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PREFACE

TO THE FIFTH EDITION.

FIRST SERIES.

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; everything 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 a few of the most rare and curious "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.

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 the varied materials here presented; but it has been with the Editors a "labor of love," rewarded by the pleasure of the pursuit.

The work having been received with extraordinary favor by the public, and a fifth edition being called for, some additions and alterations have been made, which will create increased interest in the volume.

J. JAY SMITH,
JOHN F. WATSON.

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

NOTE TO THE SIXTH EDITION.

Notwithstanding the announcement in the second series of this work that the first would not be reprinted, the public has demanded a sixth edition, which has been entirely redrawn, and many highly interesting additions have been made.

PHILADELPHIA, October, 1860.

Part Nine

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In the possession of Mrs. Alexander Lawson, and George Ord, Esq.

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Note from Israel Putnam. In the possession of William Thaddeus Harris, Esq.

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Thos Godfrey — Wm Nuttall — Very respectfully — Your humble servt — Washington Irving

truly — obt servt — Robt McBride

B Lillincau — Alex Garden

Respectfully — yours sincerely — Harry Innes

J Prentiss — John Sevier

Wm Hopkinson — I am sir your

We are your obt — Sam Lord Abbot

J. Rutledge — James Otis — David Ramsay

your obt. Servant — Your friend — John Lewis Gervais

Timothy Pickering — E C Guest — Morgan Lewis

A Middleton — Ra. Izard. — B Washington

Thos Addis Emmet — yrs

I am, Dr Sir, Yours — O. Ellsworth — Elias Boudinot

Charles Lee — James Chalmers — Your dutiful servant

Hand-writing of Count Zinzendorf.

J Zinzendorf — Respect — Wm Hart

Ed. Darrah — Joel Barlow

Town of Fryburgh Dr to John Stark

1766 To Forty two Days works assisting in laying out the Town ~~and with the other Commissioners~~ £

1768 or 1769 To ~~four~~ fourteen Days works myself as chairman in laying out the second Division ——— £

also all the changes on ~~the~~ two Reights in Fryburgh for building Mills I paid to Capt William Stark

John Stark

1804 * * * I am most earnestly bent on pursuing my plan of making a Collection of all the Birds in this part of N America Now I dont want you to throw Cold water as Shakespeare says on this Notion Quixotic as it may appear I have been long accustomed to the building of Airy Castles and brain Windmills that it has become one of my comforts of life a sort of a rough Bone that amuses me when Tated with the dull drudgery of Life * *

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1812 x My dear friend * * * * * * * Unless there be an evident certainty of profit Booksellers are very indifferent to publish Works of any kind however great their merits may be, and the poor author's feelings are little regarded Few men have known this more experimentally than myself I have sacrificed every thing to Publish my Ornithology have written 8 volumes and an engaged on the seventh yet I have never yet received a single cent of its proceeds. I have made many extensive excursions lately and have discovered in all about 40 new species of land Birds, never taken notice of by any other Writer I am now engaged on the Water Birds and had just returned yesterday from the Seashore when your letter was presented to me.

Yours sincerely Alex Wilson

To J. J. Michaux
Author of the North American Sylva.

Enlarge

Oath of Allegiance.

I DO hereby CERTIFY, That Francis Hopkinson of the City of Philad.a Esquire hath voluntarily taken and subscribed the Oath ~~or Affirmation~~ of Allegiance and Fidelity, as directed by an Act of General Assembly of Pennsylvania, passed the 13th day of June, *A. D.* 1777. Witness my hand and seal, the ~~first~~ day of July *A. D.* 1777

(L.S.) Jno Ord N. Clerk

A.D. 1777.

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25 March 1782

Sir

A Detachment of Twenty men, under Lt Col Beatty marched this day for the Neymes, I suppose they may return in three days —

I am &c

Fran Marion

Head Quarters Cont.l Village Oct.r 5th 1781
7 o'clock Pm

Dear Sir,

Your Letter and enclosing Copy of orders to the Malitia I have Received for which I am much obliged, and shall send them by Express Immediately —

I am Dear Sir
Your hum Serv.t
Israel Putnam

Enlarge

First Newspaper Edited by Dr. Franklin

Numb. XL.

