

## EARLY AMERICAN BROADSIDES.

1680-1800.

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SAMUEL F. HAVEN, LL.D., the late librarian of the American Antiquarian Society, in a report presented in April, 1872, called attention to Broad­sides and their value as material for history and said, "they imply a great deal more than they literally express and disclose visions of the interior condition of society such as cannot be found in formal narratives." Dr. Haven, in company with the late Charles Deane, LL.D., had, a few years previously, examined with great interest the large and valuable collection of Broad­sides in the library of the Society of Antiquaries of London and in the above mentioned report alludes to it with some particularity.

Mr. W. H. Overall, formerly librarian of the Corporation of London, presented a paper on Broad­sides, at a meeting of the Library Association of the United Kingdom, held in February, 1881, in which he speaks of the valuable collection of the Society of Antiquaries, and of the historical information derived from this class of literature. He also suggests that an index of all collections of this kind would be of great value to historical students.<sup>1</sup>

The Boston Public Library has a valuable collection of this class of historical literature, and has from time to time published fac-similes of the more important ones.<sup>2</sup>

With the report of Dr. Haven in mind, the writer has

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<sup>1</sup> A catalogue of the Printed Broad­sides in the possession of the Society of Antiquaries, compiled by Robert Lemon, was published in 1866.

<sup>2</sup> Boston Public Library Bulletins, October, 1892, and January and October, 1893.

looked over the collection of Broad­sides belonging to the American Antiquarian Society and, as supplementary to his "Early American Imprints" presented in October, 1895, has made a list of the American Broad­sides in the Society's library, printed from 1680 to 1800 inclusive, in the hope that it may be of some use to students who have occasion to consult our library.

This list, which includes about two hundred titles, has several of historical interest, notably those printed during the Revolutionary period, there being over sixty issued between 1772 and 1779, most of which were printed at Boston.

The earliest printed broadside found in the collection of the American Antiquarian Society, is dated London, 1660; it is a "Proclamation Against Vicious, Debauch'd and Prophane Persons," issued by authority of Charles II. at Whitehall, and printed by Christopher Baker and John Bell, Printers to the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

The earliest American Broadside that has yet come to light is a Proclamation for Fast issued by the General Court of Massachusetts in 1680-1. There is a large collection of this class of Broad­sides, there being nearly one hundred annual Fast and Thanksgiving Proclamations printed before 1800, besides several issued for special occasions, but as all these have been so fully described by our associate, Rev. W. DeLoss Love, Jr., in his "The Fast and Thanksgiving Days of New England," it was not deemed necessary to include them in the present list.

But few of the Broad­sides mentioned have been given in full, as brief abstracts or shortened titles, it was thought, would furnish the needed information. The collection has been mounted and arranged in chronological order, so that it can be readily consulted.

The Society's collection of Broad­sides printed since 1800 is very large and is being constantly added to; it includes, besides three volumes of ballads and songs published from

1812 to 1816 and preserved by the founder of our Society, a large number of musical and dramatic posters, the Fast and Thanksgiving Proclamations to date, as also many political broadsides of more or less interest.

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1680.

Fast Proclamation, April 21 1680<sup>o</sup> Cut of Colonial Arms at the top. 8 x 11 $\frac{3}{4}$  inches.

[This is the Earliest American broadside in the Collection of the American Antiquarian Society. It is fully described in "Early American Imprints, 1640-1700," presented at the meeting of the Society in October, 1895.

There are many other Fast Proclamations in the collection, also a number of Thanksgiving Proclamations, but, as already stated, these have been treated of by Rev. W. DeLoss Love, Jr., in his "The Fast and Thanksgiving Days of New England," and are not included in this list. It may be said in brief that from 1729 to 1800 there are forty-three Fast Proclamations and forty-four Thanksgiving Proclamations belonging to the Society.]

1690.

By The Governour & Council. Whereas some have lately presumed to Print and Disperse a Pamphlet Entituled, Publick Occurrences, both Foreign and Domestick: Boston, Thursday, Septemb. 25th, 1690. Without the least Privity or Countenance of Authority.

The Governour and Council having had the perusal of the said Pamphlet, and finding that therein is contained Reflections of a very high nature: As also sundry doubtful and uncertain Reports, do hereby manifest and declare their high Resentment and Disallowance of said Pamphlet, and order that the same be Suppressed and called in; strictly forbidding any person or persons for the future to Set forth any thing in Print without Licence first obtained from those that are or shall be appointed by the Government to grant the same.

By Order of the Governour & Council

Boston, September 29th. 1690.

ISAAC ADDINGTON, Secr.

6 x 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

["Publick Occurrences." The first and only number of this publication was dated Boston, Thursday, Sept. 25, 1690. "Printed by R.

Pierce for Benjamin Harris, at the London Coffee House, 1690." Samuel A. Green, LL D., gives a copy of it in the *Historical Magazine*, for August, 1857, and also a full account of the sheet with a fac-simile reproduction in the *Boston Daily Globe*, March 4, 1897.]

1701.

Wednesday January 1, 1701. A little before the Break-a-day at Boston of . . . Massachusetts.

"Once more! Our God, vouchsafe to Shine  
Tame Thou the Rigour of our Clime.  
Make haste with thy Impartial Light,  
And terminate this long dark Night.

Let the transplanted English Vine  
Spread further still: still call it Thine:  
Prune it with Skill: to yield it can

More Fruit to Thee the Husbandman."  $7\frac{1}{2} \times 12$ .

[Four more verses. No place or date of printing given. For the poem in full (which was written by Chief Justice Samuel Sewall), with remarks by Samuel A. Green, LL.D., see Proceedings Mass. Historical Society, 2d Series I. (1884), 13-14.]

1703.

[English Coat of Arms.]

Province of the Massachusetts Bay. By His Excellency, Joseph Dudley, Esq. Captain General and Governour in Chief, in and over Her Majesties Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay* and *New-Hampshire* in *New-England* in *America*, and Vice Admiral of the same. A Declaration Against the *Pennicooke* and *Eastern* Indians. [Declares], "the said Indians of Pennicooke and of the Eastern Parts of this Province, with their Confederates to be Rebels and Enemies against Our Sovereign Lady Queen Anne, Her Crown and Dignity, and to be out of Her Majesties Protection," &c., &c.

Boston: Printed by Bartholomew Green, and John Allen, Printers to His Excellency the Governour and Council. 1703.

 $11 \times 14\frac{1}{2}$ .

1704.

[English Coat of Arms.]

Province of the Massachuset-Bay in New-England. By his Excellency, The Governour, Council and Assembly of the

said Province. A Declaration, Against Prophaneness and Immoralities, &c., &c.

Given at Boston, the Twenty-fourth day of March, 1703. In the third year of Her Majesties Reign. By Order of His Excellency, Council & Assembly.

J. DUDLEY.

ISAAC ADDINGTON, Secr.

God Save the Queen.

Boston: Printed by Bartholomew Green, Printer to His Excellency the Governour and Council. 1704. 12 $\frac{3}{4}$  x 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

1714.

[English Coat of Arms.]

By His Excellency, Joseph Dudley Esq. Captain General and Governour in Chief, in and over Her Majesties Provinces of the *Massachusetts-Bay* and *New-Hampshire* in *New-England*.

#### A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas His Excellency *Francis Nicholson* Esq; Her Majesties Commissioner for Enquiring into the Publick Accompts, within Her Majesties respective Governments and Plantations in *North America*, Having passed through the Examination (so far as has appeared) of the Seven *Muster Rolls* of the *New-England* Troops, that were left at *Annapolis Royal*, in Her Majesties Service there, from the Tenth of *October* 1710: to Tenth of *October* 1711. under the Command of, Sir *Charles Hobbey*, Knight, Major *Gilbert Abbot*, Major *Paul Mascarene*, Capt. *Samuel Templer*, Capt. *John Robertson*, Capt. *David Pigeon* and Capt. *James Abercrombe*, &c. [Calls upon those concerned to offer their Complaints and Objections thereto, &c. Requires the Justices of the several Inferior Courts to receive all such complaints, &c.]

Boston: Printed by B. Green, Printer to His Excellency the Governour & Council. 1714. 12 x 14.

1717.

A Divine Discourse, representing the Soul of a Believer Speaking by *Faith*, according to the Doctrine of the *Scriptures*.

By Thomas Loe Late of Stoake, near Market-Drayton in Shropshire.

London: Printed for J Marshall; Price there 2 *d.* New  
London: Re-printed and Sold by T. Green;—Price here 3 *d.*  
1717. 12 x 15.

[This consists of numerous quotations from Scripture.]

1729.

[English Coat of Arms.]

By the Honourable William Dummer Esq; Lieut. Governour & Commander in Chief, in & over His Majesties Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay*, &c. A Proclamation for Proroguing the General Assembly, &c. By order of the Honourable the Lieut. Governour, with the Advice of the Council,  
W. DUMMER.

JOSIAH WILLARD, Secr.

God save the King.

Boston: Printed by B. Green, Printer to His Honour the Lieut Governour and Council. 1729. 8 x 12.

Postscript to the Boston Weekly News-Letter, Thursday, April 3d, 1729. The Speech of His Excellency William Burnet, Esq; Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief, in and over His Majesty's Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay* in New-England, &c. To the Great and General Court or Assembly of the said Province, met at Salem, Wednesday, April 2d, 1729.

Boston: Printed and Sold by B. Green, in Newbury-Street, 1729. 8½ x 12½.

1732.

Father Ab—y's Will. To which is now added A letter of Courtship to his virtuous and amiable Widow.

Cambridge, Dec. 1731.

Some time since died here, Mr. Matthew Ab—y, in a very advanced age. He had for a great Number of Years served the College in Quality of Bedmaker and Sweeper. [Then follows in comic verse the will.]

Newhaven, January 2, 1731.

Our Sweeper having lately buried his Spouse, and accidentally hearing of the death and will of his deceased Cambridge brother, has conceived a violent passion for the relict, &c., &c.

$7\frac{1}{2} \times 19.$

[The will is said to have been written by John Seccombe, afterwards a settled minister at Harvard, and the letter of courtship by Col. John Hubbard of New Haven. John Seccombe was the first minister of Harvard, Mass. He graduated at Cambridge in 1728, and died at Nova Scotia in 1793.]

Another Version of the Will is arranged in fourteen verses and the letter of Courtship in eleven.

$8\frac{1}{2} \times 12\frac{1}{4}.$

Also one printed in Salem.

$8\frac{3}{4} \times 14.$

Another Version of the same, entitled Old Timothy Jobson.

$5\frac{1}{2} \times 14\frac{1}{2}.$

[In MS. at the top of broadside. "The following was wrote by John Seccombe of Medford in the County of Middlesex Massachusetts Bay in New England on Father Abbey, Bedmaker with his wife & sweeper of Massachusetts Colledge, com'ly called New College, in the Autumn of the year 1731 all of whom S Curwen personally knew."]

1733.

The Declaration, Dying Warning and Advice of Rebekah Chamblit, A Young Woman Aged near Twenty-seven Years, Executed at Boston September 27th 1733, &c., &c., being found Guilty of Felony, in concealing the Birth of her spurious Male Infant &c., afterwards found Dead, &c.

Boston: Printed and Sold by S. Kneeland and T Green, in Queen-street. Black border.

$12 \times 15\frac{1}{4}.$

1737.

The Confession and Dying Warning of Hugh Henderson, Who was Executed at Worcester, in the County of Worcester, Nov. 26, 1737. [Also] "A Poem Occasioned by the untimely Death of Hugh Henderson, alias John Hamilton, who was Hanged at Worcester for House-Breaking, Nov. 24, 1737."

Boston: Printed and Sold at the Printing House in Queen Street over against the Prison.

$12\frac{3}{4} \times 16.$

[This was the first Execution in Worcester County, after its foundation in 1731. Brief notices announcing the event appeared in the *Boston Evening Post* of September 26, 1737, *Boston News Letter*, September 29, and a notice of the execution in the *New England Weekly Journal* for December 6 of same year. Henderson was first sentenced to be hung in October, but the Court Records show that the Execution did not take place till November 24. He was tried and sentenced as John Hamilton, but afterwards gave the name of John Henderson as being the true one.<sup>1</sup> A sermon was preached before the execution by Rev. John Campbell of Oxford.

In the Confession the date of Execution is given as Nov. 26th, while in the poem Nov. 24th is given, the first named is probably a typographical error, as Nov. 24 is, according to the *New England Weekly Journal* of Dec. 6, 1737, which published an account of the Execution dated Worcester, Nov. 26, 1737, the correct date.]

1740.

By His Excellency Jonathan Belcher, Esq; Captain General and Governour in Chief, in and over His Majesty's Province of the Massachusetts-Bay in New England.

#### A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas a Scheme for emitting Bills or Notes by John Colman, Esq; and others, was laid before the Great and General Court or Assembly of this His Majesty's Province, in their session held at Boston, the Fifth Day of December 1739, and by the Report of a Committee appointed by said Court was represented, if carried on, to have a great Tendency to endamage His Majesty's good Subjects as to their Properties;

And whereas Application has been very lately made to Me and His Majesty's Council, by a great Number of Men of the most considerable Estates and Business, praying that some proper Method may be taken to prevent the Inhabitants of this Province being imposed upon by the said Scheme; and it being very apparent that these Bills or Notes promise nothing of any determinate Value, and cannot have any general certain or established Credit; Wherefore,

I have thought fit, by and with the Advice of His Maj-

<sup>1</sup> Clark Jillson on "The Death Penalty,"



esty's Council, to issue this Proclamation, hereby giving Notice and Warning to all His Majesty's good Subjects of the Danger they are in, and cautioning them against receiving or passing the said Notes, as tending to defraud Men of their Substance, and to disturb the Peace and good Order of the People, and to give great Interruption, and bring much Confusion into their Trade and Business.

Given at the Council Chamber in Boston, the Seventeenth Day of July 1740. In the Fourteenth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Second by the Grace of GOD of Great Britain, France and Ireland, KING Defender of the Faith, &c.

J. BELCHER.

By Order of His Excellency the Governour, with the Advice of the Council,

J. WILLARD, Secr.

God save the King.

