

1. **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

2. **[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

3. **[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

4. **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

5. **Brainerd, David:** MIRABILIA DEI INTER INDICOS, OR THE RISE AND PROGRESS OF A REMARKABLE WORK OF GRACE AMONGST A NUMBER OF THE INDIANS IN THE PROVINCES OF NEW-JERSEY AND PENNSYLVANIA, JUSTLY REPRESENTED IN A JOURNAL KEPT BY ORDER OF THE HONOURABLE SOCIETY (IN SCOTLAND) FOR PROPAGATING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE. WITH SOME GENERAL REMARKS. BY DAVID BRAINERD, MINISTER OF THE GOSPEL, AND MISSIONARY FROM THE SAID SOCIETY. PUBLISHED BY THE REV. & WORTHY CORRESPONDENTS OF THE SAID SOCIETY. WITH A PREFACE BY THEM.

Philadelphia: Printed and Sold by William Bradford, [1746]. viii, 232, 231-253, [1 blank] pp, as issued, but lacking the half title. Light toning. Archival repair without loss to page 145 and page 147; paper repair to blank verso of terminal leaf [no text affected]. Bound in late 19th century mottled paper over boards [chipped and worn at joints], with gilt-lettered spine title. Good+.

"David Brainerd, a sickly child, achieved a traumatic religious conversion in 1739. Just three years later, he was expelled from Yale University for making derogatory remarks about a tutor; nonetheless, he was able to obtain a license to preach and ministered to Native Americans in Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey. Due to his ill health, Brainerd died when he was only twenty-nine, but the present work gave him international fame as a missionary, influencing future missionaries to North America and elsewhere. He travelled from Stockbridge, Massachusetts to the forks of the Delaware River and present-day Freehold, New Jersey" [Siebert Sale]. A Presbyterian minister, Brainerd died at the home of Jonathan Edwards.

FIRST EDITION. Howes B717'b'. Siebert Sale 148. Evans 5748. Hildeburn 968. Vail 432. Felcone Collection 23.

(38694) \$7,500.00

6. **Caner, Henry:** A CANDID EXAMINATION OF DR. MAYHEW'S OBSERVATIONS ON THE CHARTER AND CONDUCT OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE GOSPEL IN FOREIGN PARTS...TO WHICH IS ADDED, A LETTER TO A FRIEND, CONTAINING A SHORT VINDICATION OF THE SOCIETY AGAINST THE MISTAKES AND MISREPRESENTATIONS OF THE DOCTOR IN HIS OBSERVATIONS ON THE CONDUCT OF THAT SOCIETY. BY ONE OF ITS MEMBERS. Boston, New-England: Thomas and John Fleet, 1763. (4), 93, [1 blank] pp. Disbound, early owner's notes on title page. Else Very Good.

Jonathan Mayhew, friend of James Otis and John Adams, had "roundly condemned the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts for its policy of sending Anglican missionaries into the settled parts of New England" [DAB]. He argued that the Church of

England's persecution had driven the colonists' ancestors from England; its plans to establish the Church here would result in religious oaths and misuse of England's taxing power.

Rebutting Mayhew's attacks, Caner recounts in enormous detail the early religious history of the Colonies, particularly in New England but also among the Indians and in the South.

FIRST EDITION. Evans 9360. Sabin 10681. ESTC W30204. Not in Larned.

(38685) \$650.00

7. **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 OBLIATED 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

8. **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 Henchman 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 Henchman "at his shop over against the Brick Meeting-House." ESTC also notes

Green's printing for Henchman "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 Henchman 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

9. **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

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. Disbound, Some toning and light foxing. Good+.

FIRST EDITION. Evans 1806. ESTC W29221. (38697) \$1,250.00

11. **Cummins, Francis:** THE SANCTITY - OBLIGATION - AND BENEFIT OF THE SABBATH, &C. CONSIDERED AND PROVEN. A SERMON. Mount Zion [GA]: Printed at the Missionary Office , 1821. Original drab, thick, front plain wrapper; rear wrapper torn away. Stitched. 31, [1 blank] pp. Light foxing, Good+.

A rare Georgia imprint. The Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church, built in 1813 and still standing in Hancock County Georgia, is owned by the Hancock County Historical Trust. AI 5122 [2- TxU, PLT]. OCLC 14470326 [3- TXU, UGA, Juniata College] as of August 2022. Not in De Renne.

