

JOHN DICKINSON FAMILY PAPERS

Deposited by Robert Restalrig Logan, of "Sarobia", in The  
Library Company of Philadelphia, at various times 1943-49

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Inventory by groups

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Note: Items 1-8 calendared by Mr. Edwin  
Wolf, under date of 26 April, 1963.  
I have added my comments to his.

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ITEM 1. John Dickinson MS draft, of an unpublished pamphlet.  
One document, 52 pp., 8vo, AMS  
"REFLECTIONS ON THE FLAG OF TRUCE TRADE IN AMERICA.  
BY AN ENGLISH MERCHANT."  
Belongs to the period of John Dickinson's residence  
in London, 1753-56. Extensively worked over, ob-  
viously a draft.

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ITEM 2. John Dickinson Commonplace Book. AMS. In the front  
are 16 pp. on the state of Europe, not contemporary;  
at the back are 8 pp. of miscellaneous excerpts or  
facts from books.

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ITEM 3. Rents of Delaware lands.  
Three documents:  
1. Blank form of indenture, used as cover. Endorsed  
by John Dickinson: "Memorandum for Rent"  
2. Estimate of debts due from John Emory-Jones,  
March 31, 1792.  
3. Miscellaneous receipts, notes, and memoranda  
relating to land and house rented out, 1798-1806.

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ITEM 4. John Dickinson MS, holog., 2 pp. fol., with additional slip containing order of toasts.

"AN ACCOUNT OF THE REJOICINGS ON THE BIRTH OF THE DAUPHIN AT DOVER JUNE 22d. 1782."

Should be compared with Rush's ~~MSXXII~~ account of the great Philadelphia celebration Junly 15th, in Aunt Norris' house in Philadelphia, now the residence of Luzerne, and which John Dickinson and his wife attended.

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ITEM 5. John Dickinson MS, holog., 5 pp. fol.

"REJOICINGS ON THE DEFINITIVE TREATY JANUARY 20th 1784"

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~~ITEM 4. John Dickinson MS, holog., 2 pp. folio, with additional slip containing the order of toasts.  
"AN ACCOUNT OF THE REJOICINGS ON THE BIRTH OF THE DAUPHIN AT DOVER JUNE 22d. 1782."  
Should be compared with Rush's account of the great Philadelphia celebration July 15th, in Aunt Norris's house in Philadelphia, which had rented to Luzerne~~

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- ITEM <sup>6</sup> 5. Letters between John Dickinson and Charles Thomson.
- 5 documents, the wrapper endorsed in the hand of Sally Norris Dickinson, "LETTERS FROM CHARLES THOMSON OVERLOOKED." (When Sally wrote overlooked, she meant looked over)
1. Charles Thomson to John Dickinson, 20 Ja 1785.  
2 pp. fol., ALS. From New York.  
Expresses hopes the states will preserve the financial honor of the United States, and not, as the trend seems to be, neglect their responsibility for federal debts. This appeal CT seems to have sent to Pres. Dickinson on his own responsibility, because of their intimate relationship, for he wrote no similar letters to other governors, at this particular time.
  2. John Dickinson to Charles Thomson, 11 Ju 1783. 2 pp. 4to, ALS, draft.  
Is anxious to consult the honor of the United States in spite of the provocations offered to Pennsylvania, as recited,  
This letter adds important elements to Dickinson's position, and Pennsylvania's, following the revolt of the Pennsylvania Line and the removal of Congress to Princeton.
  3. Charles Thomson to John Dickinson, 26 Mr 1785. 1 p. fol. ALS.  
Encloses Congress' instructions to (General Richard) Butler, one of the commissioners negotiating with the Western (Cornplanter) Indians. The instructions are dated 18 Mr 1785, and signed by Thomson, 1½ p. fol.  
This was several months before Butler was elected (Aug. 9th) Superintendent of Indian Affairs for the Northern Division.
  4. Charles Thomson to John Dickinson 11 Ju 1783. 1 p. 4to ALS. Suggests an "Address to Congress" being prepared by the citizens (of Philadelphia) be forwarded to the Council and submitted (to Congress) by it.  
Thomson was doing his best to assist the return of Congress to Philadelphia, after the mutiny.
  5. Charles Thomson to John Dickinson, 14 N 1783. 1 p. 4to AL (signature cut from letter) Recommends William Masters for an appointment.
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ITEM 7. Letters between Charles Thomson & John Dickinson.  
Packet, endorsed by Sally Norris Dickinson:

"After a general and careful search, these are all the Letters I have been able to find from Charles Thomson to my Father - excepting one in the lower drawer of my Cabinet?"

~~Seven~~  
~~SIX~~ documents

1. Charles Thomson to John Dickinson 15 S 1786. 2 pp. fol., LS; in secretary's hand. Nine judges had been selected by lot; this letter Thomson sent to each of them. For the letter to McKean, see VIII Burnett Letters 468. Notes there indicate the letters to Madison and to Duane exist in public repositories, and the Secretary's retained copy is in his Letter Book (Natl Arch).  
Transmits copy of proceedings of Congress appointing a court to hear the dispute between South Carolina and Georgia, and asking Dickinson to sit on the Court as judge.  
NB: The choice by lot of the appeals judges is unique, in the history of the Confederation Appeals Court.
2. Proceedings of Congress appointing an appeals court. Enclosed with the above.
3. John Dickinson to Charles Thomson, 21 N 1786. 1 p. fol., ALS, Draft.  
Declines the appointment to sit on the Appeals Court.
4. Charles Thomson to John Dickinson, 29 N 1786. 2 pp. fol., ALS. Asks him to reconsider his refusal to sit on the Court to adjudge the South-Carolina-Georgia Boundary dispute.
5. John Dickinson to Charles Thomson \_\_\_\_\_, 1786. 1p., 8vO. ALS, Draft. Once more declines the appointment.  
NB: The court never did sit anyway, since the delegates from both states in New York agreed upon a compromise settlement, to avoid adjudication.
6. Charles Thomson to John Dickinson 3 N 1788. 1p. 4to. Introduces Chevalier de St. Fry, and M. (Brissot) de Warville.
7. Charles Thomson MS, 25 Dec. 1780. 40 pp., 4to, dated 25 Dec. 1780. Proposing detailed plan for a sound national fiscal administration.

Apparently the only surviving copy of Thomson's proposals, which grew out of the November hearings of the Finance Committee.

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ITEM 8. Packet, endorsed (by whom?): "INFORMATION OF THE SIGNING OF THE PRELIMINARY ARTICLES OF PEACE BETWEEN FRANCE, SPAIN, AND GREAT BRITAIN, ON THE 20th OF JANUARY 1783 AT VERSAILS."

Four documents.

1. Richard Peters Jr. to John Dickinson 12 Mr 1783. 1 p. 8vo ALS. Sends rough ~~sk~~ copy of the Provisional Treaty with Great Britain, asks that it be communicated to the Council & Assembly.
  2. Thomas Barclay to John Dickinson 27 Ja 1783. 1 p. fol. LS. From L'Orient. Informs of the signing of preliminary articles of peace.
  - 3,4. The Treaty, Articles i and xxii; two copies, each 1 p. fol.
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JOHN DICKINSON PAPERS

*Note*  
*Items 1-8 were missing*  
*at time this collection was*  
*put in folders. 10/11/23*

ITEM 1. One document.

John Dickinson, AMS, "Reflections on the Flag of Truce Trade in America. By an English Merchant," 52 pp., 8vo. It would seem from the handwriting that this is an early manuscript. It has been extensively worked over and is obviously a draft.

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1. Estimate of Debts Due from John Emory-Jones, Mar. 31, 1792.
  2. Miscellaneous receipts, notes and memoranda relating to land and house rented out, 1798-1806.
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ITEM 4. One document.

John Dickinson, AMS, "An Account of the Rejoicings on the Birth of the Dauphin At Dover June 22d. 1782", 2 pp. folio, with slip containing order of toasts.

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ITEM 5. One document.

John Dickinson, AMS, "[An Account of the] Rejoicings on the Definitive Treaty January 20th 1784," 5 pp., folio.

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ITEM 6. "Letters from Charles Thomson overlooked."

1. Charles Thomson, ALS, to John Dickinson, New York, Jan. 20, 1785, 2 pp., folio. Expressing hope that the states will preserve the financial honor of the United States, and not, as the trend seems to be, negate their responsibility for federal debts.

2. John Dickinson, ALS, to Charles Thomson, Jul. 11,

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*Box 5*  
*F 21*

1783, 2 pp., 4to. Is anxious to consult the honor of the United States in spite of provocations offered to Pennsylvania, as recited.

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F 5
3. Charles Thomson, ALS, to John Dickinson, Mar. 26, 1785, 1 p., folio. Enclosing a copy of a letter of instructions from Congress for R. Butler, one of the commissioners negotiating with the Western Indians. The instructions are dated Mar. 18, 1785, and signed by Thomson, 1½ pp., folio.
  4. Charles Thomson, ALS, to John Dickinson, Jul. 11, 1783, 1 p., 4to. Suggesting that an "Address to Congress" being prepared by the citizens be forwarded to the Council and submitted by it.
  5. Charles Thomson, AL (signature cut from letter), to John Dickinson, Phila., Nov. 14, 1783, 1 p., 4to. Recommending William Masters for an appointment.
  6. C.T. to J.D., 19 JULY 1785.
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ITEM 7. "After a general and careful search, these are all the Letters I have been able to find from Charles Thomson to my Father - excepting one in the lower drawer of my Cabinet".

1. Charles Thomson, LS, to John Dickinson, Sept. 15, 1786, 2 pp., folio. Transmitting a copy (enclosed) of the proceedings of Congress appointing a court to hear the dispute between South Carolina and Georgia, and asking Dickinson to be the judge.
2. John Dickinson, ALS (draft), to Charles Thomson, Wilmington, Nov. 21, 1786, 1 p., folio. Declining the appointment.
3. Charles Thomson, ALS, to John Dickinson, New York, Nov. 29, 1786, 2 pp., folio. Asking him to reconsider his refusal.
4. John Dickinson, ALS (draft), to Charles Thomson, Wilmington, [Dec.] 1786, 1 p., 8vo. Once more declining the appointment.
5. Charles Thomson, ALS, to John Dickinson, New York, Nov. 3, 1788, 1 p., 4to. Introducing the Chevalier de St. Fry and M. de Warville.

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6. Charles Thomson, MS, signed with postscript in his hand, Phila., Dec. 25, 1780, 40 pp., 4to. A detailed plan for a sound national fiscal administration.

7. C.T. to J.D., 30 JUNE 1788.

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ITEM 8. "Information of the signing of the Preliminary

Articles of Peace between France, Spain,  
and Great Britain, on the 20th of January  
1783 at Versails."

1. Richard Peters, Jr., ALS, to John Dickinson, Mar. 12, 1783, 1 p., 8vo. Sending a rough copy of the Provisional Treaty with Great Britain, and asking that it be communicated to the Council and Assembly.
2. Thomas Barclay, LS, to John Dickinson, L'Orient, Jan. 27, 1783, 1 p., fol. Informing him of the signing of the Preliminary Articles of Peace.
3. Two copies, each of 1 p., folio, of the 1st and 22nd Articles of the Treaty.

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(Note: Items 1-8 are not inventoried; a check of the shelved collection may disclose that there were no items so numbered?)

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ITEM 9. Packet of letters, Francois Marbois, later Marquis de Barbe-Marbois, consul-general of France at Philadelphia, to John Dickinson, President of the Supreme Executive Council of Pennsylvania

8 documents:

1. De Marbois to Dickinson, 16 Nov., 1784
2. Same to same, no date
3. Same to same, 5th April 1785 (?)
4. Same to same, 29 March 1785
5. Same to same, 24 June, 1784, with draft of answer by JD
6. Same to same, 3 May, ~~1784~~ 1785
7. Two pipes of Madeira wine, May 8, 1784
8. Same to same

ITEM 10. Packet of letters, relating to Dickinson College at Carlisle

7 documents:

1. S. de Cadenberg, Prof. of Anatomy at Pisa, to John Dickinson, regarding Walter Minto. 15 Dec. 1783
2. Buchan (?) to John Dickinson, 6 Aug., 1785. Regarding Walter Minto.
3. Alexander Nisbet to John Dickinson, no date. On Pinckney's treaty
4. Alexander Nisbet to John Dickinson, 18 Apr. 1804
5. Alexander Nisbet to John Dickinson, 14 Jan. 1807
6. Alexander Nisbet to John Dickinson, 6 July, 1807
7. Alexander Nisbet to John Dickinson, 27 Jan., 1808

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ITEM NO. 11 Packet of letters and documents, miscellaneous

18 documents:

1. W. Hamilton to John Dickinson, 10 April 1792
2. William Hylton to John Dickinson, no date (Cf. other letters from Hylton, # 11 (5) below; also items 243 for letter of 13 Jan. 1804)
3. John Dickinson to George Logan, (Draft), -- --, 1806.  
My dear Cousin,  
The proceedings of the H of R gives Me great Pain of Mind. There is a Wildness in them, prognosticating Evils to a REPUBLICAN FORM of GOVERNMENT. It appears to Me, that disappointed passion, and abject Courtship of popular Favor in others, have superseded a Regard for public Faith and National DIGNITY. What sacrifices . . . (etc)
4. Caesar Rodney to John Dickinson, 2 July 1780
5. William Hylton to John Dickinson, 30 Sept. 1792 (Cf. no. 2 above, and no. 243)
6. James Pemberton to John Dickinson, 6 June 1792
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Hermier (?) (Santo Domingo refugee) to John Dickinson, 1 July, 1794
8. Miers Fisher to John Dickinson, 20 May 1793
9. Draft of agreement, John Dickinson's hand, with Benjamin Chew jr., et al., 1793. Relates to the law suit over Chew's lands, which caused JD much pain in his last years.

*Copies not in original*

*Box 5  
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*Box 1 - F19*

10. Translation of Treaty with Six Nations, 8 Sept. 1783
  11. Edmund Randolph to John Dickinson 1 May 1794
  12. \_\_\_\_\_ Jorre(?) to John Dickinson 8 April 1794
  13. Joseph Miller to John Dickinson 2 October 1794
  14. James Booth to John Dickinson 23 August 1792
  15. John Barclay to John Dickinson 27 December 1792
  16. John Barclay to John Dickinson 9 July 1794
  17. Robert Hillegas to John Dickinson 24 August \_\_\_\_\_ (no year)
  18. \_\_\_\_\_ Henry to John Dickinson, ~~17~~ 17th \_\_\_\_\_, 1794.  
Relates to Dominican refugees.
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ITEM 12. Delaware land papers, Daniel Walker, Nathaniel Luff  
8 documents:

1. Lease to Daniel Walker, 9 December 1790
  2. Daniel Walker to John Dickinson 23 Jan 1803. Example of illiterate tenant's letter:  
"I am sorrow that I ant got the money  
fore you sir . . ."
  3. Settlement with Daniel Walker 9 Dec 1797
  4. Receipt from Daniel Walker 14 Jan 1800
  5. Ibid 9 May 1803
  6. Agreement with Daniel Walker 18 April 1798
  7. Ibid 2 Nov 1801
  8. Nathaniel Luff to John Dickinson 25 October 1800
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ITEM 13. Packet of letters, in no file arrangement that makes particular sense, some of them of particular interest. This file was disturbed by Sally Norris Dickinson, daughter of John Dickinson. She has endorsed the wrapper: "FAMILIAR LETTERS OVERLOOKED" (Sally always wrote "overlooked" when she meant "looked over"; she did not mean missed or neglected.

29 documents:

1. Mary Cadwalader Dickinson (Mrs. Philemon Dickinson) to John Dickinson, 6 July 1778. "by Cato." This means,

incidentally, that Dickinson's Negro slave, his body servant Cato, travelled from near Trenton down to Kent in the midst of the war.

2. John Read Jr. to John Dickinson, 7 April, 1795. There are other letters of the banker Read in this collection; and the LCP has the great collection of Read Family Papers, with his, his son Chief Justice John Meredith Read, and his grandson John M. Read Jr.'s papers.
3. John Dickinson to William Read, 12 Mar 1795. Draft.
4. William Read to John Dickinson, 16 May 1796
5. Sarah Rhoads to John Dickinson 28 April 1789
6. Samuel Emlen Jr. to John Dickinson 18 July 1803
7. Israel Pemberton to John Dickinson 17 April 1777
8. Anthony Palmer, President of Council, to Samuel Dickinson 23 September 1748. "On His Majesty's Service" THE ONLY ALS OF GOVERNOR PALMER I HAVE EVER SEEN. THIS LETTER IS AN INTERESTING DELAWARE ITEM. IT IS ALSO SIGNIFICANT AS AN INDICATION OF THE IMPORTANT PLACE MR. JUSTICE DICKINSON, JOHN DICKINSON'S FATHER, HAD ATTAINED TO IN DELAWARE, SEVEN YEARS AFTER HIS REMOVAL INTO KENT FROM TALBOT COUNTY MARYLAND.

Sir

My State of Health not permitting me to go to Newcastle Be pleased to favour me with your Attendance at Council at this City on the 4th 5th or 6th October in order to issue Sheriffs & Coroners Commissions & such other Commissions as shall be then necessary to be made out I am

Sir

Your most

humble Servant

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9. Elizabeth Walker to John Dickinson 20 Aug 1806
  - Bot 5, f. 1 - 10. Mary Cadwalader Dickinson (Mrs. Philemon D) to John Dickinson. no date. "by Cato"
  11. Hannah Griffitts to John Dickinson, 4 October, 1794 (Cf. #s 270-285, and other HG letters to JD. HG was cousin of JD's wife, a poetess, his tenant in Norris' Alley in Philadelphia. After her father's death, she was dependent on JD for her living)
  12. Samuel Morris to John Dickinson 20 July 1770. Morris was married to Dickinson's aunt, his mother's sister. This letter was written the morning of Dickinson's wedding:

Sam<sup>l</sup> Morris's Compliments & hearty wishes of constant happiness to his beloved Nephew J.D. & Spouse, on their Nuptials;; and Acquaints him that its with reluctance he finds himself under a Necessity of leaving the Town this Morning on Account of the heat, wich (sic) has so greatly affected his wife with extreem Sickness in y<sup>e</sup> night, that her retiring into the Country admits of no delay; she gægrets greatly her inability to pay her Compliments to you both on the joyful occasion, & also to her ~~xx~~ Sister Dickinson Wee are just going, & am in haste  
 yrs E<sup>c</sup>

20 July 1770

Sam<sup>l</sup> Morris

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 Has letters  
 in volume 2  
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13. John Dickinson to Wm. Y. Birch and Abraham Small, No. 37, S. Second St., Philadelphia. 7 Nov 1807
14. Stephen Sayre to John Dickinson 5 Feb 1775 enclosing act by Lord Chatham which Parliament rejected
15. R. Nisbett to John Dickinson § 4 Oct 1799
16. Ann Rogers (?) to John Dickinson, 26 Mar 1799
17. Elizabeth Foulke to John Dickinson 26 Nov 1799
18. Deborah Norris Logan to John Dickinson 25 Jan 1802
19. Deborah Norris Logan to John Dickinson 25 Dec. 1801
20. Benjamin Rush to John Dickinson 3 Sept 1780
21. Thomas Fisher to Mary Dickinson 16 May 1783
22. Thomas Fisher to Mary Dickinson 18 April 1783. Business papers
23. George Read to John Dickinson 10 Aug 1770. Congratulates him on his marriage
24. John Witherspoon to John Dickinson, 18 August 1769. Introducing Mr. Waggeman, who wishes to study law with Dickinson. He is of sweet character, but deficient in Latin and Greek. PRESIDENT WITHERSPOON KNEW THE "FARMER" FROM THE HONORARY DEGREE PRINCETON HAD BESTOWED UPON HIM. HE WAS STILL IN HIS FIRST YEAR IN AMERICA AT THE TIME OF THIS LETTER.
25. Nicholas Waln to John Dickinson 27 July 1792
26. John Dickinson to James Sayre 11 July 1766. Returns a legal fee.
27. Susanna Thomson to John Dickinson 21 August 1788

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 Box 4 file*

28. Samuel and Miers Fisher to John Dickinson 1 June 1794
29. John Dickinson Junior to John Dickinson 16 Aug. 1784.  
Nephew of JD, son of Philemon. JD settled lands in Jersey upon him.

*This is not Philemon's son but a cousin in Kent Co. Del.*

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ITEM 14. Loose papers, apparently never in a packet, and not forming a group of any kind. Some are important items

25 documents:

*Box 12  
F4*

1. Memorandum of the Dickinson Family, Genealogical account, with chart. *2 sheets*
2. Document in the handwriting of John Dickinson, regarding Teedyuscung, and the walking purchase, and the conference at Easton.
3. Page of notes listing books JD wants; also notes on signatures to family deeds.
- ✓ 4. George Read to John Dickinson 2 Dec 1780. On JD's election to the Delaware Assembly
5. Four old bonds
6. John Dickinson to Hahhah Griffitts 1 March 1784. Draft.
7. Hannah Griffitts, receipt.
- ✓ 8. James Pemberton to John Dickinson Mar 10<sup>th</sup> 1786. Relating to the works of Anthony Benezet. Benezet had died May 3, 1784
- ✓ 8(a). Dickinson's draft of a reply to above. John Dickinson to James Pemberton, \_\_\_ Mar., 1786
- ✓ 9. Nathaniel Smithers to John Dickinson 14 Dec 1802
- ✓ 10. Nathaniel Smithers to John Dickinson ~~14<sup>th</sup>~~ 6 Nov 1802  
Smithers was a person of importance in Kent county. He wrote a number of letters to JD, recommending persons as tenants, finding purchasers for lands. Several letters are in this collection, from him.
- ✓ 11. John Bellach to John Dickinson 14 May 1805
- ✓ 12. John Dickinson to George Read, 29 April 1803. Draft
13. John Dickinson: Notes for drawing a deed, Delaware farms
14. Fragment: purchase of Gordon's land in Kent 1791
15. Hannah Griffitts, receipt, 20 Apr 1802

16. August 10, 1776. Return of ammunition received for and delivered to First Battalion Pennsylvania Militia commanded by John Dickinson at Elizabethtown (N.J.)
17. Fragment: John Dickinson. Congress and the Militia
18. August, 1776. Regulation of rations at Elizabethtown.
- ✓ 19. Clement Biddle to Col. John Dickinson, 3 Aug. 1776. On tents and equipment
20. General Hugh Mercer, 30 July, 1776: provisions for the militia
21. Deborah Logan MS, history of Logan family of Stenton, 27 Sept. 1785
- ✓ 22. William Killen to John Dickinson, 29 June 1790. Killen, Chief Justice of Delaware, had been Dickinson's tutor during the latter's boyhood on Jones Neck.
23. Certificate: John Dickinson's appointment as Judge of the Court of Appeals of Delaware. Dickinson was First Commissioned Judge, which is to say Chief Justice. Two causes decided by him in this court are reported in Dallas, IV, pp. 1 ff.
24. (Printed) 13 Aug. 1776. Pennsylvania militia to furnish troops for the Flying Camp. *Not here*
- ✓ 25. Stewart Herbert to Col. Richard Humpton of Phila., 29 June 1783

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ITEM 15. Packet of letters from Dickinson to various correspondents; these are Dickinson's retained drafts

12 documents

- ✓ 1. Draft: Letter from Pres. Dickinson of Pa to the Governor of Cuba &c, 17 Feb 1784, introducing W. Stewart. Walter Stewart, General in the Pa. militia, was an Irish-born Philadelphia merchant who had served as major under Wayne at Stony Point, and as Colonel throughout the war. ~~EX~~
2. Draft of a letter, 27 Apr 1784. Endorsed by JD: "COUNCIL WOULD NOT AGREE TO THIS LETTER. J.D."
- ✓ 3. John Dickinson to Thomas Canday, near Dover. 15 Feb 1806. *Draft*  
Thomas was the son of William Canday, Dickinson's "Effectunet tennant" on the large plantation on Jones Neck. William died in August, 1803; in spite of pressure from all neighboring farm tenants to get the land for their own tenancy, JD kept Thomas, and over the years received some remarkable letters from him, which are represented in this collection

- ✓ 4. John Dickinson to M. de LaFayette 6 Mar 1784. On setting up Fayette County. Draft.
- ✓ 5. Mathew Carey to John Dickinson 4 Feb 1789. On Publication of JD's address to St. David's Society
- ✓ 6. John Dickinson to Mathew Carey, \_\_\_ Feb., 1789. Draft of the letter to which no. 5 is the reply.
- ✓ 7. John Dickinson to Mathew Carey, \_\_\_ Feb., 1789. Draft of a letter referred to in 6, sup.
- ✓ 8. Mathew Carey to John Dickinson 5<sup>6</sup> Jan 1789. He is reprinting Dickinson's writings.
- ✓ 9. John Dickinson to Henry Hill, 27 Mar 1787.
- ✓ 10. General Arthur St. Clair to John Dickinson 9 Feb 1784
- ✓ 11. John Dickinson to General Arthur St. Clair 9 Feb 1784. Draft.
- ✓ 12. John Dickinson to General Arthur St. Clair 29 Feb 1784

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ITEM 16. Two manuscripts in John Dickinson's hands, both of them fragments. Cf. item 250. Further description must await study. They appear to be notes JD made during debate, or conference. They are on significant subjects.