7 $\frac{3}{4}$  x 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ .

[This is followed by an address signed by about 130 merchants of Boston and vicinity, warning the public against the Land Bank scheme and advising them not to take or use the bills issued under that scheme, and agreeing themselves to refuse all such bills. Among the signers are John Osborne, Edward Hutchinson, James Bowdoin, Peter Faneuil, Andrew Oliver, Samuel Sewall, Thomas Hancock, Cornelius Waldo, Thomas Hutchinson, and Edmund Quincy. Closing with, "It is hoped, That Masters and Mistresses of Family's will caution their Servants from taking in exchange or otherwise, any of said Bills if offered them, as such a thing may serve to give 'em an entrance into Credit, which would prove of dangerous consequence."]

1745.

[English Coat of Arms.]

Province of the Massachusetts-Bay, ss. William Foye, Esq.; Treasurer & Receiver-General of His Majesty's said Province, To Mr. *Jacob Child* Constable or Collector of the Town of *Woodstock* Greeting, &c., &c. An order to collect taxes. Signed in MS. Wm. Foye. Boston, the Sixth Day of November, 1745.

12 x 15.

[The names of the constable and the town are in manuscript.]

1750.

Advertisement. Whereas the Plymouth Proprietors (so called) have impowered *John North*, Lieut. of Pemaquid Fort, and *Samuel Goodwin* of *Charlestown*, to survey large

Tracts of Lands at the Eastern Parts of this Province, &c. [And claiming that the Plymouth Title is the only true Title to be depended upon, &c. [Signed] Boston, March 7. 1750. By Order of the Proprietors, James Halsey, Clerk. Also an "Extract from the Plymouth Patent" in regard to the land "which lieth within or between and extendeth itself from the utmost Limits of *Cobbetsecontee* alias *Comasecontee*, which adjoineth to the River of Kenebeck" &c., &c.] 8 x 13.

1751.

Advertisement. "Whereas by some late Advertisements, it *may be understood* that *Lieutenant* John North, and Mr. Samuel Goodwin, *in their late Survey, have exceeded the Limits of the Patent granted by the Council established at Plymouth, in the County of Devon, for the planting, ruling, ordering and governing of New-England in America, to the late Colony of Plymouth, and by them to Antipas Boyes, and others,*" &c., &c. By Order of the Proprietors. Boston, May 1. 1751.

[Signed]

*William Brattle,*  
*Robert Temple,*  
*William Bowdoine,*  
*David Jeffries,*  
*Thomas Marshall,*

Committee.

8 $\frac{3}{4}$  x 12.

[This is in regard to the lands on "each side of the Kennebeck, and the said River to the Western Ocean," &c., &c.]

1754.

Advertisement. In regard to grant of land on Kennebeck River, at Frankfort near Richmond, at which place, a Saw Mill and Grist Mill have been erected and about 40 families settled, &c. [Signed] Robert Temple, Sylvester Gardiner, Benjamin Hollowell, William Bowdoin, James Bowdoin. Boston, Jan. 2. 1754. 8 $\frac{3}{4}$  x 12.

[A grant of one hundred acres of land was offered to every family who should settle there.]

1755.

The Lawer's [*sic.*] Pedigree. Tune, Our Polly, &c. Boston :  
Printed and Sold below the Mill-Bridge. 1755. 8 x 12.

[This is doggerel rhyme, and only of interest from the statement in manuscript on the back: "Printed from the Types which Isaiah Thomas first set for the Press, which was in the spring of 1755, being then but six years of age."]

[English Coat of Arms.]

By His Honour Spencer Phips, Esq; Lieutenant-Governour and  
Commander in Chief, in and over His Majesty's Province of  
the *Massachusetts-Bay* in *New-England*.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas the Tribe of *Penobscot* Indians have repeatedly in a  
perfidious Manner acted contrary to their solemn Submission  
unto His Majesty long since made and frequently renewed ;  
&c.

Nov. 3, 1755. By His Honour's Command,

J. WILLARD, Secr.

Boston: Printed by John Draper, Printer to His Honour the  
Lieutenant-Governour and Council. 1755. 12½ x 15.

[Offers premium or bounty for "the capture of every Male Penobscot  
Indian above the age of Twelve and brought to Boston, Fifty Pounds.  
For every scalp of a Male Penobscot Indian above the age aforesaid,  
brought in as Evidence of their being killed as aforesaid, Forty Pounds.  
For every Female Penobscot Indian taken and brought in as aforesaid,  
and for every Male Indian Prisoner under the Age of Twelve years, taken  
and brought in as aforesaid, Twenty-five Pounds. For every Scalp of  
such Female or Male Indian under the Age of Twelve Years, that shall  
be killed and brought in as aforesaid, Twenty Pounds."]

1756.

Boston, May 13, 1756. To be seen (for a short Time) at the  
House of Mr. William Fletcher, Merchant, New-Boston ;  
That Elaborate and Matchless Pile of Art, Called, The  
Microcosm, or the World in Miniature. Built in the Form  
of a Roman Temple, after Twenty-two Years Close Study  
and application, by the late ingenious Mr. Henry Bridges of  
London, &c., &c.

It will be shown every Day, exactly at Eleven o'clock in  
the Morning, and again at Three and Five in the Afternoon,

at Four Shillings and Sixpence each, and Children under Twelve Years of age at Three Shillings (Lawful Money) though Prices quite inferior to the Expenses and Merits of this Machine.

N. B. Any Person subscribing Thirteen Shillings, and sixpence, will be entitled to see the *Micocosm* at the above Hours, during its Stay in Boston. Tickets to be had of Edes & Gill in Queen-Street and at the above Mr. Fletcher.  
6 $\frac{3}{4}$  x 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

[English Coat of Arms.]

By the Honourable Spencer Phips, Esq; Lieutenant-Governour and Commander in Chief, &c., &c. A Proclamation. [In regard to prohibiting] the Exportation of Provisions and Warlike Stores out of this Province, &c.

[Signed] S. PHIPS.

God Save the King.

Boston: Printed by John Draper, Printer to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governour and Council. 1756. 12 x 15.

1757.

[English Coat of Arms.]

By the Honourable His Majesty's Council. For the Province of Massachusetts-Bay in New-England.

A PROCLAMATION.

Boston, April 18, 1757. [Signed] Wm. Pepperell, Joseph Pynchon, John Otis, Thomas Hutchinson, Stephen Sewall, Isaac Royall, John Erving, Rich<sup>d</sup> Cutt, Wm. Brattle, J. Osborne, Jacob Wendell, Jno. Cushing, Daul. Russell, Saml. Watts, John Hill, John Chandler, A. Oliver.

Boston: Printed by John Draper, Printer to the Honourable His Majesty's Council. 1757. 12 x 15.

[Strictly forbidding "all Masters or Owners of any Ships or Vessels within the Province to suffer any such Ships or Vessels, without special permission from His Majesty's Council or the Major part of them, to depart out of the same, or to proceed to any of the Fishing-Banks until the Tenth of May next; unless this Prohibition or Embargo shall before the said Tenth day of May next, be declared void and of no further effect," &c., &c.]

1759.

The Strange and Wonderful Predictions of Mr. Christopher Love, Minister of the Gospel at Lawrence-Jury, London; who was beheaded on Tower Hill in the Time of *Olicer Cromwell's* Government of *England*: Giving an Account of *Babylon's* Fall, &c., &c. Printed and Sold by Fowle and Draper, at their Printing-Office in Marlborough street. 1759. 12 x 15.

Illustrissimo ac sublimi Virtute, optimaque Eruditione, ornatissimo Viro. Thomæ Pownall, Armigero, Provincie Massachusettensis Gubernatori, Marisque Contermini Vice-Admirallo insignissimo; &c. Provincie Massachusettensis consultissimis: Reverendo pariter atquè honorando D. Edvardo Holyoke, Collegij-Harvardini Præsidi, &c. Theses hasce, quas (Divino annuente Numine) in Collegio-Harvardino defendere, pro Virili propugnare, conabuntur Jvenes in Artibus initiati. &c. . . . Habita in Comitibus Academicis, Cantabrigiæ, *Nov-Anglorum*, Decimo-quinto Calendarum Sextilis, Anno M,DCCLIX. [Boston.] 15 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 20.

1760.

George the II. Reigns.—[Portrait] King George II.—Pitt is Secretary of State. Amherst goes on conquering. Wolfe conquer'd Quebeck, and died uttering these words, "Now I am satisfy'd!" Successful Expeditions in America. 1759. A new Song on the Successes of the Year past, against the French, more particularly in America. An Earnest Address to the Inhabitants of the Massachusetts on the Death of General Wolfe. Also a Song "Canada for Ever," and another on the "Reductions of Ticonderoga, Niagara, Crown Point," &c. Printed at Portsmouth New-Hampshire. 17 x 22.

[No date, but probably printed about 1760 by Daniel Fowle, who began printing in Portsmouth in 1756.]

1761.

[English Coat of Arms.]

By His Excellency Francis Bernard, Esq; Captain-General and

Governor in Chief, in and over His Majesty's Province of the Massachusetts-Bay in New-England, and Vice Admiral of the same.

A PROCLAMATION

For raising 3000 men to be under the command of Gen. Amherst, &c. Boston, April 21, 1761.

Boston: Printed by John Draper, Printer to His Excellency the Governor and the Honorable His Majesty's Council, 1761.

13 x 16.

Province of Massachusetts-Bay. By His Excellency the Captain General. It is Ordered That every Captain of the Forces now to be raised, shall make Return of the Men inlisted by him and his Subalterns, within three Weeks from his receiving Beating Orders, &c., &c. Boston, April 21, 1761.

[Signed in MS.] FRA BERNARD.

7½ x 12½.

[Refers to bounties to be paid to troops, this particular broadside being directed to Col. John Tyng, authorizing him to pay a "Bounty of £5, 5s. & 4d. to each Man who shall inlist into the Provincial Regiments," &c., &c.]

1762.

Province of Massachusetts-Bay. An Act For rendering more effectual the Laws already made relating to Shingles, and for regulating the Assize of Staves, Hoops, and Clapboards. Passed June 1762.

6¾ x 14¼.

1763.

Advertisement. The Proprietors of the Kennebeck Purchase from the late Colony of New-Plymouth, &c. In regard to Townships and land on Kennebeck River, &c. [Signed] James Bowdoin, Sylvester Gardiner, James Pitts, Benjamin Hallowell, Esquires at Boston, and William Bowdoin, Esqr; at Needham The Committee of Proprietors. Boston, May 18. 1763.

[Signed] By Order of the Committee,

DAVID JEFFRIES, Proprietors Clerk.

8½ x 13.

1765.

"To the Publick." A Dramatic Notice. Charlestown, Nov. 4, 1765 [Signed] I have the honour to be the Publick's Most obedient, Most devoted, and Most humble servant.

D. DOUGLASS.

10½ x 15½.

[This is a notice by David Douglass of his intention to bring a theatrical company from the Barbados, to unite with his Company from London. He speaks of his "motives for planning an Entertainment this Winter, which I flatter myself, would not have been *altogether unworthy* the attention of so respectable and judicious an audience as the ladies and gentlemen of Carolina compose." He proposes to employ "artificers to refit the Theatre, and make such commodious and elegant alterations, as the construction of it would admit" &c. He regrets, that word has been received from Barbados that the Company cannot leave "that island before the end of March," &c. Some ladies and gentlemen insisting however that he should open the theatre with the Company brought from London, he gives notice that he will do so, regretting that he cannot give as "sumptuous a bill of fare" as he would like to do, but was "obliged to submit, as there is nothing a Carolina audience can ask, that I dare refuse." He announces that he shall "proceed with the utmost despatch to refit the Theatre" which he hopes "will be in proper order to receive an audience on Monday the 11th instant; when by *permission* of his honour the Lieutenant Governour, he proposes to open it, with a *Play* and *Farce*, which will be expressed in the bills of the day."

David Douglass, who maintained a dramatic company in America for fifteen or more years, married the widow of Lewis Hallam, who, at Williamsburg, Va., in September, 1752, was the manager of the first regular company of players that appeared in this country.

Dunlap in his "History of the American Theatre" says the first theatre in Charleston was built in 1773, and Seilhamer in his "History of the American Theatre before the Revolution" makes the same statement. From this broadside it would appear there must have been a building there known as the Theatre some eight years earlier.

Neither Dunlap or Seilhamer allude to Douglass as being at Charleston as early as 1765, although the latter gives a detailed notice of him and his appearance at various places from 1758 to 1775. Seilhamer says a theatre was built at Charleston for Douglass's "American Company" in 1773.]

[English Coat of Arms.]

Province of Massachusetts-Bay. The Honourable Harrison

Gray, Esq; Treasurer and Receiver-General for His Majesty's said Province.

To *Eleazer Davis* Constable and Collector of *Holden* [an order to collect taxes]. Boston, 28 October, 1765

[Signed in MS.] H GRAY.

12 x 15.

[The names of the constable and the town are in manuscript.]

1767.

[English Coat of Arms.]

By His Excellency Francis Bernard, Esq; Captain General, &c.

A BRIEF.

[Recommending] "all persons living within the Counties of Worcester, Hampshire and Berkshire to exercise their Christian Benevolence by contributing in Proportion to their Means with which God has blessed them to the relief" of certain suffering inhabitants of a place called Nobletown, lying to the Westward of the line supposed to be the boundary line between this Province and the Province of New York, who by "Reason of certain Disputes concerning the Right to the Lands occupied by the said Inhabitants, the Tenements, Goods and Chattles, &c. have been so destroyed that they have scarcely any of the necessaries of life," &c., &c. Desires the Ministers of the several Churches to read the Brief to their Congregations, &c.

Boston, 18 March 1767

Boston: Printed by Richard Draper, Printer to His Excellency the Governour, and Council, 1767.

13 x 16.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and others Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, legally assembled at Faneuil-Hall, on Wednesday the 28th of October, 1767. Called to consider the petition of a number of Inhabitants "That some effectual Measures might be agreed upon to promote Industry, Oeconomy, and Manufactures; thereby to prevent the unnecessary Importation of European Commodities, which threaten the Country with Poverty and Ruin:" &c., &c.