(38520) \$875.00

12. **Daggett, Naphtali:** THE FAITHFUL SERVING OF GOD AND OUR GENERATION, THE ONLY WAY TO A PEACEFUL AND HAPPY DEATH. A SERMON OCCASIONED BY THE DEATH OF THE REVEREND THOMAS CLAP,

(PRESIDENT OF YALE-COLLEGE, IN NEW-HAVEN) WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE, JAN. 7TH, 1767; DELIVERED IN THE COLLEGE-CHAPEL, JAN. 8TH, BY...LIVINGSTONIAN PROFESSOR OF DIVINITY IN YALE-COLLEGE. New Haven: B. Mecom, [1767]. 4to. Half title, 39, [1 blank] pp [as issued]. Contemporary notes in ink manuscript. Scattered light foxing, generously margined. Very Good. Bound in 19th century half morocco [light wear].

Clap was the first President of Yale, and served thus for 26 years. "A strict Calvinist," he insisted on the "right of the college to conduct separate services" [Streeter Sale 4055] to avoid contamination by liberal theology. This stance, "together with the corporation's requirement that every future officer of the college should publicly assent to the orthodox faith as stated in the Westminster catechism and the Saybrook Confession, awakened violent resentment in the colony" [DAB, which records this pamphlet as one of the few sources on Clap's life].

Copies, as ESTC W20295 records, were also issued with an eight-page Appendix. ESTC W27436. Sabin 18268. Evans 10597. IV DAB 117.

(38696) \$500.00

13. **Edwards, Jonathan:** A CAREFUL AND STRICT ENQUIRY INTO THE MODERN PREVAILING NOTIONS OF THAT FREEDOM OF WILL, WHICH IS SUPPOSED TO BE ESSENTIAL TO MORAL AGENCY, VERTUE AND VICE, REWARD AND PUNISHMENT, PRAISE AND BLAME. Boston, N.E.: Printed and Sold by S. Kneeland, 1754. Beautiful contemporary paneled calf, stamped in blind, raised bands. Early ownership signature of William Parker. [2], vi, [4], 294, [14] pp. Light scattered foxing, occasional toning, Very Good.

Edwards' book is, according to Thomas Johnson, "one of the few great books in English theology." "The publication in 1754 of 'A Careful and Strict Enquiry...' revealed him as the first great philosophic intelligence in American history. The work shows his debt to Locke but also a profound originality, logical acumen, and critical discrimination in the use of terms. Its purpose was to maintain the dogmas of absolute divine sovereignty and unconditional predestination against Arminian objections ... There is freedom, for the mind can freely act out its choice...." [DAB].

"Some copies have an errata slip pasted over the 'Advertisement' on p. [299]" [ESTC]. Our copy says, "Upon a cursory Review of these Sheets, the Errata observ'd in the Press-work appear of so little Importance, as not to be worth the Formality of noting them for Correction..." An Index and List of Subscribers, in alphabetical order, appears in the final unpaginated leaves. "Different copies show varieties in the names of subscribers on the final page" [Johnson].

FIRST EDITION. Streeter Sale 4164. Grolier, American One Hundred 11. Evans 7187. ESTC W30214. Johnson, Edwards 184. Sabin 21930.

(38712) \$7,500.00

14. **Edwards, Jonathan:** A CAREFUL AND STRICT ENQUIRY INTO THE MODERN PREVAILING NOTIONS OF THAT FREEDOM OF WILL, WHICH IS SUPPOSED TO BE ESSENTIAL TO MORAL AGENCY, VERTUE AND VICE, REWARD AND PUNISHMENT, PRAISE AND BLAME. Boston, N.E.: Printed and Sold by S. Kneeland, 1754. Modern quarter goat and cloth, raise spine bands, gilt spine rules, gilt-lettered red

morocco spine label. Modern owner's stamp on front pastedown. [2], vi, [4], 294, [14] pp. With the errata pasted over the 'Advertisement.' Widely scattered foxing. Title leaf detached. Except as noted, Very Good.

FIRST EDITION. Streeter Sale 4164. Grolier, American One Hundred 11. Evans 7187. ESTC W30214. Johnson, Edwards 184. Sabin 21930.

