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LITERARY CURIOSITIES**

By John Jay Smith

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1860

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1860.

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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3. General Putnam is astonished that several inhabitants have refused to take Continental Money. In future such persons will forfeit their goods and be committed to close confinement! Fire Buckets, &c. &c. *In possession of the same.*

For the BENEFIT of the WIDOWS and ORPHANS
of the ARMY.

On Monday

Next, the *Nineteenth* Infant,

Will be Represented, at the THEATRE in Southwark,

A COMEDY, CALLED

NO ONE'S ENEMY
BUT HIS OWN,

AND

The Deuce is in Him.

The CHARACTERS by the OFFICERS of the ARMY and NAVY.

Admittance to the Boxes and Pit. A DOLLAR each:

Gallery, HALF A DOLLAR.

TICKETS to be had of the Printer; at the Coffee-house;
at the Pennsylvania Farmer, New-Market; of Mr. Smith,
at his Office in Front-street, below the Drawbridge, and
a few Doors below Peter Suter, Hatter at Mr. John
Richmond's in Front-street, between Chestnut and Wal-
nut-streets, and at the Turk's Head in Water-street,
between Race and Vine streets.

As there is a sufficient Number of Tickets to be given
out, to admit as many as the House will hold, no Money
can, on any Account, be taken at the Door.

The Doors to be open at Six o'Clock, and the Play to
begin precisely at Seven.

PHILADELPHIA, PRINTED BY JAMES HUMPHREYS, JUNR.

Theatricals of the British Army in Philadelphia

On Monday,

The SIXTEENTH Instant, *February 1778.*

At the Theatre in Southwark,

For the Benefit of a PUBLIC CHARITY,

Will be represented a Comedy

C A L L E D T H E

Constant Couple.

TO WHICH WILL BE ADDED,

DUKE AND NO DUKE.

The CHARACTERS by the OFFICERS of the ARMY and NAVY.

TICKETS to be had at the Printer's: at the Coffee-house in Market-street: and at the Pennsylvania Farmer, near the New-Market, and no where else.

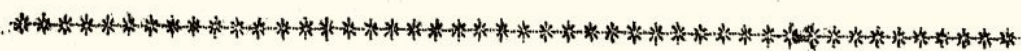
BOXES and PIT, ONE DOLLAR.—GALLERY, HALF A DOLLAR.

Doors to open at Five o'Clock, and begin precisely at Seven.

No Money will, on any Account, be taken at the Door.

Gentlemen are earnestly requested not to attempt to bribe the Door-keepers.

N. B. Places for the Boxes to be taken at the Office of the Theatre in Front-street, between the Hours of Nine and Two o'clock: After which Time, the Box-keeper will not attend. Ladies or Gentlemen, who would have Places kept for them, are desired to send their Servants to the Theatre at Four o'clock, otherwise their Places will be given up.



PHILADELPHIA, PRINTED BY JAMES HUMPHREYS, JUNR.
Theatricals of the British Army in Philadelphia.

On M O N D A Y Next,

The THIRTEENTH Day of APRIL, 1778

At the Theatre in Southwark,

For the Benefit of a PUBLIC CHARITY,

WILL BE REPRESENTED, A COMEDY CALLED

The Wonder,
A Woman keeps a Secret!

TO WHICH WILL BE ADDED,

A TRIP to SCOTLAND.

The CHARACTERS by the OFFICERS of the Army
and Navy.

TICKETS to be had at the Printer's; at the Coffee-house in Market-
street; and at the Pennsylvania Farmer, near the New-Market, and
no where else.

BOXES and PIT, ONE DOLLAR.—GALLERY, HALF A DOLLAR.

Doors to open at Five o'Clock, and begin precisely at Seven.

No Money will, on any Account, be taken at the Door.

N. B. Places for the Boxes to be taken at the Office of the
Theatre in Front-street, between the Hours of Nine and Two o'clock:
After which Time, the Box-keeper will not attend. Ladies or Gen-
tlemen, who would have Places kept for them, are desired to send
their Servants to the Theatre at Four o'clock, otherwise their Places
will be given up.

⌘ No Person can be admitted behind the Scenes.

TICKETS delivered for the 10th inst. will be taken.

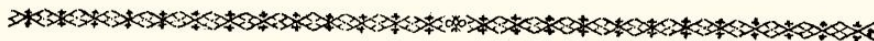
PHILADELPHIA: Printed by JAMES HUMPHREYS, JUN.
Theatricals of the British Army in Philadelphia.

THEATRE.

On ACCOUNT of the INDISPOSITION
of one of the ACTRESSES,

The Play,
Which was to have been
Performed
ON FRIDAY,
The Tenth Instant,
Is obliged to be
POSTPONED.