[Signed] WILLIAM COOPER, Town-Clerk.

8 x 13.



Whereas this Province labours under a heavy Debt, incurred in the Course of the late War; and the Inhabitants by this Means must be for some Time subject to very burthensome Taxes:—And as our Trade has for some Years been on the decline, and is now particularly under great Embarrassments, &c., &c. We the Subscribers . . . . Do promise and engage, to and with each other, that we will encourage the Use and Consumption of all Articles manufactured in any of the British American Colonies, and more especially in this Province; . . . . that we will not, from and after the 31st of December next ensuing, purchase any of the following Articles, imported from Abroad. [Then follows a list of articles, including Loaf Sugar, Anchors, Coaches, Horse Furniture, Gold and Silver, Thread Lace, Diamond and Stone and Paste Ware, Silks of all Kinds for Garments, and many others. Also agree to “adhere”] to the late Regulations respecting Funerals, and will not use any Gloves but what are Manufactured here, nor procure any new Garments upon such occasions, &c., &c. Boston, October 28, 1767. 8 x 10.

1768.

[English Coat of Arms.]

To the Readers of the South Carolina & American General Gazette. January 1, 1768. [Signed] NATHAN B. CHILD.

7 x 12½.

[Newsboy's poetical New Year's Address.]

Resolves passed by the Hon. House of Representatives in regard to the suppression of Extravagance, Idleness and Vice and promoting Industry, Economy, and good morals also to discountenance the use of foreign superfluities, &c.

Feby 20 1768.

6½ x 14½

[The yeas and nays are given on this vote. Among the yea votes are the names of Hon. Thomas Cushing, Hon. James Otis, Jun. Esq., Mr. Samuel Adams, & John Hancock. That of Hon. Timothy Ruggles is given as the only nay.]

[English Coat of Arms.]

By His Excellency Francis Bernard, Esq; Captain General, &c.  
A BRIEF.

Boston: Printed by Richard Draper, Printer to His Excellency the Governor, &c., &c. 1768. 13½ x 16½.

[Relates to a fire in Montreal, by which eighty-eight Houses were burnt down and above one hundred families turned into the streets, &c., &c. Calls for Contributions to relieve the distress and asks the Ministers to read the Brief to their Congregations.]

Postscript to the Boston News-Letter, August 25, 1768.

An Account of the Celebration of the Anniversary of the Fourteenth of August by the Sons of Liberty of Boston.

$7\frac{3}{4} \times 13\frac{1}{4}$ .

The following was unanimously agreed upon as the Result of the Conference and Consultation of the Committees chosen by a Number of Towns and Districts, viz. Ninety-six Towns and Eight Districts conven'd at Boston the Twenty-Second Day of September, 1768.

Boston: Printed and Sold by Edes & Gill, in Queen-Street, 1768.

$9\frac{3}{4} \times 15$ .

[Relates to a petition to Gov. Bernard, which he had declined to receive, asking him to convene a General Assembly of the Representative Body of the People. They object to a standing army which they look upon as dangerous to their civil liberty, &c.]

Copy of the Commission of Jared Ingersoll, Esq; Judge of the High Court of Admiralty at Philadelphia. Also, a Letter directed to said Judge. Worthy the Perusal of every American. [Signed] Russell. Taken from the Pennsylvania Journal.

18 x 23.

A Letter from a Gentleman at a Distance to his Friend at Court. April 26, 1768.

[Signed] A DISSENTER.

pp. 2. 8 x 14.

[This refers to the right of the British Parliament to lay Taxes on the Colonies and to raise a revenue, &c., &c., and is in answer to a letter signed A Farmer.]

Quæstiones Pro Modulo Discutiendæ Sub Reverendo D. Edvardo Holyoke, Collegij-Harvardini, Quod est Divinâ Providentiâ Cantabrigiæ, Nov-Anglorum, Præsidi, In Comitibus publicis à Laureæ Magistralis Candidatis, Decimo tertio Calendas Sextilis, Ano MDCCLXVIII. His Succedit *Oratio Valedictoria.*

Typis Richardi Draper. In Papyrum *Miltoni* in Nov-Angliâ confectam.

$13\frac{3}{4} \times 16\frac{1}{2}$ .

[Four rough wood-cuts of horses.]

Advertisement. [Dated] South-Carolina October 1768. Seventy Dollars Reward. Strayed or stolen from my Plantation on Ashley-River, the 7th Day of October instant, Three Mares with Foal, &c.

[Signed] JOHN IZARD.

$7\frac{1}{2} \times 12$ .

Proposal for Carrying on a Manufacture in Town of Boston, for Supplying the Poor of said Town, &c., &c. March 1, 1768

[Signed] JOHN BARRETT and four others.

Approved and recommended by the Selectmen of Boston Joseph Jackson, Samuel Sewall, John Ruddock, John Hancock, William Phillips, Timothy Newell, & John Rowe.

$7\frac{1}{2} \times 12\frac{1}{2}$ .

[This is a proposition to revive the manufacture of Duck or Sall Cloth, and that the Government grant the use of the Manufactory-House in Boston for that purpose. Not strictly a broadside, part of the matter being carried over to the other side of paper.]

The Confession and Declaration of George Burns, Now a Prisoner in Charles-Town Gaol, Convicted of the Robbery of Mr. John Scott, which he voluntarily makes concerning the said Robbery, &c.

Printed by John Hugar Van Huerin, at his Printing-Office in King Street. [Charles-Town.] pp. 2.  $8 \times 12$ .

The Life, and dying *Speech* of *Arthur*, a Negro Man; who was executed at Worcester, October 20th 1768. Heavy black border. [Dated.] Worcester Gaol, Oct. 18, 1768.

Boston: Printed and Sold in Milk Street, 1768.  $13 \times 16\frac{1}{2}$ .

[Rev. Thaddeus Maccarty preached a sermon on the execution, entitled "The power and grace of Christ displayed to a dying malefactor."]

1769.

[English Coat of Arms.]

South-Carolina. By his Excellency the Right Honorable Lord Charles-Greville Montagu, Captain-General and Governour in Chief in and over his Majesty's said Province, Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. A Proclamation: Proroguing the General Assembly June 16, 1769.

Charlestown. Printed by Robert Wells.

$7\frac{1}{2} \times 12\frac{1}{2}$ .

Articles of Agreement relative to the Whale-Fishery. Boston  
Feby 10 1769.  $8\frac{1}{2} \times 12\frac{1}{2}$ .

[Stores agreed upon as necessary for a whaling voyage.]

1770.

[English Coat of Arms.]

By the Honorable Thomas Hutchinson, Esq; Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief in and over His Majesty's Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay* in *New-England*.

A BRIEF.

Asking for contributions to aid widows and orphans of the town of Marblehead, who have been made destitute by reason of the loss at sea since January 1768 of Twenty four sail of fishing & merchant vessels in which 127 men and boys perished.

Given at Cambridge, the 12th day of June, 1770, In the Tenth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third, &c.

T. HUTCHINSON

By His Honor's Command,

A. OLIVER, Secr'y.

Boston: Printed by Richard Draper, Printer to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and the Honorable His Majesty's Council, 1770.  $13\frac{3}{4} \times 17$ .

[The ministers of the several societies for Religious Worship are asked to read the Brief to their Congregations.]

A Funeral Elegy On the Revd. and Renowned George Whitefield, Chaplain to the Right Honorable the Countess of Huntingdon, &c. Who departed this Life at Newbury-Port, on Sabbath Morning the 30th Day of September, 1770. Æt. 56.

Boston: Printed and Sold at the Printing-Office in Milk Street MDCCLXX.  $10\frac{3}{4} \times 15\frac{1}{4}$ .

[Coffin with Skull and Bones.]

A Funeral Hymn, Composed by that eminent Servant of the Most High God, the late Reverend and Renowned George Whitefield, Chaplain to the Right Hon. the Countess of Hunt-

ingdon, &c., &c. Who departed this Life in full Assurance of a Better, on Lord's Day, the Thirtieth of September, 1770, at 6 o'clock in the Morning, of a sudden Fit of the Asthma, at Newbury-Port.—This Hymn was designed to have been Sung over his Corpse, by the Orphans belonging to his Tabernacle in London, had this truly great, pious, and learned Man died there. [Twelve verses, with black border.]

12½ x 15.

Phillis's Poem on the Death of Mr. Whitefield. At top is a quaint cut of a preacher in the pulpit, &c. On same sheet "Bedlam Garland" ten verses, and the "Spinning Wheel" six verses.

13¾ x 16¾.

[No date or place of printing.]

° 1771.

[Small Cut of St. George and the Dragon.]

Old England's Triumph: Sung at the Second Anniversary Meeting of the Sons of St. George, In New-York, April 23d, 1771. (Tune, Hail England, Old England, &c.) [Ten verses with Chorus, "Huzza, happy Britons, whom *Neptune* secures; For a Monckton, Gage, Draper, and Amherst, are yours." The words of the chorus change for each verse.]

10¾ x 16.

[In MS. on the back, "Sung at the Commerce Chamber in New York, April 23 1771 by a number of the principle people of the town, William Lewis, Below Tavern."]

1772.

Almanac for the Year of our Lord 1772.

17½ x 19½.

[A sheet Almanac, with the Calendar, as printed in "The Massachusetts Calendar for the Year 1772." Printed at Boston by Isaiah Thomas. Imperfect.]

Just Published, and to be Sold By John Dunlap, at the Newest Printing-Office, in Market-Street, Philadelphia, Father Abraham's Almanack, For the Year 1772.

10¾ x 17½.

[This is a large broadside with ornamental border; it gives the table of contents, and announces that "Said Dunlap performs Printing in its various branches, in a neat and correct manner, with care and expedition. Of whom may be had, a variety of Books & Stationary."]

The Carrier of the Massachusetts Spy, Wishes all his Kind Customers A Merry Christmas, and A Happy New Year.

Boston, January 1, 1772.

5 x 12½.

[A rhyming address in four verses to the patrons of the paper.]

A Monumental Inscription on the Fifth of March. Together with a few Lines On the Enlargement of Ebenezer Richardson, Convicted of Murder.

7½ x 11½.

[Cut of the Massacre, after Revere's engraving. No date, but supposed to have been printed in March, 1772.]

Boston, November 20, 1772. An Address of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Boston to the Selectmen of the various towns.

[Signed] WILLIAM COOPER, Town Clerk.

14¼ x 15.

[In relation to "affixing Stipends, or Salaries from the Crown to the Offices of the Judges of the Superior Court of Judicature, making them not only intirely independent of the People, whose Lives and Fortunes are so much in their Power, but absolutely dependent on the Crown both for their appointment and support." This was addressed to the Selectmen of Concord.]

An Address to the True-born Sons of Liberty in the Government of the Massachusetts-Bay. No date.

[Signed] A COUNTRYMAN.

9½ x 14¼.

[The names of thirty-two gentlemen are given as representatives of various towns, among them being Joseph Williams, Roxbury, Andrew Oliver, Salem, Joseph Lee, Cambridge, Abel Lawrence, Groton, Timothy Dwight, Northampton, Timothy Ruggles, Hardwick, &c. The date is given in MS. on the back as "about 1772."]

Just Published, Embellished with four Plates, neatly engraved, viz. The Boston Massacre, The four Seasons, with the Twelve Signs of the Zodiack.—The King of Denmark.—Jonathan Weatherwise.—Price 22s. 6d. Old Tenor the Dozen, and seven Coppers single. Printed on much larger Paper than Almanacks commonly are, &c. The Massachusetts Calender, or an Almanack for the Year of our Lord 1772. Boston, Printed and sold by Isaiah Thomas, in Union street, near the Market.

9½ x 15.

Rules and Orders to be observed by the Union Society, Founded, in Boston, the Twenty-fifth of November, MDCCLXXII. Whereas it has pleased Almighty God, to visit this Town with Fire; and considering ourselves at all Times subject to the like Calamity, We the Subscribers, for the more speedy and effectual Assistance of each other, in securing our Substance at such a Time, do promise and engage a due Observation of the following Articles, viz. 15 x 18½.

[Then follow nineteen articles, with the names of Edward Rumney, Middle Street. John Coolidge, Stillhouse Square, Edward Dean, South End above the Hay Market, James Lanman, North Latin School Lane, and others, with their "places of abode and their stores, shops," &c.]

1773.

The Boston Almanack For the Year of Our Lord God, 1773.

Boston: Printed and Sold by Isaiah Thomas. The Heaven's a Book, the Stars are Letters fair, God is the Writer, Men the Readers are. 17½ x 19½.

[This is a large broadside with the calendar for the year, the Eclipses, &c., List of the Princes of Europe and various other information.]

Boston, March 30th, 1773. By Direction of the Committee of Correspondence for the Town of Boston, I now transmit to you an attested Copy of the Proceedings of said Town on the 8<sup>th</sup> Instant, and am with due Respect,

Your most humble Servant,

WILLIAM COOPER, Clerk of the Committee.

At a legal meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Boston, at Faneuil Hall, on Monday the 8th of March, 1773, and continued by adjournment to the 23d instant, Mr. Samuel Adams acquainted the Moderator, that he was directed by a Committee (of which he was Chairman) to make a report, &c. . . . "The Committee appointed to Consider what is proper to be done, to vindicate the town from the gross Misrepresentation and groundless Charges in his Excellency's Message to both houses" of the General Assembly, &c. [Report] That having carefully looked over the several speeches of the Governor of the province . . . find that his Excellency has plainly *insinu-*

ated; &c. [Then follows a four-column report closing with the acceptance by the Meeting, "Nemine Contradicente," and an order that it "be recorded in the town's book, as the sense of the inhabitants," &c.]

Printed by Isaiah Thomas, by Order of the Town of Boston.

13 $\frac{1}{4}$  x 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

[A fac-simile was printed in the Bulletin of the Boston Public Library, July, 1893.]

Boston, April 9, 1773. "The Committee of Correspondence of this Town have received the following Intelligence, &c., &c., Congratulations, "Upon the Acquisition of such respectable Aid as the ancient and patriotic Province of Virginia, the Earliest Resolvers against the detestable Stamp-Act, &c., &c. [Signed] WILLIAM COOPER, Town Clerk.

