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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.

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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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Rec^d of John Hamerton Esq. his Majesty's
 Receiver Gen^l of the Province of South Carolina, by
 the Hands of Mr George Saseby, the Sum of
 Eight Hundred Pounds Currency, being Equivalent
 to One Hundred Pounds Sterl. for the use, and
 by the Order of his Excellency Horatio M
 Dalpols Esq. his Salary for One Year &
 as Auditor Gen^l for the said Province, & as
 Commoner of the 25: July 1737: and ending at
 the 25: July 1738. pursuant to a Warrant
 from the Lords of the Treasury, directed
 to the said John Hamerton for that
 purpose, as witness my hand the 12:th
 day of July 1739:

J. S. J. M.
 July 12: 1739:

£800. 00. 00 Currency

A C A R D.

THE PUBLIC present their Compliments to Messieurs
 JAMES AND DRINKER.----We are informed that you
 have this Day received your Commission to enslave your native
 Country; and, as your frivolous Plea of having received no
 Advice, relative to the scandalous Part you were to act, in the
 TEA-SCHEME, can no longer serve your Purpose, nor divert our
 Attention, we expect and desire you will immediately inform
 the PUBLIC, by a Line or two to be left at the COFFEE HOUSE,
 Whether you will, or will not, renounce all Pretensions to
 execute that Commission?-----THAT WE MAY GOVERN OUR-
 SELVES ACCORDINGLY.

Philadelphia, December 2, 1773.

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Dear Sir No. 1. May 15. 1798

I get frighted as I go through my Memorandums at the Number and Amount of our Notes, then I leave of the Work & lay the Papers aside not for them to cool, but that my mind may do it. I rec'd your Letter of Yesterday by which I see the Prison Scene had made its impression on your mind, You must come every Sunday and it will grow so familiar that you will think little of it so long as you keep out on Week days. We shall then have opportunities to concert how to liberate me & keep you close. Remember I'd Baker's accounts. I am & for you

John Nicholson Esq^r de W. Morris

Dear Sir Greenwich 5th March 1780

I have taken all the Bark you left me and have had none for several days & as I think it has been of Service to me desire you will please to send me some more well prepar'd. the Children have all got a most Inoeterate Itch I must beg you will please to send some ointment to Rub them with and some flowers of Sulphur to take inwardly if you think it necessary. when will you come this way & take a dinner with me. My respects to all I send

I am with great Truth
Dear Sir
Yr Most Obedt Servt
Geo. Taylor (one of

the Signers of the Declaration of Independence)

To the right Hon^{ble} William Penn Esq^r
Proprietor & Governor of Pennsylvania &
the annexed Counties, in Council

The Petition of William Trent & Joseph Dudgeon Merchants
Humbly sheweth

That yo^r Pet^r have provided a considerable quantity of Tobacco in
Cutch. to be shipped for London in the Brigantine Friend ship -
William Laer Master, w^{ch} they thought would have been taken on
board before the arrival time in the late act of Assembly past
for the Prohibition thereof. But the Justice proceeding & leaky
& other extraordinary accidents happening

They humbly crave from yo^r Hon^{rs} a month's time
more for the shipping the same, w^{ch} they conceive
will be no detriment to his Maj^{ty} Revenue
and supposing the said Tobacco may arrive at her
Port before the 25th of September next w^{ch} is
the Limitation given by the Act of Parliament,

Prays in that Case yo^r Pet^r shall pray &c.

And yo^r

Wm. Trent
Joseph Dudgeon

Sir

His Excellency desires me to inform you that
Generals Gates and Mifflin lodged at fifteen miles
distance from Camp last night, and may be expected
in the course of this morning - he wishes that proper
quarters may be provided for them I have the honor to be

the nearer the
quarters are to Head Quarters
the better

with great respect

Your most obed^t Serv^t

John Mifflin

5th May 1778 - Side de Camp

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London 24th 3rd Mo. 1758Governor Barnard,
Much Esteemed Friend

I having been the general Practice of our Society (the people call'd Quakers) by some of their members to pay their Respects, to the new Governors appointed for the American Provinces, we being deputed to wait on thee, were unexpectedly defeated in our Intentions, by thy departure for Portsmouth before we could inform ourselves of a suitable time, & therefore we must crave thy Excuse for this Address, on the Subject matter of our message, which was to request thy favourable Regard towards those of our Profession under thy Government.