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related to  
Dickinson College  
+ Trustees*

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ITEM 17. Packet of letters apparently/~~compiled~~ assembled together by Sally Norris Dickinson, for JD clearly had not filed them in a single file.

Endorsed by Sally Norris Dickinson:  
"LETTERS FROM MY UNCLE TO  
MY FATHER"

These are 12 letters of General Philemon Dickinson to his brother John Dickinson, from his home in New Jersey.

12 documents

All are Philemon to John Dickinson, as follows:

1. 23 Jan 1791
2. 19 Apr 1791
3. 12 Sep 1787
4. 1 Mar 1793
5. 1. Feb 1804
6. 12 Nov 1794
6. 7 Apr 1804
8. 12 Feb 1792
9. 14 Feb 1793

- 10. 28 Feb 1793
- 11. 8 Dec 1790
- 12. 7 Sep 1807

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ITEM 18. Packet, miscellaneous. There is no relationship among these documents. Since they are of the first importance, I think Sally tied them together in this bundle.

10 documents

1. Document in the handwriting of William Killen, dated 1 June 1789. DESCRIBES EARLY ACQUAINTANCE BETWEEN JD AND WILLIAM KILLEN, AND THE SO-CALLED "TUTORSHIP" OF JD BY WK in precise terms. This document should be cross-referenced to the year 1746, the year of the events to which it refers. Endorsed by Sally Norris Dickinson
2. James Pemberton to John Dickinson 22 October 1792. On abolition of slavery
3. John Dickinson to James Logan 21 Feb 1803
4. BENJAMIN RUSH TO JOHN DICKINSON 20 Mar 1778. From Wilmington. JD is in Kent. AN IMPORTANT WAR-TIME LETTER OF RUSH, PART OF HIS PERSUASION TO DICKINSON TO COME OUT OF RETIREMENT.  
His health. Soon they will be able to return to Phila, remodel the constitution. The imperfections in the government. News from Philadelphia. Cannon is gone, Paine has lost his popularity, only Matlack of all authors of the constitution remains in power. Tyranny and insufficiency of the government, corruption. "It will be no new thing for moderate or even disaffected men to force themselves into power. The Jacobites in Britain have supplanted the Whigs every where." Violence of present rulers. Desperate estate of the army. Evil administration. His mother's home plundered. Negligence kills patients in military hospitals.
5. Senator George Logan to John Dickinson 6 Feb 1804
6. John Dickinson to George Logan 11 Jan 1802. 5 pp 4to. A long constitutional essay on the election of senators.
7. George Logan to John Dickinson 17 Feb 1807
8. George Logan to John Dickinson 18 Feb 1807
9. DOCUMENT (FRAGMENT) IN JOHN DICKINSON'S HAND RELATING TO THE FEDERAL CONVENTION
10. A SECOND DOCUMENT IN JOHN DICKINSON'S HAND RELATING TO THE FEDERAL CONVENTION

Box 7, F 25

Box 1

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Box 15 F 24

Box 4 F 18

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*Doubtful*  
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ITEM 19. Packet, printed items and 2 MSS. These have plainly been "overlooked," and are not in JD's original arrangement.

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documents

1. CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OF 1787. Printed copy of the Constitution, 4 pp. fol., numbered, bearing the signature "JOHN DICKINSON SEPTEMBER 13th - 1787"

This appears to be Evans No. 20816, printed 13 Sept., 1787, the second (third) draft of the constitution, printed for the use of the members on one side of 4 leaves. See Farrand, I, xxiii, ff., II, 590, ff; Powell, Books of a New Nation, 62-64. *WAT KOT*

This copy has interlineations by JD, as adopted by the Convention. Art. V is incomplete. No attest or signature, nothing following Art. VII sec 1.

*Per F 172* 2. Arthur Lee to JD, 19 Sept., 1779. Reproving JD for vote of censure of Lee in Congress.

3. John Dickinson to Arthur Lee, March 30, 1780. Draft of a letter, 2 pp. fol., in answer to above. Dated "Kent March 30th - 1780"

4. The Independent Gazetteer, Sat. Nov. 30, 1782. Containing on p. 3 the address of the Presbytery of Lewes to JD, Oct. 1782, and his answer. *WAT KOT*

5. Pennsylvania Gazette, Wed., 27 Nov., 1782. Containing Lewes address as above, JD's answer, and his Proc on Vice and Immorality, 20 Nov., 1782. *WAT KOT*

6. Fragment: Broadside. House of Delegates of Maryland, Jan. 1782. *WAT KOT*

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ITEM 20. Originally a large bundle consisting of 6 packets, with loose material in addition; each packet has been separately arranged with item numbers. The first contains letters and invitations, as follows:

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documents

1. John Cadwalader to John Dickinson, 1 March, 1782. A pass to Parson Addison to return to Delaware; Tory confiscations, Pennsylvania proceedings.

One of the very few letters JD seems to have received from his cousin.

2. Congress, Resolution, Oct. 7, 1779. 4 pp. fol., unidentified hand. *Assessment quotas on States for Taxes / esp. Delaware*

3. Printed, 3 pp. fol: PETITION OF LONDON MERCHANTS TO *WAT KOT*

PARLIAMENT, bearing this endorsement in an unidentified hand:

"This petition was signed by near 400 houses, the most considerable in the North American Trade, & delivered to the H. of Commons the 23. Jan. 1775."

Perhaps <sup>22</sup> This petition was sent with Item <sup>10</sup> ~~15~~, # ~~11~~, <sup>above</sup> Dickinson's public utterances and writings refer to it.

4. John Moylan, Clothier General, to Governor Dickinson, 24 March, 1782. 3 pp. fol. Endorsed by JD: "Rec<sup>d</sup> March 25<sup>th</sup> - 1782 MK Moylan"  
No provision made by Congress to execute its giving Officer<sup>w</sup> clothing. Southern army re-  
~~xxxxxx~~ ceiving particular attention.
5. Invitation (card) for Mr. & Mrs. Dickinson to a ball on the 12th next at 7 o'clock.
6. Invitation to tea.
7. Invitation from the President of Congress
8. Card from Montmorency
9. Invitation from President of Congress
10. Invitation from Minister of France. Ball on 26th next
11. Invitation from President of Congress, Dinner Saturday at 4 o'clock
12. Dr. Ewing's card. Trustees U of P do not meet until Wednesday evening
13. Chief Justice McKean, invitation to dinner, April 5th, 1785.
14. Draft: Dickinson to John Moylan, 19 March, 1782. ~~Answer~~ (cf. no #4, above)

ITEM 21. Packet of letters, with no particular relationship, not in original file arrangement

5 documents

1. John Read Jr. to John Dickinson, 6 April, 1802. Thanks: JD for recommending him to the President.
2. John Read Jr. to Sally Norris Dickinson, 18 Dec., 1809. Payment from Dickinson's estate owing to Charles Brown.
3. James Pemberton to John Dickinson, 4 Oct. 1771. Discharging a bond. Condolence on loss of his mother. Congratulations on his marriage. Does not blame JD for leaving the Assembly, "as things are their circumstanced."

The Adams Papers

4. George Logan to John Dickinson, 1 March, \_\_\_\_\_ (1802).  
Judge Chase is acquitted; trial well conducted.
5. John Dickinson to George Logan 8 March 1802. The question  
of debtor states

ITEM 22. WILLIAM LEE LETTERS TO JOHN DICKINSON, from London.

Packet of letters endorsed twice:

First by Sally Norris Dickinson:

"Early letters From London. These Letters are mostly Anonymous, but appear, from the writing, to be from the same person, William Lee, his signature being to a few of them. He mentions R.H.Lee as his brother. Overlooked."

Second by another hand, probably Algernon Sydney Logan:

"Valuable & Interesting letters. One shows the Reads to have been traitors from the beginning."

<sup>29</sup>  
~~28~~ documents

*Some letters are possibly those of Arthur Lee --*

1. William Lee to John Dickinson 21 Feb 1775. Envelope contains directions: "The letter inclosed with this for Col. R. H. Lee, you will be so good as to deliver yourself when he gets to the May Congress; unless you have a private safe & trusty conveyance by which he may ~~xxxx~~ certainly get it sooner --"  
Letter, 4 pp. 4to, with 1 p. enclosure. *(enclosure handwriting)*
2. William Lee to John Dickinson, 6 Feb 1775. Envelope: "By favor of Capt Falkner who is requested to deliver it with his own hands." Enclosing Chatham's "divine speech," and urging JD to have it printed at once in America.
3. Copy of Mr. Burke's motions in the House of Commons, with Mr. A. Lee's compliments to John Dickinson.
4. (William Lee to John Dickinson), 1 p. 4to, no date, unsigned
5. William Lee to John Dickinson 8 June 1775. 4 pp 4to. Late events of 19 April in Massachusetts makes correspondence dangerous. *Arthur Lee*
6. William Lee to John Dickinson 2 April 1774 (1774) 4 pp. 4to *Arthur Lee*
7. William Lee to John Dickinson, no date, 1/2 p. 4to, reverse of a cover sheet.
8. William Lee to John Dickinson 13 Feb 1775. 5 pp. 4to. THIS DRAMATIC LETTER ON THE DEBATES IN PARLIAMENT WOULD BE AN EXCELLENT EXHIBITION ITEM *Arthur Lee*
9. John Almon to John Dickinson 4 Feb 1775. Enclosing the bill of Lord Chatham

*Arthur Lee*

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10. Bill of Lord Chatham, enclosed with above
11. Envelope covering copy of the petition of the London Merchants. See Item 20 # 3.
12. William Lee to John Dickinson 12 July 1775
- ~~Wixxi~~
13. William Lee to John Dickinson 9 May 1775
14. William Lee to John Dickinson 6 Feb 1775
15. William Lee to John Dickinson 27 July 1775
16. William Lee to John Dickinson 2 (2) June 1775
17. William Lee to John Dickinson 23 March 1775
18. William Lee to John Dickinson Feb. 1775
19. William Lee to John Dickinson 7 Jan. 1775
20. William Lee to John Dickinson, no date
21. William Lee to John Dickinson, no date
22. William Lee to John Dickinson, last page only, rest is missing. No date. Signed "W.L."
23. William Lee to John Dickinson 25 August 1774
24. Cover only
25. Broadside, London city, 23 July 1771
26. Names of the Gentlemen who signed the petition
27. Account of Tea exported to North America by the East India Company
28. William Lee to John Dickinson 19 Aug 1774
29. William Lee to John Dickinson 25 July 1774

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ITEM 23. THE DELAWARE CONTINENTALS, JOHN DICKINSON'S DELAWARE PRESIDENCY. Letters from General Patterson to John Dickinson, 1781-2

8 documents

1. Samuel Patterson to John Dickinson 14 Feb 1782. 1 p. fol.
2. Samuel Patterson to John Dickinson 24 May 1782. 2 pp. 4to
3. Samuel Patterson to John Dickinson 28 Mar 1782. 2 pp. 4to.
4. Samuel Patterson to John Dickinson 15 Jun 1782. 2 pp. 4to.
5. Samuel Patterson to John Dickinson 5 Dec 1781. 1 p 4th
6. John Dickinson to Capt. McKennan, 14 Nov., 1781. Draft of a letter. From Dover. 1 p ½ 4to
7. John Dickinson to General Patterson 13 Je 1782. Draft
8. John Dagworthy to John Dickinson 6 Mar 1782. 1 p. 4to

ITEM 24. Military papers, July-August, 1776, relating to John Dickinson's service in New Jersey as colonel of the First Philadelphia Battalion of Associators.

Endorsed, apparently by Algernon Sydney Logan, "VERY VALUABLE LETTERS & PAPERS SENT TO COLONEL DICKINSON WHILE IN COMMAND OF 1st Bat. Penna MILITIA. 1776"

16 documents

1. George Ross and Timothy Matlack to John Dickinson, 19 (or 29th?) August 1776. Commissioners suggest formation of one company out of Dickinson's battalion, and letting the rest go home.
2. Clement Biddle, Dep. Q.M.Gl, New York, General Orders regulating rations for the militia in New Jersey. (The Flying Camp)
3. Capt. McElwaine to Col. John Dickinson 21 July 1776. Has seized powder at Thornton's Plantation as ordered by Col. Cadwalader.
4. General William Livingston to Col. Dickinson 20 Aug. 1776. He has no powder.
5. Daniel Roberdeau to Commander Pennsylvania Troops at Trenton 16 July 1776. Return of 2 associators to sit in the Convention.
6. John Morris Jr. to John Dickinson 30 July 1776. His work in the Convention. Encloses Bill of Rights printed for the members. Intends rejoining the army when the Convention is over, but not doing any dirty work. Love from family.
7. Printed: AN ESSAY OF A DECLARATION OF RIGHTS. Enclosed with the above. Cf. Evans 14984. Dunlap. 1 p. fol. bdsde. HSP has copy
8. General William Livingston to John Dickinson, 1 Aug. 1776, with notation by John Dickinson at foot. Apprehension of Tories on Hackensack River.
9. Isaac Melcher (sp?) to John Dickinson, 31 <sup>July</sup> Aug 1776. Congress has ordered 4 more Pennsylvania Militia Battalions to the Flying Camp, so as to form 3 Brigades. Has not received appointment from Congress.
10. General Hugh Mercer, Perth Amboy, to Col. John Dickinson, 1 Aug. 1776. 4 pp 4to. Construct the boats at once. Supplies and equipment for building them. Etc.
11. David Schaffer Jr. to John Dickinson 11 Aug 1776. Asks extension of leave.
12. John Morris Jr. to John Dickinson, 11 Aug 1776. News of debates in Convention re the Flying Camp, & the new Constitution.

13. John Morris Jr. to John Dickinson, ~~ixxAugxixx~~ no date. Is pleased to find JD is regaining influence in Pennsylvania.
  14. Convention of Pennsylvania, resolution (MS copy) on keeping the peace
  15. Convention of Pennsylvania. Resolution on Deserters, 16 Aug 1776. Printed. Signed John Morris Jr., Sec'y.
  16. John Morris Jr. to Dickinson, 16 Aug 1776. All are grieved and alarmed at desertions. Flying Camp Commissioners may be able to control the evil. Debates in Convention on Bill of Rights
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ITEM 25. Packet of letters, endorsed "FROM 177<sup>4</sup> to 1775"

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19 documents

- B-1, F10* 1. John Jones to John Dickinson, 6 July 1775, from New York. 7 pp fol. Illness. Present politican situation. Has no hesitation which side to choose. Absurdity of our military arrangements, etc.
- B-1, F5* 2. Darius Sessions, Stephen Hopkins, John Cole, Moses Brown, fo John Dickinson. From Providence Jan. 1773. Difficulties of Rhode Island because of Gaspee Affair. Address JD as "a Principle in the Assertion, and Defence, of these rightfull and Natural Blessings". Letter from Earl of Dartmouth. Threat to all America. Asks JD fo give advice on what the best manner is, for R.I. to behave, and answer as soon as may be.
3. Arthur Lee to John Dickinson, 7 April, 1775. From London. Parliamentary bills. Gage's reinforcements will be few. London news.
4. Hu Williamson to John Dickinson, 2 March, 1775. From London, with news.
5. Samuel Chase to John Dickinson, ~~ANNAPOLIS~~ 29 April 1775. From Annapolis. Convention of Maryland. Dunmore has removed powder magazine at Williamsburg. Has diligently transmitted every news rec'd from Dickinson to Virginia. Chase's reactions to Lexington & Concord. Asks advice: whether to change government of Maryland immediately, or delay until Congress meets: "May I beg your advice as one of the best friends to America!" Asks account of affairs in New York.
6. Richard Henry Lee to John Dickinson, 4 April 1773. New court in Rhode Island is alarming. Urges all colonies to adopt committees of correspondence.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ (?) to John Dickinson, 29 July 1775. 3 pp. fol. From London. Unsigned, a spirited letter on politics

B.11, F.9

8. Arthur Lee to John Dickinson, 25 April 1775. 4 pp. 4to. Generals Howe Clinton & Burgoyne have sailed. Characterizes each. Howe and Clinton praised, Burgoyne of a very different character: a man of dark designs, deep dissimulation, desparate fortunes & abandoned principles.
9. Samuel Chase to John Dickinson, 6 Feb 1775. From Annapolis. 4 pp 4to, with enclosure of H of Lords resolution. Account of Maryland politics.
10. Samuel Chase to John Dickinson 24 Aug 1775. Enclosing proceedings of Maryland convention.
11. Convention of Maryland. Proceedings, 26 July 1775. Printed, 4 pp fol. Enclosed with above
12. Arthur Lee to John Dickinson, 30 May 1775. From London. 3 pp 4to *Repat of Concord, etc.*
13. Arthur Lee to John Dickinson 10 April 1775. From London. 2 pp 4to. Answer of king to remonstrance from London ' petition from Congress.
14. Arthur Lee to John Dickinson 25 Feb 1770. Postscript, dated 7 March.
15. John Jones to John Dickinson 15 Oct 1774. 7 pp foll
- B.11, F.11 - 16. Copies of intercepted letters, John Adams to Abigail Adams, and John Adams to James Warren, 24 July 1775. Copied from Draper's Massachusetts Gazette, and endorsed by John Dickinson: "LETTER FROM JOHN ADAMS OF MASSACHUSETTS ~~XXX~~ BAY, IN WHICH HE ABUSES ME, FOR OPPOSING THE VIOLENT MEASURES OF HIMSELF & OTHERS IN CONG."
- 17 Samuel Ward to John Dickinson 14 Dec 1774. 4 pp 4to.
18. King's orders forbidding Rhode Island to import gunpowder, etc., Oct-Dec 1774. Enclosed with Ward's letter, #17.
19. Arthur Lee to John Dickinson 18 Jan 1771 4 pp 4to

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ITEM 26. New Jersey Campaign July-August 1776: letters received by John Dickinson in his camp at Elizabethtown.

10 ~~ix~~ documents

B.11, F.12

1. Charles Lee to John Dickinson 3 July 1776. From Charlestown, S.C. 3 pp large fol. Favors independence. Astonished at D's hesitation.
2. COVER OF THE ABOVE LETTER: ENDORSED BY JOHN HANCOCK, PRESIDENT OF CONGRESS, WITH A SHORT NOTE TO DICKINSON, FORWARDING THE LETTERS THAT HAVE COME FOR HIM TO CONGRESS. Dated 19 July 1776. Successes at Charlestown

3. John Rutledge to John Dickinson, 4 July 1776. From Charlestown, S.C. 2 pp fol.

Box 1, F. 13 - 4. Charles Thomson to John Dickinson 29 July 1776. 4 pp fol.

Successes at Charlestown. Dickinson's popularity at a low ebb.

"How do you bear the fatigues of a camp? Is your health confirmed? Are your men in good spirits? Are they reconciled to discipline and subordination? Are your sentries vigilant, your guards prompt, & your army alert and ready 'with hearts resolved and hands prepared, the blessings they enjoy to guard.'"

Question of Colonel Miles' appointment. Gates' promotion has caused resentment.

Honor is monarchical. Our minds too much depraved by monarchical principles.

News of family.

Receipt of English letters in Congress. One addressed to JD has been opened and read.

5. John Cadwalader to John Dickinson 7 Aug 1776. 1 p. 4to. Apprehension of a man AWOL.

Box 1, F. 15 - 6. George Washington to Colonel John Dickinson and his officers. 8 Aug., 1776. Fate of our country depends on the next few weeks

7. John Morris Jr. to John Dickinson 8-9 Aug 1776. 3 pp fol. News of the Convention, & of family.

8. Copy by John Morris Jr. of resolution of Convention 10 Aug 1776 respecting the militia. Endorsed by John Dickinson with his directions (14 Aug 1776) for publishing it, etc.

9. Michael Swoope (Major) to John Dickinson 11 Aug 1776 requesting countersign.

Box 7, f. 7 10. General Orders, Elizabethtown 22 Aug 1776 signed by General Elisha Boudinot

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ITEM 27. William Hicks letters, 1801

3 documents

1. William Hicks to John Dickinson, 20 May 1801
2. William Hicks to John Dickinson 13 June, 1801. Enclosing the next.
3. Martin Brimmer to William Hicks 28 May 1801

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ITEM 28. Documents relating to Delaware Farms, 1780's and 90's

48 documents

These are receipts, accounts, daybook notes, various other papers of John Dickinson, many of them fragments, relating to his administration of his Kent County estate in the 1780's and '90's. Among the tenants represented are James Wakeman, John Brinckle ("A bad man"), George McCall. Question of a road through JD's land in Murderkill and Dover Hundred. 1793 - *depts*

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ITEM 29. Farm and Business papers relating to Dickinson's purchases of household goods, and to his Delaware and Pennsylvania Lands

41 documents, including groups of documents

- 1-17: Receipts for Dickinson's personal items: wine, rug, shaving box, jews harp, etc. 1788-1792
18. Calculation of interest due JD on various notes, 1776, made for him by Dr. Samuel McCall
19. Scraps, by John Dickinson: several fragments: "Business in Kent May 1787" notations of farm work & legal work to be done. Other notes.
20. Scraps, fragments: "Business at Dover May 1786"
21. Papers: farm construction, and business, 1790's
- 22-24: Philemon Dickinson to John Dickinson, 26 May 1788 regarding Joshua Gordon's note, including affidavit, bill of Joshua Gordon 1765, notes of May 1776 on reverse.
25. Fragment: RECEIPT, WILLIAM KILLEN, 17 May 1776
26. Charles Jervis to John Dickinson, 20 June, 1795. Land survey in Pennsylvania Records
27. Simon W. Wilson to John Dickinson 4 Feb 1797. Wilson was recorder at the land office in Dover. Land business in Kent. Asks JD to obtain him a record book for recording deeds.
28. S.W. Wilson to John Dickinson, 9 April, 1797. His son Caesar goes to Latin School conducted by Mr. Porter in Wilmington. Asks Dickinson to speak to Mr. Porter about his education; and to advise Caesar: "enjoin ~~him~~ upon him the great Necessity there will be for his conducting himself Soberly, Industriously, prudently & uprightly, and to guard against all evil and improper Company, and to go to Church or some place of Divine Worship on every Sunday, and to be very carefull about the ~~mak~~ waters of Christeen & Brandywine."
29. William Berry to John Dickinson 22 Feb 1796 Storage of grain

30. ~~W~~ S. W. Wilson to John Dickinson, 6 Feb., 1796. Thanks JD for receipt for Dropsy, but the patient meanwhile has died. Legislature sitting.
31. Andrew Barratt to John Dickinson, 23 Jan. 1796. The character of Michael Furber, who wants to rent a farm from JD
32. John Hughlett (miller, at Spring Mills, Dealware) to John Dickinson, 22 Feb. 1796. Price of corn. Suggests a means of calculating price more fairly.
33. John Hughlett to John Dickinson 5 March 1796. Offers higher price.
34. John Hughlett to John Dickinson, 13 Feb 1796. Printed circular with letter added.
35. John Dickinson to John Hughlett, 16 Feb 1796, ~~ix~~ copy by John Hughlett, with appended comments.
36. John Hughlett to John Dickinson 13 March 1796. Offers final price.
37. James McClyment to John Dickinson 1 Feb 1796. Death of tenant Jones.
38. James McClyment to John Dickinson 22 Feb 1796. Jones' grain.
39. Settlement of Thomas Wilson's Estate:: Bond, 16 May, 1776, John & Sarah Wilson to John Dickinson, to pay Dickinson's expenses as exefutor of Thomas Wilson
40. Ibid: Conveyance of John Wilson:half of the estate of his father to his sister Sarah, and release of John Dickinson, 16 May, 1776
41. Ibid: Release of Caesar Rodney and Thomas Rodney of all claims to Thomas Wilson estate, to John Dickinson as executor

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ITEM 30. Newspapers. Apparently John Dickinson saved these individual newspapers because of the items published in each. It is difficult to guess why, in most cases.