To the Town Clerk of *Worcester* to be immediately delivered to the Committee of Correspondence, &c., &c.

9 x 13 $\frac{1}{4}$ .

[A fac-simile of this broadside is given in the Bulletin of the Boston Public Library, July, 1893.]

An Address of the Committee of Correspondence of the Town of Boston. Boston, September 21, 1773.

7 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

[Sent to the Committee of Correspondence in the several towns and relates to "the signs of the times" &c., desires to excite in the people "that Watchfulness which will alone be a Guard against a false Security," &c., &c. This one was directed to the town of Colrain.]

The last Words and Dying Speech of Levi Ames, who was Executed at Boston, on Thursday the 21st Day of October, 1773, for Burglary. Taken from his own Mouth and Published at his desire as a Solemn Warning to all, &c. [Black border.]

Boston: Printed and Sold at the Shop opposite the Court-House in Queen-Street.

12 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 19.

[Levi Ames was tried and condemned for breaking into a house in Dock Square. "He was every Sabbath carried through the streets with chains about his ankles and handcuffed, in custody of the sheriff's officers and constables, to some public meeting, attended by an innumerable company of boys, women and men."—The Memorial History of Boston.]



Boston. December 1, 1773. Votes passed at a Meeting of the People of Boston, and the Neighbouring Towns at Faneuil Hall, in said Boston, Monday November 29 1773. Printed by Edes & Gill. 13½ x 17.

[This is in relation to "the most proper and effectual method to prevent the unloading, receiving or vending the detestable Tea sent out by the East India Co. part of which has just arrived in the Harbour." Various votes of the town in regard to it are given.

A fac-simile will be found in the Bulletin of the Boston Public Library, October, 1892.]

"Nos Conserva, Deus; Nam Tibi Confidimus.

"These Presents Witness That we who have hereunto subscribed, do promise as Neighbours and Friends to each other, That in Case it should please Almighty GOD, to permit the breaking out of FIRE, in Boston, (where we live) that then we will help each other, as Need shall require, and them first that are most in Danger: And for a more effectual Prosecution of so good a Design, we agree to the following ARTICLES, viz." 11½ x 12.

[Then follow eleven articles, under which are the words, "N. B. This Society was founded 1717 and the Articles corrected and revised March 4th 1773." A similar society founded at Worcester, Mass., in 1793, still retains its organization.]

An Address of Freeholders of the First Precinct in Roxbury in relation to being set off to the third Precinct, &c. Gives reason therefor, &c. 15½ x 19½.

[Four columns with copy of a petition sent to the General Court in 1743.]

Whereas the Great and General Court were pleased at their last Session to appoint a Committee, to whom they refer'd the Petition of several who had petitioned to be set off from the first to the third Precinct in Roxbury, &c. 15½ x 19½.

[Then follows the petition in three columns, also names, and amount of taxes of several persons affected by the change, &c.]

1774.

The Boston Sheet Almanack, For the Year of Our Lord God, 1774.

Boston: Printed and Sold by I. Thomas, near the Market; and by Mills and Hicks, in School Street. [Price, Six-Pence.] 18 x 23.

[At the top is a large cut of a war canoe of New Zealand and two heads of savages.—Then follows the Calendar, Eclipses, holidays at the Custom Houses in America and Vacations at Harvard College.]

[Report of] The Committee appointed by the Town of Boston to receive Donations for the Charitable purpose of relieving and employing the Poor, suffering by means of the Act of Parliament, commonly called the Boston Port Bill, &c., &c.  
Boston, Sept. 22, 1774. 9½ x 15.

[The Committee consisted of twenty-six persons, among whom were Samuel Adams, Thomas Boylston, Dr. Joseph Warren, John Adams, Josiah Quincy, Thomas Cushing, Benjamin Austin.

At a meeting held at Faneuil Hall, Oct. 25, 1774, ten more were added to the committee: Daniel Waldo, Samuel May, William Boardman, and others.]

Agreement to be signed by citizens of various towns, in which they promise to suspend all commercial intercourse with Great Britain, until the act blockading the harbor of Boston shall be repealed, &c., &c.

Also that if any refuse to sign it, "we will consider them in the same light as contumacious importers, and withdraw all commercial connexions with them forever, and publish their names to the world." June, 1774 7½ x 12½.

A Letter issued by the Committee of Correspondence for Boston, in relation to an agreement not to purchase any goods which shall be imported from Great Britain; it says that it is expected to keep to the spirit of the covenant, and that dealings shall be suspended with persons who "persist in counteracting the salutary design by continuing to import or purchase British articles," &c.

Boston, June 10, 1774.

[Signed] WILLIAM COOPER, Clerk.

7½ x 9.

Worcester June 13th, 1774. A letter called forth by the above mentioned letter of the Committee of Correspondence of Boston. 7½ x 10.

[This is signed by Wm. Young, Chairman of the Worcester Committee of Correspondence, and recommends that as the Covenant referred to is not inconsistent with the spirit or intention of the form sent out by them it is presented for their consideration, &c.

A fac-simile of this and the preceding broadside on one sheet was published in the Bulletin of the Boston Public Library; July, 1893.]

At a meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Boston, assembled at Faneuil-hall, 26th July, 1774. Voted, That a letter be sent to the several towns and districts in the province signed by the Town-Clerk, and transmitted by the Committee of Correspondence. Attest.

[In MS.] WILLIAM COOPER, Town Clerk.

[The letter begins] Our public Calamities have for a series of years been increasing both in number and weight. We have endeavoured under all our public Misfortunes to Conduct as good Citizens in a *Common Cause*, &c. . . .

Two Acts of Parliament, altering the course of Justice, and annihilating our once free Constitution of Government, are every day expected. . . . .

You, Gentlemen, our friends, countrymen and benefactors, may possibly look towards us in this great crisis. We trust that we shall not be left of Heaven to do anything derogatory to the common liberties, unworthy the fame of ancestors, or inconsistent with our former professions and conduct. [Closing with the words.] To you Gentlemen, our brethren and dear companions in the Cause of God and our Country, we apply; from you we have received that countenance and aid, which has strengthened our hands, and that bounty which hath occasioned smiles on the face of distress. To you, therefore, we look for that Wisdom, Advice and Example, which, giving strength to our understanding, and vigor to our actions, shall, with the blessing of God, save us from destruction.

[Signed] Friends and Brethren,

The Inhabitants of Boston.

By Order of the Town,

WILLIAM COOPER, Town Clerk.

8½ x 15.

By the Governor. A Proclamation Whereas a Number of Persons unlawfully assembled at Cambridge, in the Month of October last, calling themselves a *Provincial Congress*, did in the most open and daring Terms, assume to themselves the Powers and Authority of Government, independent of, and repugnant to his Majesty's Government, legally and

constitutionally established within this Province, and tending utterly to subvert the same; &c., &c.

This proclamation is issued, “ Earnestly exhorting, and in His Majesty’s Name strictly prohibiting all His liege Subjects within this Province, from complying in any Degree with the said Requisitions, Recommendations, Directions or Resolves of the aforesaid unlawful Assembly ” &c., &c.

Given at Boston, this Tenth Day of November, in the Fifteenth Year of the Reign of His Majesty Georeg [*sic.*] the Third, by the Grace of *God*, of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. Annoque Domini, 1774. THO’S. GAGE.

By His Excellency’s Command,

THO’S FLUCKER, Secr’y.

God Save the King.

Boston: Printed by M. Draper, Printer to His Excellency the Governor, and the Honorable His Majesty’s Council.

10 x 14.

In Provincial Congress, Cambridge, December 6, 1774. Resolved, That the following Address be presented to the several Ministers of the Gospel in this Province.

Reverend Sir. When we contemplate the Friendship and Assistance, our Ancestors the first settlers of this Province (while overwhelmed with Distress) received from the pious Pastors of the Churches of Christ, who, to enjoy the Rights of Conscience, fled with them to this Land, then a savage Wilderness, we find ourselves fill’d with the most grateful Sensations.—&c., &c.

[Recommends to the Ministers of the Gospel,] in the several Towns and other Places in this Colony, that they assist us, in avoiding that dreadful Slavery with which we are now threatened, by advising the People of their several Congregations, as they wish their Prosperity, to abide by and strictly adhere to the *Resolutions* of the *Continental Congress*, as the most peaceable and probable Method of preventing Confusion and Bloodshed, and of restoring that Harmony between Great-Britain and these Colonies, on which we wish might be established not only the Rights and

Liberties of America, but the Opulence and lasting Happiness of the whole British Empire.

Sign'd by Order of the Provincial Congress,

JOHN HANCOCK, President.

A true Extract from the Minutes.

BENJAMIN LINCOLN, Secretary.  $8\frac{1}{4} \times 13\frac{1}{2}$ .

[Report of the doings of] a meeting held at Concord (Mass) on the 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> Days of August 1774 to consult upon Measures proper to be taken at the present very important Day.  $13\frac{1}{2} \times 16\frac{3}{4}$ .

[The names of about 150 gentlemen are given as representing every town and district in Middlesex County. The Hon. James Prescott was Chairman, and a Committee consisting of Jonathan Williams Austin of Chelmsford, Captain Thomas Gardner of Cambridge, Doctor Isaac Foster of Charlestown, Capt. Josiah Stone of Framingham, Mr. Richard Deavens of Charlestown, Doctor Oliver Prescott of Groton, Henry Gardner, Esq. of Stow, Mr. William Brown of Framingham, and Mr. Ebenezer Bridge, jun. of Billerica—was appointed to report resolutions: They reported that the Province was in a very dangerous and alarming situation, &c., &c., with several resolutions which were adopted by a vote of 146 Yeas to 4 Nays.]

A List of the Addressers to the late Governor Hutchinson, Taken from the *London Gazetteer*, and *New Daily Advertiser*, of Saturday, September 24, 1774. Sold by D. Kneeland, in Queen Street.  $13\frac{3}{4} \times 17$ .

[There is another copy of this with a different heading and without date. For fac-simile of this last, see Bulletin of the Boston Public Library, October, 1893,]

Extracts from Votes and Proceedings of the American Continental Congress. October 1774. Boston: Printed by T. & J. Fleet.  $9\frac{1}{2} \times 15$ .

The Association agreed upon by the Grand American Continental Congress. With names of the members. October 1774. Boston: Printed by Edes & Gill, in Queen Street.  $10\frac{1}{4} \times 15\frac{1}{2}$ .

The King's Speech To both Houses of Parliament, 30th November, 1774, Together with their Addresses to his Majesty.  $10 \times 15\frac{3}{4}$ .

In Provincial Congress, Cambridge, December 6, 1774.

The Operation of the cruel and iniquitous Boston-Port-Bill, that Instrument of ministerial Vengeance, having reduced our once happy Capital and the neighbouring Town of Charlestown, from Affluence and Ease, to extreme Distress; many of their Inhabitants being deprived of even the Means of procuring the Necessaries of Life: &c., &c.

It is therefore Resolved, That it be recommended to our Constituents the Inhabitants of the other Towns, Districts and Parishes within this Province, that they farther contribute liberally to alleviate the Burden of those Persons who are the more immediate Objects of Ministerial Resentment, and are now suffering in the common Cause of their Country, &c., &c.

And it is Ordered, That Doctor Foster, Mr. Devens, and Mr. Cheever, be a Committee to transmit printed Copies of the above Resolve to the Ministers of the Gospel in the several Towns, &c., &c. . . . who are desired to read the same to their several Congregations, in order that their Contributions of such Necessaries of Life as they can spare, may be forwarded as soon as possible.

[Signed] JOHN HANCOCK, President.

$8\frac{1}{4} \times 13\frac{1}{2}$ .

The Life and Confession of Daniel Wilson, who was Executed at Providence (Rhode Island) on Friday the 29th of April, 1774, &c. [Heavy black border.]

$8\frac{1}{4} \times 12\frac{1}{4}$ .

The Life, Last Words And Dying Speech of Valentine Dukett; who was shot for Desertion, on Boston Common, Friday Morning, Sept. 9, 1774. [Black border.]

Boston Camp (at mid-night) 9<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1774.

Sold at the Printing-Office in School-Street. Price Six Cop-  
pers.  $13\frac{1}{4} \times 19\frac{1}{2}$ .

1775.

Thomas's Boston Almanac, For the Year of Our Lord God, 1775.

Boston: Printed and Sold by Isaiah Thomas, at the South Corner of Marshall's Lane, near the Mill-Bridge.  $15 \times 19$ .

[A sheet calendar with usual information in regard to eclipses, &c.]

At a Convention of Committees for the County of Worcester, convened at the Court-House in Worcester, January 27, 1775, the following Resolves (among others) passed, viz.

Whereas *Isaac Jones* of *Weston*, in the County of *Middlesex*, Innholder and Trader, has by his Conduct of late Years in various Instances manifested a disposition inimical to the Rights and Priviledges of his Countrymen.

Therefore *Resolved*, That it be earnestly recommended to all the Inhabitants of this County, not to have any commercial Connections with the said *Isaac Jones*, but shun his House and Person, and treat him with that Contempt he deserves; &c., &c.

Whereas the Enemies of these united Colonics are indefatigable in their Endeavours to create Divisions among the Inhabitants, and as there are several Printers on the Continent, viz. *Rivington* and *Gaine*, of New-York, *Draper*, *Mills* and *Hicks*, of Boston, that incessantly assist them in their Endeavours by publishing their scandalous Performances in their several News-Papers:— Therefore *Resolved*, That it be recommended to the good People of this County not to take any more of the aforesaid Papers, but that they encourage those Printers who have invariably appeared friendly to this Country.

7¼ x 8½.

The Testimony of the People called Quakers, given forth by a Meeting of the Representatives of said People, in Pennsylvania and New-Jersey, held at Philadelphia the twenty-fourth Day of the first Month, 1775.

Having considered with real sorrow, the unhappy contest between the legislature of Great-Britain and the people of these colonies . . . we have by repeated public advices and private admonitions, used our endeavours to dissuade the members of our religious society from joining with the public resolutions promoted and entered into by some of the people, which as we apprehended, so we now find have increased contention, and produced great discord and confusion, . . . . .

