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P R E F A C E.

THE First Series of "American Historical and Literary Curiosities," by John F. Watson, Esq. and myself, was commenced privately as a means of preserving many documents in the possession of our friends and ourselves; but they soon increased to such importance by contributions, that it was determined to publish them. Five editions were demanded by the public at home and abroad, and the work is now scarce and high-priced. The plates being worn out, no other edition of it is likely soon, if ever, to be issued.

This Second Series, complete in itself, owes its origin to the Commercial Panic, when it was desirable to employ several artists in want of work. It has been carried through by the assistance and contributions of various friends. I am particularly indebted to Ferdinand J. Dreer, Esq., Peter Force, Esq., Lewis J. Cist, Esq., Frank M. Etting, Esq., J. Wingate Thornton, Esq., Hon. George Folsom, Herman and Caleb Cope, Esqs., J. Francis Fisher, Esq., John Macalester, Esq., Charles J. Wister, Esq., Winthrop Sargent, Esq., Bushrod W. Adams, Esq. and others, and to the Philadelphia Library for the rare Broad-sides of the Revolution, and the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, whose valuable collections have been opened to my use in the handsomest and most liberal manner.

It may be proper to copy here a portion of the Preface to the fifth edition of the First Series, explanatory of the object of the work:—

"The past has a charm for Americans, as well as for the inhabitants of countries whose history extends far into the shadowy and unknown. *Our* early and romantic past has the merit of being known and truly related. Every thing which adds to these truths is sought for with avidity by the curious and intelligent inquirer. We have now many autograph-collectors, who may be viewed in the light of preservers of documents which would otherwise perish or be dispersed. To few, comparatively, are their treasures revealed. It was suggested, therefore, that some of the most rare 'Historical and Literary Curiosities' in the possession of individuals, should be grouped for the amusement and instruction of the present and of future generations, who may well know from printed accounts *what* things were done, but who can also thus learn *how* they were done."

As in the First Series, nearly all the articles in the present collection have been taken by competent artists from the originals of which they purport to be fac-similes. Considerable labor and trouble have been expended in collecting together and adapting the varied materials here presented, but I have been rewarded by the pleasure of the pursuit.

JOHN JAY SMITH.

* * Fully to understand the work, it is necessary, in turning over the pages, to have constant reference to the Tables of Contents, where will be found many explanations for which there was not space on the plates.

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First Battalion of PENNSYLVANIA LOYALISTS,
commanded by His Excellency Sir WILLIAM
HOWE, K. B.

ALL INTREPID ABLE-BODIED
H E R O E S,

WH O are willing to serve His MAJESTY KING
GEORGE the Third, in Defence of their
Country, Laws and Constitution, against the arbitrary
Usurpations of a tyrannical Congress, have now not
only an Opportunity of manifesting their Spirit, by
assisting in reducing to Obedience their too-long de-
luded Countrymen, but also of acquiring the polite
Accomplishments of a Soldier, by serving only two
Years, or during the present Rebellion in America.

Such spirited Fellows, who are willing to engage,
will be rewarded at the End of the War, besides their
Laurels, with 50 Acres of Land, where every gallant
Hero may retire, and enjoy his Bottle and Lads.

Each Volunteer will receive, as a Bounty, FIVE
DOLLARS, besides Arms, Cloathing and Accoutre-
ments, and every other Requisite proper to accommo-
date a Gentleman Soldier, by applying to Lieutenant
Colonel ALLEN, or at Captain KEARNY'S Ren-
dezvous, at PATRICK TONRY'S, three Doors above
Market-street, in Second-street.

Philadelphia, December 8, 1777.

REGULATIONS,

Under which the Inhabitants may purchase the enumerated Articles, mentioned in the Proclamation of His Excellency Sir WILLIAM HOWE, K. B. General and Commander in Chief, &c. &c. &c.

1st. **N**O RUM, or SPIRITS of inferior Quality, are to be sold (except by the Importer) at one Time, or to one Person, in any greater Quantity, than one Hoghead, or in any less than ten Gallons, and not without a Permit first obtained for the Quantity intended to be purchased, from the Inspector of the prohibited Articles.