(38714) \$6,000.00

15. **Edwards, Jonathan:** THE GREAT CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE OF ORIGINAL SIN DEFENDED; EVIDENCES OF ITS TRUTH PRODUCED, AND ARGUMENTS TO THE CONTRARY ANSWERED. CONTAINING, IN PARTICULAR, A REPLY TO THE OBJECTIONS AND ARGUINGS OF DR. JOHN TAYLOR... Boston, New-England: Printed and Sold by S. Kneeland, 1758. [2], xviii, 386, [7- List of Subscribers], [3 blanks] pp. Errata at page 386. Pages 145-152 are misnumbered 153-160, as issued. Bound in contemporary sheep [lightly rubbed, hinges firm, short split at spine base]. 1803 bookplate on front pastedown of Joseph Baker and modern owner's stamp. Contemporary front free endpaper inscription: "Anne Baker Her Book," with manuscript Latin inscription. Text with widely scattered light foxing; burn hole at leaf 183-184 affecting a few letters, else, Very Good.

This is the first edition, published as a defense of the doctrine of original sin in response to the wide publication which the Episcopal Church gave to John Taylor's works. The book begins with "A brief Account of the Book and it's [sic] Author."

This work, along with his *Freedom of the Will and Religious Affections*, established Edwards as Founder of the New England school of Reformed Divinity. The list of subscribers.

FIRST EDITION. Evans 8118. Sabin 21942. Johnson 206. ESTC W20417.

(38725) \$1,250.00

16. **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

17. **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

18. **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

19. **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

20. **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

21. **Guiteau, Sheridan P. :** AUTOGRAPH LETTER, SIGNED "S. GUITEAU," DATED MAY 30, 1834, AT MONTGOMERY, ORANGE COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO REVEREND CORTLAND VAN RENSALAER OF ALBANY, CONCERNING GUITEAU'S EFFORTS "TO ACT EXTENSIVELY UPON THE FREE BLACKS" Montgomery, NY: 1834. Autograph Letter Signed, Montgomery, Orange Co., N.Y., May 30, 1834. Folio leaf, [4]pp, each page 7-3/4" x 12-3/4." Addressed on final page, with Montgomery NY, May 31, postal cancel, and red seal. From S. Guiteau to Rev. Cortland Van Rensalaer, Albany, N.Y. Address page foxed, Very Good. The final page also includes three lines in Greek characters.

In part, the Letter reads, "I have not abandoned the cause of the poor blacks. Circumstances have compelled me for a time to leave this field of labor. I hope to reenter it hereafter ... I was much in hopes to have seen you in NY at the Anniversaries, or at Phila at the meeting of the Genl Assembly ... I hope to see a soc. formed in B on my next visit there to act extensively upon the free blacks." .

Sheridan P. Guiteau [1801-1872], a Presbyterian minister ordained at Andover Theological Seminary, was Maryland secretary and general agent of the American Tract Society, and publisher of religious texts. When he wrote this letter, he was pastor of a church in Montgomery; months later he moved to Baltimore and organized the Fourth Presbyterian Church. Reverend Guiteau was related to the notorious assassin Charles Julius Guiteau. Each was a great-grandson of Francis Guiteau [1690-1760] of Connecticut.

Cortlandt Van Rensselaer [1808-1860] was the son of Major General Stephen Van Rensselaer, New York politician and one time its Lieutenant Governor. Cortlandt was a Presbyterian minister, graduating from Yale, Union Theological Seminary, and Princeton Theological Seminary. He was a missionary to slaves in Virginia in the early 1830s, pastor of several Presbyterian churches, agent of Princeton Theological Seminary in 1844, secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Education from 1846-1860, and founder and editor of the Presbyterian Magazine and The Home, The School, and The Church.

(38614) \$450.00

22. **Hallam, Isaac W.:** A SERMON, DELIVERED AT ST. JAMES' CHURCH, CHICAGO, SUNDAY, FEB. 24, 1839. BY THE REV. ISAAC W. HALLAM, RECTOR. Chicago: Printed at the office of the Chicago American, Corner of Lake and South water-Streets., 1839. 8pp, folded but spine loosened. Some dusting and mild toning, untrimmed, generously margined with some blank margin tears. Good+.

McMurtrie originally called this rare Sermon "the first work of a literary character printed in Chicago." His later edition renders it probably the second such work.

"St. James was the first Episcopal church in Chicago. The church building was opened for worship on Easter Sunday, 1837. Hallam came to Chicago in 1834 as a missionary of the Domestic Board of Missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church. He was the first rector of St. James Parish and served for a short time as rector of Trinity Parish when it was organized in 1841-42. He resigned and returned east in 1843" [Byrd].

Page [3] prints a letter from, among others, John Kinzie and Isaac Arnold, requesting "a copy for publication."

Byrd 452. McMurtrie 23. OCLC 16076311 [2- Lincoln Library, Newberry] as of September 2022. Not in American Imprints, Sabin, or the online sites of AAS, Library of Congress, or the University of Illinois.