We are therefore, incited by a sincere concern for the peace and welfare of our country, publicly to declare

against every usurpation of power and authority, in opposition to the laws and government, &c., &c.

We hope to be enabled to maintain our testimony against any requisitions which may be made upon us, inconsistent with our religious principles, and the fidelity we owe to the King and his government, as by law established, &c., &c.

Signed in behalf of the Meeting.

JAMES PEMBERTON, Clerk.

$8\frac{1}{4} \times 13\frac{1}{4}$ .

Yesterday a Vessel arriv'd at Marblehead from Falmouth, by which Papers were brought to the 12<sup>th</sup> of December, which were immediately sent to the Committee of Correspondence of this Town, containing, The King's Speech, &c.

Boston, January 31, 1775.

$9\frac{1}{2} \times 14\frac{1}{8}$ .

[Then follow the speech and the proceedings of Parliament.]

Boston, February 25, 1775, Gentlemen, The following Proceedings and Votes of the Joint Committees of this and seven other towns are conveyed to you by their unanimous request. . . The importance of the subject at this critical time when our Enemies are aided by some of our deluded fellow citizens, must strike you forcibly. The army by the number of waggons which they have engaged must be in want of a number of horses and cattle, it is wholly with our friends in the Country to prevent their supply, but we need not dictate to them the mode. The cannon and baggage of the army must remain here unless you supply them with horses and Cattle, &c. By Order of the Committee.

[Then follows] At a meeting of the Committees of Correspondence of the several towns of Boston, Charlestown, Cambridge, Medford, Lexington, Watertown, Brookline, and Concord. Whereas the representative Body of this province in Congress assembled at Cambridge considering that certain persons were Employed in divers Kind of work for the Army in order to enable them to take the field and distress the inhabitants, &c., &c. [Made certain recommendations relative to supplying the troops at Boston with various articles, &c. It was voted] That no teams be suffered to load in, or after loading to pass through, any town in this province for Boston; [except under certain conditions.]

$7\frac{1}{2} \times 12$ .



The Recantations of Jacob Fowle, Benjamin Marston, John Gallison, Robert Hooper, Tertius, Nathan Bowen, Samuel White, and Thomas Lewis.

In Committee of Safety, Cambridge, May 2, 1775.

$9\frac{3}{4} \times 14\frac{3}{4}$ .

The Recantations of Robert Hooper, John Pedrick, Robert Hooper, Jun. George M'Call, Richard Reed, and Henry Sanders.

In Committee of Safety, May 4, 1775.

Salem: Printed by E. Russell, next Door to John Turner, Esq; in Main-street.

$9\frac{3}{4} \times 14\frac{3}{4}$ .

[In both cases the Committee recommend that the recantations be accepted, and that the signers, "be protected from all Injuries and Insults whatsoever, so long as they shall adhere to their several Recantations, and continue to assist and abide by the Country and the Inhabitants of Marblehead in particular, in the important Dispute between Great Britain and America." In the first broadside the printing is carried over to the other side of sheet.]

In Provincial Congress, Watertown, May 5, 1775. Whereas the Term for which this present Congress was chose, expires on the Thirtieth Instant, and the Exigencies of our Public Affairs, render it absolutely necessary for the Safety of this Colony that a new Congress be elected and convened, to consider of, and transact the Public affairs thereof:

[Then follows Resolve recommending the towns to elect forthwith as many members, as to them shall seem necessary, &c.] Also under same date, Whereas his Excellency General Gage, since his Arrival into this Colony, hath conducted as an Instrument in the Hands of an arbitrary Ministry, to enslave this People; and a Detachment of the Troops, under his Command, has of late been by him ordered to the Town of Concord to destroy public Stores, &c., &c. It was Therefore Resolved, That the said General Gage, hath by these and many other means utterly disqualified himself to serve this Colony as a Governor, &c., &c.

[Signed] JOSEPH WARREN, President P. T.

Salem: Printed by E. Russell, next Door to J. Turner, Esq; in the Main-street.

$10 \times 14\frac{1}{2}$ .

In Provincial Congress, Watertown, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 1775. Whereas the hostile Incursions this Country is exposed to, and the frequent Alarms we may expect from the Military Operations of our Enemies, make it necessary that the good People of this Colony be on their Guard, and prepared at all Times to resist their Attacks, and to aid and assist their Brethren :

It was Resolved, that the Militia in all Parts of the Colony be recommended to hold themselves in Readiness to march at a Minute's Warning, &c., &c.  $6\frac{3}{4} \times 8\frac{1}{2}$ .

Salem. Address to the people of the Churches by the Third Church and Congregation in Salem, in the Province of Massachusetts-Bay. March 6 1775 Signed by Nathaniel Whittaker Pastor, and others of the Church. Also extracts from the minutes of the Presbytery, sitting at Newburyport, Nov 10, 1774.  $7\frac{3}{4} \times 12$ .

[The meeting-house of the third Church at Salem had been destroyed by a fire, which also consumed many other buildings, and this address calls for help to rebuild, which would cost about £1000, only half of which the parish felt able to raise. The address is signed by Nathaniel Whitaker, Pastor, Miles Ward, Hubertus Malloon & John Cloutman, Elders of the Church, also by a building committee of five. The address is followed by a recommendation of the case by the Presbytery of Boston, dated May 10, 1774 (signed) Simon Williams, Presby's Clk. "N. B. Whatever may be contributed, we pray may be done with speed, and sent to one or other of the following Gentlemen, viz. To the Hon. Roger Sherman, Esq. in New-Haven, Dr. Joshua Lathrop, in Norwich; and all to be remitted to the Rev. Nathaniel Whitaker, D.D. in Salem."]

Fresh Advices from London. By a Packet, arrived at New-York, and Capt. Spain at Philadelphia, from England, we have the following interesting Advices.  $7\frac{1}{2} \times 9\frac{1}{2}$ .

[Extracts from various letters from London, Jany. 5 to March 16, 1775. No place or date of printing. Then follows notice of a meeting of "Merchants of London, trading to America," &c. A committee was appointed to consider the importance of the American trade to England. The Broadside closes with a paragraph dated Providence, March 16, stating that the "Ship *Beulah*, which lately sailed from thence, having in a clandestine Manner landed Part of her Cargo in New-Jersey, the Inhabitants assembled, and destroyed the Goods," &c.]

By his Excellency the Honourable Thomas Gage, Esq ; Governor in Chief, in and over his Majesty's Province of Massachusetts-Bay, &c. A Proclamation.

“Whereas the infatuated multitudes, who have long suffered themselves to be conducted by certain well known incendiaries and traitors, in a fatal progression of crimes, against the constitutional authority of the State, have at length proceeded to avowed rebellion,” &c., &c. “In this exigency of Complicated Calamities, I avail myself of the last effort within the bounds of my duty, to spare the effusion of blood ; to offer, and I do hereby in his Majesty's name, offer and promise, his most gracious pardon to all persons who shall forthwith lay down their arms and return to the duties of peaceable subjects, excepting only from the benefit of such pardon, *Samuel Adams* and *John Hancock*, whose offences are of too flagitious a nature to admit of any other consideration than that of condign punishment,” &c., &c.

Given at Boston, June 12 in the fifteenth year of the reign of his Majesty *George* the third, Annoque Domini, 1775.

7½ x 8½.

An Address to the American Army in general, Formed on the respectable Establishment, recommended by the American Continental and Provincial Congress ; and to the Regiments Forming in Salem and Marblehead, in particular. To which is Annexed, Extracts from an excellent Pamphlet, lately published in New York, entitled, Stricture on the “Friendly Address to all reasonable Americans, on the Subject of our Political Confusions.”

Salem : N. E. Printed and sold by E. Russell, in Ruck-street, leading from the State-house to Marblehead. 14 x 17.

[No date, but in MS. it is given as 1775.]

In Provincial Congress, Watertown, June 16th, 1775. As it has pleased Almighty God in his Providence to suffer the Calamities of an unnatural War to take Place among us, in Consequence of our sinful Declensions from Him, and our great Abuse of those inestimable Blessings bestowed upon us, &c., &c.

And as among the prevailing Sins of this Day, which threaten the Destruction of this Land, we have Reason to lament the frequent Prophanation of the Lord's Day, or the Christian Sabbath, &c., &c. It is therefore *Resolved*, That it be recommended by this Congress, to the People of all Ranks and Denominations throughout this Colony, that they not only pay a religious Regard to that Day, and to the public Worship of God thereon; but that they also use their Influence to discountenance and suppress any Prophanations thereof in others.

[The Ministers of the Gospel were recommended to read the Resolve to their Congregations, &c. And as there was "great Danger that the Prophanation of the Lord's Day will prevail in the Camp": the Officers were recommended to set good examples, &c., &c.]

[Signed] SAMUEL FREEMAN, Secr'y.

By Order of the Congress,

JAMES WARREN, President.

$7\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{1}{2}$ .

To the Military Officers, Select-Men, and Committee of Correspondence in the Town of ———. Gentlemen, You are hereby most earnestly requested to procure the execution of the subsequent Resolve with the greatest possible Expedition. In Provincial Congress, Watertown, July 12, 1775. Whereas a very speedy Augmentation of the army is indispensably necessary, and has been requested by his Excellency General *Washington*, to serve as a temporary Reinforcement, &c.  $7\frac{1}{2} \times 12\frac{1}{4}$ .

[It was Resolved, that it be most earnestly recommended to the Commanding Officer of every Company in the Town of ——— that they immediately raise and send to the Camp at Cambridge — able bodied men, each provided with a good Firelock, Ammunition and Blanket, &c., &c.]

In Provincial Congress, Watertown, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 1775. Resolves relative to procuring "Firelocks" for the use of the Colony of Massachusetts-Bay. "The Inhabitants of the several Towns and Districts in the Colonies specified in a List hereunto annexed, who may have good and sufficient

Firelocks, &c., are requested to provide and deliver to persons appointed by Congress the full number specified in the list," &c.

[Signed] A True Copy from the Minutes.

SAMUEL FREEMAN, Secr'y.

8½ x 14.

[The names of towns with the number of firelocks desired from each, follow the resolves.]

In Provincial Congress, Watertown, June 30, 1775. To the several Towns in the County of Hampshire, on the Easterly Side of Connecticut River, and the Towns in the County of Worcester.

10 x 15.

[This is in relation to drawing upon the several towns for powder, and a schedule is given showing the stock on hand and the amount, if any, already supplied.]

Watertown, July 8th, 1775. Gentlemen, In Obedience to the Order of Congress we have proportioned Thirteen Thousand Coats on all the Towns and Districts in this Colony, excepting Boston and Charlestown, &c., &c.

[Signed] DAVID CHEEVER, Chairman.

P. S. A large Number of Shirts, Stockings and Summer Breeches are wanted immediately for the Use of the Army, you are therefore earnestly requested as you value the Lives and Health of your Countrymen, to furnish as soon as possible a large number of these Articles, &c., &c.

5½ x 7¾.

In Provincial Congress, Watertown, July 9, 1775. Whereas there is now a very pressing Demand for some Articles of Cloathing, more especially of Shirts, Breeches, Stockings and Shoes, in the Army raised by the Colony of the Massachusetts-Bay, and there is Danger of very mischievous Consequences from a Delay of supplying the same: &c., &c. Resolved, That the Inhabitants of the respective Towns and Districts . . . . be most earnestly desired to procure as soon as possible such articles as are needed and deliver the same to persons appointed to receive them, &c., &c. [A list of persons appointed for the various counties is given, also the number of articles desired from each town.]

7½ x 19¾.

In Council, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 1775. Resolve in relation to Inn-holders licences. [Signed] J. WARREN, Speaker and Consented to by the Council. 7 x 9.

[In MS. at the bottom, "The Court of General Sessions for the Peace stands adjourned to the first Tuesday in January next; when they will proceed to Business."]

Cambridge, 21st August, 1775.

Wanted for the Continental Army. One Million of Bricks, Three Thousand Cords of Fire Wood, Two Hundred Thousand Feet of Pine Boards and Scantling, &c., &c. Those Persons who are willing to supply the Army with the Articles above-mentioned, may apply to the Quarter-Master-General, in Cambridge. 5 $\frac{3}{4}$  x 7.

At a Meeting of the Frecholders and other Inhabitants of Boston, on Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> of November Inst, it was Voted, that the following Hand Bill be Printed, and delivered to the Inhabitants, for their Government in giving in to the Committee an Account of the Damages they have received from a Savage Enemy, viz. [Hand Bill.] The Honorable Continental Congress, and the General Assembly of the State, having resolved, That a just and well authenticated Account of the Hostilities committed by the Ministerial Troops and Navy in America since March 1775 be collected &c., &c. 8 x 14.

[The inhabitants of Boston were requested to bring in an account of their losses under fourteen heads as provided in a schedule prepared by the Committee. No date or place of printing.]

A Dose For the Tories. Ten verses in rhyme.

Ireland Printed: America Re-Printed in the Year MDCC-LXXV. 8 x 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

Colony of Massachusetts-Bay. Henry Gardner, Esquire, Treasurer and Receiver-General for said Colony. To ———, Constable or Collector of ———. 12 x 17.

[Calls upon the assessors of the several towns to collect their proportion of a tax of Forty-Six Thousand Pounds, &c. Watertown, Dec. 20, 1775.]

1776.

By the Great and General Court of the Colony of Massachusetts-Bay. A Proclamation.

The Frailty of human Nature, the Wants of Individuals, and the numerous Dangers which surround them, through the Course of Life, have in all Ages, and in every Country, impell'd them to form Societies, and establish Governments, &c., &c.

But as our Enemies have proceeded to such barbarous Extremities commencing Hostilities upon the Good People of this Colony, &c., &c.—the Congress have resolved:—"That no Obedience being due to the Act of Parliament for altering the Charter of the Colony of Massachusetts-Bay, nor to a Governor or Lieutenant Governor, who will not observe the Directions of, but endeavour to subvert that Charter; the Governor and Lieutenant Governor of that Colony, are to be considered as absent, and their Offices vacant; and as there is no Council there, and Inconveniences arising from the Suspension of the Powers of Government, are intolerable, especially at a Time when General Gage hath actually levied War," &c., &c.