2^d. **MOLASSES** is not to be sold (except by the Importer) in any Quantity exceeding one Hoghead. at one Time, nor without a Permit as aforesaid.

3^d. **SALT** may not be sold (except by the Importer) in any Quantity, exceeding one Bushel at one Time, for the Use of one Family, nor without Permit as aforesaid.

4th. **MEDICINES** not to be sold, without a special Permit by Order of the Superintendent General.

By Order of His Excellency Sir WILLIAM HOWE,

JOSEPH GALLOWAY. Superintendent General.

ALL GENTLEMEN VOLUNTEERS,

Who have a Desire to serve on Board the STANLEY ARMED BRIG,
belonging to His MAJESTY'S SHIP the

R O E B U C K,

Now lying down at the lower Ship Yards,

WILL meet with the warmest Encouragement from the Officer appointed to command her, who gives constant Attendance, and expects early Applications, as it is intended to fit her out immediately on an advantageous Cruize.

G O D Save the KING.

December 25 1777

ALL GENTLEMEN S A I L O R S,

Desirous of rendering themselves useful to their Country, let them repair on Board His Majesty's armed Ship the

VIGILANT, Captain CHRISTIAN,

C O M M A N D E R;

WHERE they will be received, and every Indulgence given that their Merit can entitle them to. The said Captain will engage his Word of Honor, that the Persons so entering, shall not be carried out of America without their Consent.

PHILADELPHIA, PRINTED BY JAMES HUMPHREYS, JUNR.
in Market-street, between Front and Second-streets.

January 7, 1778.

W H E N T H E
C H I M N E Y S
O F T H E
B A R R A C K S

Of the different Regiments want S W E E P I N G,

They are to apply to

CHRISTIAN APPLE,

At the Corner of Race-Street, in Sixth-Street,

Who is E M P L O Y E D by the

D^y. Barrack Master General,

For that Purpose.



PHILADELPHIA: Printed by JAMES HUMPHREYS, JUNIOR,
in *Market-street*, between *Front* and *Second-streets*,

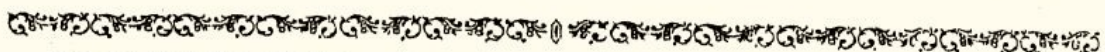
Q U E E N ' s
R A N G E R S.

All young and able-bodied

M E N,

[Seafaring Men excepted]

W H O are desirous of serving their KING and
C O U N T R Y, during the present Rebellion,
will repair to the Commanding Officer's Quarters of the
Queen's Rangers at Kensington, where they will receive
their full Bounty, Cloathing, Arms and Accoutrements.



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in *Market-street*, between *Front* and *Second-streets*.



BY ORDER OF HIS EXCELLENCY

Sir William Howe, K. B.

General and Commander in Chief, &c. &c. &c.

PROCLAMATION.

I DO hereby give Notice to the Inhabitants of the City of Philadelphia and its Environs, it is the Order of His Excellency, that “ No Person whatever, living “ within the said City and its Environs, shall appear in “ the Streets between the Beating of the Tattoo, at Half “ an Hour after Eight o’Clock in the Evening, and the “ Revellie in the Morning, without Lanthorns: And all “ who shall be found abroad, within the Time aforesaid, “ will be liable to be examined by the Patroles, and con- “ fined, unless they shall give a satisfactory Account of “ themselves.” And I do hereby enjoin and require the Inhabitants, and all others residing in the said City and its Environs, to pay strict Obedience to the said Order, and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand at Philadelphia, this 9th Day
of January, in the Eighteenth Year of His Majesty's
Reign.

JOS. GALLOWAY,

Superintendent-General.

Sir,

Dec 26th 1783

I have had the honor of receiving your letter but not by the gentleman who was the subject of it. I have already informed the Minister of France of his situation & wishes, & on his arrival shall make it my business to render him every service in my power.

I congratulate you my dear General on the Peace, & by your acceptance my best wishes for your happiness.