(38678) \$1,500.00

23. **Harris, Rev. R[aymund]:** SCRIPTURAL RESEARCHES ON THE LICITNESS OF THE SLAVE-TRADE, SHEWING ITS CONFORMITY WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF NATURAL AND REVEALED RELIGION, DELINEATED IN THE SACRED WRITINGS OF THE WORD OF GOD. London: John Stockdale, 1788. 77, [1] pp. Disbound, lightly foxed, Good+. Contemporary ownership signature of Mr. William Bridgman. DEFECTIVE: ESTC T13518 calls for 14 pages following the advertisement after page 77.

Reverend Harris dedicates this pamphlet to the governmental officials of Liverpool. Harris disclaims any desire "to set up as an advocate for injustice and oppression: I am as much at enmity with both, as the most sanguine advocate for African Liberty can be." Harris just takes the scripture as he finds it, he says, and objectively reports that the Bible says the slave trade is OK.

Harris's last page explains that, although he had originally intended to include a section "containing some Scriptural Directions for the proper treatment of Slaves, together with some Exemplary Punishments...", time did not permit him to do so. This and a Liverpool edition were issued in the same year.

ESTC T13518. Not in Work, Blockson, LCP.

(38700) \$250.00

24. **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

25. **[Johnston, Albert Sidney]:** REVISED CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF A.S. JOHNSTON CAMP, NO. 71, U.C.V. Greenville [NC?]: Herald Printing House, 1898. 8pp, stitched in original printed title wrappers. Small lower portion of blank rear wrapper adhering to first text page, abrading several letters; small circular hole at upper blank margin of front wrap. Else Very Good.

Unrecorded, so far as we can determine. The Organization's primary purpose was "to perpetuate the memory of our departed comrades," and otherwise to continue the fraternal bonds cemented during the War. The pamphlet recites the "Burial Ritual."

(38638) \$75.00

26. **[Lee, Charles]:** STRICTURES ON A PAMPHLET, ENTITLED A "FRIENDLY ADDRESS TO ALL REASONABLE AMERICANS, ON THE SUBJECT OF OUR POLITICAL CONFUSIONS." ADDRESSED TO THE PEOPLE OF AMERICA. America: Boston: Re-Printed and Sold at Greenleaf's Printing-Office..., 1775. 20pp. Untrimmed, margin-foxed, with some light text foxing. Else Very Good, in modern cloth [which is lightly worn].

The Friendly Address had supported the Intolerable Acts, warned against a bloody and futile colonial rebellion, argued that the colonists were unreasonable, and insisted that English policies were just and sensible. Of the numerous responses to the 'Friendly Address,' "probably none was more talked about and laughed over, and none was more effective, than" this "sprightly brochure," which was immediately "attributed to General Charles Lee, for it has all the notes of that brilliant and Mephistophelian personage-- eccentricity, fluentness, smartness, tartness, a mocking tone, a cosmopolitan air, unusual information, an easy assumption of authority on all subjects-- particularly on those appertaining to military history

and to military criticism." Tyler, *Literary History of the American Revolution* 395 [1897]. Its first edition issued in 1774 from Philadelphia. This is one of five 1775 printings.

Lee surmises that the author of the *Friendly Address* [probably Thomas Bradbury Chandler] must be an Anglican, for the *Address* "has the want of candour and truth, the apparent spirit of persecution, the unforgivingness, the deadly hatred to Dissenters, and the zeal for arbitrary power, which has distinguished Churchmen in all ages, and more particularly the high part of the Church of England." The High Church clergyman Chandler favored establishing the Church of England in the Colonies, and opposed American independence.

Howes L193. Adams, *American Independence* 125b. Evans 14151.
(38671) \$3,500.00

27. **[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. Kimmach 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

28. **[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

29. **[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 rebaked 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

30. **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

31. **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

32. **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

33. **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.

Evans 5439. ESTC W12480.

(38703) \$2,500.00

34. **Mayhew, Jonathan:** A DISCOURSE CONCERNING UNLIMITED SUBMISSION AND NON-RESISTANCE TO THE HIGHER POWERS: WITH SOME REFLECTIONS ON THE RESISTANCE MADE TO KING CHARLES I. AND ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF HIS DEATH: IN WHICH THE MYSTERIOUS DOCTRINE OF THAT PRINCE'S SAINTSHIP AND MARTYRDOM IS UNRIDDED. Boston: D. Fowle and D. Gookin, 1750. [6], 55, [1 blank] pp. Lacking the half title. Disbound and lightly foxed. Good+.