10 documents

1. Penna Gazette, 4 Feb 1785. Containing Dickinson's message of 1 Feb 1785. (2) (Two copies)
2. Freeman's Journal, 2 Mar 1785. Contains letters of Benjamin Rush and James Tod on Dickinson College. Dickinson seems to have marked a letter published in this paper, signed "Philadelphiensis", on the Bank & Loan Office.

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3. Penna Packet, 27 Dec 1784, containing address on the Bank & Loan Office.
4. Penna Gazette, 5 Jan. 1785
5. Penna Gazette, 15 Dec 1784. "On Paper Money." (Two copies)
6. Penna Gazette, 29 Dec 1784
7. Penna Gazette, 2 Feb 1785
8. Penna Gazette, 16 Feb 1785
9. Penna Gazette, 6 Apr 1785. First sheet only.
10. Penna Gazette, 8 Dec 1784

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ITEM # 31. Newspapers. Nine newspapers of 1784-1785, which JD had tied in a single bundle.

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ITEM # 32. Pennsylvania Presidency: manuscripts from Dickinson's years as President of the Supreme Executive Council of Pennsylvania

7 documents

1. State of debts due to Pennsylvania citizens, 20 Nov. 1784
2. Fines received in courts, 1783, 4 Feb.
3. Estimate of the National Debt, 1784
4. Lands in the last purchase from the Indians
5. Charles Thomson to John Dickinson, 24 Mar 1785. The question of establishing a new state to westward now being considered by Congress. Mr. Penticost's information. The funding bill of Pennsylvania. "Unless the states can be brought to act more together and take the necessary Steps for fulfilling national engagements and supporting public credit I have serious apprehensions that the Confederacy will sink in reputation and glory and will be taught by dear bought experience of what importance it is to maintain both."
6. Notes by John Dickinson, (president of the) High Court of Errors and Appeals (Pennsylvania) 22 Sept., 1785, in the case of Purviance et al v. Angus. THE DATE SEEMS TO BE IMPORTANT, FOR THERE ARE NO REPORTS THAT I CAN FIND OF THIS COURT FOR THE 1785 TERM. Cf. Pa Arch <sup>4th</sup> Ser vol III 863-1037. This case, growing out of Talbot v the Commanders, relates to captures and prizes. It is part of the corpus delicti in the case of the sloop Argo; this one relates to the tortious activities or negligence of Angus as commander of the brig Hibernia, which Purviance et al owned. The appeal from this case to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, decided by McKean C.J. on 27 Sept 1786, is reported in extenso in I Dallas,

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180-186, and 489-494 (Rush's dissent) - but curiously Dallas describes this determination as being in the High Court of Errors, a mistake for The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. For the decision Dickinson had rendered previously, 14 Jan., 1785, in the case of Talbot v the Commanders, the actual case of the sloop Argo, see I Dallas 95-109. And for the admiralty area of both the cases, see Hopkinson, Admiralty Reports, where the Dickinson and McKean decisions are reported. THIS PACKET OF NOTES IS BELIEVED TO BE THE ONLY SURVIVING RECORD of this stage (admiralty) of this famous cause. Elsewhere in these Dickinson papers are documents of the Jan. 1785 determination of the case of the Argo. See no. 36, 37.

7. Dickinson's notes, in High Court of Errors and Appeals, 23 Sept. 1785, in the case of Siebart(?) Baes(?) Derdey(?) & Co. v. the ship L'Empereur, another admiralty cause determined by the admiralty court while JD was president, and belonging to the term 1785 for which no other record survives. THESE AND THE PRECEDING SHOULD BE COLLATED WITH EXISTING REPORTS AND PLACED IN THEIR PROPER PERSPECTIVE IN TERMS OF DICKINSON'S WORK IN THE HISTORY OF ADMIRALTY JURISDICTION - particularly in connection with the reduction of captures to the issues of negligence or trespass, within the common law jurisdiction of the courts.

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ITEM 33. Manuscript by John Dickinson, of his message 4 Dec 1784 to the General Assembly of Pennsylvania, 6 pp. fol. Concerning acquisition and sale of public lands and other matters of internal improvement. This message is published in Pa. Arch, 4th Ser, III, 982-987

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ITEM 34. Messages to the General Assembly. 1784-5.

5 documents

1. Calculations for the President by RM (Rob't Morris?) 8/36
2. Fragment notes by John Dickinson, ~~RM~~ comparing exports of Pennsylvania in 1773 and 1784, population 1760 & 1770. 8/36
3. Message, in secretary's hand, with corrections by John Dickinson. To General Assembly. 2 Feb 1785. 36 pp. fol. On finances of the state, and other public matters. Published Pa Arch 4th Ser III 991-1012 8/26
4. Earlier draft of the same message, in John Dickinson's hand. Endorsed "A Message in Reply, February 1st 1785 - Quisential commodum sentire." 18 pp. fol. 8/26

5. Additional Message (to nos. 3&4) of 2 Feb 1785, MS draft by John Dickinson, PART ONLY of which is printed in Pa Arch 4th Ser III 1013.
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ITEM 35. Messages as President of Pennsylvania.

5 ~~xxx~~ documents.

1. John Dickinson to the General Assembly. MS, a message, draft. 1 p. fol. 21 July 1784. On levying troops, the Longchamps affair, Wyoming.  
Printed: Pa Arch 4th Ser III 970
  2. Two fragments  $\frac{1}{2}$ p 4to of John Dickinson. Drafts of his message to Assembly 6 August 1784. On several national affairs.  
Printed: Pa Arch 4th Ser III 971-972
  3. MS draft 1 p fol Message to Assemgly 27 Aug 1784. On legislation for benefit of officers & soldiers.  
Printed: Pa Arch 4th Ser III 972-3
  4. MS rough draft by John Dickinson of a Message <sup>14</sup>in Dec 1784 4 pp fol. Concerning claims of Pennsylvanians against the United States.  
Printed PART ONLY Pa Arch 4th Ser III 988~~4~~989
  5. Second draft of number 4, followed by a document 4 pp fol endorsed by John Dickinson: "Substance of a Conference with the Genl Assembly on Decr 15 - 1784." LATTER DOC NOT PUBLISHED
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ITEM ~~x~~ 36. MATERIALS RELATING TO THE PRESIDENCY OF PENNSYLVANIA. Bundle, tied by John Dickinson in the present arrangement.

5 documents

- (1.) REPUBLICA V. DOAN. (Note: On 22 Nov 1784 Dickinson as Pres and in behalf of the Sup Exec Council addressed certain questions to the Supreme Court of Pa/, relating to the outlawry levied against Aaron Doan of Bucks Co., Pa. On 15 Jan., 1885, the justice of the Sup Court answered the President in Council. Following that date, the Council met and considered the Court's answer, and receiving Dickinson's proposed resolutions, acted to set Doane free by not executing a warrant against him, as the court had ordered. These proceedings are published in the following places, and they must be studied to understand the documents numbered 1-4 in this bundle:  
Pa Arch 4th Ser III 1022-29; 924, 888, 890, etc.  
I Dallas 86-93; 495-99.

This case of Aaron Doan, and the manner in which Dickinson acted to set aside a determination of the Supreme Court, is one of the brightest and most critical moments in American law. Dallas' notes indicate his own concern that the doctrines involved should be understood, even though they were not actually reported decisions of the courts he was recording. See I Dall p. 86, n.

- 1: John Dickinson to William Lewis and Moses Levy, 18 Jan., 1785. Case of the outlawry of Doan; actions in Executive Council.
2. Moses Levy to John Dickinson, 18 Jan 1785. Reply to above. 4 pp 4to.
3. John Dickinson to Judges of Supreme Court. In Council. Should be dated 22 Nov 1784. Draft in JD's hand, 4 pp fol, complete; 1 sheet of secretary's copy, incomplete. On Doan's outlawry.
4. Notes by John Dickinson on outlawry and bill of attainder (2 ~~pp~~ fol sheets)
5. Matthew Griswold (Governor of Connecticut) to John Dickinson (President of Pennsylvania) 24 Dec. 1784. *20 Dec.* 12 fol sheets, in est, 9 pp fol. In behalf of Wyoming claimants who are Connecticut citizens.

*Handwritten:*  
Moses Levy  
being good

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ITEM 37. Cases in the High Court of Errors of Pennsylvania. These appear to be documents and Dickinson's notes as president of this Court, which he seems to have taken off with him after the determination.

The cases are reported in Dallas thus:  
Talbot v the Commanders & Owners of three Brigs,  
or, the case of the sloop Argo, I Dallas 95-109  
for Dickinson's decision 14 Jan 1785

Purviange et al v Angus, or case of the brig Hibernia,  
I Dallas 180-186, and 489-94, for Supreme Court  
Decision.

See also Hopkinson's Admiralty Reports.

And compare with Item 32 #6, #7, above.

3 documents

1. Case of Silas Talbot, Commander of the Armed Sloop Argo
2. Notes by John Dickinson, and accounts of the case, of Silas Talbot vs. Commanders of brigs Achilles, Patty, & Hibernia
3. Notes by John Dickinson, in the case of Matteo Bratelli. 16 fol sheets. I can find no other records of this case, as yet.

ITEM 38. Presidency of Pennsylvania. A packet of papers, endorsed by John Dickinson: "PROCLAMATIONS & OTHER PAPERS RELATING TO THE WYOMING BUSINESS"

19 documents

1. A list of householders of . . . Wyoming who wish to support the laws of Pennsylvania
2. Jacob Johnson to Committee of Pennsylvania landowners, 27 Apr 1783
3. Alexander Patterson to Joseph Montgomery 24 Apr 1783
4. John Jenkins to Commissioners, 23 Apr 1783
5. Alexander Patterson to Joseph Montgomery 22 Apr 1783
6. Joseph Montgomery to Alexander Patterson 18 Apr 1783
7. Alexander Patterson to the Commissioners, 17 Apr 1783  
Endorsed by John Dickinson: "SEVEN PAPERS OF ALEXANDER PATTERSON, ESQUIRE --- SEE MIN. OF CONGRESS AUG. 12, 1782 - & Aug 23, 1782."
8. Alexander Patterson to Council, 24 June 1782
9. John Dickinson (Pres. Pa.) to Governor of Connecticut. *[G. S. M.]*  
No date. Draft of a letter
10. Decree in the cause between Pennsylvania and Connecticut, 30 Dec. 1782.  
---WYOMING LANDS DECREE. TRENTON TRIAL. SEE BOYD, J.P., "THE FIRST AMERICAN STATE TRIAL"
11. Deposition of Hohenbeck, 9 July 1782. Who the settlers at Wyoming are.
12. Instructions on the Wyoming Controversy. (James Wilson?)
13. Queries answered by Col. Stewart about Wyoming settlers.
14. Secretary of State (Penna) to the President (JD) no date.
15. Report of agents on Connecticut Claims. Read in Council 21 Jan 1783.
16. John Dickinson to Speaker, 9 March 1784. With endorsement
17. John Dickinson to the Council, 5 Oct 1784. Draft of a letter. Deprecates calling out militia for protection of Pennsylvania claimants against the settlers in Wyoming.  
Printed, Penna Arch. 4th Ser III 973-975
18. John Armstrong to John Dickinson. "Tuesday morning."
19. Proclamation, 5 Oct. 1784. Broadside. Printed: Pa Arch 4th Ser III 975-981

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ITEM 39. Miscellaneous documents, from Dickinson's Presidency  
of Pennsylvania

19 documents

1. William Livingston to John Dickinson 16 Dec 1782
2. Account of grain & other goods exported from Philadelphia, 1782,83, 84.
3. Thomas Willing to John Dickinson 15 Jan 1785
4. John Dickinson to Thomas Willing, 25 Jan. 1785. Draft of answer to above.
5. Comparison of taxes of 1770-71, last year before depreciation
6. Gradual increase of exports of wheat, flour, bread, 1731-1751.
7. Expense of collecting the federal assessment.
8. James Wilkinson from Kentucky to John Dickinson, 11 Aug 1785. (This date is wrong; it should read 8 Aug., as proved by the next letter.) 6 pp. fol.
9. James Wilkinson to John Dickinson, 14 Aug 1785. Kentucky has decided to apply for separation
10. John Dickinson to James Wilkinson, 10 Aug. 1785. Draft. On reverse of number 9. The various dates as given, of these three letters, are plainly in error.
11. John Dickinson, memorandum. Assures Marbois that Longchamps will be extradited.
12. Return of Court Martial, Chester County, 1785.
13. Col. Humphrys to John Dickinson, "City Tavern, Friday, 2 O'clock P.M." Asks JD to correct and revise a ms rough draft of the circular letter. General Washington has approved.
14. John Nicholson to John Dickinson, 29 Jan 1785
15. Comparative view of exports 1773 and 1784
16. Montgomery to John Dickinson 25 Sept 1784. Books for Dickinson College
17. Proclamation: Broadside, 22 Jan 1784. Printed: Pa. Arch 4th Ser III 954-960

Box 7, f. 7 — Jacob L 3 & Isaac V. L 7 to William Livingston New Barbours Dec 12, 1782, copy

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ITEM 40. Documents relating to Dickinson's Presidency of Pennsylvania

17 documents

1. Quaere and essay on continental & stat<sup>e</sup> securities, and the funding question. 6 pp. fol.
2. Revenues and resources of Pennsylvania. In the same hand as number 1.
3. John Dickinson: MS notes, Indian Treaty 22 Oct 1784. "From the information of Oliver Wolcot Esq., one of the Continental Commissioners. 20 Nov. 1784"
4. Account of State Monies, Sept., 1784.
5. Robert Morris to John Dickinson, nodate.
6. Fines and forfeitures received by the courts. *Box 8, f. 7*
7. Pay account of Captain Stokely, by Nicholson. 3 Nov 1784
8. Rough draft: John Dickinson document. THIS BELONGS TO THE RECORDS OF THE HIGH COURT OF ERRORS AND APPEALS. Endorsed by JD: "Admiralty Damaged goods & Messrs Clymer & McClay. I delivered the fair Draft of this Bill to D. Clymer August 1784."
9. John Nicholson to John Dickinson, 27 Nov. 1782. Fines paid into the Treasury by the Militia.
10. John Nicholson to John Dickinson 21 Nov 1782. Mode of paying the army.
11. Draft of a letter: John Dickinson to James Duane, 27 Nov. 1784. Case of Rutgers v Waddington, in Mayor's Court of New York.
12. Thomas Smith to John Dickinson 24 Dec 1784
13. I. Swannick to John Dickinson 24 Dec 1784
14. Charles Thomson to John Dickinson 22 Dec 1784. Penna Assembly has been misled and has complicated the financial question
15. John Dickinson doc., 8 pp. fol., beginning "SIR, THE ASSEMBLY ARE FORMING A PLAN . . ." no date. ca. 1784
16. Fragments, notation.
17. David Rittenhouse to John Dickinson. Taxes rec'd, 1782/3

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ITEM 41. Letters from Elizabeth Graeme Ferguson to John Dickinson and others, 1772-1779

6 documents

- Box 1, f. 4*
1. Elizabeth Graeme Ferguson to John Dickinson, 21 Sept. 1772. Her recent marriage. Forgives JD for not being

present. She must announce it. What legal steps must she take? Death of her father, and his affairs.

- Box 1, f. 4 2. Elizabeth Graeme Ferguson to John Dickinson, 4 Oct [1772.]  
~~On her father's affairs.~~ On marriage + father (1 p.)
- Box 1, f. 4 3. Elizabeth Graeme Ferguson to John Dickinson 15 Oct 1772.  
Values Dickinson friendship. Her husband is her second self. Sends a manuscript. News of friends.
- Box 8 f. 5A } 4. Elizabeth Graeme Ferguson to Justices of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. Her claim to Graeme Park in spite of her husband's treason. 16 Aug 1779.
- 5. Elizabeth Graeme Ferguson, Petition to the Speaker of the House, Sept. 1779.
- ? 6. Elizabeth Graeme Ferguson to John Dickinson, member of Congress, Sept. 1779

ITEM 42. "RESOLUTIONS OF CONGRESS 1777-1778". These printed resolutions were filed by JD, some of them with endorsements in his hand. This was during the period when he was not a member.

*not in archive*

6 documents

- 1. 14 May 1777 (2 copies)
- 2. 5 March 1779 (2 copies, one with endorsement by JD)
- 3. 16 April 1778 (2 copies)
- 4. 7 April, 1777
- 5. 10 June, 1777 (2 copies, one with endorsement by JD)
- 6. 20 June, 1777 (2 copies)

ITEM 43. "FABIUS LETTERS": Various Newspaper Copies. This series of letters on the Constitution was not published in book form at the time - not until the second series of Fabius Letters during the French War. These, therefore, represent the author's own retained copies of the Philadelphia publication in the Mercury.

4 documents

- 1. Pennsylvania Mercury 12 Apr 1788 (No. I. 2 copies)
- 2. Pennsylvania Mercury 15 Apr 1788 (No II. 2 copies)
- 3. Pennsylvania Mercury 17 Apr 1788 (No III. 2 copies)
- 4. David Humphreys to John Dickinson 31 May 1788, a covering letter for the above copies.

ITEM 44. A packet, bearing three endorsements in the hand of Sally Norris Dickinson, as follows:

"1776-1779."

"Letters from Dr Jones who was eminent as a Physician and Surgeon" (NB: Only one is here. Others are scattered through the collection: see, for example, 25:15, 25:1)

"Letters from Major General Charles Lee to my Father -- Written during the Revolution"

5 documents

*Box 1  
F12*

- 1. Charles Lee to John Dickinson 18 Jan 1776. 7 pp fol.
- 2. Charles Lee to John Dickinson 9 Feb 1776. 3 pp. fol.
- 3. John Jones to John Dickinson 12 March 1779.
- 4. Charles Lee to John Dickinson 3 Jan 1776. 2 pp fol.
- 5. Charles Lee to John Dickinson 22 Feb 1776.

*Excellent  
needs repair*

ITEM 45. A bundle of letters, fragments, and papers with no central theme; this has obviously been "overlooked" by Sally Norris Dickinson, and the original file arrangement disturbed.

12 documents

- 1. John Bellæh to John Dickinson 5 April 1805. Dickinson's philanthropy.
- 2. John Vining to John Dickinson 15vJan 1802. From Dover. Dickinson's bill has passed the Senate and will pass the House. Contested election for Governor. Dickinson's is the only bill which has passed the Senate.
- 3. John Vining to John Dickinson, 5 Jan 1802. Borrows \$30, or he cannot meet the legislature
- 4. ✕ John Dickinson, Fragment, dating apparently 1802.

"The late Conduct of the Legislature manifests a temper of Moderation, Good Sense, and fraternal Regard for their Fellow Citizens, as must do them great Credit with all judicious and well-disposed Men. We are "A BAND OF BROTHERS" bound together by the tenderest Ties -- Ties of such sacred sanction, that our Interests are interwoven with one another, and no one can pursue his own Welfare so wisely or effectually, as by consulting at the same Time the Welfare of his Countrymen.

"In the Course of my Life I have had too frequent Occasions to lament the Irritations of Party Zeal, raging for the Attainment of some Object which was never reach'd by it, or which was no

sooner touch'd than it broke like a Bubble. When I look back it is a pleasure to Me to reflect, that my Mind has moved in a Region above the perturbations of this political Atmosphere. Now if I had a son to launch upon the ocean of Politics, one of my first Precepts to him should be, to love his Fellow Citizens, invariably to study and promote their (Happiness) (Felicity), and never to suffer the spirit of Division to injure his Affection for them in general, or his Expressions of it in his Behaviour to Individuals. (Man was created for participated Happiness.)

"I do hope, that a Disposition to Reconciliation, and mutual Kindness, & just Attentions will prevail, and that the chief Contest among Us will be, who shall most strenuously exert himself in doing Good to all. I wish, We were well rid of the Words Federalists & Republicans as Titles of Opposition. We are all most universally Republicans in Principle, and unquestionably our national Constitution is federal. On this Constitution rests our Liberty -- our Existence as a people.

"Among the Maxims which Experience has taught Me to revere as of the first Moment, is this -- That in a free State Judges should be secured as much as possible from the Agitations of Parties, which some times are too tempestuous.

"Nor, in my Opinion is that all that ought to be done . . ."

(This is ½ the document;  
another page of the same)

5. John Dickinson fragment: notes on Newton, Copernicus, and Ptolemy
6. John Dickinson, MS Resolution, 2 pp. fol. hol. Resolution on Wyoming, following the Trenton Decree. To Be presented to the Legislature. (Dn's attempt to influence the lower house. He failed)
7. L. A. Pichon, charge d'affaires of France, to John Dickinson, 9 Nov. 1802. From Washington D.C. Consular post in Philadelphia. Introducing M. Foureroy.
8. E. L. Foureroy to John Dickinson 15 Sept 1802.
9. John Dickinson to C.L. Foureroy, 17 Nov. 1802. Draft of an answer. Explains he is no longer president of Delaware.
10. Thom<sup>as</sup> Jenkins to John Dickinson 17 Aug 1801. Encloses catalogue of library at Camden, in Kent, and constitution of the Library Company

- 11. The Constitution of the Library Company enclosed with the above
- 12. John Dickinson to Thomas Jenkins, 2 Sept. 1801. Draft. The Public Library movement discussed by JD.