I have the honor to be
Sir Your Obed^t Hum^{ble} Servant
M^{rs} Gen^l M^{rs} de la Motte

Flaubert
11/10

Nov. 20th 1794D^r Sir

I am informed that you have purchased a large quantity of Lead on account of government, we want about 3 Tons at the Mint for refining, as the wars are likely to blow over perhaps you can furnish what we want without our being obliged to raise the price by a fresh purchase will you be so kind as to send an answer

Yours with respect not unmixed
with affection

M^{rs} Gen^l Francis

David Rittenhouse



This drawing is by Major John Andre of the British Army, when a prisoner, & living in my Father's family in Lancaster, during the war of the Revolution. I was at that time a small boy, but well remember Andre's bland manners, sporting with us children as if one of us. To my brother John he was more especially attached from a nearer approach of age, & a congeniality of genius & taste. I often played marbles & other boyish games with the Major. I cannot remember what he said the drawing represented, but think it the place of the author's birth, or some place at which he had resided, but I have carefully preserved the relic, in memory of the Artist, & of my affection for that gifted & deserved, that noble minded, generous man.

Geo. P. Cope
Phil^a 1851

Dear Sir

I have just time to acquaint you that I received your Letter by Mr^s Callender with my young Friends drawings, which persuade me he is much improv'd, and that he has not been idle. He must take particular Care in forming the features in faces, and in copying hands exactly. He should now and then copy things from the life & then compare the proportions with what prints he may have, or what rules he may have remembered with respect to his Shading with Indian Inks, the anatomical figure is tolerably well done, but he would find his work smoother and softer, were he to lay the shades on more gradually, not blackening the darkest at once but by washing them over repeatedly, and never till the paper is quite dry. The figure is very well drawn.

Mr^s Campbell who is the bearer of this letter will probably when at Lancaster be able to judge what likelihood there is of an Exchange of Prisoners which we are told is to take place immediately; if this should be without foundation, I should be very glad to see your son here; if then you may speak with Capt: Campbell and if you should determine upon it, let me know it a few days before hand when I shall take Care to settle matters for his reception.

I am Dear Sir Your most humb^l Serv^t
J. André

Charlestown 11th Oct: 1776

My best Compl^{ts}, if you please to your family and particularly to John. W. Despard begd to be remembered to you. —

By Mr^s Caleb Cope Lancaster

Dear Sir I cannot miss the opportunity I have of writing to
you by Mr Slough to take leave of yourself and Family and
transmit ^{to you} my sincere wishes for your Welfare. We are on
our Road (as we believe to be exchanged) and however happy
this prospect may make me, It doth not render me
less warm in the fate of those persons in this Country, for
whom I had conceiv'd a regard; I trust on your side you
will do me the Justice to remember me with some
good will, and that you will be persuaded I shall be happy
if an occasion shall offer of my giving your Son some
further hints in the Art for which he has so happy a
turn, Desire him if you please to commit my Name
and my friendship for him to his Memory and assure him
from me, that, if he only brings diligence to his
Assistance, Nature has open'd him a path to fortune
and reputation, and that he may hope in a few years
to enjoy the fruits of his labor perhaps the face
of Affairs may so far change that he may once more
be within my reach when it will be a very great
pleasure to me to give him what assistance I can.
My best compliments as well as Mr. Dipronds to
Mrs Cope and the rest of your family I am truly

Dear Sir

Reading the 2^d Dec^r 1776.

W^m Cabel Cope

Lancaster

Your most obed^t
humb^t Servant
J^s Andre^s.

MAJOR ANDRE.

MAJOR ANDRE (when Captain Andre) was captured at St. John's, Upper Canada, by Gen'l Montgomery, on the 3d of November, 1775, and, with other British officers, sent to Lancaster, Pennsylvania, as a prisoner of war.

Caleb Cope was then residing in that place, and filling the office of a Burgess. He was a member of the Society of Friends, a non-combatant of course, and more disposed to yield to the pretensions of the British Government than to engage in a bloody war,--believing that there would still be remaining blessings enough to be thankful for. It was under these circumstances that he offered the prisoners a shelter under his roof, when it seemed impossible for them to obtain accommodations elsewhere. This act required the exercise of no little moral courage, as the populace were greatly excited against the prisoners, and soon gave evidence of their hostility by destroying every window in the house of their generous benefactor,--an act of violence, however, which was fully redeemed in after-years, when the people of Lancaster liberally assisted the unfortunate owner in the reconstruction of his dwelling, which had been accidentally destroyed by fire.