Recommends, "the Provincial Convention, to write Letters to the Inhabitants of the several Places which are intitled to Representation in Assembly, requesting them to chuse Representatives," &c., &c. In Council Jan'y 19, 1776. Ordered, That the Proclamation be read at the Opening of every Superior Court of Judicature, &c. the Inferiour Court of Common Pleas, and Court of General Sessions for the Peace, &c. Also at the several Town Meetings in March, and the several Ministers of the Gospel recommended to read it to their respective Assemblies, &c., &c.

[Signed] PEREZ MORTON. Dep'y Sec'ry.

WILLIAM COOPER, Speaker pro Tem.

Also by William Sever, Caleb Cushing, John Winthrop, Jedediah Foster and twelve others.—"God Save the People."

13 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 17.

Colony of New Hampshire. In Committee of Safety, April 12th, 1776. In Order to carry the underwritten Resolve of the Hon'ble Continental Congress into Execution, You are

requested to desire all Males above Twenty One Years of Age (Lunaticks, Idiots, and Negroes excepted) to sign to the Declaration on this Paper; and when so done, to make Return hereof, together with the Name or Names of all who shall refuse to sign the same, to the General-Assembly, or Committee of Safety of this Colony.

[Signed] M. WEARE, Chairman.

7 $\frac{3}{4}$  x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

[Then follows a Resolve of Congress, March 14th, 1776, which recommends "the several Assemblies, Conventions, and Councils, or Committees of Safety of the United Colonies," to cause all persons who are notoriously disaffected to the cause of America to be disarmed. This is followed by a form of promise or agreement (signed in MS. by over seventy persons), that they will to the utmost of their power, and at the "Risque" of their "Lives and Fortunes, with Arms oppose the *Hostile Proceedings* of the British Fleets, and Armies, against the United American Colonies."]

In the House of Representatives, April 19, 1776. Whereas sundry Persons of this Colony have joined our unnatural Enemies, who have in a hostile Manner been endeavouring to enslave the United Colonies, &c. [Signed] J. Warren, Speaker, and James Otis, William Sever, Caleb Cushing, Jedediah Foster and other Members of the Council.

7 $\frac{1}{4}$  x 13.

[Resolves calling attention of Committees of Correspondence, Safety and Inspection, in Towns where there is any Real or Personal Estate belonging to such persons, that have fled to Boston to secure themselves, or have joined the Enemy, and asking that their estates be taken possession of, &c. Calling for the name of any one who has acted against the right and liberties of the Country, &c.]

[Action of the] Committees of Correspondence, &c. of the towns of Mendon, Uxbridge, and Douglas; on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1776, A general meeting of the Committees of Correspondence was proposed to be held "at the Widow Stearns's, innholder in Worcester," on the 26<sup>th</sup> of June to consider on certain articles recommended by the Committee for the County of Suffolk.

[Signed] JOHN TYLER, Chairman.

3 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

[Widow Stearns's inn was on the present location of the Lincoln House.]



[In Congress.] July 4 1776. Declaration by the Representatives of the United States of America, In General Congress Assembled. [Signed] JOHN HACOCK, President.

[This is the Declaration of Independence, and was presented to the American Antiquarian Society in December, 1822, by Simon Greenleaf, LL.D., who says, in a letter accompanying it, "This is one of the original hand bills announcing the Declaration of Independence. It was posted up in Newburyport and afterwards preserved by my grandfather, the late Hon. Jonathan Greenleaf. The error in spelling Mr Hancock's (Hacock) name shows the great haste to announce that great event."

A piece is torn out at the top (perhaps done in taking it down) so that the words "In Congress," are missing.]

In the House of Representatives, September 17th, 1776. Resolved, That it be recommended to the Male Inhabitants of each Town in this State, being Free and Twenty-one Years of Age or upwards, that they assemble as soon as they can in Town-Meeting . . . to consider and determine whether they will give their Consent that the present House of Representatives . . . together with the Council, . . . should consult, agree on, and enact such a Constitution and Form of Government for this State . . . as will most conduce to the Safety, Peace and Happiness of this State in all after Successions and Generations, &c.

[Signed] J. WARREN, Speaker.

8 $\frac{3}{4}$  x 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

[In MS. at bottom of broadside is the action of the Town of Uxbridge on the Resolve, Oct. 8, 1776. Signed by the Selectmen.]

In Convention of the Representatives of the State of New-York September 21, 1776.

Whereas, divers of the inhabitants of this State have, by the wicked arts and insidious and corrupt practices of William Tryon Esq; late Governor of the Colony of New York, and his adherents, been seduced to take part with our enemies, and aid and abet their measures for the subjugating the United States of America, &c. A resolve for appointment of a Committee for the purpose of enquiring into, detecting and defeating all conspiracies, &c. Also a resolve that the Company of thirty men, ordered by the Convention be raised by Captain Delavergne.

[Signed] ROBERT BENSON, Sec'ry.

8 x 10.

[In manuscript on back of Broadside, the names of Committee, William Duer, Esqr., Chairman, John Jay, P. Van Cortland, Leonard Gansevort, Charles Dewitt, Zephaniah Platt, Nathaniel Sacket. A. W. D. Peyster, Secr'y.]

[Cut of Three Ships.]

“Now fitting for a Privateer, In the Harbour of Beverly, The Brigantine Washington, a strong, good vessel for that purpose, and a prime sailer” &c.

[Signed] JOHN DYSON.

Beverly, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>, 1776.

7½ x 9½

For the Encouragement of those that shall Inlist in the Continental Army—The Congress in their Resolves of September 16<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, October 8<sup>th</sup>, and November 12<sup>th</sup>, 1776, Engage, That Twenty Dollars be given as a Bounty to Each Non-Commissioned Officer and Private Soldier who shall Inlist to serve for the Term of Three Years, &c., &c.

In the House of Representatives, Dec. 4, 1776.

[Signed] JAMES WARREN, Speaker.

7½ x 10.

Colony of Massachusetts-Bay, 1776. We the Subscribers, Do each of us severally for ourselves, profess, testify and declare before God and the World, that we verily believe that the War, Resistance and Opposition in which the United American Colonies are now engaged, against the Fleets and Armies of Great-Britain, is on the Part of the said Colonies, just and necessary. And we do hereby severally promise, covenant and engage, to and with every Person of this Colony, who shall subscribe this Declaration, or another of the same Tenor and Words, that we will not, during the said War, directly or indirectly, in any Ways, aid, abet or assist any of the Naval or Land Forces of the King of Great-Britain, or any employ'd by him; or supply them with any Kind of Provisions, Military or Naval Stores, or hold any Correspondence with or Communicate any Intelligence to any of the Officers, &c., &c. . . . But on the contrary according to our best Power and Abilities, will defend by Arms, the United American Colonies, &c., &c.

6½ x 8¼.

1777.

Fresh and important News! Providence, Jan. 12, 1777. Extract of a Letter from the Honorable Governor Trumbull, to the Honorable Governor Cooke, dated Jan 10, 1777. Notice of an Engagement by the troops under Gen. Putnam, not far from Burlington, on the east side of the Delaware. Also from a letter of Thaddeus Burr, giving news received from General Washington in regard to an Engagement with the Enemy three miles east of Princeton, &c.

The above Intelligence was taken from a Hand-Bill, printed at Providence, and brought to Town at Half past Ten o'clock this Morning, by a Gentleman in the Stage-Coach.

Boston, January 15, 1777.

Printed by Powars and Willis.

8 $\frac{3}{4}$  x 13 $\frac{3}{4}$ .

Boston, Sunday, January 12, 1777. The Letters, whereof the following are Extracts, being wrote by several Field Officers in the American Army, arrived in Town last Evening, and are made Public for the Perusal of the Several Gentlemen who subscribed to defray the Expences of obtaining Intelligence from the Army.

Printed by Powars and Willis.

10 x 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

[These are extracts from six letters, most of them from Trenton, under date of Dec., 1776, and Jan., 1777.]

State of Massachusetts-Bay. In the House of Representatives. January 25, 1777.

The Perseverance of Britain in her Attempts to subjugate the Free States of America to an unconditional Submission to their arbitrary Impositions, demands a vigorous Perseverance in the Inhabitants of these States to frustrate the barbarous Design, &c., &c.

8 x 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

[Calls upon the commanding officers of each Regiment of Militia to cause their several Companies to be mustered in in their respective Towns and Plantations, &c. It was the judgment of the " Court that a number amounting to One Seventh Part of all the Male Inhabitants from Sixteen Years old and upwards, at home and abroad belonging to this State, will compleat our Quota of the Continental Army," &c. Jany. 26, 1777. Signed Samuel Freeman, Speaker pro-tem.]

In Convention of the Representatives of the State of New-York, at Kingston, March 7, 1777.

Resolve in relation to the duties, &c. of the Commissioners appointed within the State to enquire into, detect and defeat all Conspiracies which may be formed in the same against the liberties of America, &c. Also an order of the Commissioners dated at Fish-Kill March 10, 1777 in regard to all persons who for notorious disaffection to the liberties of America, &c. have been sent to any neighbouring States, &c. 7½ x 10.

An Abstract from Resolves containing the Encouragement offered by the Continental Congress, and by the State of Massachusetts-Bay, to such as shall enlist into the Continental Army.

In Council, Jan. 28, 1777. [Signed] SAM. FREEMAN,  
JOHN AVERY, Dep'y Sec'y. Speaker Pro Tem.  
8½ x 13.

State of Massachusetts-Bay. In the House of Representatives, March 15, 1777.

Resolves for procuring blankets for the Continental Army, to prevent the soldiers being retarded on their march, &c. With a list of persons appointed from the several Counties to have charge of procuring blankets, &c. 9 x 14.

In Congress, April 29, 1777. Resolve in regard to recruiting and paying Continental Battalions, &c. raised by the several States. Extract from the Minutes.

[Signed] CHARLES THOMSON, Secretary.

Philadelphia: Printed by John Dunlap. 8 x 13¼.

State of Massachusetts-Bay. In the House of Representatives, August 8, 1777, Whereas by the Loss of the important Fortress of Ticonderoga, a Way is open to the Ravages of our cruel and inveterate enemies, &c., &c. [Resolves ordering "one-sixth Part of the Able-Bodied Men in the Training Band and Alarm List, now at home" in the different counties to march to reinforce the army, &c., &c. Then follow various resolves in regard to the militia.]

In council, August 9, 1777. JOHN AVERY, D. Secr'y.  
7½ x 19¾.

Boston, September 26, 1777. Fresh Advices from the Northern Army. Providence, September 25, 1777. The following Intelligence was last Night received here, in a Hand-Bill from Connecticut. Norwich, Tuesday Evening, 7 o'clock. In Council at Labanon, Sept 23.  $5\frac{3}{4} \times 13\frac{3}{4}$ .

[Then follows an account of a battle at "Stillwater on Behmus's heights, west side of Hudson's river, Gen. Burgoyne is wounded in the small of his back," &c.]

1778.

In Congress, May 6, 1778. Whereas Congress have received from their Commissioners at the Court of France, Copies of a Treaty of Amity and Commerce.

[Then follow several articles of the treaty and resolves of Congress and form of passports and letters to be given to "Ships and Barques," &c., &c.]

[Signed] CHARLES THOMSON, Secretary.

$10\frac{1}{2} \times 17$ .

An Address of the Congress To the Inhabitants of the United States of America.

Bay-State: Boston; Printed by Powars and Willis, for the Honorable the Council of said State.  $13\frac{1}{2} \times 17$ .

[It speaks of the "War without pallel in the annals of Mankind" which the Country had so lately passed through; refers to the great depreciation in the money and gives reason why it had depreciated. Recommends that those, "who have leisure and opportunity, collect the monies which individuals in their neighbourhood are desirous of placing in the public funds," &c., that the several legislatures sink their respective emissions, that so there being but one kind of bills, there may be less danger of counterfeit. Suggests economy and that things not absolutely necessary should not be purchased. "Above all bring your Armies into the field. Trust not to appearances of peace or safety. Be assured that, unless you persevere, you will be exposed to every species of barbarity. But if you exert the means of defence which God and Nature have given you, the time will soon arrive, when every man shall sit under his own vine, and under his own fig-tree, and there shall be none to make him afraid." [Signed] By order of Congress. Henry Laurens, President. State of Massachusetts-Bay. Council-Chamber, May 23, 1778. "Ordered, That a printed copy of the foregoing Address, be transmitted to the several Ministers of the Gospel" &c., &c., to be read in the Churches.]

1779.

Proceedings of the Convention Begun and held at Concord, in the State of Massachusetts-Bay, on the Sixth Day of October, A. D. 1779 (in Pursuance of the Recommendation of a Convention held in said Place in July last) to "take into Consideration the Prices of Merchandize and Country Produce, and to make such Regulations and Reductions therein, as the public Good might require." With list of delegates from 143 Towns. With an address signed by

W. SPOONER, President.

Boston: Printed by Benjamin Edes and Sons in State Street.

pp. 4. 10½ x 17½.

The Last Words and Dying Speech of Robert Young, who is to be Executed at Worcester this day, November 11, 1779, for a Rape committed on the Body of Jane Green, a Child, eleven Years of age.

Printed and Sold at the Printing-Office in Worcester.

15 x 19½.

[There was also published at the same time "The Dying Criminal, a Poem compiled in Prison by Robert Young." The *Massachusetts Spy* of Nov. 18, 1779, says "Young was one of the Convention troops about twenty-nine years of age, he appeared very penitent and just before he was turned off, made a very good prayer."]

State of Massachusetts-Bay. In Council, June 11, 1779. Resolve, that an Address issued by Congress to the Inhabitants of the United States of America be printed in "Hand-Bills and sent to the several Ministers of the Gospel in the Towns and Parishes within this State." The Ministers were requested to read the same to their respective religious assemblies, &c.

15 x 20.