ITEM 46. Bundle of letters, with no particularly clear file arrangement. Apparently tied together by Sally Norris Dickinson

10 ~~XXXX~~ documents

Box 1, f. 1  
 Box 1, f. 3  
 Box 5, f. 18

- 1. Dr. John Jones to John Dickinson 23 Nov 1761
- 2. Dr. John Jones to John Dickinson 11 \_\_\_ (?) 1770  
 (for other Jones Letters, cf 25:1, 25:15, 44:3)
- 3. John Dickinson to \_\_\_\_\_?\_\_\_\_\_, 19 Oct 1768. Draft.
- 4. John Dickinson to Robert McKean, 1758. (In Latin)
- 5. William Hicks to John Dickinson, no date
- 6. William Hicks to John Dickinson, no date | JD had lost money  
 asks for new mortgage
- 7. <sup>Joseph</sup> ~~John~~ Fox, Joseph Richardson, John Ross, John Hughes (Committee of Correspondence) to Richard Jackson, 1 Nov., 1764. Copy.  
 NB: Oct 17, 1764, Richardson, Fox, Hughes, Pearson & Ross, with the Speaker chosen to be Commee of Corresp for ensuing year. Votes of Assembly, Pa. Arch, 8th Ser, VII, 5673. Fox was chosen speaker. Richard Jackson was agent in London. On Oct. 20, the Instructions to Richard Jackson as Counsel for the Province in London were read, transcribed, approved, ordered signed by the Committee of Correspondence and transmitted at the first opportunity. Id., 5678-82. ~~Thisxxxxxxx~~  
~~On the same day, the Committee was authorized~~  
~~to write Richard Jackson particularly, that~~  
 "This House desire the Application for a Change of Government may be proceeded in with the utmost Caution . . ." Id., 5683.
- 8. Committee of Correspondence (see above) to Benjamin Franklin. 1 Nov 1764. Cf with above.
- 9. Alexander McDougall to John Dickinson 1 Apr 1771
- 10. Charles Pettit to John Dickinson X 28 Apr 1770 (legal)

ITEM 47. Nomination of Dickinson to Congress, in 1807.

5 documents

1. Tench Coxe to John Dickinson 11 Dec 1805
2. Published: Nomination of John Dickinson to Congress by the Democratic Republicans of Delaware, at Dover, in Convention. 4 Aug. 1807
3. Printed ticket from same
4. J. Hamm to John Dickinson 25 Sept 1807. Communicating news of his nomination
5. John Dickinson to J.H amm, \_\_ Sept. 1807. Draft. His refusal of the nomination

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ITEM 48. Congress papers, John Dickinson, 1779.

14 documents

1. William Killen to John Dickinson 18 May 1779. On National affairs. Depreciation of the currency due to frauds and corruption, and inflation.
2. Doc 1 sheet, fol, endorsed by John Dickinson: "ENCOURAGEMENT OF AMERICAN MANUFACTURES. J.M."
3. Caesar Rodney to John Dickinson 17 Oct 1779. 2 pp fol. - the version printed in Ryden, Letters to and from Caesar Rodney, is evidently a draft. It differs from this, which was to copy sent and received.
4. James Tilton to Nicholas VanDyke, 12 July 1779. 4 pp 4to.
5. } Three separate papers by John Dickinson, drafts and  
6. } notes on Congressional financial problems, 1779  
7. }
8. Charles Pettit to John Dickinson, 16 July, 1779. 2 pp fol. Torn.
9. Moore Furman to Charles Pettit, extract of a letter, enclosed with above.
10. Caesar Rodney to John Dickinson 30 July 1779. 2 pp. fol. - NOT IN RYDEN: LETTERS TO AND FROM CAESAR RODNEY
11. John Dickinson holog: 6 pp fol notes on resolutions by Congress
12. Unidentified hand: one p fol notes on Congress business
13. Caesar Rodney to John Dickinson 6 Apr 1779. 3 pp fol. - letter dated 7 Apr 1779 in Ryden, Letters to & from CR, differs in some respects from this

Box 1-F17-

Box 1-F17

*best evidence*

*30 Oct 1779  
1779  
1779*

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14. Tabulation of quotas by states.

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ITEM 49. Presidency of Pennsylvania: The Bank Question  
7 documents

1. (Printed) Plan for a national bank. Printed by order of assembly, 28 May, 1781.
2. Edward Shippen and Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Bank, to John Dickinson 12 Feb 1784
3. Printed: Column from a newspaper signed "An American" with completion in John Dickinson's hand. On the Bank. --JD's authorship?
4. Plan for the bank of Pennsylvania. Jan., 1784. 1 fol sheet.
5. Charter of the Bank. From Congress.
6. George Ross to Thomas Mifflin. ~~xx~~ no date. Requests an immediate conference
7. John Dickinson to President and Directors of the Bank of Pennsylvania. 9 Feb 1784. 3 pp fol

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ITEM 50. Presidency of Pennsylvania: miscellaneous documents.  
14 documents

1. Proclamation: OUTLAWS IN PENNSYLVANIA.  
-printed, Pa. Arch 4th Ser III 924-929, with a difference in the signature of the Attesting Secretary.  
-and See Republica v Doan, I Dall 86 ff, 495 ff.
2. Joseph Howell Jr. to J.d., Pay of militia. 22 Feb 1785
3. James Jacks to John Dickinson 30 June 1783. Spirit of opposition to John Dickinson is almost silenced in Pennsylvania.
4. Return of soldiers of the Pennsylvania Line.
5. Commutation of Pay due the Pennsylvania Line.
6. Report of the Committee of the Pennsylvania Line 16 Feb 1783
7. Broadside, on the Longchamps affair, small 4to, July 1784  
*Land Purchase Certificate*
8. Budget, Pennsylvania: 1783.
9. Motions in Congress, signed G. Bond, Deputy Secretary. On moving Congress from Philadelphia during the Revolt of the Pennsylvania Line. *Cf VII Burnett Letters 329-30*
10. Bankruptcy of de Neufville & Co; 1 July 1784
11. Petition of debtors for jail delivery 21 Aug 1783
12. Petition of debtors for jail delivery no date
13. Report of committee on Virginia cessions. *Broadside: removed to LCP permanently 10/28/75*

Box 2, f 5

Box 3, f 8

Box 6, f 19

Box 8, f 9

14. Hints for the President and Council, 22 Mar 1784. 1 fol sheet  
*Va. Boundary*
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ITEM 51. PENNSYLVANIA PRESIDENCY: Printed materials, fragments.

7 ~~items~~ documents

1. Arrangement of the Pennsylvania Line 1781
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  - 3.) Three clippings from newspapers
  - 4.)
  5. Act of Assembly 1 Apr 1784
  6. Act of Assembly 31 March 1784
  7. Act for the Land Office, 21 Sept 1780
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ITEM 52. Pennsylvania Presidency, various items in original file.

16 documents

1. Henry Hill to John Dickinson. no date. *McCloskey best understood to measure of Wyoming suggested by Council*
- Box 5, f. 1 — 2. Stephen Chambers to John Dickinson, no date. On Connecticut claimants in Wyoming.
3. Sharpe Delany to John Dickinson 7 Feb 1784. Asks conference.
4. Surveys in Wyoming. A JOHN DICKINSON MS. 31 Jan 1784
5. Thomas Hartley to John Dickinson 16 April 1785
6. John Dickinson to Delegates of Pennsylvania in Congress, 4 Oct 1783. Copy. On treaty with Indians.
7. Officers of the Pennsylvania Line late returned from South Carolina. No date. Their destitution.
- Box 8 F33 — 8. JOHN DICKINSON MS: hol., very rough: Minutes of a Meeting of the Council with the Officers of the Pennsylvania Line, in mutiny.  
-Cf. Col Records, vol 13, pp. 610, etc.
9. Benjamin Chew to John Dickinson 26 Nov 1782 (1782) On Indian purchases.
10. Col. Wuibert to John Dickinson from Cap Francois, 4 June, 1785.
11. B. Shoemaker to William Moore, 20 Sept. 1783.
12. Samuel Adams to John Dickinson 14 Apr 1785. Introducing Mr. Graham and his lady. *(Mrs McCloskey Graham)*
- Box 2-17 — 13. From an officer at Lancaster, 10 March, 1783.
14. William Bingham to John Dickinson, 29 Dec 1783

15. John Dorsey to John Dickinson, 15 Feb 1785. Thanks for gift for relief of poor. (This the earliest Dorsey letter I have seen)
16. Extract of a letter of Vergennes to Luzerne, 27 Feb 1783. Read in Congress 23 Apr 1783.

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ITEM 53. PENNSYLVANIA PRESIDENCY.

18 documents

1. John Story to John Dickinson 14 Apr 1785. Appointment as Commissioner
  2. Daniel Brodhead to John Dickinson 10 Nov 1784. *JD had to see Vestry*
  3. Vestry of the German church congratulates Dickinson (Ca. Nov, Dec., 1782)
  4. John Dickinson to Vestry of German Church, Answering above. (ca. Dec 1782) Draft <sup>8</sup>
  5. A Lancaster Court Martial, April-June, 1745.
  6. Ordinances of Congress, 1784. 8 pp. fol.
  7. Account of monies raised by the class tax.
  8. Congress: Proclamation, 23 June, 1783. Dutch Treaty. (Printed)
  9. Congress: Resolves 18 March 1783. On Income Tax. Printed.
  10. John Dickinson: Notes on the proposed income tax. On reverse of above.
  11. Richard Butler to John Dickinson, 27 Nov. 1782. On enlistments, 5th Pennsylvania Regiment.
  12. John Dickinson to Council, 4 Jan. 1783. Draft. Offers his own advances to pay for recruiting. *to be used by the committee*
  13. John Dickinson, holog: Receipt of Col. Richard Hampton, 2nd Pa. Regiment, for recruiting. 6 Jan. 1783.
  14. Col. Richard Butler to John Dickinson 4 Jan 1783.
  15. William Moland to John Dickinson 4 Jan. 1783 (Mis-dated 1782). On forfeiture of his goods in 1778. (What is his relation to John Moland, with whom JD studied law?) *4/15/83*
  16. Col. Richard Butler to John Dickinson 16 Nov 1782.
  17. Captain Daniel Brodhead Jr. to John Dickinson 26 Dec. 1782. His military career.
  18. Question answered by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, 24 Dec. 1782. Thomas McKean, CJ, and George Bryan sign.
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ITEM 54. PENNSYLVANIA PRESIDENCY

15 documents

1. Marbois to John Dickinson 10 Aug 1784
2. Andrew Porter to John Dickinson 2 Dec 1782
3. John Dickinson, fragment, hol., notes on the militia
4. Joel Barlow to John Dickinson 11 Jan 1783. Encouragement of literature in Connecticut. *Copy retained*
5. John Dickinson, fragment, hol., notes on French officers in Philadelphia.
6. Thomas McKean to John Dickinson 27 July 1784. Long-champs affair.
7. Duties of the Inspector's Department. 2 fol. sheets.
8. Card: Dr. Shippen.
9. Robert Morris to John Dickinson 6 July 1785
10. Francis Hopkinson to John Dickinson 14 Nov 1783. On Indian treaties, etc. *Nothing of substance*
11. Benjamin Rush to Dr. (Charles) Nisbet, no date. Corrected by John Dickinson. Cf Butterfield, Rush, 320 ff.
12. John Dickinson to Overseers of Poor, 29 Jan 1783, sending gift of \$100.
13. Address of Lutheran Churches to John Dickinson 8 Jan 1783
14. Address, 8th Battalion of Lancaster Militia, to John Dickinson, 16 Jan 1783.
15. John Dickinson to Officers of 8th Battalion Lancaster Militia (Jan., 1783) Draft of reply to preceeding.

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ITEM 55. PENNSYLVANIA PRESIDENCY

8 documents

1. John Dickinson to Overseers of Poor. No date. Draft.
2. John Dickinson to Philip Freneau, 5 Feb 1785. Draft.
3. Isaac Gray to John Dickinson 22 Jan 1785. In Latin.
4. John Dickinson to Isaac Gray, 3 Feb 1785. In Latin.
5. Address: Baptist Church to John Dickinson 8 Feb 1783.
6. Address: 7th Lancaster Battalion to John Dickinson 11 March 1783.
7. John Dickinson to 7th Lanc. Battn, 21 Apr 1783. Reply to preceding.

8. Governor at la Habana to John Dickinson 26 Aug., 1784.  
Cf. 15:1, above, the letter carried by General Stewart.

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ITEM 56. PENNSYLVANIA PRESIDENCY. A bundle, tied by JD, of fragments, notes, and scraps relating to public business during his years as President of Pennsylvania; apparently these were rough notes JD made in conference, conversation, and meetings of council. They have not been studied or collated.

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ITEM 57. A bundle of letters wrapped and tied together by Sally Norris Dickinson, without endorsement. Plainly these have been disarranged from their original file, for there is no unifying file theme that supplies a reason for their being together.

20 documents

1. Samuel Vaughan to John Dickinson 9 Nov 1786
  2. George Fox to John Dickinson 11 May 1787 *See 15:1, 1787*
  3. Jacob Broom to John Dickinson 13 May 1787 *See 15:1*
  4. Eleazer McComb to John Dickinson 18 Oct 1787
  5. Miers Fisher to John Dickinson 30 March 1791
  6. Matthew Fisher to John Dickinson 6 Nov 1789
  7. John Read Jr. to John Dickinson 17 Jan 1790
  8. George Chamberlaine to John Dickinson 15 Aug 1787
  9. Samuel Smith to John Dickinson 9 Nov 1797 (?)
  10. Daniel Williams to John Dickinson 29 Dec. 1788
  11. Poor children of Philadelphia petition the Assembly
  12. George Churchman to John Dickinson 10 Mar 1786
  13. *ac-* Account of Nottingham Charity School
  14. St. John de Crevecoeur to John Dickinson 3 Nov 1788
  15. Brissot de Warville to John Dickinson 11 Sept (?) 1788
  16. \_\_\_\_\_ (?) to John Dickinson 25 Jan \_\_\_\_\_ (?), distressed French Refugees
  17. Charles H. Wharton to John Dickinson 13 Apr 1797
  18. Edward Tilghman to John Dickinson 30 June 1789
  19. John Dickinson to Speaker of Delaware Assembly. \_\_\_ March, 1793. Draft. Resigning his seat
  20. James Anderson to John Dickinson 29 Apr 1790
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ITEM 58. "LETTERS OF FABIUS" First Series. Correspondence.

12 documents

1. John Vaughan to John Dickinson 6 April 1788
2. John Vaughan to John Dickinson 17 April (1788)
3. John Vaughan to Mr. Thomas. No date. -
4. John Vaughan to John Dickinson 20 March 1788 -
5. John Vaughan to John Dickinson 9 March 1788
6. John Vaughan to John Dickinson no date *11 June 1788*
7. John Vaughan to John Dickinson 9 April 1788
8. N.W. to Mr. Thomas. No date. (Nicholas Waln?)
9. John Vaughan to John Dickinson 20 Apr 1788
10. John Vaughan to John Dickinson 9 June 1788
11. John Vaughan to John Dickinson 26 July 1788
12. John Vaughan to John Dickinson (no date)

NB: John Vaughan (1756-1841) was Sec'y of the Amer. Philos. Soc., and friend of JD; he was brother to Benjamin Vaughan (1751-1835) the physician, agriculturalist, political economist, who lived at Hallowell in the District of Maine.

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ITEM 59. PRESIDENCY OF THE DELAWARE STATE

3 documents

1. Col. Joshua Polk of 9th Delaware Battalion, Sussex County. Divisions of his District. 16 Apr 1782.
2. John Dagworthy to John Dickinson 25 May 1782. Returns of the Militia of Sussex. Endorsed by JD: Received 14 June 1782.
3. General Thomas Collins to John Dickinson. Returns of the Militia of Kent. Received 19 June 1782.

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ITEM 60. PRESIDENCY OF THE DELAWARE STATE

19 documents

1. Case of John Lyle 7 Dec 1782
2. Printed: State of National Finances 31 Dec 1782.

3. Nathaniel Greene to Caesar Rodney 24 October 1781. Addressing Rodney as President of Delaware.
4. John Dickinson to Nathaniel Greene, 24 Nov 1781. Draft, on reverse of above. Dickinson, as Rodney's successor, answers General Greene
5. John Dickinson to the Secretary at War 3 Dec 1781. Draft.
6. John Dickinson to the Receivers of Supply 20 Nov 1781. Draft. Endorsement on verso outlines public business. Mentions letter to James Booth of 29 Nov. (1781). This notation by JD apparently was his preparation for the interim meetings of Council after adjournment.
7. George Read to John Dickinson 22 May 1782 (1782) Introducing Philip Kollock
8. Monthly Return of the Delaware Battalion. 23 Sept 1781
9. B(enjamin) Lincoln to John Dickinson 3 Dec 1781
10. John Dickinson to Doctor (Nicholas) Way 4 Dec. 1781. On using the Academy at Wilmington, of which Way is a trustee, for a hospital. Copy of a letter.  
--NB. Dr. Nicholas Way (ca. 1747-1797) was MD from College of Phila 1771, a leading practitioner in Wilmington, close friend and life-time associate of Benjamin Rush. He was not particularly close to JD. In 1794 he removed to Phila., where he was Treasurer of the U.S.Mint. He fell a victim of the yellow fever in 1797, Rush treated him with copious bleedings, other doctors accused Rush of having killed him with his treatment. An ugly controversy over this death was excessively painful to Rush. He actually thought Way, who was a large man, had "not less than" 400 ounces of blood in his body - 33 pounds; he took 40 to 45 ounces, in 6 bleedings. Modern science knows Way could have had no more than 15 pounds of blood.
11. Roll of the Delaware Regiment. 29 Jan 1782.
- 12. David Finney to John Dickinson 15 Jan 1782. Payment of troops.
13. James Booth to John Dickinson 9 Aug 1784 (?)
14. William McKennan (Commdr Dela Regt) to John Dickinson, 17 Sept 1782.
15. John Hanson (Pres of Congress) to John Dickinson, 15 Nov 1781. ---NB: John Hanson elec Pres Cong 5 Nov. ~~18xxJhnxDxxkxnsn~~ This letter, to 5 state executives, published in VI Burnett Letters 264, See notes there.
16. John Dickinson to John Hanson 24 Nov 1781. Draft, on letter from Hanson preceding.

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17. John Miller to John Dickinson. No date (Shortly after capitulation at Yorktown, 18 Oct 1782) |
18. Horatio Gates to John Dickinson, 22 Dec 1782  
Congratulates JD on Presidency of Pennsylvania;  
introduces Mr. Wright.
19. Thomas McKean to John Dickinson 17 Sept 1782. Estimate of revenue of the Delaware State in 1769.

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ITEM 61. PRESIDENCY OF THE DELAWARE STATE

17 documents

1. James Booth to John Dickinson 7 June 1782
2. E(leazer) McComb to John Dickinson 27 June 1782, with enclosure of paymaster's account.
3. James Tilton to John Dickinson 7 June 1782. State of his case.
4. Charles Thomson to John Dickinson 23 May 1782. On commissions to vessels of war.
- Box 1, T20 - 5. Charles Thomson to John Dickinson 5 Nov 1781. Announcing the election of John Hanson as President of Congress, on Nov 5th.  
--Since Hanson was the first President of Congress following the ratification of the Articles of Confederation, he is sometimes styled the First President of the United States of America.
6. Samuel Wharton to John Dickinson 20 June 1782.
7. John Dickinson, President: Proclamation 20 Nov 1781. On escaped prisoners. Printed.
8. John Witherspoon to John Dickinson 26 Sept 1782. Acknowledging gift of 100 pounds.
9. William Killen to John Dickinson 11 May 1782.
10. Accounts with the state for pay: Col. Charles Pope, Lieutenant Simon Wilmer Wilson.  
-- NB: S.W. Wilson one of JD's tenants and agents on Jones Neck.
11. Congé for M. Hamilton from Comte Dillon, at St. Christophe, 19 Aug 1782
12. Samuel Patterson to John Dickinson 24 Aug 1782
13. Presbyterian Society of St. George's, address of congratulation to John Dickinson (ca. Nov., 1781)
14. Delaware Assembly: Recruiting bill, passed 8 Feb 1781
15. Judges Quarter Sessions, address to John Dickinson, 20 Feb 1782

16. John Dickinson to Judges of Quarter Sessions, Feb 1782. Draft of reply to preceding. On same sheet.
  17. Address of Borough of Wilmington to John Dickinson 14 December 1781
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ITEM 62. Three miscellaneous documents, plainly out of their file arrangement.

3 documents

1. John Hazelwood: List of outstanding debts left in St. Croix with Christopher McEvoy 1 May 1755.
  2. Document, June 1755. Endorsed by John Dickinson: "CHRISTOPHER McEVOY'S ACCOUNT"
  3. Cover: "His Excellency President Dickinson" In an unidentified hand, notes on Irvine's military career, before he resigned. Other officers  
-NB: Probably James Irvine (1735-1819) who resigned as col. commanding 9th Pa. Line, but became brig gen of Penna militia in 1777. On Sup. Ex Ccl of Pa 1782-85. He was a relative (distant) of Benj Rush.
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ITEM 63. A John Dickinson manuscript. Eleven folio sheets, with notes and paragraphs, a very rough draft, apparently of a speech to assembly. This important manuscript has not been studied or identified. <sup>To Penna Assembly - ME7 -</sup>  
<sup>Not in ARCHIVES - Probably in 1760s as Member</sup>

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ITEM 64. A John Dickinson manuscript, 1 Oct 1773. Two manuscripts, one very rough, the other a fair draft, both together making 24 folio pages, with an endorsement on one page reading "OPINION ON THE 40 Pr POLL ACT IN MARYLAND OCTOBER 1st- 1773". The endorsement, and the entire MS, in John Dickinson's hand.

On Oct and Nov 1773 the Genl Assemb of Maryland considered and passed its Thirty Shillings per poll act, for the support of the clergy.¢

This appears to be a carefully reasoned opinion by John Dickinson on the constitutionality of the act, in connection with the demise of the sovereign.

Apparently, these are the "two opinions" Thomson refers to in his letter to Dickinson 14 Oct 1773, in this collection, Item 354 No     , below.

Exactly why JD was giving an opinion on a Maryland law is not at all clear, though of course he still had tobacco plantations in Maryland at this time.

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Further study may reveal this to be copies by JD of Justice Thomas Jenning's opinion delivered at Annapolis 20 June 1773, on the Act of 1701/2.

Compare with Item 355, below. Charles Thomson's letter (354) seems to indicate Dickinson's opinion is different from Justice Jenning's.

Part of the ~~MS~~ reads:

"Several Points are suggested in the foregoing Case, to support the contested Act, on which the following Observations may be made.

"The first is -- "The precedent Assent of the Crown." This appears not to have been intended or receiv'd as a perfect legislative Assent of the Crown . . . But it was understood by all parties at the Time, that Queen Ann had a Power to confirm or annul. Indeed, otherwise, she would have been bound by the Exercise of Sovereignty in her own Reign without her Assent: For the royal precedent Assent at most, could not have a binding Force, untill it became a Law. This Point therefore still leaves open the Question . . ."

(The issue of the Royal Precedent Assent arose because of Lord Baltimore's death)

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ITEM 65. John Dickinson manuscript, no date. 1 page fol, hol., expressing dissent to a clause in a Message to the General Assembly.

This document has not been studied or collated.  
*re dissent to the Union*

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ITEM 66. John Dickinson manuscript, no date, 10 pp fol + 1 fragment. Endorsed by JD: "ANSWER TO THE COUNCIL OF CENSORS." Date should be Jan-Apr., 1784.

Full notes and draft of Committee's answer to the report of the Council of Censors.

Cf Pa Arch 3rd Ser X, Minutes of the Council of Censors.

*Nov 13, 1783*  
This paper is a defense of the Republicans against the Constitutionals, as the latter made the report off the Council of Censors late in June 1784.

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ITEM 67. Four John Dickinson Manuscripts, fragments. PRESIDENCY OF PENNSYLVANIA

1. Fragment, 2 pp ½ fol: Council's answer to the Commercial Committee for the City of Philadelphia. Reverse: Council to House of Assembly.
2. Fragment: 1 p. fol. Notes by John Dickinson extracted from Howard, John, State of Prisons in England and Wales (LCP catalogues 3rd ed., Warrington, 1784). At another place in this collection are further notes Dickinson made on Howard's book

3. Fragment, 1 p. fol, "additional page", on the State of the Prisons. From Howard.
4. John Dickinson to the Speaker, 2 Feb 1785. Draft.