Among the children of Andre's benevolent host, there was one named John, then aged about thirteen years, in whom the former felt deeply interested. He had displayed a remarkable talent for drawing, as the letters of Andre show. This boy was the brother of Thomas P. Cope, Israel Cope, and Jasper Cope, and the father of Herman Cope, in whose possession the following letters and picture now are. All the brothers (including a fourth one named William) were then living under the same roof with Andre, and the elder ones were frequently entertained by him in games of marbles and other youthful sports.

The "Mr. Despard" spoken of by Andre was the Col. Despard who in subsequent years became famous. His name was Edward Marcus Despard, an Irishman by birth, who, after having served till 1779 in the American war, was transferred in that year to Jamaica, and soon thereafter assisted in wresting the possessions on the Mosquito Coast from the Spanish Government. He was afterwards invested with executive power in these colonies, but was superseded in his authority in consequence of disagreements with the people whom he governed. He returned to England, however, in 1790, with distinguished honors; but, unsuccessfully preferring extensive claims against the government, he yielded his loyalty to it, and headed a conspiracy having for its object the murder of his King and a seizure of the reins of government. His associates in this insane effort were of the lowest character; and six of them, together with their leader, expiated their guilt upon the scaffold. This was in his year 1802. Thus did the friend of Andre, though in a different cause,--the one being in rebellion against his King, the other engaged in his service,--meet with a like ignominious end.

I have heard the venerable Caleb Cope say that he had prophesied Despard's fate, from his impetuous and unconciliating temper and disposition. Of their mutual friend Andre he entertained wholly different anticipations; and, though many years had rolled by since they parted, this aged protector of the renowned and unfortunate soldier never failed to weep at the remembrance of his name.

Lieut. Hughes was also, as will appear from his letters, an inmate of the house I have referred to. The B---n alluded to in one of his letters was probably one of the "Lebanon gentlemen" spoken of by Andre, and who, notwithstanding what he says, there seems reason to believe had violated his parole.

I have been informed by one of the sons of my grandfather, Caleb Cope, that another letter was written by Major Andre, then Adjutant-General of the British army, about nine days before his last capture. It was dated at New York, and included the following remark:--"To-morrow I expect to meet Sir Harry Clinton, and make up for lost time." Considering poor Andre's fate, these words are memorable.

Whilst Andre was a prisoner at Lancaster, he proposed to the father of his "young disciple," as he called the boy-artist, to take the latter to England and educate him at his own expense for the profession of a painter. For this purpose (as he alleged) he proposed to sell his commission; and on more than one occasion he stated that he had opportunities to dispose of it. Andre's friends believed that he longed to return to England, on account of his love-affair with Honora Sneyd, (afterwards the wife of Richard Lovell Edgeworth,) and that he made this proposition his excuse for abandoning the service.

His offer (I need scarcely say) was gratefully declined, on conscientious grounds, after the counsel had been sought of esteemed and reliable friends. A most unfortunate decision for both preceptor and pupil!

LETTERS FROM MAJOR ANDRE.

PHILADELPHIA, October, 1859.

C. C.

SIR,

You wou'd have heard from me ere this time had I not wish'd to be able to give you some encouragement to send my young friend John to Carlisle. My desire was to find a lodging where I cou'd have him with me, and some quiet, honest family of Friends, or others, where he might have boarded, as it wou'd not have been so proper for him to live with a mess of officers. I have been able to find neither, and am myself still in a tavern. The people here are no more willing to harbour us than those of Lancaster were at our first coming there. If, however, you can resolve to let him come here, I believe Mr. Despard and I can make him up a bed in a lodging we have in view, where there will be room enough. He will be the greatest part of the day with us, or employ'd in the few things I am able to instruct him in. In the mean while I may get better acquainted with the town, and provide for his board. With regard to expence, this is to be attended with none to you. A little assiduity and friendship is all I ask of my young friend in return for my good will to be of service to him, and my wishes to put him in the way of improving the talents Nature hath given him. I shall give all my attention to his morals, and as I believe him well-dispos'd, I trust he will acquire no bad habits here.

Mr. Despard joins with me in compliments to yourself, Mrs. Cope, and family.

I am,

Sir,

Your most humble servant,

JOHN ANDRE.