[This address, signed John Jay, President, was passed by Congress in May, 1779, and calls attention to the situation of public affairs, particularly to the "great and encreasing depreciation of the currency, &c., which requires the immediate strenuous, and united efforts of all true friends to their Country, for preventing an extension of the Mischiefs that have already flowed from that source."]

State of Massachusetts-Bay. In the House of Representatives, February 19, 1779. Resolves in relation to calling a State Convention to form a New Constitution.

In Council February 20, 1779.

JOHN AVERY, Dep Sec'y.

7½ x 9½.

Copy of the Proceedings of the Inhabitants of Boston, June 17, 1779, in regard to an address by Congress recommending "an immediate strenuous and united Effort, to prevent an Extension of the Mischiefs which have arisen from the depreciated State of the Continental Currency."

Boston: Printed by Benjamin Edes & Company. 10 x 15½.

Boston, June 21, 1779, Gentlemen, By the inclosed Votes and Proceedings of a large and respectable Body of the Inhabitants of this Town, which we have the Pleasure to transmit to you, and request a Communication of them to your Inhabitants you will perceiye how greatly we are alarmed at the depreciating State of our Currency, or more properly Speaking, with the rapid rise of every Article of Life, &c., &c. Signed by Order and in Behalf of the Committee of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety.

JOHN LOWELL, Chairman.

8 x 12½.

[This copy was sent to the Committee of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety for the Town of *Worcester*.

It proposes a Convention of Delegates from the several Committees to be held at Concord to take into Consideration the Embarrassments of a depreciating currency, &c.]

Important Intelligence. Providence, 4 o'clock, Afternoon,—  
Worcester, June 21. Printed by I. Thomas. N. D. [1779  
in MS.]

6½ x 8½.

[The intelligence is, that, George Bryan, immediately from South Carolina, has brought advice, "That General Prevost advanced with 7,000 men, and attacked Charlestown, which was defended by a body of the town and neighbouring militia, . . . that when success was dubious, General Lincoln fell upon their rear, and gained a victory, &c. Seventeen hundred of the enemy were left on the field, and all their artillery and baggage." Under date of Worcester, it says the news is confirmed by a person who arrived at Boston from New York.

Poem on the Death of Dr. Abraham Howe, of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts-Bay, who died October 19th, 1779 in the twenty-second Year of his Age. 10 x 12.

Printed and sold at the Printing-Office in Worcester.

1780.

By the Honourable Major General Baron de Steuben, Commanding the troops in the State of Virginia.

[Calls upon all Continental officers] "to repair to Chesterfield Court-house, on or before the 10th day of February next, &c., in order that their respective claims may be considered and finally acted upon," &c., &c.

[Dated] Richmond, this 20th day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty, and of our independence the fifth.

[Signed] STEUBEN.

7 x 8½.

This Day was published, and to be Sold by Isaiah Thomas, at his Printing-Office, in Worcester, By the Thousand, Hundred, Groce, Dozen or Single, As Cheap as any in the State, Thomas's Massachusetts, New-Hampshire, and Connecticut Almanack, For the Year of our Lord Christ 1780, &c., &c. By Philomathes, an Independent Whig. N. B. This *Almanack* is pronounced by able judges to be equal in goodness to any published. Great allowance to those who buy to sell again. 13½ x 16¾.

1781.

Scale of Depreciation Agreeable to an Act of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to be observed as a Rule for settling the rate of Depreciation on all contracts both publick and private, made on or since the first day of January, 1777. 8 x 13.

[The scale covers the period from 1777 to October, 1781.]

1782.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts. An Act in Addition Unto, and for Amending and Explaining excise duties on certain



Articles for the purpose of paying the interest on Government Securities. March 7 1782.

[Signed] NATH. GORHAM, Speaker:  
SAMUEL ADAMS, President.

Approved, JOHN HANCOCK.

13 x 17.

[Imperfect—part of first column missing.]

Rules and Articles of the Massachusetts Society: Founded in Boston, New-England, September 6, 1762; and incorporated as a Body-Politic by Charter from the Honorable Legislature of said State on the 15th of March 1780, by the name of the "Massachusetts Charitable Society."

Boston: Printed by Benjamin Edes & Sons, State-Street, 1782.  $8\frac{1}{2} \times 14\frac{1}{8}$ .

[Then follow thirteen articles or rules. | "May this *Society* in friendship reign, | Whilst *Charity* a virtue shall remain." | On the back are the names of ninety-three members.]

By the United States in Congress Assembled, August 7, 1782.

Resolves in regard to the Military of the several States, reorganization of the Army, &c.

CHARLES THOMSON, Sec.

$6\frac{3}{4} \times 8$ .

Worcester News-Paper. Free and Uninfluenced. Proposals for circulating Thomas's Massachusetts Spy in the Town of Boston and its Vicinity.

Worcester May, 1782.

ISAIAH THOMAS.

10 x  $15\frac{1}{2}$ .

Worcester County Convention. Printed at Worcester, 1782.

A Convention called to consider the "Grievances which have created great uneasiness in the minds of the Good People of this County." Several Resolves passed by the Convention, one calls for a settlement by the General Court with the Treasurer of the Commonwealth and all other *publick* Boards, Commissaries, Commissioners and all other individuals, who have been intrusted with the Expenditure of any Money, &c., &c.; another recommends the representatives to use their influence in the General Court that it may be removed out of the Town of Boston.  $8 \times 12$ .

[Mr. Isaiah Thomas is requested to publish the Resolves in *Massachusetts Spy*.]

[Cuts of Seven Coffins.]

Verses Made on the sudden Death of Six Young Women and  
One Boy who were drowned . . . 1782. 10 x 14½.

[Above the coffins appear the following names :—Betsy Hookey, Sukey Heffernon, Polly Spooner, Betsy Allen, Lydia Hookey, Nabby Stanton, John Stall. No place or date of printing given.]

1783.

Boston, October 16, 1783. The Yeas and Nays on a Bill for granting an Impost to Congress, &c., &c., providing that it should not be appropriated to the Discharging of the Half-Pay or Commutation thereof promised by Congress to the Officers of the Army. Also yeas and nays upon the Engrossment of the Bill. 8 x 12½.

[In the House on the first vote there were 64 Yeas and 74 Nays, and on the Engrossment 72 Yeas, 65 Nays; and in the Senate 18 Yeas and 4 Nays.]

By the United States in Congress Assembled :

A PROCLAMATION.

In regard to a "Treaty of Amity and Commerce between their High Mightinesses, the States General of the United Netherlands, and the United States of America," &c., &c. January 23, 1783.

[Signed] ELIAS BOUDINOT, President.

17 x 19½.

The Last Words of William Huggins and John Mansfield, who are to be Executed this Day, June 19, 1783 at Worcester, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for Burglary, committed in October last. Printed and sold at the Printing office in Worcester. 19 x 22.

[This is followed by "Mansfield's Soliloquy; Or an Elegy on the Execution of Huggins and Mansfield for Burglary."]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts. An Act for regulating Pilotage in several Ports in this Commonwealth.

Passed July, 1783.

Approved JOHN HANCOCK.

17 x 22.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In the House of Representatives, November 27, 1783.

A Resolve prescribing the form of Inlistment for those Men belonging to this Commonwealth, who shall Inlist into the Service of the United States, to continue in the Service until the End of the present War with Britain.

[Also] A Resolve prescribing the form of Inlistment, for those who shall Inlist for the term of Three Years.

November 29, 1783.

[Signed] JOHN HANCOCK.

8 x 13.

1784.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts. An Act for inquiring into the rateable Property of this Commonwealth.

Passed July 8, 1784.

Approved, JOHN HANCOCK.

13½ x 15½.

1785.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts. An Act for the Regulation of Navigation and Commerce.

Approved by the Governor, JAMES BOWDOIN.

June 23, 1785.

10¾ x 17½.

House Lots for Sale, In the Centre of the Town of Worcester, Pursuant to a Vote of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, there will be sold By Public Auction To the highest Bidder, at the House of Mr. John Stowers, Innholder in said Town, on the Fifteenth day of February next, at Eleven o'clock A. M., Nine House Lots In the Centre of said Town, and near the Meeting House containing from about half an acre to one Acre Each. . . . The above Lots Front on Publick Roads and are Exceedingly well situated for Tradesmen of Various Kinds, who will Meet with Encouragement in said Town, &c.

[Signed] TIMOTHY PAINE, per order.

Worcester Dec 24 1784.

Printed at Worcester by I Thomas 1785.

18 x 22.

[Has an ornamental border with cuts of houses at the top. The sale was made under the authority of a vote of the town at a meeting held

Nov. 22, 1784, at which time a Committee, of which Timothy Paine was Chairman, was appointed "to view the Ministerial Land Laying near the meeting house" and report whether it was expedient to sell any part of it. The Committee reported at an adjourned meeting, in favor of selling land north of the Common. Six lots were to front south on a new street to be made. This street is now known as Mechanic Street. The town voted to sell the lots at public auction for the most they will fetch, &c., after giving notice in the "*Worcester Gazette*," now known as the *Massachusetts Spy*. The Committee reported in Nov., 1785, that they had sold the nine lots for £510, 10. Among the expenses for selling was £2, 8 to Mr. Thomas for Advertising and 16s/8d to Mr. Stowers, the inholder.]

[Massachusetts Coat of Arms.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts. A Proclamation For the Encouragement of Piety, Virtue, Education and Manners, and for the Suppression of Vice. June 8, 1785.

[Signed] JAMES BOWDOIN.

Boston: Printed by Adams and Nourse, Printers to the General Court. 15½ x 19.

1786.

[Massachusetts Coat of Arms.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts. An Act for Suspending the Operation of an Act, entitled, "An Act for the Regulation of Navigation and Commerce." July 5, 1786.

By the Governour, Approved, JAMES BOWDOIN.

Boston: Printed by Adams and Nourse, Printers to the Commonwealth. 12 x 14½

[Cut of Execution.]

The Life and Confession of Johnson Green, who is to be executed this Day, August 17, 1786, for the Atrocious Crime of Burglary; Together with his Last and Dying Words. [Dated] Worcester Goal, August 16, 1786. [Heavy black border.]

Printed and Sold at the Printing-Office in Worcester. 19 x 22.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts. A Proclamation. Whereas on the fourth of August last, a Proclamation was issued for Convening the General Court, at Boston, in the County of Suffolk, on the Eighteenth of October next, and whereas

from the many tumults and disorders which have since taken place in several Counties within this Commonwealth, in obstructing the sitting of the Courts of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, in such Counties it appears highly expedient that the General Court should be convened at an early day, &c. The twenty-seventh day of September is therefore fixed for the General Court to meet.

Sept 13 1786.

[Signed] JAMES BOWDOIN.

Printed by Adams & Nourse, Printers to the General Court.

13 x 15½.

[This was occasioned by the insurrection of Shays and others.]

1787.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts. An Act for the Limitation of personal Actions, and for Avoiding Suits at Law.

Passed Feby 13 1787.

13½ x 16.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts February 17, 1787. Whereas it is necessary that a considerable sum of money should be immediately procured to defray the expenses incurred by reason of the detachments lately made for the suppression of the unnatural rebellion now existing in the Commonwealth, and for other services rendered the Public, &c., &c.

Approved JAMES BOWDOIN.

8 x 12½.

[It calls upon the Collectors of the public tax, granted in March, 1786, to exert themselves to collect and pay into the Treasury immediately that part of the tax which is to be paid in specie, &c. The people are also called upon to pay the tax as promptly as possible.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts. [A Proclamation by James Bowdoin in regard to an Act describing the disqualification to which persons should be subjected, who have been or may be guilty of Treason, or giving aid or support to the present Rebellion, &c. The proclamation promises "pardon and indemnity to all offenders within the description aforesaid who are Citizens of this State," &c., &c. Feby 17, 1787.]

Boston: Printed by Adams & Nourse, Printers to the General Court.

13 x 15½.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In House of Representatives, March 10, 1787. Ordered, That the Governor's Objections, made this day to the Bill for establishing a Salary of a fixed and permanent value for the Governor; and repealing a Law heretofore made for that purpose, be published and that the Secretary send Copies thereof to the several towns and plantations within the Commonwealth, &c. [Then follows a message by Gov. Bowdoin.]  $7\frac{3}{4} \times 16$ .

By the United States in Congress assembled, May 7, 1787. An Ordinance for settling the Accounts between the United States, and Individual States.  $8\frac{1}{2} \times 13\frac{1}{2}$ .

By Permission Mr. Carleton Professor of Astronomy, Proposes (with the Approbation of the Ladies and Gentlemen of this METROPOLIS) to deliver a Course of Five Lectures on that sublime Science, &c., &c. Boston, June 20, 1787.

$9\frac{1}{2} \times 15$ .

[The first lecture was to be at the South Latin-School, opposite the Stone Chapel. Tickets, three shillings each, were to be had of John West Folsom, Printer and Bookseller, No. 7, Union-Street; of Mr. Jones at the American Coffee House, State-street, and of Mr. Moses Bradley, at the White-Horse, near Charlestown-Bridge.—E. Russell, Printer next Lib. Pole.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts. By His Excellency James Bowdoin, Esquire, Governour, &c. An Address To the Good People of this Commonwealth.  $6\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{1}{2}$ .

[Printed in Jany., 1787, at time of the Shays insurrection and speaks of the spirit of discontent in several Counties, &c., &c. Refers to calling out the Militia to protect the Courts in Worcester County, &c.]

Proclamation promising pardon and indemnity to all offenders, &c., who are disqualified under an Act passed in Feby previous for having taken part in the Rebellion, &c. (Shays's Rebellion.)

JAMES BOWDOIN.

Printed by Adams & Nourse, Printers, &c., &c.  $13 \times 15\frac{1}{2}$ .

August 29, 1787. At a Meeting of the Directors and Agents of the Ohio Company held at the Bunch of Grapes Tavern in Boston, the following Report was received from Rev. Menassah Cutler. [Then follows the report closing with

“That the manner of removing the first settlers, and superintending their Operations will be agreed upon as soon as practicable.—Resolved that James M. Varnum be one of the Directors of the Ohio Company, and that Col. Richard be the Treasurer.” A true copy of the journal.]

WINTHROP SARGENT, Sec’y.