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ITEM 68. AN EARLY JOHN DICKINSON MANUSCRIPT.

12 pp fol, in hand of John Dickinson, with this endorsement by him: "Protest in the Assembly ag<sup>t</sup> the Clause for making Paper Bills of Credit a legal Tender in Paym<sup>t</sup> of all Contracts 'proprietary Sterling Rents only excepted' March, 1764."

This protest preceded Dickinson's Speech on the Proprietary, his first published pamphlet, May, 1764.

Cf. Votes of Assembly, Pa Arch 8th Ser VII, at these pages: 5512-14;

(Legal  
Tender  
bill)

Jan 31: bill defeated 5533-34-35

Feb ~~x~~ 1: bill passed, that Bills of credit = legal tender in all payments, proprietary sterling rents only excepted 5535

Feb 10: Commee reports the bill 5540

Feb 15: Bill read 2nd time & debated by paragraphs 5547

Feb 16. Debate cont'd 5547-8

Feb 17: bill ordered transcribed for 3rd reading 5548

Feb 18: bill read 3rd time 5553

Feb 20: debate cont'd 5556

Feb 24: bill passed 5557

Feb 25: bill presented to Gov 5557

Mar 8: Gov returns bill with objections 5567-9

Mar 10, 12, 13: House reconsiders,

Mar 14, passes revised bills: 5570-1

Mar 19: Govern returns bill again 5572-3

Mar 20: Dickinson & Ross a committee to wait on Gov

Mar 21: Gov's answer

Mar 22: Assembly will not yield

Mar 23: Gov refuses to sign 5586

House refuses to yield 5586

Mar 24: Assembly addresses Gov 5586-91

Resolutions on Aggrievances ~~88x~~

5591-95. Adjnm<sup>t</sup> to May 14

This protest, unnoted in "Votes of Assembly, must have been prepared following Feb 1, 10, and 15th. But it apparently was shelved during the impasse over the supply bill.

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ITEM 69. Notes by 19th century critics. Fragments.

ITEM 70.)

ITEM 70. Manuscript List of Lots in the Original Draft of Philadelphia. 1683.

*Kept with  
MS. vols. etc  
beginning of  
Dickinson  
Papers*

John Dickinson Logan had this item bound in 1767. It contains an engraving of the Thomas Holme map of Philadelphia; it is endorsed by John Dickinson; it contains 34 pages of lists of lot holders.

The place of this list in Philadelphia history, and in Dickinson's law practice, is not yet clear to me. It does not agree with other lists.

NB: MR. NICHOLAS WAINWRIGHT EDITED PARSONS' PLAN OF PHILADELPHIA AND TITLE PLAT, IN PENNSYLVANIA MAGAZINE OF HISTORY & BIOGRAPHY, LXXX NO. 2 April 1956. This document should be called to his attention, for he would be the best person to comment on its provenance and its importance.

ITEM 71. "AN OLD DRAUGHT OF LAND IN THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE"

*Badly  
worn*

A MS draft of Jones' land, particularly John Dickinson's land. It is in bad repair. It shows much foxing for age. My guess is JD used this in his own planning and dealing.

ITEM 72. MS Draft of Jones Neck, Kent County, Delaware

*Needs  
repair*

ITEM 73. CHURCHMAN MAP OF THE BAY SHORE PENINSULA

*See  
Apr 1770  
in numbered file*

Map (John Churchman) of the Peninsula between Delaware and Chesapeake Bays; with the Said Bays and Shore centered.

Bound for John Dickinson Logan. The map has unfortunately been silked, and the endorsements in Dickinson bearing date of June 1792 are scarcely legible.

ITEM 74. LETTERS OF REV. SAMUEL MILLER TO JOHN DICKINSON

Samuel Miller (1769-1850) and his brother Dr. Edward Miller (1760-1812) were each to win striking distinction in their fields, the one in the pastorate, the other in medicine. They frequently acknowledged their indebtedness to John Dickinson for his care of them while minors, and his constant interest in their welfare.

Samuel Miller graduated from the U of Pa in 1789, studied theology under Nisbet at Carlisle; he spent four years earning his DD at Princeton, preached in Presbyterian Churches in New York for 20 years, till 1813; thereafter taught at Princeton Theological Seminary, which he helped found.

Of his many books, A BRIEF RETROSPECT OF THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY, 2 vols., 1803, is his most significant, and significantly, he dedicated it to John Dickinson.

It is one of the most striking tributes paid Dickinson throughout his life.

8 documents

1. Samuel Miller to John Dickinson 28 May 1798. Sends two discourses, because of profound esteem & respect, and obligations of his family to John Dickinson
2. Samuel Miller to John Dickinson 15 Feb 1799. Sends a discourse (is this on yellow fever?)
3. Samuel Miller to John Dickinson 6 March 1804. Has received Dickinson's Works (i.e., THE POLITICAL WRITINGS OF JOHN DICKINSON, 2 vols., Wilmington, 1801).

"I feel myself much gratified by the indulgent manner in which you have received the dedication of my little work. The intention was certainly good. I am happy to find that the execution has not been displeasing to you. --

"It affords me no ordinary pleasure to be informed, that such parts of the "Retrospect" as you have had leasure to peruse, received your approbation. If upon a further acquaintance with this hasty production, you should see (as you probably will) many things to blame, I beg you to exercise the office of censor with parental freedom."

4. John Dickinson to Samuel Miller, 20 Apr 1805. Draft. Thanks M for his letter of the 10th, and for discourse enclosed. Long consideration of religious testimonies.

5. Samuel Miller to John Dickinson 20 Nov 1805. Sends English imprint of his "Retrospect".
6. John Dickinson to Samuel Miller, 20 Dec. 1805. Draft. Thanks M for English edition. Pious encouragement; his testimony of religion.
7. Samuel Miller to John Dickinson 16 July 1807. Sends discourse supporting his Presbyterian doctrine.
8. ~~Samuel Miller~~ to ~~John Dickinson~~, 10 Aug., 1807. Draft. On church government, and on points of doctrine. Observations on theological history.

It is in this letter Dickinson says "I am not, and probably never shall be united to any religious Society, because each of them as a society, holds Principles which I cannot adopt."

This is JD's first draft, retained. The letter he copied and sent to Miller is in the Samuel Miller Papers, Princeton University Library. Other Dickinson material is there as well.

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ITEM 75. A BUNDLE OF MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS, WITH NO SINGLE THEME OR FILE CONTENT.

18 documents

1. Deborah Norris Logan to John Dickinson, 28 Mar 1796. Introducing A.H.Rowan.

Archibald Hamilton Rowan, 1751-1834, the United Irishman, escaped from prison in 1795 and made his way to America, where he spent the next five years principally at Wilmington, and was acquainted with John Dickinson.

For an account of Rowan see Nicolson, Harold: The Desire to Please: A Story of Hamilton Rowan and the United Irishmen, N.Y. 1943, esp. chs x, xi.

2. AN UNDATED JD DOCUMENT OF THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE.

Only a single reference, and that by Thomas McKean from memory more than 20 years later, tells us that Willing made any appearance in Congress following March 22, 1776. Whether he was present or not on Monday, July 1, and Tuesday, July 2, is of the highest significance, for ~~it~~ on his presence turned the question whether Dickinson had a majority, or a minority, of the Pennsylvania delegation with him, on that day of the great debate on independence.

This document, dated "Saturday", may possibly be from Saturday, June 29, the day it was expected the Report of the Committee of Five - the first draft of the Declaration of Independence - was to be debated.

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1776  
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If so, it is important as a step in JD's marshalling of his forces on the eve of the Independence debate. The document reads:

\* "M<sup>r</sup>. Dickinson presents his Compliments  
\* to M<sup>r</sup>. Willing, and begs Leave to inform him,  
\* that the public Business in a very particular  
\* Manner demands his attendance this Morning,  
\* as a Matter of the last Importance is to be  
\* determined —  
\*  
\* Saturday"  
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3. John Parrish to John Dickinson 18 Dec 1796. Question of where to put the Meeting House. It can be built in the graveyard without disturbing the remains of the deceased.
4. James Logan to John Dickinson 20 Aug 1797. Thanks for JD's invitation to Wilmington. The state of the plague in Phila. May be as violent as in 1793. But not yet bad enough to cause alarm (!). Declines invitation.  
(Uncle James stayed with Debby at Stenton through the plague, while Doctor Logan was in France on his controversial mission)
5. James Logan to John Dickinson 11 Feb 1795. Cannot accept invitation;; will come by stage in about a fortnight.
6. Caspar Wistar to John Dickinson 17 April 1797. Thanks for chairs.
7. Samuel Canby to John Dickinson 18 May 1795. Liberality to Nisbett family.
8. James Logan to John Dickinson, 17 Sept 1798. Yellow fever at Wilmington. Visit of Isaac and Phoebe Norris from Chester
9. Two wine receipts <sup>for</sup> John Dickinson: (1) ¼ cask of Lisbon Wine (2) 30 gallons of Rum
10. James Logan to John Dickinson 18 Aug 1791. Sending the wine and rum noted in preceding, and receipt for "fining" it.
11. Thomas Barclay to John Dickinson, 10 April 1788. Applying for collectorship of imports at Philadelphia; encloses recommendations from Jefferson, Jay, & Franklin
12. John Barclay to John Dickinson 15 Oct 1788. Soliciting Dickinson's influence in behalf of Thomas Barclay. (John Barclay was mayor of Phila 1790-91, banker & lawyer)

Yellow fever  
2/18

ms 44  
7/77

13. Published. Letter George Washington to Mathew Carey endorsing The American Museum. ~~25~~ 25 June 1788.

14. Mathew Carey to John Dickinson 2 July 1788. Asks a letter from John Dickinson similar to Washington's endorsement.

Postscript, 16 July: Thanks JD for resolution of the High Court, which will be published in the next issue. Intends to reprint "Farmer's Letters." Will Dickinson furnish him a corrected copy?

15. Francis Barber to John Dickinson, 17 Dec 1790. From Jones Neck. Agreew to sell JD his land in Jones Neck. 405A,

Box 5, f. 1

16. (New Jersey Campaign, 1776) Col: <sup>John</sup> Cadwalader to Col. John Chevalier, no date (ca. end of Aug., 1776), with a letter, John Chevalier to John Dickinson, below it on the same page. First dated "Sunday"; second dated "Sunday Night 11 OClock"

"Col: Cadwalader presents his Comp<sup>ts</sup> to Col: Chevalier & acquaints him that Major Mifflin called upon him, this Morn<sup>g</sup>, to inform him that Colonel Hancock, & some others, members of the Congress, think it will be very proper to have a general Field Day & to request the Favor of General Washington to review the three Batt<sup>s</sup> — as General Washington leav<sup>w</sup> this City on Thursday Col: Cad: informs Col: Chevalier that Tuesday Morn<sup>g</sup> at 5 oClock is fixed, if agreeable to Col: Dickinson —

Sunday

"S<sup>r</sup>

As soon as the above came to hand I sent Orders for the Officers of the First Battalion to give their Comp<sup>ys</sup> Notice to be Ready on Tuesday Morning at 5 OClock I shall be glad to hear its agreeable to Col: Dickinson  
Sunday Night 11 OClock

John Chevalier"

17. \_\_\_\_\_ Jorre to John Dickinson 2 Jan 1792. In French. From Baltimore. 3 pp. Refugees.

NB: Cf Item 11, No 12, supr.

18. \_\_\_\_\_ Jorre to John Dickinson, 30 Oct 1791. From  
Wilmington  
(cf. M:12, supr)
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ITEM 76. NEW JERSEY CAMPAIGN, Summer, 1776. A bundle, endorsed  
by John Dickinson: "RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURLOUGHS EC"  
68 documents; company officers recommending  
furloughs for the men.

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ITEM 77. NEW JERSEY CAMPAIGN, Summer, 1776. These two papers  
John Dickinson had filed with the previous item,  
and tied the file together with a hemp cord.

2 documents

1. Edward Giles of Maryland asks to go on furlough to N.Y.
  2. Petition of privates, Captain Copperthwaite's Company  
of Light Infantry, 1st Battalion Pennsylvania Militia.  
"To Col Dickenson-"  
Asking respectfully if it is not "time to sett  
off for home..."
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ITEM 78. Copies in typescript of 8 letters presented ~~in~~ out of  
this collection ~~in~~ in October 1933, to Dickinson  
College. By Robert R. Logan, 23 October, 1933.

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  - 4.
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*Abraham + Edwards*  
ITEM 79. Letters on Bainbridge Lands in Elizabeth Town, New  
Jersey, on which John Dickinson had a mortgage.

NB: In this early investment by JD in  
Jersey lands, his counsel was Elias  
Boudinot. Thus their acquaintance  
preceded the Congress?

NB: The letters from William Churchill  
Houston prove the close friendship

between him and JD, long before the Constitutional Convention. It appears WCH may have seen JD receive his honorary degree from Princeton, in 1768; he may have known JD during the New Jersey campaign of 1776, when he was captain of militia; he certainly knew him when he was in Thomson's office as Deputy Secretary of the Continental Congress, 1775-6; and he certainly knew him at the time of the Trenton Decree of 1782, of which he was one of the Commissioners. He also attended the Annapolis Convention in 1786.

NB: David Brearley and William Livingston, likewise Delegates to the Fed Conv 1787, were concerned with JD in the New Jersey *Bainbridge* lands investments, *suit*

20 documents

1. Isaac Allen to John Dickinson 4 Sept 1769. From Trenton. Sends two years' interest, and is collecting bonds.
2. Isaac Allen to John Dickinson, 2 Feb 1775. Law of New Jersey reducing interest from 7% to 6% is not retroactive. Dickinson's bonds will still yield 7%.
3. John Dickinson to William Churchill Houston 2 April 1782 Draft.

(N.B: W.C.Houston was admitted to the bar of NJ in 1781; appointed Clerk of the Supreme Court of NJ; in 1782-85 he was Receiver of Continental Taxes of New Jersey)

-Mortgage of Bainbridge was dated 1 June 1768, for £500, & Bainbridge got £40 more of JD after mortgage, for which "he gave me a bond."

"After he went over to the Enemy, I had an entry made by my Brother of my Debt of £540..0 with Interest for several years thereon before Mess<sup>rs</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Johnson & M. Furman. By a Calculation just now made, I find, that there will be £804..12 due on the 1st Day of June next; but for prompt Payment of My Debt, I would make considerable Abatement.

"I am much obliged to You, sir, for the kind Mention You are pleased to make of our Acquaintance & of my Appointment. I always remember that Acquaintance with a particular Satisfaction, which would be greatly increased, if Circumstances would permit Me to cultivate it in the Manner I wish to do, & which, I hope, would be agreeable to You."

(Pres Del)

NB: W.Ch.Houston (1746-1788) from a North Carolina family; AB Princeton 1768. 1771 Prof of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy. 1775-76 Deputy Secy of Continental Congress. 1776 Capt foot, Somerset County Militia. 1776-8 Assembly of N.J. 1778: Council of Safety. 1779: Continental Congress.

1781: adm. to bar. Clerk Sp Ct N.J. 1782-5: receiver of Continental Taxes of New Jersey. 1782: "Trenton Decree" Commission, on the Wyoming controversy. 1784-5: Continental Congress, but not until after to mutiny of the Pennsylvania Line. Annapolis Convention. Federal Convention.

4. Two bonds, to enter as receipts in a law suit, if the recovery is successful:

(1) Received June \_\_\_\_ 1784 of John Dickinson Esquire a Bond for one thousand pounds lawful Money of New Jersey, conditioned for the payment of five hundred Pounds Money aforesaid to the said John Dickinson on the first Day of June next ensuing the Date with lawful Interest, from Absalom Bainbridge and Edward Bainbridge of Maidenhead in the County of Hunterdon — Dated June 1st 1768 . . . .

(2) Bond for £80, to pay the £40 additional Bainbridge loan (cf #3, supr)

These papers sent to Elias Boudinot, counsel for John Dickinson, who produced them all in court.

5. William Churchill Houston to John Dickinson 25 March 1782. From Trenton. NUMBER 3 ABOVE IS AN ANSWER TO THIS LETTER.

A friend of his has purchased from commissioners of forfeitures of New Jersey the estate of Dr. Absalom Bainbridge of Maidenhead, who went over to the enemy in 1777. Has discovered that John Dickinson holds the mortgage. He wishes to sell, but cannot until the encumbrance is discharged. Asks to hear from JD.

"You will permit me, Sir, to embrace this Occasion of mentioning with how much Pleasure I recollect the Acquaintance you were pleased to honour me with when we sat in Congress together, and the Correspondence you were pleased to allow me, which I regret my neglecting . . . ."

NB: HE REFERS TO THE SESSIONS OF 1779, in which he & JD sat together.

6. Elias Boudinot to John Dickinson, 24 May, 1784. Elizabethtown. Must have original bond and mortgage to present to the court at Hunterdon.
7. John Dickinson to Elias Boudinot, 1 June 1784. Draft, on reverse of above. Boudinot's letter implies JD must sue under the Act<sup>s</sup> of New Jersey, 23 Dec., & he thinks he might as well give up the recovery of the debt, as sue under that law. Chief Justice Brearley assures JD that the Bainbridge estate was sold under encumbrances. He thinks he must institute suit against the deceased Edmund Bainbridge.

8. John Dickinson to Maj. Gen. Philemon Dickinson, 1 Oct 1778. From Kent. Desires to empower Philemon to claim the debt of £ 540 under Jersey laws.

9. John Dickinson to Elias Boudinot, 8 March 1784. ~~80x~~ Draft. Outlines his case against the purchasers of Bainbridge's estate.

"As to the Act of Assembly passed the 23d of December last, I hope, your Sentiments are well founded, & that by altering it soon, they will not suffer the Rights of property & the Principles of Justice to be so perniciously violated, that, an innocent Creditor, residing in another state, with an absolute Estate in Law vested in him by non compliance with the Payment stipulated the Mortgage(e) should be deprived of his Debt and his Estate by the subsequent Act of another Man -- Surely the State of New Jersey will not under the sacred Title of a Law made by FREEMEN do an action that would cover any Freeman with indelible Infamy. As little will that State suppose, that her true Interest can be promoted by her setting PRECEDENTS for treating moral Obligations with Contempt. We read of old degenerate States that have been held together for some Time by the Effects of the Virtue of their Infancy -- But it is a miserable Example for Posterity if the Youth of a Republic is stained & marked with manifest & manifold Injustice . . . ."

10. David Brearley to John Dickinson, 17 Feb., 1784. Chief Justice Brearley sends JD the New Jersey law on foreclosures.

11. (With preceding) (Printed) The New Jersey Gazette, VII. 301. Feb 17, 1784. Containing the Act of 23 Dec., 1783.

12. Elias Boudinot to John Dickinson, 14 June 1784. The case is proceeding.

13. John Dickinson to Governor William Livingston 9 Mar 1786. Draft. Recalls previous correspondence about Bainbridge lands, when Governor Livingston presented Dickinson's demands to Council, with his endorsement.

"After mentioning a question on the Confiscation Act, 'whether Mortgagees are to be preferred to other Creditors, as being legally intitled to the Lands upon the Nonpayment of the Money, as well as in Equity against all Redemption, save upon the payment of Principal & Interest; or whether they can only come in for a proportionate share with other Creditors,'-- You added--- 'This to Me appears contrary to every principle of Justice.'

"Trusting, that the great & respectable State over which You preside, would correspond with your Excellency

in Sentiments so consonant to Justice & public Honor, I remained easy about my Demands; & firmly believed, every Doubt & Obstacle would be removed, so that I should have Compensation for my property, and not be punished for the Offence of another.

"I have Reason to be persuaded, this Confidence was well placed, as I am told in a Letter of the first of last August from your Treasurer that 'agreeable to the present Laws the Mortgage(e) is to be paid first.'

"Some other Intelligence in that Letter much surprizew Me, & occasions the Trouble I now give your Excellency. He says - 'By the Return made to Me by the Auditor, the Estate of Absalom Bainbridge, when reduced to Specie, amounts to £543..9..2 -- and your Mortgage at the Time it was adjudged, amounted to £797..10 -- Your other Demand (upon Boyd) at £53..16 -- and agreeable to the present Laws, the Mortgage is to be paid first ---- But by a late Resolution of the Legislature I am directed not to issue Notes for any Demands from the Inhabitants of the neighbouring States till their further Orders. Upon the whole when the Legislature reconsiders the Matter, I am of Opinion You will get a Note for the Whole Amount of Sales, and the Interest for the Time the State had the Use of the Money.'

"About six Weeks ago I wrote again to the Treasurer, desiring to know, what was done as to my Demand: But, whether the Letter miscarried, or because no further orders have yet released him from that late Resolution, I have not yet received an Answer from him.

"Upon this Representation, Your Knowledge ~~xxx~~ of and Reverence for the Principles of Justice & Good Faith, will immediately suggest in their full force Arguments to prove how much I shall suffer even by such a Conclusion of the Affair as the Treasurer has afforded Me Cause to expect.

"Though the mortgaged Premises belonged to Me in Law and Equity, and\*if they had been left to Me, I should have been secure, yet now for no fault of mine, I am likely to lose several hundred Pounds."

Asks Livingston to lay his application before the Legislature.

14. (Printed) The Constitution of Virginia . One sheet, fol., both sides, 3 columns. The resolutions introduced in Convention at Williamsburg 6 May 1776.

This is not yet identified.  
Cf Boyd, Jefferson Papers, I,  
esp. p. 334. It cannot be as  
described here. Cf typgphy of  
Wmsbg Gazette.

\*as?

15. James Mott to John Dickinson. 21 March 1786. Trenton. Mott is Treasurer of New Jersey. He writes: Dickinson's right to the whole real estate of Bainbridge cannot be questioned.
16. William Livingston to John Dickinson, 22 Dec. 1783. Has read D's letter in Council, and urged the justice of Dickinson's demand; but the Chief Justice raises a ~~xxx~~ question about the prior claims of a mortgagee. This is contrary to every principle of justice.
17. James Mott to John Dickinson, 8 July, 1786. Trenton. Is making out notes. Dickinson's mortgage is valued at £534..6; the bond at £3..13..9.  
A marginal note, in someone's hand, possibly Mott's: "The Note when recd will sell for about £100 -- I think you had much better take your chance in Law -- The law which deprives you of your debt -- is unjust and villainous--"
18. Elias Boudinot to John Dickinson 18 July 1785. Reduction of note by sale of Bainbridge Estate at a low figure.
19. William Livingston to John Dickinson 20 March 1786. Refers Dickinson to Mr. Mott's letter.
20. James Mott to John Dickinson 1 Aug 1785. Directed by a state law not to issue notes to out of state demands until further ~~xxxxxx~~ orders.

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~~ITEM 80~~  
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ITEM 80. A packet of unrelated items, mostly of the Presidency of Delaware and of Pennsylvania, but some others.

15 documents

1. Lt Col Harmer & officers of Penna Line from the Southward will call on the President at 12 o'clock. No date, no signature. "Monday morning at 9 o'clock"
2. Three calling cards: Mr. Boudinot, Mr. Penn Jr., Baron de Beelen Bertholff.
3. Act of Congress, 30 Dec 1782, relative to General Steuben.
4. John Hasse to John Dickinson, 29 Apr 1783. From Bethlehem. Asks payment for muskets delivered to the state in 1776.
5. John Vaughan to John Dickinson 18 May 1784. Sends Report of Commissioners of Public Accounts.