THE Pennſylvania GAZETTE.

Containing the freſheſt Advices Foreign and Domeſtick.

From Thurſday, September 25. to Thurſday, October 2. 1729.

THE Pennſylvania Gazette *being now to be carry'd on by other Hands, the Reader may expect ſome Account of the Method we deſign to proceed in.*

Upon a View of Chambers'*s great Dictionaries, from whence were taken the Materials of the* Univerſal Inſtructor in all Arts and Sciences, *which uſually made the Firſt Part of this Paper, we find that beſides their containing many Things abſtruſe or inſignificant to us, it will probably be fifty Years before the Whole can be gone thro' in this Manner of Publication. There are likewiſe in thoſe Books continual References from Things under one Letter of the Alphabet to thoſe under another, which relate to the ſame Subject, and are neceſſary to explain and compleat it; theſe taken in their Turn may perhaps be Ten Years diſtant; and ſince it is likely that they who deſire to acquaint themſelves with any particular Art or Science, would gladly have the whole before them in a much leſs Time, we believe our Readers will not think ſuch a Method of communicating Knowledge to be a proper One.*

However, tho' we do not intend to continue the Publication of thoſe Dictionaries in a regular Alphabetical Method, as has hitherto been done; yet as ſeveral Things exhibited from them in the Courſe of these Papers, have been entertaining to ſuch of the Curious, who never had and cannot have the Advantage of good Libraries; and as there are many Things ſtill behind, which being in this Manner made generally known, may perhaps become of conſiderable Uſe, by giving ſuch Hints to the excellent natural Genius's of our Country, as may contribute either to the Improvement of our preſent Manufactures, or towards the Invention of new Ones; we propoſe from Time to Time to communicate ſuch particular Parts as appear to be of the moſt general Conſequence.

As to the Religious Courtſhip, *Part of which has been retal'd to the Publick in theſe Papers, the Reader may be inform'd, that the whole Book will probably in a little Time be printed and bound up by it ſelf; and thoſe who approve of it, will doubtleſs be better pleas'd to have it entire, than in this broken interrupted Manner.*

There are many who have long deſired to ſee a good News-Paper in Pennſylvania; *and we hope thoſe Gentlemen who are able, will contribute towards the making This ſuch. We ask Aſſiſtance, becauſe we are fully ſenſible, that to publiſh a good News-Paper is not ſo eaſy an Undertaking as many People imagine it to be. The Author of a* Gazette *(in the Opinion of the Learned) ought to be qualified with an extenſive Acquaintance with Languages, a great Eaſineſs and Command of Writing and Relating Things cleanly and intelligibly, and in few Words; he ſhould be able to ſpeak of War both by Land and Sea; be well acquainted with Geography, with the Hiſtory of the Time, with the ſeveral Intereſts of Princes and States, the Secrets of Courts, and the Manners and Cuſtoms of all Nations. Men thus accompliſh'd are very rare in this remote Part of the World; and it would be well if the Writer of theſe Papers could make up among his Friends what is wanting in himſelf.*

Upon the Whole, we may aſſure the Publick, that as far as the Encouragement we meet with will enable us, no Care and Pains shall be omitted, that may make the Pennſylvania Gazette *as agreeable and uſeful an Entertainment as the Nature of the Thing will allow.*

The Following is the laſt Meſſage ſent by his Excellency Governour *Burnet*, to the Houſe of Repreſentatives in *Boſton*.