$7\frac{3}{4} \times 12\frac{3}{4}$ .

1788.

New York, June 23d, 1788. Letter of Jedidiah Morse who is about to publish a Gazetteer of North America and asks answer to nine queries, replies to which will help him to make the work accurate and complete.

$7\frac{1}{2} \times 9\frac{1}{8}$ .

Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Resolves dividing the Commonwealth into eight districts, &c., &c. Nov. 1788.

Boston: Printed by Adams & Nourse, Printers to the Honorable General Court.

$13\frac{1}{4} \times 16\frac{1}{4}$ .

[Large Wood Cut of Execution.]

The Last Words, and Dying Speech of Elisha Thomas, who was Executed at Dover, on the 3d June, 1788—for the Murder of Captain Peter Drowne. [Also in sixteen verses] “Thoughts taken from Mr. Elisha Thomas, not long before his Execution.” [Black border.]

$13\frac{1}{2} \times 17$ .

Eastern Lands for Sale. The Public are notified of Tracts of Land for sale, situated between the Highlands and the Atlantic Ocean, from north to south; and between the River St. Croix, and the State of New-Hampshire, from east to west, &c. [Signed] by Hon. Samuel Phillips, jun. Esq. and four others, a Committee appointed by the General Court to sell unappropriated lands belonging to Massachusetts.

June 18, 1788.

Boston:—Printed by Adams & Nourse, Printers to the Honorable General Court.

$13\frac{1}{4} \times 16\frac{1}{2}$ .

1789.

Samuel Osgood, Esquire, Post-Master-General of the United States of America. Commission.

$9\frac{3}{4} \times 15\frac{1}{4}$ .

[Although this cannot be strictly classed as a broadside, it is of interest as being the Commission of Isaiah Thomas, the founder of the

American Antiquarian Society, as a Deputy Postmaster. It bears the date Dec. 2, 1789. Another Commission to Mr. Thomas is signed by Timothy Pickering, Post-Master General, in 1791, and one signed by Joseph Habersham, is dated April 11, 1796. A still earlier commission to Mr. Thomas as Deputy Postmaster is dated 1786 and signed by Ebenezer Hazard, Post-Master General.]

Procession. Boston, Oct. 19, 1789.

As this town is shortly to be honoured with a visit from the President of the United States: &c. . . . In order that we may pay our respects to him, in a manner whereby every inhabitant may see so illustrious and amiable a character, &c., &c.

A Committee appointed by a respectable number of inhabitants, met for the purpose, recommend to their Fellow-Citizens to arrange themselves in the following order, in a Procession, &c., &c.

[Then follows the order of procession, commencing with the selectmen and other officials, and representatives of the various trades, forty-six trades being mentioned.] 10 x 15.

Congress of the United-States, Begun and held at the City of New-York, on Wednesday the fourth of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine. An Act to establish an Executive Department, to be denominated the Department of War.

Approved, August the 7th, 1789.

GEORGE WASHINGTON,  
President of the United States.

8½ x 13½.

Tavern Rates, Established at Baltimore-County April Term, 1789.

6¾ x 13¾.

[Rates are given for thirty-nine items—among which are "Horse at Hay one Night, 1/6. Pasturage of Ditto at Night, /6 Oats per quart, /2. Breakfast of Tea, or Coffee, 1/6. Hot Dinner, with Small Beer, or Cyder, 2/6 Hot Supper, with Ditto 2/ Madeira Wine (of various qualities) 5/ to 7/6 London Porter, per Bottle 2/ Strong Beer, home made per Quart, /9 Small, ditto, /4 Ale, home made, per bottle, 1/6 French Brandy, per Gill, /6 Apple Brandy, per Gill, /4 Whiskey, per Gill, /3. Toddy with Spirit and Loaf Sugar, per Quart, 1/6 Punch with fresh Fruit, Spirit and Loaf Sugar, per Quart, 2/6. Lodging per Night, with Clean Sheets, /9."]



Congress of the United States, Begun and held at the City of New-York, On Wednesday, the fourth of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty nine. An Act providing for the Expences which may attend Negotiations or Treaties with the Indian Tribes, and the appointment of Commissioners for managing the same.

[Signed] FREDERICK AUGUSTUS MUHLENBERG,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.  
JOHN ADAMS, Vice-President of the  
United States and President of the Senate.

Approved, August the 20th, 1789.

GEORGE WASHINGTON,  
President of the United States.

8½ x 13.

Congress of the United States. Held at the City of New York. An Act to provide for the Government of the Territory North-West of the River Ohio.

Approved, August 7th, 1789.

8½ x 13½.

An Act for Suspending the Operation of two Paragraphs of the Act of the General Assembly of this State, passed at their Session in May, 1786, emitting Bills of Credit on Loan to the Amount of One Hundred Thousand Pounds; as well as for authorizing Debtors to substitute real Estate and certain Articles of personal Estate, at an appraised Value, in Lieu of Specie, for the Payment and Discharge of Debts, as herein-after mentioned. September 21, 1789.

Providence: Printed by Bennett Wheeler.

10½ x 17.

[In MS. on the back of broadside. "Drafted by Theo. Foster and read by him in the General Assembly at Newport, Saturday Evening September A. D. 1789."]

1790.

Congress of the United States: held at the City of New-York. An Act for the Government of the Territory of the United-States, south of the river Ohio.

Approved, May 26, 1790.

Printed by Francis Childs and John Swaine.

8½ x 13½.

Ratification of the Constitution of the United States by the Convention of the State of Rhode-Island and Providence-Plantations.

Done in Convention at Newport, 29th, May, 1790.

11 x 17.

1791.

Boston, December 19. Melancholly Account respecting the Western Army.

Printed by B. Edes and Son, State-Street.

16½ x 17.

[This is a communication from Washington to Congress in relation to the defeat of Gen. Arthur St. Clair at Fort Washington; gives a list of the killed and wounded, also letters from St. Clair.]

1792.

An Act to Incorporate sundry Persons by the Name of "The President and Trustees of the Boston Tontine Association."

13 x 16½.

[Among the names mentioned in the Act are those of Stephen Higginson, Abiel Smith, David Greene, Oliver Wendell and Jonathan Amory.]

Reverend Sir, and Respected Gentlemen, The Convention of Congregational Ministers, with the Congregational Charitable Society, of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, having appointed us a joint Committee for that purpose, we take leave to lay the following Address before you.

[Signed] Joseph Willard, James Sullivan, Chandler Robbins, Peter Thacher and eight others.

Boston, July 25, 1792.

11 x 18.

[The address states the objects of the Society and calls for contributions for widows and orphans of clergymen.]

Ode for the 23<sup>d</sup> of October, 1792. Ten verses, beginning

"When form'd by God's creating Hand,  
This beauteous fabrick first appear'd;  
Eternal Wisdom gaye command,  
All nature with attention heard.

Two verses of the chorus.

Hail! Great Columbia! favor'd soil; &c.

10½ x 15.

[The Ode is given in full by E. E. Hale, D.D., in his paper on "The Results of Columbus's Discovery," Proceedings of American Antiquarian Society, Vol. VIII. (New Series), page 192.]

1793.

Worcester, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 1793. A Circular asking that the State House be built in Worcester, and a proposition is made to raise money for that purpose. [Signed] Elijah Dix, Isaiah Thomas, Samuel Flagg, Nathaniel Paine, Daniel Waldo, jr., John Chamberlain, Phineas Jones, Benjamin Heywood, David Bigelow & John Barnard.  $7\frac{1}{2} \times 12$ .

[It is stated that £1300 had been subscribed. In the library of the American Antiquarian Society there is a copy of a subscription paper dated Jan. 3, 1793, "for the purpose of erecting sufficient and convenient buildings for the accommodation of the Supreme Executive and Legislative, and for the offices of the Secretary and Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts: Provided, there should be an Act of the Legislature, making *Worcester* the Seat of Government, or Partially so." Among the names printed on this subscription were: Elijah Dix £150, Isaiah Thomas £100, Nathaniel Paine £50 and £150 in land, John Stanton £30, Samuel Flagg £100.]

Harvard-University in Cambridge. The Order of the Exercises of Commencement, July 17th, MDCCXCIII. Printed by Thomas Fleet, Junior, Boston.  $10\frac{1}{2} \times 17$ .

Proclamation. By the President of the United States. Whereas it appears, that a state of War exists between Austria, Prussia, Sardinia, Great Britain, and the United Netherlands, of the one part; and France on the other, and the duty and interest of the United States require, that they should, with sincerity and good faith, adopt and pursue a conduct friendly and impartial towards the Belligerent Powers, &c. [Signed] GEO. WASHINGTON.  $9\frac{1}{2} \times 11\frac{3}{4}$ .

These are the Predictions of John Nobles, Astrologer and Doctor. These are Written for the Year of Our Lord, 1794.

[Dated] November 18th, 1793. Published according to Act of Congress.  $9 \times 10\frac{3}{4}$ .

[Predicts a temperate winter, the summer to be for the most part hot and sultry, making it sickly, &c. Trouble with the cattle is predicted so that many die and "flesh will be dear." "Many robberies happen this year," &c.]

## [Cut of Execution.]

The Confession and Dying Words of Samuel Frost, who is to be Executed this Day, October 31, 1793, for the Horrid Crime of Murder.

Printed and sold at Mr. Thomas's Printing office, in Worcester. Price 6 d. Also, a Poem on the Occasion. Price 3 d.

17½ x 20½.

[The execution took place where the Asylum for Chronic Insane now stands. A sermon was preached before the execution by Rev. Aaron Bancroft.]

1794.

## [Cut of a Large Serpent.]

The following is copied from the Journal kept by Mr. Jacob M. Berriman, during his tour to the Westward of Fort Recovery. May 27, 1794. Suffield: Printed by Edward Gray.

10¾ x 18.

[An account of "the most terrible Monster which mans eyes ever beheld, &c., &c." Any persons doubting the truth of it were asked to call at Mr. Peck's Museum in Philadelphia, where the skin was presented and satisfy themselves.]

Great News. By this Morning's Mail. Hartford, January 20, 1794.

8 x 13½.

[This is a communication received at Hartford and relates to an "express dispatched from Citizen Genet, at Philadelphia, to Citizen Hauterive, at New York," which states that "The Duke of York is taken with his whole Army; Toulon is re-taken, with every Ship in the Harbour," &c. The news is confirmed by a letter from Baltimore dated Jan. 3, 1794, to a gentleman in New York.]

To the Inhabitants of the Towns bordering upon and near to the River Merrimack. October 29, 1794.

9½ x 14½.

[This is in regard to locks and canals; calls for a voluntary contribution to assist in building them. Gives the names of a large committee appointed to receive subscriptions.]

Table exhibiting a plan for the reduction of the Six per cent. Stock of the United States, agreeably to the right reserved to the public in the Act making provision for the Debt of the United States. December 27th, 1794.

10¾ x 17½.

1795.

Information for Immigrants to the New-England States. Published by Order of the Immigrant Society in Boston. Thomas Russell, President. Boston, October 27, 1795.

14 x 19 $\frac{3}{4}$ .

Odes sung at the Feast of St. John, June 24, 1795. To a new tune.—By a Brother. Another to tune, Rule Britannia and one to tune—Attick Fire.

Each 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 9.

1796.

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress Assembled. The address and Memorial of the people called Quakers.

Signed on behalf and by direction of a Meeting appointed to represent our religious Society, held in Philadelphia the 10th day of the Second Month 1796.

8 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

JOHN DRINKER, Clerk.

[The address is in relation to a Bill in contemplation for the establishment of a Militia throughout the United States, and the proposed exemption with respect to those who sincerely adhere to Gospel Conviction which is considered only nominal, and the noncompliance with the Bill will subject them to sufferings on account of their attachment to a principle which takes away the occasion for war, &c., &c.]

1797.

A letter. Signed, "A Friend to the Useful Arts" dated Philadelphia, January 31, 1797, in regard to duty on white cotton goods imported into this Country, hopes some measure will be found, however, to except those which are stained or printed in the United States, &c.

7 $\frac{3}{4}$  x 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ .

1798.

General Orders. Head-Quarters, Roxbury, May 1, 1798.

[Signed] WILLIAM DONNISON, Adjutant-General

8 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 13 $\frac{3}{8}$ .

[In regard to the Militia. Ask that every individual will do his duty with alacrity, so that order may be maintained and discipline be established throughout the Militia of the State, &c., &c.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In the House of Representatives, February 12th 1798. "On the Memorial of the Delegates of the Towns of Templeton, Barre, Princeton & others praying for a division of the County of Worcester. Approved March 3 1798. [Signed] INCREASE SUMNER.

7 $\frac{1}{8}$  x 12 $\frac{3}{8}$ .

General Washington's Letter, Declaring his Acceptance of the Command of the Armies of the United States. July 17th, 1798. [Published for General Information.] 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 18.

Tax for the Year 1798. Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Peleg Coffin, Esquire, Treasurer and Receiver-General of said Commonwealth. [Dated] March 24, 1798. 13 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 16.

[This is an Act to apportion and assess a Tax of one hundred and thirty-three thousand, three hundred and eighty-one dollars, and fifty-three cents, &c. It is addressed to the Selectmen and Assessors of the Town of Worcester, whose proportion of the tax is \$855.28.]

1799.

To the Representatives of the Freemen of the United States of America; in Congress assembled: Memorial of Freemen of the County of Rutland, and State of Vermont. [Dated] January 1799. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

[In regard to the Alien and Sedition Acts.]

Tax for the Year 1799. [Dated] March 28th, 1799. 13 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 16.

[The amount of tax for Worcester is the same as for the previous year.]

1800.

Proclamation by the President on the death of Washington.

[Signed] JOHN ADAMS.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Resolve by the Legislature providing for an Oration on Washington.

SAMUEL PHILLIPS, President.

EDWARD H. ROBBINS, Speaker.

Jan'y 14, 1800.

15 x 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

Hymns, To be Sung on the 22d of Feb'y, 1800, in Middletown; The day appointed by Congress to Manifest our grief for the Death of Gen. George Washington. 4 x 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

[Two hymns; one of eight verses, the other of four.]

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