CARLISLE, the 3d April, 1776.

DEAR SIR

I am much oblig'd to you for your kind letter, and to your son for his drawings. He is greatly improv'd since I left Lancaster; and I do not doubt but, if he continues his application, he will make a very great progress. I cannot regret that you did not send your son hither. We have been submitted to alarms and jealousys which would have render'd his stay here very disagreeable to him; and I would not willingly see any person suffer on our account. With regard, however, to your apprehensions in consequence of the escape of the Lebanon gentlemen, they were groundless, as we have been on parole ever since our arrival at this place, which I can assure you they were not. I shou'd more than once have written to you had opportunitys presented themselves; but the post and we seem to have fallen out; for we can never by that channel receive or forward a line on the most indifferent subjects. Mr. Despard is very well, and desires to be remember'd to yourself and family. I beg you wou'd give my most friendly compliments to your family, and particularly to your son, my disciple, to whom I hope the future posture of affairs will give me an opportunity of pointing out the way to proficiency in his favourite study, which may tend so much to his pleasure and advantage. Let him go on copying whatever good models he can meet with, and never suffer himself to neglect the proportion, and never to think of finishing his work or imitating the fine flowing lines of his copy, till every limb, feature, house, tree, or whatever he is drawing, is in its proper place. With a little practise, this will be so natural to him, that his eye will at first sight guide his pencil in the exact distribution of every part of the work. I wish I may soon see you in our way to our own friends, with whom I hope, by exchange, we may be at length reunited.

I am,

Dear Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

J. ANDRE.

CARLISLE, the 2d Septr, 1776.

YOUR letter by Mr. Barrington is just come to hand. I am sorry you shou'd imagine my being absent from Lancaster, or our troubles, should make me forget my friends. Of the several letters you mention having written to me, only one, of late, has reach'd Carlisle,--viz. that by Mr. Hough. To one I receiv'd from you a week or two after leaving Lancaster, I return'd an answer. I own the difficulties of our correspondence had disgusted me from attempting to write.

I once more commend myself to your good family, and am, sincerely, Yrs, &c.

J. A.

I hope your son's indisposition will be of no consequence.

MR. COPE, Lancaster.

DEAR SIR

I have just time to acquaint you that I receiv'd your letter by Mrs. Callender, with my young friend's drawings, which persuade me he is much improv'd, and that he has not been idle. He must take particular care in forming the features in faces, and in copying hands exactly. He shou'd now and then copy things from the life, and then compare the proportions with what prints he may have or what rules he may have remember'd. With respect to his shading with Indian ink, the anatomical figure is tolerably well done; but he wou'd find his work smoother and softer were he to lay the shades on more gradually, not blackening the darkest at once, but by washing them over repeatedly, and never till the paper is quite dry. The figure is very well drawn.

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I am,

Dear Sir,

Your most humble servt,

J. ANDRE.

CARLISLE, the 11th Oct., 1776.

My best comps, if you please, to your family, and particularly to John. Mr. Despard begs to be remembered to you.

To Mr. CALEB COPE, Lancaster.

DEAR SIR

I cannot miss the opportunity I have of writing to you by Mr. Slough, to take leave of yourself

and family, and transmit to you my sincere wishes for your welfare. We are on our road, (as we believe, to be exchang'd,) and, however happy this prospect may make me, it doth not render me less warm in the fate of those persons in this country for whom I had conceiv'd a regard. I trust, on your side, you will do me the justice to remember me with some good will, and that you will be persuaded I shall be happy if an occasion shall offer of my giving your son some further hints in the art for which he has so happy a turn. Desire him, if you please, to commit my name and my friendship for him to his memory, and assure him from me that, if he only brings diligence to her assistance, Nature has open'd him a path to fortune and reputation, and that he may hope in a few years to enjoy the fruits of his labor. Perhaps the face of affairs may so far change that he may once more be within my reach, when it will be a very great pleasure to me to give him what assistance I can.

My best compliment, as well as Mr. Despard's, to Mrs. Cope and the rest of your family. I am truly,

Dear Sir,

Your most obedt and humbl servant,

READING, the 2d Dec., 1776. J. ANDRE.

Mr. CALEB COPE, Lancaster.

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