6. Matthew Irwin to John Dickinson, no date. Account of wreck of a Dutch ship in Delaware Bay (1784?)
7. Isaac Mc\_\_\_\_\_ (?) to John Dickinson 2 Feb 1784. From "Mount Hope." Is going to Canada.
8. Document endorsed by John Dickinson, with some notes by him: "Notes on the Acts of Assembly relating to the Land Office." Sketch of amendments proposed. Belongs to Penna Pres'y period.
9. Council 22 March 1777. Appoints John Morris jr. Master of the Rolls
10. John Dickinson to Council of The Delaware State, 10 Oct 1792. Draft. Resigns as judge of Court of Appeals Health
11. John Dagworthy to John Dickinson 19 Feb 1782. Has communicated JD's orders to colonels to make returns.

"The Measures already taken and your desire of putting our Militia on a better establishment is very pleasing to me, and I am sensible must merit the approbation & Cheerfull Concurrence of every good Citizen -- You may rely on my most willing & hearty endeavours in promoting every Step of this kind--"
12. Thomas Digges to John Dickinson 14 July 1791. From Belfast. Sends model of a churn, by Mr. Jorre, a French Gentleman who has lived here & is much liked, has been teaching, & hopes to do likewise in America.

"He was an Advocate of the French Parliam<sup>t</sup>, has left a Father w<sup>th</sup> good property & connections in France & goes out w<sup>th</sup> the best testimonials, and is recommended thro M<sup>r</sup> Grattan, M Hardy, the Bishop of Down &c to M<sup>r</sup> Shippen Mr Wilson Mr Conyngham & many others, & I have added my help to Him in and about Alexandria."

He has given letters of introduction to Mr. William Pearce, "a remarkable clever artist in the Manufacturing line." "I have subh an ardent wish for Encouraging manufactures in my Country that I could not think of letting M<sup>r</sup> Pearce pass thro Wilming<sup>n</sup> without speaking to You & getting Your advice.¶

Is in Ireland recruiting emigrants for his lands near Potowmack Falls; his own home very new<sup>t</sup> the new intended Federal Residence. Pearce taking drawings for a loom with him; hopes to get patent.

Encloses document about Pearce.
- 13 John Dickinson to Thomas Digges 14 Sept 1791. Draft. Introduced Pearce in Wilmington. Thanks for the churn.

"I am very glad, that the Attention of a person of Distinction is so much engaged in advancing the Manufactures of The United States, & earnestly hope, the highest success will reward these patriotic Exertions. A Country cannot be said to stand firmly

upon its own Legs, untill it possesses every Thing of this sort (?), that in any Emergency can be of Importance to its Wellfare.

Jorre

"The worthy French Gentleman pass'd a day with Me. He deserves Esteem; and I consider the Opportunity presented to Me of his Acquaintance as a Kindness conferred upon Me. Tho unnecessary, I could not but add to his Reccomendations (sic) a Letter for my Brother, who is a senator in Congress, and I am persuaded, will endeavour to facilitate the Wishes of so deserving a stranger."

His declining health.

14. John Dickinson to James Booth 29 June 1782. Draft. Directions for taking care of the records of each county, and for clearing ships from the state.

Edw. Shippen

15. Mr. Shippen to President Dickinson No date (ca. 1784) Enclosing report of Pennsylvania Imports and Exports made by Collector Patterson in 1774-1775.

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ITEM 81. Four wills, before John Dickinson's birth, evidently assembled by him, but for what purpose I do not know. He was not part of this family. Perhaps this was part of his study of the law.

4 documents

1. Will of Jonathan Dickinson 1722.
2. Will of John Dickinson of Jamaica, Philadelphia, 1730.
3. Will of Joseph Dickinson 10 Mar 1730
4. Will of Jonathan Dickinson Jr. 1730

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ITEM 82. A bundle of letters, unrelated, with Dickinson's arrangement apparently preserved, but incomprehensible.

21 documents

1. John Llloyd to John Dickinson, 6 June, 1806 *Kinsman in London*
2. Abraham Ridgely to John Dickinson 23 Apr 1804  
Dr Abraham Ridgely (1765-1811) practiced medicine in Dover from 1794 for several years; then he removed to Smyrna in northern Kent County. Many of his letters are in deValinger; Calendar or Ridgely Letters, and Ridgely, What Them Befell.
3. Charles Thomson to John Dickinson 1 Jan 1789
4. John Dickinson document, 17 Oct 1806. Proof of title, for George Read

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5. John Leeds(?) to John Dickinson 18 June 1775
  6. James Hardie to John Dickinson 24 April 1797. Endorsed on the cover by John Dickinson: "THIS LETTER MUST HAVE BEEN INTENDED FOR JOHN DICKINSON JUNIOR, WHO DYED IN 1795"  
James Hardie was a Latin Master of Philadelphia, author of an account of the yellow fever of 1793, and of two city directories, 1793 and 1794.
  7. Termination of lease of Biddle in behalf of Mary Norris, 17 June 1777.  
This was "Aunt Norris," Mary Parker Norris, widow of Charles Norris.
  8. John Dickinson document: Notice to vacate, 27 Nov 1793.
  9. Rent of Mary Norris' plantation to Charles Logan, 13 Jan. 1778
  10. Promissory note, John Dickinson to Augustine Biddle, for £1,000. 17 June 1777.
  11. John Dickinson document: fragment. On purchase of vinegar.
  12. Lease, John Dickinson to James Douglas, for clay for making 100,000 bricks from his land, 7 Sept 1793.
  13. John Dickinson document: fragment. List in JD's hand of members elected from Sussex in October, 1793. One senator, 7 representatives.
  14. James Douglas to John Dickinson 14 Oct 1793. On making bricks.
  15. Lucretia Bozman to John Dickinson 8 Aug 1773.  
Is obliged to JD for placing her son in college. Could not have sent him so far except for the protection of her kind relation. Friendship and good advice of her aunt when she was in Kent.
  16. John Leeds to John Dickinson 20 March 1773. Can Lucretia's son now go to Philadelphia without getting measles or small pox?
  17. James Kimmey to John Dickinson 30 May 1806
  18. John Elliott & Son to John Dickinson 4 May 1805. Bill for 500 lights, glass, etc.
  19. John Elliott & Son to John Dickinson 17 May 1806. From Philadelphia
  20. John Orrell to John Dickinson 21 May 1806. From Dover. Paints and oils
  21. Nicholas Ridgely to John Dickinson 14 Nov 1801. Dover. This letter was written shortly after NR (1762-1830) became Chancellor of Delaware.
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ITEM 83. Various items ; principally on Banks' lands from Caesar Rodney's estate, which have been disturbed in their file arrangement.

7 documents

- Missing 11-26-69* *to list*
1. Printed. "TO THE FREEHOLDERS AND ELECTORS OF THE PROVINCE OF PENNSYLVANIA". Apparently 1766. On John Hughes, Franklin, and Galloway. Was it by JD? Or this may be Evans 10184, printed 1765, favoring Franklin's election.

For further study.

2. Authenticated copies of records concerning Joseph Banks' lands in Delaware 11 Nov 1801.  
*Barker*
- 3,4,5,6,7. Documents respecting lands of Caesar Rodney's estate purchased by Joseph Banks' *Barker*.

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ITEM 84. Papers of 1806 and 1806~~1~~ relating to Delaware lands

12 documents

1. Charles Brinckle to John Dickinson 7 Oct 1805. Concerning glass & weights for the windows at the house in Kent.
  2. James Kimmey to John Dickinson 21 Feb 1806. Concerning the repairs and construction on the house in Kent.
  3. James Kimmey to John Dickinson 28 Feb 1806. On the same.
  4. Charles Brinckle to John Dickinson 10 June 1805. On same.
  5. Thomas Canday to John Dickinson 25 July 1805. On the farm he leases from JD in Jones Neck.
  6. Thomas Canday to John Dickinson 17 June 1805. Thorington will build a little house for \$10 or \$12. Transport of lime, plastering of house, etc.
  7. Thomas Canday to John Dickinson 12 Oct 1805. Tenants' affairs.
  8. William P. Russell to John Dickinson 13 Aug 1805. Dover. Can find no such land record as Dickinson wants.
  9. James Kimmey to John Dickinson 14 August 1805. Tenants' affairs in Dover Hundred.
  10. Mary Emory to John Dickinson, 29 July, 1805. Jones Neck. Question of whom two slaves belong to, Thomas Emory or Mary?
  - 11,12. Two enclosures with above.
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ITEM 85. A bundle labeled "RECEIPTS &C", 1801-1803. About 60 items, including 2 or 3 on the Camden Library, in which JD was interested.

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ITEM 86. List of Property Assessments in Kent, 1794-1798.  
8 documents

1. Assessment book for 1798 shows:	Acres	Amount
St. Jones Hundred.....	3394	£14,514
Murderkill Hundred.....	800	2,000
Mispilion Hundred.....	1393	2617..17..6

2. More detailed list for 1794

3,4,5,6,7,8. Six more documents on assessments in Kent

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ITEM 87. Four letters out of proper file arrangement  
4 documents

1. Dr. Charles Moore to John Dickinson, 16 Jan 1783. "Montgomery". Persecution of Joseph Roberts for feeding distressed British soldiers. Congratulations to JD on Presy of Pa. Cousins of JD.
  2. Richard Nisbet to John Dickinson 3 June 1794. Catawessy Town. His problems as minister; trying to get located.
  3. Thomas Morris to John Dickinson 29 Apr 1783. Charlestown South Carolina. Congratulates JD on Presy of Pa. He is a cousin. Is he Saml Morris' son? John Morris Jr.'s brother?
  4. Joseph Sansom to John Dickinson 18 May 1803. To sell a select collection of models of the principal Roman Antiquities, fabricated by Therondel, a citizen of Nimes
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ITEM 88. Bundle of receipts and accounts, 1797-8, from the Delaware farms. About 20 items, including these names: James Wakeman, George Manlove, William Garner, C. Ryan, S.W.Wilson, John Emory

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ITEM 89. Same, 1795-97. 23 documents

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F 1

- ITEM 90. Wallpaper wrapper, endorsed "SOMERVILLE!" These are papers relating to the plantation Somerville, in the years 1774-1776. Apparently Dickinson was putting this farm in order, and conducting its affairs, when Charles Thomson married Hannah Harrison (Mary Norris Dickinson's cousin) in 1774, and moved into it.

Papers relating to the building at Somerville; liming in 1774; daily accounts; other improvements in 1774 from Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec, indicate JD was busy with this farm rebuilding during these months when he and Thomson were so intimately associated together in Pennsylvania politics, and in the First Continental Congress.

Carpenters, etc., address JD as "Col" in 1775. His activities in building the Associators show this effect. Plainly, he was entitled to the command he was denied by the Convention in Aug., 1776.

ITEM 91. On Delaware Lands, Kent, 1798, etc. 25 documents. Last is a letter from Nicholas Ridgely (Chancellor in 1801) declining a fee, because of Dickinson's "Kindness and Attention to Me in my first Steps in the Law"

ITEM 92. "BUSINESS, 1798-1799". About 55 fragments of business notations.

ITEM 93. Agreement with Pleasanton about common boundary in Kent, 1803. 6 documents.

ITEM 94. "OLD ACCOUNTS" A large packet of materials relating to Delaware lands 1794-95. 67 documents, incl fragments  
*B-Box 5, f. 1*

ITEM 95. Land business, 1796-1802. 26 documents

ITEM 96. Ten packets of business papers and fragments of the 1790's, principally William Garner's accounts. Approximately 100 documents. *Mar 21, 1798 - Sally H Dickinson to Father John Emory net fit. + A.d. 5/11 1% com on sale of grain*

ITEM 97. Twelve packets of business papers, notes, and fragments 1798-1800, principally correspondence with Rudolph and Fearis, JD's agents in Philadelphia. Approximately 50 documents

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ITEM 98. Simon W. Wilson: 7 patents and deeds to John Dickinson, concerning lands in Kent. 1799, ff.

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ITEM 99. Charles Brinckle's correspondence 1805-7, about lands in Kent, and other items of Jones Neck business of the period 1790-1808  
ca. 90 documents

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ITEM 100. Miscellaneous papers relating to Delaware lands; particularly James Thornton agreements, 1798-1800.  
18 documents

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ITEM 101. Miscellaneous papers on Delaware lands, 1790's, 1800's.  
32 documents

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ITEM 102. Papers relating to Buckley's farm, St. George's Hundred.  
30 documents

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ITEM 103. Miscellaneous papers, Delaware lands business.  
35 documents

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ITEM 104. Miscellaneous papers relating to Delaware lands  
12 documents

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ITEM 105. Two unidentified items:

1. Fragmentary notes, apparently for a speech.
  2. A bill, incomplete. First 8 pages missing.  
*1781 - re tax & bills of Credit in Delaware*
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ITEM 106. LETTERS FROM THE INNS OF COURT

These 34 letters written by John Dickinson while a student at the Inns of Court in London have recently been published in the PMH&B Vol. 486 by Trevor Coulbourn, and so here I have omitted a calendar, and list them only by date.

35 documents

1. John Dickinson's accounts, ~~May 25, 1794.~~ (Date?)
2. Certificate of admission to JD to the Middle Temple 14 March 1757 (Date?)
3. JD to Father 8 Dec 1753
4. JD to Father 18 Jan 1754
5. JD to Mother 19 Jan 1754
6. JD to Father 8 March 1754
7. JD to Mother 8 March 1754
8. JD to Mother 29 March 1754
9. JD to Father 29 March 1754

*1754 - from April*

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10. JD to Father 22 Apr 1754
  11. JD to Mother 25 May 1754
  12. JD to Father 25 May 1754
  13. JD to Mother 1 Aug 1754
  14. JD to Father 15 Aug 1754
  15. JD to Mother 15 Aug 1754
  16. JD to Mother 6 Sept 1754
  17. JD to Father 6 Sept 1754
  18. JD to Mother ~~22~~ 29 Oct 1754
  19. JD to Mother 22 Jan 1755
  20. JD to Father 19 Feb 1755
  21. JD to Mother 19 Feb 1755
  22. JD to Mother 8 Apr 1755
  23. JD to Father 20 June 1755
  24. JD to Father 12 Aug 1755
  25. JD to Mother 12 Aug 1755
  26. JD to father 30 Sept 1755
  27. JD to Father 8 Jan 1756
  28. JD to Mother 17 Mar 1756
  29. JD to Father 1 Apr 1756
  30. JD to Father 10 May 1756
  31. JD to Father 6 June 1756
  32. JD to Mother 6 June 1756
  33. JD to Father 2 Aug 1756
  34. JD to Mother 2 Aug 1756
  35. JD to Father (?) Mother(?) no date, part only

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ITEM 107. John Dickinson Manuscript: Fragment. Notes for a speech. FEDERAL CONVENTION, 1787

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probably  
a continuation  
from 107

ITEM 108. John Dickinson Manuscript: Fragment. Notes for a speech. FEDERAL CONVENTION, 1787.

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ITEM 109. John Dickinson Manuscript: Fragment. Notes for a speech. FEDERAL CONVENTION, 1787.

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ITEM 110. REPAYING JOHN DICKINSON FOR BUILDING THE DELAWARE NAVY. Memorandum, 11 Oct 1782. Initialed. John Dickinson's bond to Robert Morris for £1,000 loaned by Morris for the use of the Delaware State.

Endorsed by JD: "Oct<sup>r</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 1782 I delivered Myself to Gen<sup>l</sup> Patterson a Letter from Me to him, repeating my Request. that he would immediately as the first Monies came into his Hands as Treasurer of the State, remit the same to Rob<sup>t</sup> Morris Esquire in Discharge of my Bond to him for £1000..0 borrowed for fitting out the State Vessel & applied to that purpose -- together with the Interest - & to advise Me by Letter of every such payment JD"

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ITEM 111. John Dickinson Document: DICKINSON'S COPY OF THE VIRGINIA PLAN, Federal Convention, 1787.

In an unknown hand, this document headed "Resolutions offered by M<sup>r</sup> Randolph in Convention May 29th 1787"

8 pp., fol., with various notes interlineated by John Dickinson on the first five pages.

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F30

On p. 3 is a note of state quotas, and several paragraphs of debates. THESE NOTES OF DEBATES APPEAR TO BE UNIQUE.

Jameson studied the various existing copies of the Virginia Plan. See his Studies - in which he concludes the Madison copy is corrupted.

Farrand disagrees. He regards Madison's as accurately copied from the Journals. The Journal copy does not exist.

Copies recorded are: Madison's, Washington's, Brearley's, McHenry's. See III Farrand 593-4.

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Other copies are less full than these. This Dickinson copy must be collated with the others. And see Boyd: HSP Exhibition, 1937.

number continuation  
from 107 to  
The second sheet of 108  
appears to be  
of the same date  
The notes  
contained in 107,  
108 and 2nd sheet  
of 112,  
also

ITEM 112. John Dickinson Manuscript: 2 Fragments, totalling 5 pp fol. Notes for speeches. FEDERAL CONVENTION 1787

ITEM 113. John Dickinson Manuscript. 4 pp. fol, JD holog. These are notes of a discussion, or a committee meeting. FEDERAL CONVENTION 1787.

This document constitutes DICKINSON'S COMMENTS AND OPINIONS ON THE NEW JERSEY PLAN. In one place, JD says (no. 7) "Thus nearly as in the proposals from New Jersey."

At the end he concludes: "Then from the 14th Resolution of the Report, inclusive, to the End."

Box 6  
F 31

Farrand mentions there are "several copies" of the Paterson plan. They differ so greatly, it is difficult to know exactly which was presented to the Convention. Paterson's own copy exists, but it is a late transcribing. Brearley's copy exists. Other sources are inadequate. Jameson is unsatisfactory here; Farrand is uninterested in the problem.

It may emerge, this document is the result of the small-state conference said by many to have been held.

ITEM 114. JOHN DICKINSON'S COPY OF THE NEW JERSEY PLAN

Box 6

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Federal Convention, 1787. Doc., 8 pp. fol, in an unknown hand: "Propositions from New Jersey by M<sup>r</sup> Paterson"

This was plainly the copy made for Dickinson, probably during the small-state conference, or in preparation for it. Brearley's, Madison's, Washington's, and Paterson's copies must be compared with it.

These references in Farrand help identify it: I. 242-5, 247; II. 157; III. 611-15

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ITEM 115. DICKINSON'S FIRST MODIFICATION OF THE RANDOLPH PLAN. May 30, 1787.

Federal Convention, 1787.

Fragment, 1 p. 9½" x 7 7/8", in Dickinson's hand, one side only.

NB: Dickinson appeared in Convention on Tuesday, May 29. He heard the Virginia Plan, proposed by Governor Randolph that day. He heard the debate of the 29th. On the 30th, at the suggestion of Gouverneur Morris, Randolph moved that his first resolution be negatived, in order to take up as an alternative three propositions.

Plainly, Dickinson copied these three propositions on this MS.

The Journal (I Farrand 30) records only the first of these three.

Madison's notes (I Farrand 33) record them in words differing from Dickinson's. (Madison omits JD's speech of that day)

Yates' notes (I Farrand 39) give the three in words slightly differing from Dickinson's. Yates, however, clears up Morris' place in the days discussion (p.38)

McHenry made two separate records of the three propositions, which are identical, except for the interposition of an exchange between Pinckney and Randolph after the first; both of his texts differ slightly from Dickinson's.

The textual differences are not substantive. Dickinson agrees in essence with Journal, Madison, Yates, and McHenry

Only McHenry records Dickinson's speech on the three resolutions: I Farrand 42.

The final (4th, unnumbered) paragraph in Dickinson's fragment refers, apparently, to G. Morris' suggestion to Randolph at the beginning. Madison (III Farrand 483-4) in a letter of 1830 further explains the

significance of this paragraph.

Dickinson's fragment is actually a 5th record from that day's debate, for which we already have 1. Journals 2. Madison 3. Yates 4. McHenry.

His fragment reads, in toto:

1 That an Union of the States merely foederal cannot accomplish the Objects of the Confederation, namely "Common Defence Security of Liberty & Genl Wellfare"

So/

2 That no Treaty or Treaties between any of the States /one word deleted/ as individuals /sic/ sovereigns can accomplish the Objects proposed by their Institution: namely "Common Defence Security of Liberty & General Wellfare"

3 Resolved therefore that a National Sov<sup>t</sup> ought to be established consisting of a sup Legislative Judiciary & Executive

instead of "accomplishing the Object of the Confederation" say -- "/promoting, ~~deleted~~ securing the Liberty & promoting the Happiness of the People of

ITEM 116. John Dickinson Document, FEDERAL CONVENTION. A plan for a new government, 3 pp fol., holog of JD.

Box 6

F 42

This document I have not yet vetted, to see if it relates to Randolph's, Sherman's Paterson's, Pinckney's, and other plans, or if it is Dickinson's own.

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ITEM 117. Document. In an unidentified hand. FEDERAL CONVENTION. Proposals for a new government.

Box 6

F 43

This document also has not yet been collated with the existing records of the Convention, to see what it is, where it belongs.

ITEM 118. Document. THE AUGUST 6-7 PRINTING OF THE CONSTITUTION.

L.E.

Am 1787

oversize

This is John Dickinson's copy: copies were given to all members on Aug. 6th.

Evans 20815. (Cf Item 19:1, above, for Evans 20816)

60 copies printed: The report of the Committee of Five. This copy varies from Evans' description by having 8 leaves instead of 7, the last blank r&v.

Many MS interlineations & proposals by John Dickinson, with notes for a speech on v of last leaf (See next item)

this copy came to the LCP, 8 were known to Boyd, Catalogue HSP exhibit 1938, #87), as

Library of Congress: (1. David Brearley  
2. James Madison  
3. William Samuel Johnson  
Wilmington Library: (4. George Mason  
5. Unidentified  
Hist. Soc: 6. Elbridge ~~Gary~~ Gerry  
Private collection: 7. Pierce Butler  
First discovered: 8. Charles C. Pinckney

copy # 9

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verso of last leaf of above: JOHN DICKINSON,  
FOR A SPEECH. In Federal Convention, 1787.

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UNPUBLISHED WILMINGTON IMPRINT OF THE CONSTITUTION.

1 col. double columns. Or: folding sheet, 2½ pp fol,  
2 columns

Printed in Wilmington: Printed by Frederick Craig & Co.

Preserved from Evans 20817 in lacking the Resolution  
and the attest by Charles Thomson.

NOTE: THIS WAS PRINTED BEFORE CONGRESS ACTED.

It may have been the copy used by the Delaware  
Constitutional Convention, managed by John Dickinson,  
as the first Convention to ratify the new  
Constitution, conferring on Delaware the epithet,  
"first State"

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Report: Copy of report of Committee of Congress  
on the Northern Land Sessions. 1784(?) What happened to  
original MS? Mr. Logan gave me no note or infor-  
mation on this.

certain regulatory powers to Congress, though not full powers. The state also passed the impost and foreign relations acts, and ceded her western lands.

These three documents, as well as those three in the next item, were sent to Dickinson as President of Pennsylvania, by Edward Hand, Pennsylvania Delegate in Congress, and Pennsylvania's Member on the Committee of States, from Annapolis (where Congress was sitting) enclosed in a letter dated 15 July 1784.

The original of this letter is ~~in~~ apparently not in this collection of Dickinson papers. It may be in the Dickinson papers Mr. Robert R. Logan gave to the Historical Society of Pennsylvania.

But these six items enclosed in it, are here. The letter should be.

A draft (or copy) exists in the Papers of Edward Hand, vol. ii, Library of Congress. It has been published in VII Burnett Letters p. 568.