The Conscientious Scruples of our Friends in respect to bearing Arms, or being concern'd in Warlike preparations, has expos'd many of them to heavy & severe Sufferings, More especially in these calamitous times, we therefore are the more earnestly engag'd to entreat the Governor favourable Interposition towards them, in respect to such laws as are already made, or that the Governor may think necessary to pass for the defence of his Government, or any other, whereby their Religious dissent may subject them to Trouble as their Non-compliance does not proceed from a wilful Contempt, but from a Real Scruple of Conscience of which we hope the Governor is well Convinc'd; & that he will be pleas'd upon our Friends application, to grant them such Relief as the nature of the Case will admit,

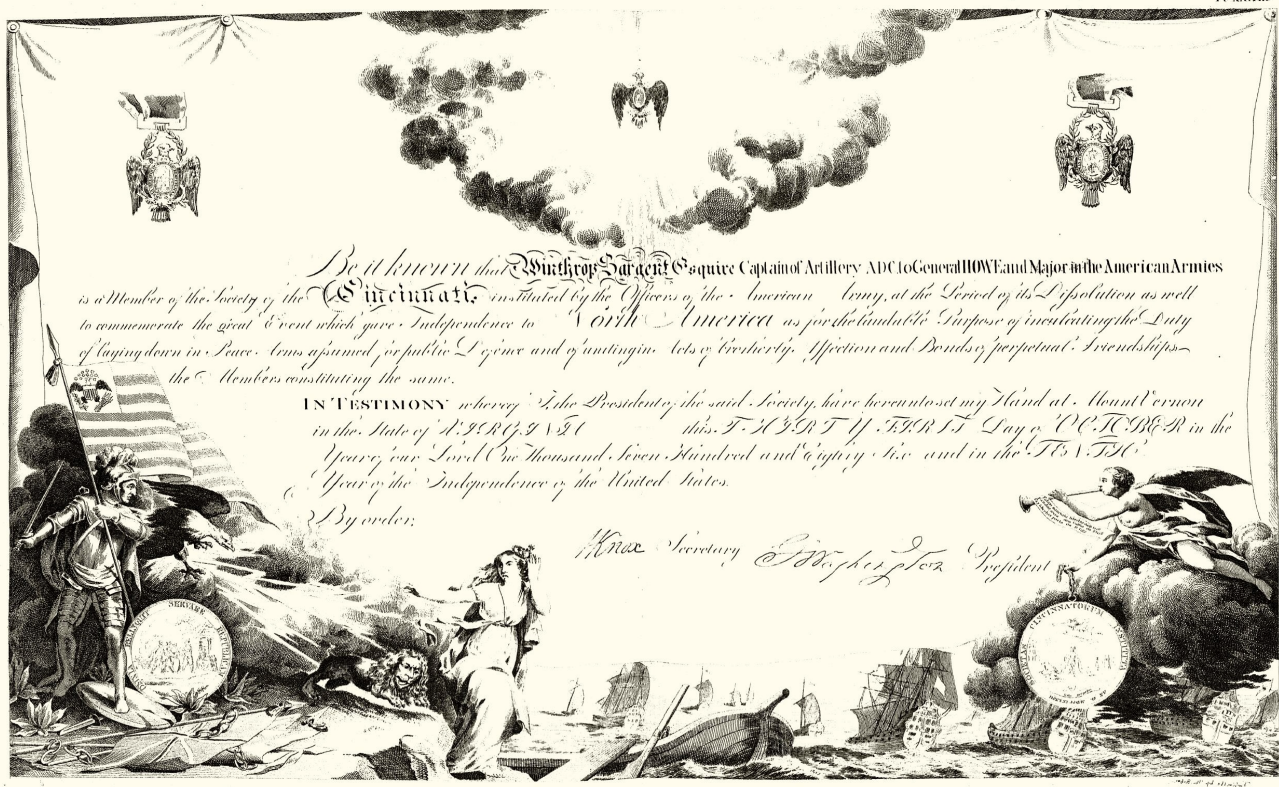
We sincerely desire thy Health & preservation, & remain
very respectfully

Robt Lumsted
Rich^d Partridge

Da Barclay
William Pitt

Thy real Friends
J. B. How
John Hunt

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