Bernard Bailyn, historian of the American Revolution, calls this a "famous" and "celebrated full rationale for resistance to constituted government." It is "the most famous sermon preached in pre-Revolutionary America. In it one may see a gathering of threads that reach back into the earliest periods of American history and that extend forward into the constitutional debates of the 1760's and 1770's, and beyond that, into the construction of new governments in the American Republic." It is a "classic formulation of the necessity and virtue of resistance to oppression."

Mayhew was the most outspoken New England clergyman for the rights of conscience. He here examines "the nature, grounds and extent" of the "christian duty" of "obedience to the civil magistrate." Emphasizing the dangers of even minor governmental or priestly encroachments upon liberty, Mayhew warns, "Civil tyranny is usually small in its beginning, like 'the drop of a bucket,' till at length, like a mighty torrent, or the raging waves of the sea, it bears down all before it, and deluges whole countries and empires." Where tyranny prevails, "There can be nothing great and good...For reason it becomes every friend to truth and human kind; every lover of God and the christian religion, to bear a part in opposing this hateful monster." As DAB states, he here "defended popular disobedience in cases where commands contrary to God's law were enjoined."

Evans 6549. Bailyn, *Ideological Origins of the American Revolution* 52, 92-93. Bailyn, *Pamphlets of the American Revolution* 204, 209. ESTC W30792.

(38729) \$1,250.00

35. **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

36. **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

37. **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

38. **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+.

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. The Appendix at the end contains "A more particular Account of the late terrible Earthquake, than has yet been published amongst us." Of Mayhew, John Adams wrote, "To draw the character of Mayhew, would be to transcribe a dozen volumes" [quoted in DAB].

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

39. **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

40. **Mayhew, Jonathan:** PRACTICAL DISCOURSES DELIVERED ON OCCASION OF THE EARTHQUAKES IN NOVEMBER, 1755. Boston, New-England: Printed and Sold by Richard Draper, in Newbury-Street, and Edes and Gill, in Queen-Street, 1760. [6], 377, [2], [1 blank] pp, evidently lacking a half title. Except as noted, Very Good in contemporary gilt-ruled calf, raised spine bands and decorated spine [some rubbing, hinges starting]. Bookplate of J.M. Wainwright on front pastedown, probably Jonathan Mayhew Wainwright [1792-1854], an Episcopal priest whose mother was Jonathan Mayhew's daughter.

A religious work consisting of thirteen sermons 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" [DAB].

Page [378] is an 'Advertisement' dated March, 1760, explaining, "Divers things have concurred to retard the publication of these discourses: But this delay has been chiefly occasion'd by the Author's ill state of health." Page [379] lists this title, as well as another by Mayhew as among the books "to be sold" by the Printers. "There are but few of them to sell." FIRST EDITION. Evans 8667. ESTC W27785,
(38735) \$850.00

41. **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

42. **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. &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 ingenious learning in the nation."
Evans 6717. ESTC W3171. (38744) \$350.00

43. **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

44. **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

45. **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

46. **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

47. **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

48. **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

49. **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

50. **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

51. **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

52. **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

53. **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

54. **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

55. **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

56. **West, Samuel:** A SERMON PREACHED BEFORE THE HONORABLE COUNCIL, AND THE HONORABLE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, OF THE COLONY OF THE MASSACHUSETTTS-BAY, IN NEW-ENGLAND. MAY 29, 1776. BEING THE ANNIVERSARY FOR THE ELECTION OF THE HONORABLE COUNCIL OF THE COLONY. Boston: Printed by John Gill, 1776. 70, [2 blanks] pp, with the half title as issued. Stitched. Wrapper remnant along inner margin of final blank. Light foxing, closed tear to half title expertly repaired [no loss]. Very Good.

This sermon is a justification, from first principles, of the American Revolution. West explains that we must submit to government "as absolutely necessary for the peace and safety of mankind." But "the same principles which oblige us to submit to government, do equally oblige us to resist tyranny."

With Locke, West reasons that tyranny and arbitrary power are "directly contrary to natural law." He identifies English rule as expressions of such tyranny. "When a people find themselves cruelly oppressed by the parent state, they have an undoubted right to throw off the yoke, and to assert their liberty." They must "renounce all submission to the government that has oppressed them ... and set up an independent state of their own."

West later helped write Massachusetts' State Constitution, and was a delegate to the Federal Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia.

FIRST EDITION. Adams Independence 230. Evans 15217. 115 Eberstadt 34. ESTC W29322.

(38715) \$1,000.00

57. **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