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ITEM 122. Enclosed by Edward Hand to John Dickinson, 15 July, 1784, with above (Item 121), v. VII Burnett 568:

Documents described by Hand thus: "ALSO COPIES OF LETTERS FROM MESSRS B. FRANKLIN AND D. HARTLEY AND SEVERAL ACTS OF THE STATE OF VIRGINIA"

3 documents

1. Document, endorsed in a strange hand: "Mr. Hartley's Observations on the proposition of the American Ministers respecting Trade & his own proposition Read 1 time Jan'y 26. 1784."

David Hartley, English philosopher and friend of Benjamin Franklin, was permitted by the Fox ministry to go to Paris and negotiate with Franklin, for a commercial treaty. I cannot identify, from Burnett or Wharton Dip Corresp, what letter of Hartley's this was, for the dates seem to be wrong.

2. Document, endorsed by John Dickinson "COPY OF A LETTER"
3. Letter and Memorial to the Commissioners. Paris. 14 June 1783. Read 26 Jan. 1784.

Difficult to identify, from Wharton, Force, & Burnett

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ITEM 123. Enclosed with above:

Extracts, copy: "Dr. Franklin's Letter to Congress from Passy December 25, 1783."

Referred to in Edward Hand's letter to Dickinson, VII Burnett 568, cited above.

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ITEM 124. Philemon Dickinson to John Dickinson 18 June 1777.  
ALS 4 pp. Addresses JD in Kent.

Endorsed by John Dickinson: "THIS LETTER TO BE KEPT CAREFULLY"

Address: "JOHN DICKINSON ESQR. IN KENT COUNTY BY MINGO"

General Howe's advance. Has received commission as Major General of Jersey Militia. Will take command tomorrow. Howe at Somerset with 12,000 men. Washington in front of him with 14,000; Sullivan on right with 4,000 Jersey Militia. Pennsylvania will send 5 or 6,000, Connecticut nearly 6,000.

"I do not believe they will get to Philad<sup>a</sup> but as my mares are of great value, & jumpers I am afraid to trust them here, therefore have sent them down to Kent, & have ordered Mingo to leave them at John Howells, he says he shall have plenty of Pasture after Harvest. . ."

Purchase of land for Samuel.

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ITEM 125. Manuscript, unidentified hand, labeled 2 Jan. 1781.  
Endorsed by John Dickinson: "PROCEEDINGS OF ~~THE~~ HARTFORD (sic) CONVENTION 1782"

The date Dickinson gives in his endorsement is confusing. The Hartford Convention, meeting in November (8th) and following) 1780, made its report at once, including the highly controversial Compulsory Clause, authorizing Congress to march with force against any state delinquent in its Quota of Men, Money, and Provisions.

Congress did not receive and take up the report till February 1781. Dickinson therefore had it in hand before Congress began debating it.

But why he wrote 1782 instead of 1780, I cannot tell.

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ITEM 126. Broadside: "THE UNITED STATES IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED. APRIL 27, 1784 . . ." ~~TH~~

L.C.

This is Evans 18845, Dunlap's Annapolis imprint.  
This copy has Charles Thomson's signature in MS.

Endorsed by John Dickinson: "27 APRIL 1784 RESOLUTIONS OF CONGRESS ON THE NATIONAL DEBT"

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ITEM 127. Pennsylvania Packet, 22 July, 1784.

L.C.

The whole issue.

Marginal note by John Dickinson on top margin of page 3: "HONORABLE PROTEST IN VIRGINIA"

The article he thus refers to deals with disputes over slaves carried off by Carleton in Virginia, and to the Treaty of Paris.

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ITEM 128. Four newspaper clippings, July-Nov 1784.

1. Clipping giving acts passed at North Carolina's last legislature, and congressional news.

Endorsement by John Dickinson, at head of the column: "ACTS THAT OUGHT TO BE PAST AT THE PRESENT SESSIONS"

2. Another clipping.

3. Clipping: Answer to Tom Paine on West India trade.

4. Clipping: Article on the French Islands trade.

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ITEM 129. The Pennsylvania Mercury, 10 December 1789.

L.C.

With news of North Carolina's ratification on 29 November.

Mutilated. (By JD?)

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ITEM 130. Broadside: large fol. "BY THE UNITED STATES IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, / A PROCLAMATION. /"

L.C.

Dated 25 Sept 1783. Translation of the Treaty of amity and commerce with Sweden, concluded by Franklin at Paris on 3 April, 1783. Signed: Elias Boudinot, President, Charles Thomson, Secretary.

"Done in Congress at Princeton, this twenty fifth day of September, in the year . . . " 1783.

Colophon: Baltimore, Printed by Hayes and Killen.

NOT IN EVANS. The only Hayes & Killen broadside recorded by Evans (#18252) is their Baltimore broadside of the treaty of peace with England of 3 Sept 1783.

Cf. EVANS 18245: the same ~~broadside~~ treaty, printed by Claypoole in Philadelphia, Broadside, fol.

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ITEM 131. (Printed, broadside). FRANCE / ARRET OF THE KING'S COUNCIL OF STATE, CONCERNING FOREIGN COMMERCE WITH THE FRENCH ISLANDS IN AMERICA, / OF THE 30th OF AUGUST, 1784.  
L.C.

Small fol. Not in Evans. Cf. Evans 18479, for an arrêt of 14 May, 1782.

Endorsed by John Dickinson: "Arret of the King of France on the West India Trade August 30 - 1784"

ITEM 132. Ms, doc. in contemporary hand: The Concessions of West Jersey, 1676. With 118 signatures.

Box 9  
f. 4

ITEM 133. John Dickinson's Receipt & Account Book, with entries dating from 1777 through 1807.

ITEM 134. Notebook, small 4to, in hand of Isaac Norris (IID) on the history of the Penn-Baltimore dispute.

ITEM 135. New Jersey Campaign, summer of 1776: HOSPITAL REPORTS.

13 fragments, reports to Col. John Dickinson of hospital cases and other cases in camp, 21 July through end of August.

Wrapped and endorsed by John Dickinson: "HOSPITAL RETURNS"

Reports are signed by Robert Towers Jr, First Mate, and Nathaniel Luff, Second Mate. This connects the elder Luff with JD during the New Jersey campaign. He must have been in Pennsylvania, not Delaware service. This association may in some measure account for the extraordinary freedom with which he treated Dickinson in later years.

Daily diseases reported, with cases continuing, are:

contused thigh - - - 2	flux - - - - - 2
fever - - - - - 21	sore throat - - - - ( )
inflammation, foot - 4	inflammation, legs- ( )
piles - - - - - 3	cholera morbus ---- 7
pleurisy ----- 1	wounded tendon achilles - 5*
gripes - - - - - 1	diarrheae - - - - - 11
rheumatism - - - - 4	cholick - - - - - 10
intermittn (fever) -14	remittent (fever) - 1
continued fever - - 1	sore leg - - - - - 3
cephalgia - - - - - 1	phrensy - - - - - 1
purging - - - - - 6	nephritis - - - - - 1

\*The "John Rush" listed among the wounded tendon achilles, cannot so far as I can discover be a member of Benjamin Rush's family.

ITEM 136. Conrad Weiser's Journal: Journey to the Aughwick Conference, August-September, 1754.

16 pp. in an unknown hand, a copy evidently by a clerk.

The original (imperfect) is in the Berks County Historical Society.

P. 1, line 1, should read "24th" instead of "4th".

Published in Colonial Records.

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ITEM 137. Five newspapers or clippings from newspapers, 1787-88, apparently collected by John Dickinson for their articles on husbandry.

Pennsylvania Mercury, 9 Nov. 1787. Clipping

Pennsylvania Mercury & Universal Advertiser, no. 213, Tues., Mar 25, 1788

Same, no. 214. Thurs March 27 1788.

Same, no. 92. Fri May 19 1786

The Daily Advertiser (New York) no. 953. Sat Mar 15 1788

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ITEM 138. Clippings from the Independent Chronicle of Boston, 27 Mar 1788. With marginal note by John Dickinson on Dalton, (Tristram), On the Cultivation of Carrots. *Cf. 1149, infra*

NB: Carrots were particularly interesting after Billings' book 1765, which recommended them as a feed for cattle.

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ITEM 139. Broadside, no date. LECTURES UPON AGRICULTURE. Announcing 3 lectures. I cannot find this in Evans.  
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ITEM 140. John Beale Bordley: A/SUMMARY VIEW/OF THE/COURSES OF CROPS,/IN THE HUSBANDRY/OF/ENGLAND & MARYLAND;/WITH/A COMPARISON OF THEIR PRODUCTS;/AND A SYSTEM OF IMPROVED COURSES,/PROPOSED/FOR FARMS IN AMERICA./ Printed by Charles Cist, at Philadelphia:/M,DCC,LXXXIV.  
*LCP*  
*rare book*

Pp. (22) 4to.

Evans 18373.

2 copies, in original gray paper wrappers, in the finest possible condition

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ITEM 141. Document in John Dickinson's hand, fragment. 1787 or 1788. GARDEN SEEDS TO BUY IN PHILADELPHIA.

Joseph Francis is a good seedsman in Philadelphia.

Enquire of Cummings at the House of Employment Directions

when to be sowed & planted

Green Peas early and late of the best Sorts  
beans early & late of the best kinds

Solid Sellery

1 Coss Lettice

1 Orace\* or English Lamb quarters

1 sweet marjoram

1 sweet Basil

1 Parsley

Cauliflower

Green Savoy Gabbage - & some other  
of the best kind for Us in the  
Fall & Winter - & for Sprouts in  
the Spring

1 Radish

1 Spinage

1 Parsnips

1 Garlick

Mint

1 Summer Savory

1 Thyme

1 Saffron

Marygold

Ocre or Something of the best kind to be put in Soop

White leaf Sage

Hysop

Lavender

Burnet

Tansy

Saffron

\*i.e., Orach, the  
garden-orach or  
mountain spinach,  
formerly common in  
England as a pot-  
herb/

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ITEM 142. Eastburn, Robert. A FAITHFUL NARRATIVE OF THE MANY  
DANGERS AND SUFFERINGS . . . Philadelphia, William  
Dunlap, 1758. pp. 45 (1), 8v0. Advertisement on  
v of p. 85 45.

LCP  
rare book  
room

Unbound, sewn.

John Dickinson's copy. Excellent condition.

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This is Evans 8116.

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ITEM 143. Dickinson's copy: THE SECOND JOURNAL OF CHRISTIAN  
FREDERICK POST. London, Wilkie, 1759. Title  
page torn away.

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ITEM 144. Clippings: THE GENTLEMAN'S MAGAZINE. With notes in  
John Dickinson's hand on these subjects:  
Methods for preserving Grain  
Antient Runic Letters  
Method of making Mead, cultigating Strawberries,  
Currants, Gooseberries, & Peas.  
1764, ff.

ITEM 145. George Morgan to John Dickinson, 15 Sept 1788  
3 pp. fol. ALS

His son's regiment called into service. Sends the wheat drill; also a kind of wheat which resists the Hessian Fly. Long Island wheat seed full of impurities. Characteristics of the yellow bearded wheat. Uses of the drill.

NB: Col. George Morgan, 1743-1810, merchant, land speculator in western companies, Indian agent, long a friend of JD, settled in 1779 on a plantation he called "Prospect", at Princeton. It is now part of the campus of Princeton University. He engaged brilliantly in scientific farming, and Dickinson was one of his principal correspondents. For an account of him, see DAB; also Collins, V.L., Princeton Past and Present.

He was younger brother - 8 years younger - of Dr. John Morgan, founder of medical education in America.

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ITEM 146. George Morgan to John Dickinson 20 Jan 1788  
4 pp 4to ALS

The nature, operation, and cost of a Dutch plow. The method General Washington suggests of planting carrots between corn rows. Dickinson's idea of an experimental farm to be operated by the Agricultural Society is a good one. The most serious need is for monthly agricultural fairs

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ITEM 147. Charles Thomson to John Dickinson, no date (ca. 1788)  
fragment, AL no sig. 1 p. Verbatim:

As C T hears cousin J D is about to turn experimental Farmer he sends him News Paper On the culture of the culture of the disette or Scarcity root and incloses therein 50 seeds for him to make a trial with. (sic)  
(sic)

Kisses to Maria

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ITEM 148. John Morgan Jr. to John Dickinson 24 April 1788  
2 pp 4to ALS. On agricultural matters. Son of Dr. John Morgan, nephew of George Morgan. See Bell's biography

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ITEM 149. George Morgan to John Dickinson (7 April) 1788

1 p. 4to ALS.

On verso of letter, Samuel A(llyne) Otis to George Morgan, 1 p. 4to, ALS, \_\_\_\_\_, 1788.

Encloses Tristram Dalton's ON THE CULTURE OF CARROTS, with Otis' ~~XXXXXXXX~~ letter to him, and comments on it, and on Dalton.

NB: Samuel Allyne Otis was brother of James Otis, and of Mercy Otis Warren, both of whom were close friends of John Dickinson. He was father of Harrison Gray Otis. For description of him, and his career, see Powell, J.H.: THE BOOKS OF A NEW NATION. This is the only record I have seen of his interest in agricultural science.

NB: For Dalton on carrots, see 138, above.

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ITEM 150. George Morgan to John Dickinson 12 June 1787

2 pp fol ALS

Dickinson has ordered both a drill, and a Bucks County Dutch Plough. Morgan describes his own drills and ploughs.

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ITEM 151. John Dickinson document, October, 1765.

12 pp large fol, 2 blank. JD holograph

Original rough draft, much interlineated, of the Declaration and Resolves of the ~~Rix~~ Stamp Act Congress.

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ITEM 152. Three newspapers, separate issues, of 1803.

L.C.

1. Duane's General Advertiser. 2 Aug 1803.
2. Poulson's American Daily Advertiser 27 Apr 1803
3. Duane's General Advertiser 23 Ap 1803. 2 pp only.

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ITEM 153. Miscellaneous documents: four newspapers, and two fragments.

L.C.

1. Philadelphia Mercantile Advertiser 13 March 1809  
In margin: Alb. C. Logan.
2. Claypoole's American Daily Advertiser 8 Dec 1796
3. National Intelligencer (Washington City) 1 Feb 1812  
In margin: Sally N. Dickenson
4. The Pennsylvania Packet and Daily Advertiser, Monday, August 27, 1787.  
In margin, John Dickinson's hand: Taunton, Ale  
by Richard Wells & Son -- Third Street.

5. Two unidentified fragments

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ITEM 154. Notes on Dickinson genealogy.

1 p. fol. unidentified hand, mid-18th century.

Genealogy (in outline) of Dicconson of Ranby in Lincolnshire made about 1740.

This with other items in this collection helps prove JD's own investigations into his lineage.

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ITEM 155. Documents, 1766-1771: Dickinson's contribution to the relief of the poor.

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1. Receipt dated 13 June, 1766. Printed form, manuscript additions in the blank spaces. Receipt of John Dickinson contribution of £20 and certificate of his Membership in the Corporation of Contributors, the Poor Relief Corporation.

Signed: Jeremiah Warder, Treasurer

2. MS memorandum, showing John Dickinson's pledge of £773..6..0 to the Contributors of employment and relief of the poor, 1768-1771

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ITEM 156. Address of the Mechanics to John Dickinson 27 June 1774.

6 pp fol. Marbled paper wrapper.

Verbatim: (incomplete by 1/3)

Our Hearts are so oppressed and agitated with the dangerous Situation of our Affairs, that we can contain ourselves no longer. Our Prospects are truly alarming. You must therefore pardon the Liberty we now take; as you are the only Person, who did, or could reduce us to this Necessity.

Your Character and well known Stedfastness in the Cause of Freedom, and the Worth and Firmness of several Members of the Committee made us for some Days try to forget our Danger, and our Reverence for our Chairmen forced us at the Meeting, to behave with Decency to Men, who merited our utmost Resentment. But,

When we reflect, that at the Meeting of the Mechanics preceding the general one held the 18th Inst., we were given to expect Resolves big with uncommon Wisdom & Spirit, and worthy of the Freemen of this great City & County; but that when they appeared, Nothing but Timidity, Treachery, and destructive Delays were discoverable

in them. That Resolves weak & without Spirit such that the smallest petty Town on the continent would have been ashamed of, were the Fruit of a Month's calm mature and prudent Deliberation. They were published however with a List of such men, as you judged fit to represent us in Committee, some Days before the Meeting, so that we had Time to consider their Tendency, and whether the Men, you proposed, were fit to be entrusted with our Power & Authority on this important Occasion and we came prepared accordingly; as the Alterations & Amendments which your Resolves underwent, so far as we were permitted to proceed with that calm determined Spirit of Freedom with which we entered (?check) the Field can abundantly testify.

We clearly forewaw the Consequence of your Delays. And the Deceit & Treachery, which was concealed under the apparent Prudence of your Resolves was too glaring to escape us. We knew from whence they came, and with what Views & Expectations they were procured, and came determined to oppose them to the utmost of our Power and were secure of our Success.

We knew that our whole Safety depended on our Choice of a Committee, and we came prepared to reject the Men, who were the cause of such shameful Delays in your Councils & Proceedings, and who had the Influence to carry such weak timid & deceitful Resolves in your Committee, Men whom we knew to be Enemies to the Cause of Freedom & America.

We plainly saw that no Resolves, however spirited, could avail us any Thing; unless the Execution of them were committed to Men of Spirit, whom we knew to be Freemen in the Cause of Freedom and such we were determined to elect.

But then, how our Hearts heave with Indignation at the Insult! then Instead of a fair & free Election Instead of being allowed the Priviledge of Freemen & Electors, we had a List made up promiscuously of Friends and Foes obtruded upon us. We were not called upon to vote for them Man by Man, no! They we would have taken Care that such, as were not hearty in the Cause of Liberty, should have met with the Repulse due to their inimical Dispositions. We must take them all, or none. We must either reject our firmest & best Friends, or else admit our most inveterate, whose political Members were always and will subtil, designing and determined Enemies, Men forever be on the Side of Power & Promotion. A Committee chosen by Sixty Persons met in a very private Manner, 40 of whom myst have elected

themselves, were obtruded upon the Freemen of this City & County with such Marks of Contempt, as were truly humiliating. And when we seemed determined to reach the Mode of Election, our Understandings were insulted in the grossest Manner by the Arguments used to enforce the Measure, and when that failed, by three County Propositions we were reduced to the dire necessity of taking the List as it stood, or having no Committee at all.

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ITEM 157. An imperfect copy, Johnathan Dickinson's Journal: *LCP*  
rare book room GOD'S PROTECTING PROVIDENCE . . . First edition, Philadelphia: Reiner Jansen, 1699.

Pp. 1-69, 71, 70, 72-96. Last leaf (p.95-96) chewed around the margins; text intact. Therefore this copy contains all of GOD'S PROTECTING PROVIDENCE after the first title page, which is missing. The mis-printing of p. 71 before 70 indicates this as the first edition. There are only four unnumbered leaves of prefatory matter, the first leaf being lacking. This prefatory matter is identical with the preface to the 1699 edition, author unknown, reprinted in Evangeline Adams, pp. 103-110. There is no title page preceding this fragment of the preface, nor any following it. P. 64 is identical with the facsimile of p. 64 printed from the NYPL copy (Brinley copy) in Evangeline Adams, p. 202. This copy is unbound, and shows no signs of ever having been bound.

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ITEM 158. Charles Lee to John Dickinson 1 January (1776?)  
3 p fol. Loss of Dickinson's letter by General Greene. The neutrals are more evil than the hostile. Other matters.

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ITEM 159. Jared Eliot's three essays on field husbandry. The *LCP*  
three ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ unbound but sewn together, with John Dickinson's signature on each half-title page.  
Wrapped in brown paper, with label by John Dickinson: "ELLIOT'S AND OTHER VERY VALUABLE ESSAYS ON HUSBANDRY" No "others" appear to be here.

1. Evans 6133. An essay upon field-husbandry in New England . . . N(ew)London, T. Green, 1748.  
With clippings attached by sealing wax.
2. A continuation of the essay upon field-husbandry New London T Green 1749. Evans 6313.

3. A continuation of the essay . . . N(ew). London, Green, 1751. Evans 6666.

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*Recatalogued and now in LCP*

ITEM 160. A / CHARGE / DELIVERED TO THE / GRAND-JURY, / BY THE HONOURABLE / THOMAS M'KEAN, ESQUIRE, / . . . Lancaster: Printed by Francis Bailey, in King's Street. M,DCC,LXXVIII. pp. 18. 8vo.

sewn. unbound.

Presented to John Dickinson with this inscription in M'Kean's hand on tp: "FOR JOHN DICKINSON ESQUIRE"  
Evans 15876.

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ITEM 161. James Logan: charges to the Grand Jury, 1723 & 1736.

*LCP*  
*rare book room* John Dickinson's copies.

1. The Charge delivered from the Bench to the Grand Jury, at the Court of Quarter Sessions . . . 2nd. day of September 1723. Philadelphia, Bradford, 1723. ~~XX~~ 16 pp. 4to.

Evans 2441.

2. The Charge delivered from the Bench to the Grand Inquest . . . April 13, 1736. Philadelphia, Benjamin Franklin, 1736. 24 pp. sm. 4to.

Evans 4061.

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ITEM 162. Webbe, John. A / DISCOURSE / CONCERNING / PAPER MONEY, / . . . NUMB. I . . .

*LCP*  
*rare book room* Philadelphia: Printed for the Author by W. Bradford.

11 p., 8vo. (1743) - but no date printed. Evans 5308.

Unbound. Tp torn at lower left corner.

Dickinson's copy

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ITEM 163. Benjamin Franklin's first published work. 1729.

*LCP*  
*rare book room* A MODEST / ENQUIRY / INTO THE / NATURE AND NECESSITY / OF A / PAPER-CURRENCY. / . . . Philadelphia: Printed and sold at the New Printing-Office, near the Market. 1729.

Evans 3615. 36 pp. sm 8vo.

Unbound. Side stitched. No wrappers. Complete copy, in excellent condition.

Occasional marginalia, such as "Ridiculous argum(en)t in Our Case"; "What Jargon is This?" in a hand that is probably not John Dickinson's. Conjecturally, it may be Isaac Norris' hand, or Samuel Dickinson or Dr. Thomas Cadwalader. The marginalia reflect the dis-

taste for Franklin's pamphlet which the elders  
in John Dickinson's life universally felt.

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ITEM 164. An unidentified Broadside. On paper money.

Missing?

could be in LCP  
rare book room

The Case of the Inhabitants in Pensilvania. In the  
Year 1723, The people of . . . etc.

The title on verso followed by MS endorsement, not  
John Dickinson's hand: "in relation to a Paper  
Currency"

I cannot identify this broadside in Evans.

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ITEM 165. Off-print from The Portfolio, No date. After 1809.

LCP  
Am 1810  
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A SKETCH OF THE WISE, PROGRESS, AND PRESENT STATE  
OF DICKINSON COLLEGE IN CARLISLE.

8 pp. Original wrappers.

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ITEM 166. A Wilmington imprint, 1800. Unlisted.

LCP  
rare book  
room

AN EPITOME / OF THE / LIFE & CHARACTER / OF /  
THOMAS JEFFERSON. /

(colophon:) Wilmington: / printed by James Wilson, /  
at the Franklin Press. / 1800.

8 pp. 8vo. (i.e., 1 sheet)

Uncut, unopened, unbound.

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ITEM 167. Jefferson presents a book to John Dickinson

LCP  
rare book room

AN / APPENDIX / TO THE / NOTES ON VIRGINIA / RELATIVE  
TO THE MURDER OF LOGAN'S FAMILY. / BY THOMAS  
JEFFERSON. / (Half-rule) /

Philadelphia: / printed by Samuel H. Smith. /  
M.D.CCC. /

Original gray paper wrappers.