Gentlemen of the Houſe of Repreſentatives,

IT is not with ſo vain a Hope as to convince you, that I take the Trouble to anſwer your Meſſages, but, if poſſible, to open the Eyes of the deluded People whom you repreſent, and whom you are at ſo much Pains to keep in Ignorance of the true State of their Affairs. I need not go further for an undeniable Proof of this Endeavour to blind them, than your ordering the Letter of Meſſieurs *Wilks* and *Belcher* of the 7th of *June* laſt to your Speaker to be publiſhed. This Letter is ſaid (in *Page* 1. of your Votes) *to incloſe a Copy of the Report of the Lords of the Committee of His Majeſty's Privy Council, with his Majeſty's Approbation and Order thereon in Council*; Yet theſe Gentlemen had at the ſame time the unparallell'd Preſumption to write to the Speaker in this Manner; *You'll obſerve by the Concluſion, what is propoſed to be the Conſequence of your not complying with His Majeſty's Inſtruction (the whole Matter to be laid*

laid before the Parliament) *it is very unlikely ever to be the Case.*

That *Conclusion* which *Her Majesty was pleased to take into Consideration, with the Advice of His Majesty's Privy Council to approve of, and to Order that One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State should receive the Pleasure of the Crown thereupon*, is, in the Opinion of these Gentlemen, *very unlikely ever to be the Case.* If this was a false and scandalous Suggestion in their Letter, it becomes a Libel when it is published; and you have Reason to fear the Lords and Commons of *Great Britain*, who have always supported and maintained the Honour and Dignity of the Crown against all that have treated it unworthily, will be highly offended at those who have published and dispersed such a Libel, in Order to turn away the Minds of this People from their dutiful Respect to the Crown, and make them hearken to the groundless Insinuations of *Francis Wilks* and *Jonathan Belcher* in contradiction to the Royal Word.

Your Message of the 30th of *August* is all drawn up with the same Design of concealing the Truth from the People, and putting every thing in such a Disguise as they cannot easily see through; To this Effect you say, *that the Settlement of the Civil List, which I refer to, is not a parallel Case with settling my Salary during my Administration, the Parliament of Great Britain make that Settlement upon our most Gracious King, whose Interest and that of his Posterity are inseparable from the People, which is not the Case with me.* You should have said, to make your Argument prove any thing, *Which is not the Case with His Majesty and this People*; For it is not I that demand a Salary, but His Majesty Himself; and it is not to me that it can be legally granted, but only to His Majesty for the Use of his Governour: And if you thought His Majesty's Interest as inseparable from the Interest of this People, as you allow it is *from the Interest of the People of Great Britain*, you must have owned that the Case was *parallel* with *the Settlement of the Civil List*: For though his Mayesty demands the Salary during my Administration, yet that is a Term wholly in his own Breast; and what you mention, *that my private Interest is highly and apparently concerned in it*, is nothing to the Point, if you had that Confidence which you ought to have in His Majesty, that He will remove me when I deserve it.

The Remainder of this Message, with the Assembly's last Reply, will be inserted in our next.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Stockholm, June 2. The Talk is reviv'd that our King intends to go to Cassel, and from thence to Hanover, to confer with the King of Great Britain and several other Princes of the Empire.

Hanover, June 14. The Lord Townshend arrived here last Tuesday Night, and next Day all the Commanding Officers of the two Battalions of Foot Guards, to the Number of 42, arm'd and cloath'd like Common Soldiers, repair'd to the Square of the Castle before the King's Apartment, and perform'd an Exercise. In a few Days his Majesty intends to review 15 Regiments of his Guards, 19 Squadrons of Horse and Dragoons, and 12 Battalions of Foot.

London, April 12. By our Accounts from Cornwall, the Tin-men who were risen for Hunger, are dispers'd, and gone Home to mend their Kettles, which will be very useful to them, in Case they should get any Thing to eat.

April 10. Last Saturday a young Fellow was press'd as he was going to Church with his Bride to be married; the Bride begg'd hard to be married before they carried him off, but this being a religious Press-Gang they carry'd him off before Marriage, because they said it would be a Sin to part Man and Wife.