APRIL 8th, 1778.



PRINTED by JAMES HUMPHREYS, JUNR. in Market-Street, between Front and Second-Streets.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1778.
 BOX, ONE DOLLAR.
 CONSTANT COUPLE.
 The Doors to be open at FIVE, and Play
 to begin at SEVEN o'Clock.

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 1778.
 BOX, One Dollar.
 DOUGLASS.
 The Doors to be open at FIVE, and Play
 to begin at SEVEN o'Clock.
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Theatricals of the British Army in Philadelphia, with the box tickets used.

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The foregoing approbation being determined upon by the Congress, was ordered to be subscribed by the members thereof and thereupon we have hereunto set our respective names accordingly.

In Congress Philadelphia October 26th 1774

	Tryon Randolph President	Wm Galloway	
New Hampshire	Geo Sullivan		North Carolina
	North: Frothingham		Will Hooper
		John Dickinson	Joseph Hewes
Massachusetts	Thomas Cushing	John Hancock	Reasmore
Bay	Esst Adams	Thomas Mifflin	
	John Adams	Edw. Rutledge	
	Robt. Treat Paine	John Morton	South Carolina
Rhode Island	Step: Hopkins	Geo: Ross	Henry Middleton
	Sam: Ward		Thos: Mch
			Christ: Gadsden
			J: Rutledge
			Edward Rutledge
Connecticut	Eliphalet Dyer	Sam: Rodney	
	Roger Sherman	Thos: Mifflin	
	Nas Deane	Gov: Read	
New York	Isaac Low	Wm: Fitzmaurice	
	John Altop	Thos: Mifflin	
	John Jay		
	Jam: Duane	Gov: Pownall	
	Wm: Livingston	Sam: Chew	
	Wm: Floyd		
	Henry Wisner	Richard Henry Lee	
	Wm: Livingston	Lyrr: Washington	
	Wm: Livingston	Henry D.	
New Jersey	Wm: Livingston	Richard Bland	
	Step: Crane	Wm: Harrison	
	Rich: Smith	Edm: Pendleton	
	John Deane		

Signatures of the members of the Congress of 1774.

Enlarge

P H I L A D E L P H I A.

In CONGRESS, *Thursday*, September 22, 1774.

RESOLVED,

THAT the Congress request the Merchants and Others, in the several Colonies, not to send to Great Britain any Orders for Goods, and to direct the execution of all Orders already sent, to be delayed or suspended, until the sense of the Congress, on the means to be taken for the preservation of the Liberties of *America*, is made public.

An Extract from the Minutes,
CHARLES THOMSON, Sec.

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CHESTER, **P**ERSONALLY appeared before me ISAAC DAVIS, one of his Majesty's Justices for said County, JACOB SMITH, and being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, did depose and say, that being at the House of WILLIAM MOORE, Esq; on or about the seventh Day of this instant (*May*) this Deponent heard the said Mr. Moore say that the People of *Boston* were a vile Set of Rebels; that he wondered that the Magistrates and Sheriffs of *Philadelphia* did not commit every Man who associated or mustered; that for his Part he was determined to commit every Man to Prison, who would associate or muster near him, if there should be sixty of them; that if the other Magistrates would not do their Duty, he would do his.
Sworn and subscribed the 26th Day of *May*, 1775,
before ISAAC DAVIS.

JACOB SMITH.

(*A true Copy.*)

G E N E R A L O R D E R S,

HEAD-QUARTERS, Philadelphia, Dec. 14, 1776.

COLONEL GRIFFIN is appointed Adjutant General to the Troops in and about this City. All Orders from the General, through him, either written or verbal, are to be strictly attended to, and punctually obeyed.

The General, to his great Astonishment, has been informed that several of the Inhabitants of this City have refused to take the Continental Currency in Payment for Goods. In future, should any of the Inhabitants be so lost to public Virtue and the Welfare of their Country, as to presume to refuse the Currency of the American States in Payment for any Commodities they may have for Sale, the Goods shall be forfeited, and the Person or Persons so refusing, committed to close Confinement.

In Case of an Alarm of Fire, the City Guards and Patroles are to suffer the Inhabitants to pass unmolested at any Hour of the Night, and the good People of *Philadelphia* are earnestly requested and desired to give every Assistance in their Power, with Engines and Buckets, to extinguish the Fire. And, as the Congress have ordered the City to be defended to the last Extremity, the General hopes that no Person will refuse to give every Assistance possible to complete the Fortifications that are to be erected in and about the City.

ISRAEL PUTNAM, Major General.

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