE ANNIVERSARY FOR THE ELECTION OF HIS MAJESTY'S COUNCIL FOR SAID PROVINCE. BY...PASTOR OF THE FIRST CHURCH IN NEWBURY. Boston: Richard Draper, 1771. 63pp, with the half title. Early marbled wrappers. Some foxing [substantial foxing in upper blank corners of later leaves]. Good+. Ink signature, 'Geo Leonard Jnr 1771' on half title.

Tucker preaches a powerful justification of Americans' natural right to govern themselves, in the presence of the increasingly loathed Hutchinson and Oliver, who came--

particularly after the Boston Massacre the previous year-- to embody all that was arbitrary and evil in British absentee rule. The "ove of liberty," which God "himself has implanted in us," must be nurtured "with the laws and government of human societies, whose constitution is consistent with the rights of men."

Although he touches on subjects' duty to obey their rulers, the Address is an expression of the natural rights theory of government: "All men are naturally in a state of freedom, and have an equal claim to liberty. No one, by nature, nor by any special grant from the great Lord of all, has any authority over another. All right therefore in any to rule over others, must originate from those they rule over, and be granted by them."

FIRST EDITION. Evans 12256. Adams, American Controversy 86.

(38710) \$850.00

50. **Turell, [Ebenezer]:** MR. TURELL'S DIRECTION TO HIS PEOPLE WITH RELATION TO THE PRESENT TIMES; WITH THE REASONS WHY IT IS MADE PUBLICK. THE SECOND EDITION. Boston: Sold by Rogers & Fowle in Queen-Street..., 1742. vi, [1], 8-15, [1 blank] pp. Light rubberstamp, else Very Good in modern half morocco, marbled boards, and gilt-lettered spine title. A presentation copy, inscribed to "R. Cotton from the Rev. Mr. Turell."

A scarce, early American imprint. Reverend Turell wrote this pamphlet in order to warn his congregation against the excesses and enthusiasms of the Great Awakening, and to rebut those who have "injur'd my Character" by reporting that he was an uncompromising opponent of religious revivals. "I think, I see a plain difference between the Gold, Silver, and Precious Stones; and the Wood, Hay and Stubble clumsily tost on the Foundation." Turell advises, "Be not transported no not by a Zeal for God, into any intemperate Heats and Passions..."

Evans 5079, 5080. ESTC 26308 [AAS, Boston Public, Boston Athenaeum, NYPL, John Carter Brown].

(38701) \$750.00

51. **Williams, William:** THE GREAT DUTY OF MINISTERS TO ADVANCE THE KINGDOM OF GOD. AND THEIR COMFORT IN FELLOW-HELPERS TO THIS WORK. A SERMON PREACHED AT THE ANNUAL CONVENTION OF MINISTERS AT BOSTON, MAY 26, 1726. BY...PASTOR OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN HATFIELD. Boston: Kneeland and Green, 1726. [4], 28pp. With the half title. Three attractive woodcut designs. Disbound, fore-edges untrimmed, half title dustsoiled, light foxing and toning. Clipped inscription, dated 1736, 'a New Years Gift.' About Very Good.

"The Preaching of Christ is a main and essential Part of our Work, to set forth the Glory of Christ. And we have no reason to fear that it will be interpreted as if we were carrying on any treasonable design against the State, whilst we proclaim another King, even Jesus, that we extoll him as the best of Kings..."

Williams warns his fellow ministers "that our Zeal be not mixed with Passion, or private interests of our own."

FIRST EDITION. Evans 2829. ESTC W20420.

(38716) \$750.00

52. **Winthrop, John:** TWO LECTURES ON COMETS, READ IN THE CHAPEL OF HARVARD - COLLEGE, IN CAMBRIDGE, NEW-ENGLAND, IN APRIL 1759. ON OCCASION OF THE COMET WHICH APPEAR'D IN THAT MONTH. WITH AN

APPENDIX, CONCERNING THE REVOLUTIONS OF THAT COMET, AND OF SOME OTHERS. Boston: Green & Russell..., 1759. 44, xviii pp. Lightly toned, untrimmed. Lacks the half title and final blank, else Near Fine, in modern red cloth with gilt-lettered spine. Signature, 'Tho. Pemberton,' at head of title.

Winthrop was "America's first astronomer and Newtonian disciple. In April 1759, he delivered a lecture on the return of Halley's comet of 1682, which was the first predicted return of the comet.

In a second discourse during the same month, he discussed the true theory of comets, according to the work of Newton's Principia" [DAB], Kepler's laws of planetary motion, and the predictions of Halley. Winthrop had, in 1746, established at Harvard the first laboratory of experimental physics in America and supported Franklin's experiments with electricity.

Evans 6657. (38660) \$1,250.00