London, June 26. The last Letters from Hanover advise, that his Majesty continued in perfect Health; that there was a numerous Court; great Numbers of Persons of Distinction coming daily from several Courts in Europe; that the Lord Viscount Townshend kept an open Table; and that it was talk'd, his Majesty will not set out on his Return to Great-Britain, till some Time in October.

Yesterday about Five in the Morning, died at Kensington, (after a long Illness) aged 71 Years, and 9 Months, the most Noble Peregrine Osborne, Duke of Leeds, Marquis of Carmarthen, &c.

His Son, the Marquis of Carmarthen, is now Duke of Leeds.

They tell us from Holt in Wiltshire, that a Man aged 66, was married to a Maid of 26, without any Courtship of himself; the Match being made by another Person, on Wednesday the same Day it was propos'd; they were married on Thursday, and the Man died the Friday following. So that the Bride was courted, married, became a Wife, a Widow, and we presume was left a Maid, all within 24 Hours.

June 28. That destructive Liquor, Geneva, is to be sold no longer than Monday next, without paying 20 l. per Annum for a Licence, which 'tis hop'd few Distillers or Retailers will find worth their while to take out.

A poor Servant Maid at Bromly in Kent, having hang'd herself last Week, a Paper was found in her Pocket with these Words, *Geneva has been the Ruin of me.* But Geneva is now going down, and when any Thing else is in the like Condition, all its Villanies will come out, and no Body will be afraid to accuse it.

From the Prints we received by this Post from Boston, *dated* Sept. 22.

Vienna, July 27. N. S. Frequent Councils have been holden upon the Arrival of the several Expresses; and it is generally said, the Peace is as good as settled. Nevertheless our Letters from Paris insinuate, that the English Plenipotentiaries would not abate a Jot of their Pretensions, but insist more strenuously than ever upon the Point of Indemnification for the Losses sustained by the Merchants of their Country, thro' the Depredations committed by the Spaniards, more particularly in the West-Indies, by taking and confiscating their Ships, in Violation of the most solemn Treaties still subsisting between the two Crowns: But this the Spanish Plenipotentiaries wave with

with their utmoſt Induſtry, ſo that the Settlement of that Article may occaſion abundance of Diſpute.

Paris, Aug. 3. N.S. The Plenipotentiaries of the Congreſs of Soiſſons continue their Aſſemblies at Mr. Stanhope's at Picteau; and there now appears to be not the leaſt Doubt remaining as to a ſpeedy Accommodation with Spain, of which we daily expect to hear of the Concluſion.

London, Aug. 7. We are aſſured that a Meſſenger is arriv'd from Port St. Mary's, who brings Diſpatches of the 19th paſt, O. S. particularly the rough Draught of a Treaty for a Peace with Spain, as approved of by that Court; and we are informed that the ſaid Draught, being approved by Her Majeſty, has been ſent by an Expreſs to Hanover; and if the ſame meets with His Majeſty's Approbation, proper Inſtruments will be ſent for the Signing this Treaty on the Part of Great Britain.

We are informed, that the Treaſure, &c. brought by the Galleons and Aſſogues Ships, are to be deliver'd out before the Flota ſail from Cadiz, in order to encourage the Traders as well in New Spain, as in Europe.

The South Sea Company is by this Treaty forthwith to have a Schedule for ſending a Ship to New Spain.

Williamsburgh, Auguſt 29.

Some time ſince, Six convicted Servants, *viz.* Four white Men, one white Woman, and one Mullatto Man, living with ſeveral Maſters on *Rapahanock* River, combin'd together to run away, and accordingly ſtole a Boat, went down the River to the Bay, and proceeded to the Mouth of *York* River, where they met with an old Man and his Boy in a ſmall Sloop, going to carry Corn from one Part of the Bay to another; they ſore'd the Man and Boy to ſurrender the Sloop, and gave them the Boat which they had: Then they proceeded in the Sloop towards *New-York*; but by their Unskilfulneſs in Navigation, and contrary Winds, they were kept out ſo long that they were almoſt periſh'd with Hunger; at length they were met by Capt. *Long*, in His Majeſty's Ship the -------- The Convicts told the Captain a formal Story, That they ſail'd from *London* in a Ship bound for theſe Parts; but were unfortunately met with by Pirates, on this Coaſt, who took them and their Ship, ſtripp'd them of all, and turn'd them (poor Creatures) adrift in that little Sloop, &c. The Captain had Compaſſion on them, took them on Board, order'd them to be better cloath'd and fed, and ſo proceeded towards *Virginia*. Mean time, one the Man of War's Sailors, rummaging their little Sloop, found ſome Skrews and Rollers, who immediately inform'd the Captain of it, and told him that as thoſe Things were uſed in no other Country than *Virginia* or *Maryland*, for rolling Tobacco, he believed thoſe People were Run-aways from thence, and had impos'd Falſhoods on him. The Captain thereupon ordered one of them (a young Man of a better Countenance than the reſt) to be brought to him, who, upon Examination, confeſſed the whole Story of their Running away and taking the poor old Man's Sloop from him. They were then ſecur'd, and when the Ship arrived in *Virginia*, were deliver'd up to Juſtice, committed to Priſon, and were laſt Week try'd at this City, by a Court of Admiralty, were found guilty of Piracy, and all Six received Sentence of Death. His Honour the Governeur, thro' his own Clemency and the Interceſſion of Captain *Long*, has been pleas'd to reprieve the young Man above mention'd, and one other: and the reſt, *viz.*, Two white Men, one White Woman, and a Mulatto Man, are to be executed in a few Days; and two of them hung in Chains, *viz.* one at *Rappahannock* River, near the Place from whence they ran, and the other at *York River*, near the Place where they committed the Piracy. This Account we thought proper to publiſh, in hopes it may be a Means to deter Others from ſuch wicked Courſes, leſt they ſhould fall under the like unhappy Circumſtances.

Our Crop of Tobacco in this Colony, is generally but very indifferent this Year.

Annapolis, September 16. Mr. Clifford Dancer, a Merchant, lately arrived from Liverpool, Mr. John Moll of Newtown, Kern County, and two Sailours, coming in a Long-Boat with Goods from Cheſter River, for this City, were on Friday Sennight laſt overſet in the Bay, by a violent Guſt of Wind, and all drown'd. And one Mr. Hutton, Maſter of a Sloop in Suſquehanna River, was lately drown'd.

The great Hopes the People of this Province had conceived, that a Paper Currency would be granted at this Time, are entirely quaſh'd; the Bill for emitting it not paſſing the Upper Houſe.

Cuſtom-Houſe, New-York, September 29.

Inward Entries.

Brig Charm Peggy, Morgan Dunoven, from Virginia.
Scoo. Judith and Rebecca, J. Clarke from Nantucket.
Sloop Mary, William Elliſon from Canſo.
Brigt Margaret and Mary, Geo. Fraſer from Rhode-Iſland.

Outward Entries.

Sloop Endeavour, R. Robinſon for Lewis.
Sloop Roſe, J. Travers for Montſerrat.
Brigt. Daniel, Ob. Engs, for Virginia.
Sloop Robie, A. Marſchalk, jun. for Jamaica.
Brigt. John, A. Biſſet, for *Ditto*.
Brigt. Charming Peggy, M. Donoven, *Ditto*.

Cleared for Departure.

Sloop Succeſs, S. Huxford, for New London.
Scoon Prince William, W. Smith to Jamaica.
Sloop Prince Frederick, G. White, to South Carolina.
Sloop Speedwell, A. Seetmethorn, to Boſton.
Sloop Mary, William Beckman, to *Ditto*.
Sloop Roſe, J. Travers, to Montſerrat.
Brigt Daniel, O. Engs, to Virginia.

Philadelphia, October 2.

On Thurſday laſt, one James Smith received Sentence of Death at our Supream Court, for Burglary and Felony.

Yeſterday being the Anniverſary Election in this Province, the following Gentlemen were choſen for the enſuing Year, for Philadelphia County.

Aſſembly. *John Swift, Job Goodſon, Edward Herne, William Monington, Jonathan Robinſon, David Potts, John Cadwalader*, and *Thomas Kutter*.

Commiſſioner. *Iſaac Leech*.

Aſſeſſors. *John Pawlin, William Corker, Andrew Robinſon, William Fiſcer, Evan Thomas*, and *James Bingham*.

Sheriffs. *Charles Read*, and *Nicholas Scull*.

Coroners. *Owen Owen*, and *Mirick Davis*.

City-Burgeſſes. *John Kearſly*, and *Thomas Treſſe*.

City-Aſſeſſors. *Thomas Nixon, Timothy Stevenſon, William Chancellor, John Rutter, John Harriſon*, and *Joſeph Trotter*.

We hear from *Cheſter*, that the following Gentlemen were elected there, to ſerve in the Aſſembly, for that County, *viz. Caleb Copeland, Richard Hayes, Joſeph Britton, Thomas Chandler, William Webb, Samuel Gilpin, James James*, and *Joſeph Penock*.

We have not yet heard who are choſen for *Bucks* County, and the New County of *Lancaſter*.

Laſt Tueſday the Honourable *Benedict Leonard Calvert*, Eſq, Governour of Maryland, having been here ſome Days on a Viſit to our Honourable Governour, ſet out on his Return home.

Laſt Monday, one John Martin, a Brewer's Servant of this City, being about to put a Cask of Beer on board Capt. *Annis's* Ship, miſs'd his Footing and fell into the River; and the Cask following him, and falling upon his Head, he was unfortunately drown'd.

We hear from Amboy, that all the Perſons concerned with *Eanon* (the ſame that dy'd at Sea in his Paſſage from Dublin to this Place) in counterfeiting the 18 d. Bills of New Jerſey, are apprehended and ſecur'd in their Priſon. It is not found that any other of the New Bills are counterfeited

terfeited but those of 18 d. And it is remarkable that all Attempts of this Kind upon the Paper Money of this and the neighbouring Provinces, have been detected and met with ill Success.

Custom-House, Philadelphia, Entred Inwards.

Sloop Hope, Elias Naudain, from Boston.
Sloop Dove, John Howel, from Antigua.
Brigt. Pennswood, Thomas Braly, from Madera.

Entred Outwards.

Scooner John, Thomas Wright, to Boston.
Brigt. Richard and William, W. Mayle, for Lisbon.
Ship Diligence, James Bayley, for Maryland.

Cleared for Departure.

Ship London Hope, Thomas Annis, for London.
Ship Jolin and Anna, James Sherley, for Plymouth.

Advertisements.

TO be Sold by *Edward Shippen*, choice Hard Soap, very Reasonable.

RUN away on the 25th of *September* past, from *Rice Prichard* of *Whiteland* in *Chester* County, a Servant Man named *John Gresswel*, of a middle Stature and ruddy Countenance, his Hair inclining to Red: He had on when he went away, a little white short Wig, an old Hat, Drugget Wastcoat, the Body lined with Linnen; coarse Linnen Breeches, grey woollen Stockings, and round toe'd Shoes.

Whoever shall secure the said Servant so that his Master may have him again, shall have *Three Pounds* Reward, and reasonable Charges paid by

Rice Prichard.

RUN away on the 10th of *September* past, from *William Dewees* of *Germantown* Township, in *Philadelphia* County, a Servant Man named *Melchizedeck Arnold*, of a middle Stature, and reddish curled Hair: He had on when he went away, a good Felt Hat, a dark Cinnamon-colour'd Coat, black Drugget Jacket, mouse-colour'd drugget Breeches, grey Stockings, and new Shoes.

Whoever secures the said Runaway, so that his Master may have him again, shall have *Twenty Shillings* Reward, and reasonable Charges paid, by me

William Dewees.

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