Inscribed on the front wrapper:

for John Dickenson esq. with the sincere  
respect & esteem of

his hble servt

Th: Jefferson

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ITEM 168. A bundle of 1 volume and 2 newspapers, wrapped in  
a gray paper of early 19th century.

Endorsement on the gray paper wrapper, by Sally  
Norris Dickinson: "The Journals of Congress from

missing?  
Probably in  
LCP  
rare book room

January 1st 1776 to January 1<sup>st</sup> 1777 with the newspapers of the day containing the Declaration of Independence"

1. Journals of Congress. Containing the Proceedings from January 1, 1776, to January 1, 1777. Published by order of Congress. Volume II.

Yorktown: Printed by John Dunlap. M,DCC,LXXVIII.

Pp. (2) 520, xxvii. 8vo.

Evans 16137.

Original boards in gray paper.

Title page signed in John Dickinson's hand:  
"John Dickinson's"

2. The Pennsylvania Journal and the Weekly Advertiser May 22 1776.
3. The Pennsylvania Journal and the Weekly Advertiser July 10 1776. Containing the Declaration of Independence. Also containing - which is why John Dickinson saved it, in all probability - an account of the Assembly of Associators, Lancaster, 4 July 1776.

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ITEM 169. Document of March, 1766, of Isaac Norris 2nd.

Sp.8vo, holograph of Isaac Norris 2nd.

Endorsed by John Dickinson: "ESTIMATE OF ISAAC NORRIS'S ESTATE, IN MARCH 1766 - IN HIS OWN HANDWRITING. JD."

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ITEM 170. Robert G. Harper's prize essay on Liberality of Sentiment.

1. Dr. John Witherspoon to John Dickinson 29 Oct 1785. Presenting Mr. Harper, whose Essay has been awarded the annual prize medal at Princeton.
2. MS copy of Harper's essay on Liberality of Sentiment presented to John Dickinson by the author.
3. Robert G. Harper to John Dickinson 25 Sept 1785. Presenting the essay and expressing gratitude.

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ITEM 171. Dickinson's Proclamation on Vice & Immorality, as President of Pennsylvania.

See HSP  
broadside file  
AB 1782-1

Printed: Broadside. 20 Nov. 1782. Pennsylvania, ss.  
By the President and the Supreme Executive Council . . .

Phila: Printed by Francis Bailey.

As his proclamation against vice and immorality in

1781 while President of Delaware had had such good effect, the first action of John Dickinson when he became President of Pennsylvania was to issue this Proclamation on the suppression of vice, profaneness, immorality, and the observance of Sunday.

This appears to be his retained copy.

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ITEM 172. Delaware Presidency, 1781-2. A packet endorsed by John Dickinson: "PAPERS RELATING TO ISLANDS IN THE DELAWARE. MR WHARTON'S PAPERS"

5 documents

1. Original slip law, incomplete( 1 signature), Assembly of Delaware, the Militia Law of 1781. Used as a wrapper.
2. Report of the Board of Trade in Respect to the Islands in the Delaware in the year 1721. (Sept 1, 1721.)
3. Opinion of the Attorney General and the Solicitor General on the Rights of the Crown to the Delaware River and the Islands lying therein. August 5th 1721. Copy.
4. Report of the Lords of Trade on the Earl of Rockford's Petition. March 17, 1772.
5. Report of the Lords of the Committee Upon the Hearing Relative to the Earl of Rockford's Petition. April 14, 1772

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ITEM 173. A cover, military campaign in New Jersey 1776.

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ITEM 174. Christopher Gadsden to John Dickinson 4 June 1768.

ALS. From Charleston. Verbatim:

D<sup>r</sup> Sir

I Rec<sup>d</sup> the very valuable present you sent me P(er) Mason last Voyage & I assure You am not a little mortify'd that he slipt away without my Acknowledgment of it, I live in a retired part of the Town & very rarely go without my Walls unless of a Sunday to Church & he is like the Ghost in Hamlet here & there & Everywhere —

It is a very great Pleasure to me to find the many deserved Compliments the Farmer Receives on his meritorious performance, & as they seem really to flow from Gratitude & Sentiment they give me a better Opinion of the World than I have for some Time entertain'd —

I know you must feel that you deserve

them, & that you may long live to enjoy  
the Applauses of all worthy men is the  
sincere Wish of

Y<sup>r</sup>. Affect<sup>e</sup>. h<sup>o</sup>ble Serv<sup>t</sup>

Chris<sup>t</sup>. Gadsden

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ITEM 175. New Jersey Campaign, 1776. Major William Ross'  
return of ammunition, Lancaster battalion, Col.  
George Ross, commanding. 10 Aug 1776.

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ITEM 176. John Dickinson's contributions to the Pennsylvania  
Hospital.

Two documents: March, 1762; 2 Feb 1765. Gifts  
by JD to Penna Hospital of £25 + 3 yrs interest  
£6..10, or £31..10.

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ITEM 177. Postscript to the Pennsylvania Journal, 15 Je 1774.

L.C. The Acts relating to Massachusetts. A public meeting  
at Annapolis on the Boston bills.

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ITEM 178. Act of Parliament, 14 George III cap xix, closing  
L.C. the port of Boston. Slip law, three 4to gatherings,  
numbered pages (513) to (524).

Unbound. Sewed.

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ITEM 179. Samuel Fisher to John Dickinson 8 Aug 1770. Thanks  
Dickinson for generaw donation to the Overseers of  
the Poor.

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ITEM 180. Henry Muhlenberg to John Dickinson 27 Oct 1766.

Solicits funds for building St. Michaels & Zion  
Lutheran Church. Thanks Dickinson for a con-  
tribution of £25 currency.

Addresses Dickinson as "Your Worship", acknowledges  
"the noble Mark of a catholic Christian Spirit, of  
a Patriot and Benefactor, breathing for, and encouraging  
the Welfare of State and true Christianity . . ."

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ITEM 181. MS, 4 pp. fol. 26 May 1715. An account of what  
happened at Germantown the 26th of ye Vth mo. 1715.

Land partition of Pastorius and Sproegel.

Endorsed by John Dickinson: "PASTORIUS & HAMILTON"

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ITEM 182. Francis Alison to John Dickinson 4 Jan 1772.

Addresses Dickinson at Fair Hill. Congratulates JD on birth of a child. Infroduces James Popham, Irish woollen manufacturer. He "can make Camblets & Sagathies, & Callimancoes, & Freezes, & Rateens & other cloaths of such a Coarse Fabrick as may best Suit the poorer Sort of people in this Countrey; & which must be made here, or many will be in danger to go naked."

His expenses; has hoped for generosity of the public to procure different kinds of machines,

"But such an immense quantity of English goods as are now on hand has almost drained ye whole patriotic fund among our merchants; and for this reason he must depend on ye farmers, as he is most likely to promote their interest. As you have the honor to stand at ye head of this numerous class, he begs that I would introduce him to your notice, which I ~~had~~ rather chose to do, than lie under ye imputation of being no friend to homespun commodities . . ."

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ITEM 183. John Morris Jr. to John Dickinson 3 Oct 1770.

On cover: To John Dickinson Esq<sup>r</sup> to be Left at M<sup>r</sup> Slough's in Lancaster.

M<sup>r</sup> Slough,

Please to send this Letter to M<sup>r</sup> Dickinson if he is in your part of the Country; if not please to Inclose it & send it down to me.

Y<sup>r</sup> hb<sup>le</sup> Serv.<sup>t</sup>

John Morris Jr

(NB: JD was on his wedding trip in the west)

Elections in Philadelphia city and Council. "Galloway was thrown out in the Country, and you lost it there only by 6 Votes;-- Nobody thought of running you or you would have been undoubtedly Elected: And it was Entirely owing to the unsolicited Voices of your Friends. This however Induced some of us to put you in the Burgess Ticket for the next day, when you were almost unanously chosen. The numbers ~~xxxx~~ were for you 636 & for Able James (who is also Elected) about 350.— We run M<sup>r</sup> Willing with you within 80 or 90 of James and he would certainly have been Elected, but that he came on the Ground and Insisted upon being Excused. A faint Attempt was made for Ross, but it was not Even pushed by his warmest Friends.

"Galloway has Crept in at the Back Door being Elected for Bucks, where he went on Saturday last. Some here pretend to Say that you will not Serve — but if you

CORRECTION -

p. 83.

Box 7, F7 -

ITEM 187. Dickinson's notes of a conference with a captured British cabin boy.

Fragment, belonging to the New Jersey campaign of July-August, 1776. Notes by John Dickinson evidently from a conference with a boy who has been taken from the British ship Asia, in New York harbor.

(The correction is to remove the word Spy. Young William Felton was not that)

dont you will disoblige Every Friend you have and  
Very particularly one who loves you & who got Wet  
to the Shins yesterday in your Service & Who is also

Your Very Affect

J Morris Jr

Pray make my Affect. Comp. to M<sup>rs</sup> Dickinson

JMj

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ITEM 184. Thomas Warner to John Dickinson 21 May 1768

4 p. 4to ALS.

He and his party after dining with Dickinson went  
to Trenton, called on Dickinson's mother & brother.

"Nothing has made our party so happy since they  
have been upon the Continent, as the distinguishing  
marks of Civility they have received from a person  
of your most amiable Character, and they beg leave  
to joyn the Voice of the whole Continent, in wishing  
you every happiness, that this life can afford."

A legal claim.

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ITEM 185. Unknown to John Dickinson, no date. Suggesting  
a design for an American flag

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ITEM 186. Samuel Meredith to John Dickinson 8 July 1776.

From Trenton. Returning two deserters from Goodwin's  
company. Names them.

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ITEM 187. Dickinson's notes of a conference with a spy.

Fragment, belonging to New Jersey campaign, July-August  
1776. Notes by John Dickinson, obviously from a con-  
ference with a spy who has moved among the British in  
New York.

Verso: Talk in the Fleet

The Army now on Staten Island, to stay there—  
The army expected to arrive, is to act on Long  
Island — The Fleet to attack New York — The  
Army expected to arrive, is to be larger than  
that now here.

Recto: W<sup>m</sup> Felton a Boy from the Asia

To Admirals Ships

Asia

Kingfisher

A sloop of War

A Frigate gone out to meet the Fleet

Phoenix & some Tenders gone above New York

\*MORE\*

2000 Highlanders arriv'd this Week in 10 Ships—  
Landed at Darby Dier's on Staten Island  
Fresh prov<sup>m</sup> once or twice a Week No Vegetables

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ITEM 188. Henry Kepple Jr. to John Dickinson 24 July 1776

Captain Kepple informs Col Dickinson that just as he was marching he was chosen a member of the Council of Safety. So resigns his commission. John Palmer is chosen in his place by the officers and men.

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ITEM 189. General Hugh Mercer to John Dickinson 24 Aug 1776.

Sir,

Capt Palmer may proceed to Philad to purchase what Necessaries may be wanting for his Company — and he may take with him four of his Company to transact any business they may have or pretend to have— The remainder should proceed to Amboy under their proper Officers — It will also be necessary to give furlows to the Capt & his Men — tho I must say it is unusual for Officers & Men to require furlows the moment they are inlisted — If I knew the particular time of your March I would do myself the Pleasure to see you at Wood bridge unless you could make it convenient to come to Amboy —

I am most respectfully

Your obedt Svt

H Mercer

Amboy 24 Aug 1776

Direction: On publick business  
To Coll Jno Dickinson  
Eliza Town

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ITEM 190. Augustine Biddle to John Dickinson 20 July 1776.

From Duck Creek. Offers his lands for sale to JD at  
£7 per acre

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ITEM 191. Michael Swoope to John Dickinson (Aug. 1776)  
In camp at Elizabeth Town. Asking parole and countersign.

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Box 7  
f. 12  
ITEM 192. Two MSS, ca. Aug., 1776, giving directions for cross-firing.

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ITEM 193. Arthur Lee to Mr. Madison, 22 May 1776. From London.

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French Ministry is changed, new members spirited men favorable to America, viz: Shoiseul. "Therefore, a French War, or Submission to America inevitable. The Stocks from the Battle of Lexington to this day have fallen upwards of six Percent. A loss on the National Debt of at least 7 Millions. These things should be made known."

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ITEM 194. Pennsylvania Gazette No. 2486. August 14, 1776.  
L.C.

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ITEM 195. Votes of the House of Commons 12 Jan 1757. London, Whiston & Bathurst, 1757. pp 67-70 only, a single signature  
L.C.

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ITEM 196. Document of Sally Norris Dickinson, no date, giving extracts from old letters of her father, to show John Dickinson's opinions on manumission of slaves, establishment of public schools 1777-1786, and other matters

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ITEM 197. Folding leaf. Bristol, Sept 10, 1784. John Wesley to Our Brethren in North America. Appointing Asbury and Cooke to be Superintendents in America.  
L.C.

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ITEM 198. "Select Reviews of Literature, and Spirit of Foreign Magazines" vol. VII no. XL. April, 1812.  
L.C.  
One issue only.

This magazine was printed at Philadelphia by John F. Watson.

Signature of Sally Norris Dickinson

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ITEM 199. Ticket: Philadelphia Steeple Lottery, 1753.  
L.C.P.  
Cf. Eberlein, Diary of Independence Hall, p;41.  
*Ann 1753 Phi Chr Chur*

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ITEM 200. An early 19th Century American juvenile book.  
L.C.  
The Columbian Riddler.

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ITEM 201. "The Analectic Magazine"  
L.C.  
Vol. I no 5, May, 1813;  
Vol III. no 14, Feb., 1814.  
Copies of Sally Norris Dickinson

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ITEM 202. Hebrew Concordance, in MS. Concordance of Hebrew  
L.C.

terms in Old & New Testament, in hand which is similar to Isaac Norris II'd's. - JAMES LOGAN 1735

ITEM 203. Founding of Tammany, 28 Ap 1773.

*Recatalogued  
and now in LCP.*

Card describing the Children & Associated Sons of St. Tammany, and first meeting

ITEM 204. "Poor Richard Improved". Almanac of 1758. "By Richard Saunders." Philadelphia, Franklin & Hall, (1757).

*in LCP,  
rare book room*

Evans 7899. Last in Poor Richard series.  
Mutilated

ITEM 205. Early deed, NewCastle County, Delaware. Fragments, apparently early 18th century.

ITEM 206. Samuel Patterson to John Dickinson 5 Oct 1782.

From Christiana Bridge.

ALS 1 p 4to & direction.

Direction: His Excellency JDEsq Philadelphia. To be left at the Coffe house. Public Service.

Endorsed by JD: Recd Decr 13th - 1782.

Reminds JD of the schedule of reviews of each regiment.

ITEM 207. John Dickinson to Minister of France. 31 Oct 1782.

Draft. 1 p. 4to.

Endorsed by JD: Answer to The Minister of France concerning Luke Shield.

In compliance with the Minister's letter concerning the pilot formerly inhabitant of Lewis Town, he has communicated to business to General Assembly, and has reason to expect success. His regard for the subjects of our great Ally, and for those well-disposed to his service.

NB: John Dickinson customarily signed his drafts with his full and bold signature. Why?

ITEM 208. Broadside. May 1, 1773. St. Tammany.

*L.C.*

A LIST / OF THE GENTLEMEN INVITED TO COMMEMORATE /

ST. TAMMANY, // ON THE FIRST OF MAY, 1773./

I cannot find this listed in Evans.

With John Dickinson are listed the following:

J. Galloway	William Bradford	Thomas Bradford
James Allen	Thomas Bond Jr	John Cadwalader
Andrew Allen	Daniel Clymer	Lambert Cadwalader
William Allen	Rev. Dr. Duche	Henry Drinker
Benjamin Chew	Gov. Franklin	Tench Francis
James Biddle	Miers Fisher	Dr. George Glentworth
Edward Biddle	James Hamilton	Andrew Hamilton
Clement Biddle	William Hamilton	Michael Hillegas
Abel James	Dr. Adam Kuhn	William Logan
James Logan	Mordecai Lewis	Samuel Mifflin
Thomas Mifflin	John Morris (jr)	Samuel Morris
Sam. Cad. Morris	Anghony Morris	Saml Meredith
Gov. Penn	Richard Peters jr	Samuel Powel
Joseph Pemberton	John Ross	Joseph Read
Dr. Redman	Dr. Benj Rush	David Rittenhouse
Jacob Rush	Saml Shoemaker	Edward Shippen
Joseph Shippen	Dr. Wm Shippen	James Tilghman
Tench Tilghman	Richard Tilghman	Thomas Willing
	and all 6 Whartons---	

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ITEM 209. Will of Albanus C. Logan. 2 Sept 1853.

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ITEM 210. Maryland Eight Dollar Note, 1770. 1 March.

\$8 note 1770, 1 March, redeemable in London in gold or silver @ 4/6 sterlg per dollar.

Printed: Annapolis, by A.C. and W. Green.

"Equal to 36 s Sterling" must refer to an exchange ration @ 4/6 in Maryland only, for these Maryland bills were never par in London, or authorized as such.

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ITEM 211. New Jersey protests to Congress against Virginia.

29 Dec, 1780. 1 p. fol., r & v.

Endorsed in unknown hand: "MEMORIAL & REMONSTRANCE OF THE LEGISLATURE OF NEW JERSEY TO CONGRESS--- CONCERNING BOUNDARIES."

Unsigned.

To the Congress: Objections made by New Jersey on June 16, 1778 (read in Congress June 25), to the Articles of Confederation, and corresponding alterations in the Articles of Confederation proposed; voted down by Congress.

Nevertheless, New Jersey ratified the Articles in November, 1778, waiging their just pretentions and

postponing private considerations, in behalf of the happiness of the union.

Now they are surprized that Virginia is selling crown lands which should belong to Congress. No such lands belong to any state, they belong to the Union.

Only Congress can settle this matter . . .

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ITEM 212. Weekly return of John Dickinson's battalion, 9 Aug, 1776.

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ITEM 213. John Dickinson to the brigadiers of militia, 12 Mar 1782.  
1 p. fol. holograph. Draft.

Circular letter from President Dickinson to the militia commanders respecting two armed vessels from New Jersey in the river Delaware, with

Post Script to General (Samuel) Patterson on continental bills

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ITEM 214. Henry Ward to John Dickinson 22 May 1775.

2 pp 4to ALS. From Providence, Rhode Island.

*In Church, Com. of Safety for Mass. delivers letter  
Sgt. T. H. in letters made to note, think submission of actions, hostile  
Hope Congress will make demands, and to judge how unthrustful.*

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ITEM 215. Robert Morris to John Dickinson 17 Nov 1781.

2 pp 4to LS.

Cover: The Governor of Delaware.

(Robert Morris' frank)

Endorsed by JD: Recd January 18th, 1783. To be laid before the G. Ass. a Duplicate.

Encloses Acts of Congress of Oct 30 and Nov 2. His recommendation for changes: only one of 3 objectionable clauses has been repealed. Congress too sparsely attended to act now. As requisitions are moderate, urges immediate compliance.

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ITEM 216. Congress Doc: Letters of Marque. 1781

Two blank letters of Marque bearing the Great Seal of the United States, signed by John Hanson President and Charles Thomson Secretary. Not filled out, not issued.

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ITEM 217. Thomas Cajetan, Count Wengierski to John Dickinson  
No date (Sept-Nov., 1783).

1 p. 8vo ALS.

For the background of this clever and appealing letter, and Count Wengierski's admiration for Dickinson, see Corner, ed., Autobiography of Benjamin Rush, 154 & n, and reference there.

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ITEM 218. Charles Thomson to John Dickinson No date (ca. June, 1783)

1 p. fol. AL.

Verbatim:

Mr Thomson begs leave to inform the president that general Lincoln was called into the Continental Army by being elected Major general. He had before his election commanded the militia of Massachusetts in that rank and while in the Northern Army & with the Com<sup>r</sup> in chief had recommended himself to the notice of the Com<sup>r</sup> who recommended him to Congress. And consequently he was considered as brought into the Army On Account of Merit and no exception that I have heard was ever taken to the appointment

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ITEM 219. Thomas McKean to John Dickinson 19 Dec 1782.

2 p. 4to ALS. Referral by the Chief Justice to the President of the Supreme Executive Council, of cases of convicted persons unable to pay their fines.

The Council exercising equity authority under the Constitution of 1776.

Six persons convicted of aiding & assisting British prisoners of war to escape from Lancaster Barracks, sentenced to pay fines. The Court could not alter the fines, as they were fixed by law, and not discretionary. The Council alone have the power of lessening fines where parties are unable to pay. Therefore all six cases subm<sup>d</sup> to Council, with the information that the Court saw very little difference in the shades of guilt.

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ITEM 220. Charles Biddle to John Dickinson 3 July 1797

1 p. 4to ALS

Asks payment of JD's subscription to the Cincinnati.

Endorsed by JD: "I payed immediately all the Interest due — Mem<sup>o</sup> To pay the principal which is £100 soon.

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ITEM 221. Society of the Cincinnati. Revision of the constitution of the Society. No date. (3 May & ff, 1784)

3 ll., fol. Unidentified hand.

Resolution to revise the general system of the Cincinnati, & draft a new Constitution. One member from each state society: elected the following

NH - Dearborne	Mass - Knox	NY - Smith
NJ - Brearley	Pa --- Dickinson*	Del - Tilton
Md - Smallwood	Va --- Weedon	SC - Washington
Ga.- Cuthbert	Conn - Humphries	

Third leaf bears these notes in John Dickinson's hand:

To commemorate the vast Event, continue the mutual Friendships &c and to inculcate the great social Duty of laying down in Peace those arms which We have borne for the Defence of our Country

and to effectuate those substantial Acts of Beneficence dictated by the Spirit of Brotherly Kindness, [according (struck out)] towards those Officers & their Families, who unfortunately may be under the Necessity of receiving them.

Prin/cipa/1 to be lodged in public Funds Interest only to be applied to the Uses of Society. Q. by whom

To commemorate a Duty of Citizenship Heirloom Charter Powers Accommodated to Charter

Q. To what French Offrs the Honor shall be extended? And How the Inston is to be conducted in France?

Draft of an alteron of the 5th page

\*NB: A GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY OF CINCINNATI WAS HELD AT PHILADELPHIA in MAY 1784, AT WHICH THE GENERAL INSTITUTION OF THE ORDER WAS ALTERED. THIS APPEARS TO BE DICKINSON'S NOTES TAKEN AT THE MEETING. THE RESULTS OF THE DELIBERATIONS WERE PUBLISHED IN A CIRCULAR LETTER, which is Evans 18787.

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ITEM 222. (John Dickinson to The Council of Pennsylvania) 4 Jan 1783

Act of Council, Pennsylvania. Manuscript in the hand of Timothy Matlack, secretary of Council.

2½ p. fol. Signed: To Matlack Secy

In Council. Letter from His Ex. the Pres of this day's date read: "Yesterday I ventured out to the State house but you had adjourned before I got there. Today being still a good deal indisposed . . ." he writes on important and urgent subect:

Congress has approved/increasing Pennsylvania Line to 3 regiments. Recruiting service is slow, for want of money. Deadline of Congress is March 1. General Sinclair /sic/ and Col Humpton (?) inform him 118 months men have been discharged to the South, good soldiers, whom other states will enlist. Pa. can engage them for £1,000.

"I am sensible that the Treasury is empty; but I beg leave to inform you that I will immediately advance the sum before mentioned if the Council will be pleased to agree that it shall be repaid in three months with interest. A condition that will not put a penny in my pocket."

Council agrees, and so acts.

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ITEM 223. William Geddes to John Dickinson 20 Feb 1788

1 p. 4to ALS. Prospect Hill.

On ratification by Massachusetts. Fears Virginia results. Cultivation of the bean.

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ITEM 224. Thomas Collins to John Dickinson 24 Sept 1782

1 p. fol ALS. General Collins commanded the Delaware brigade, in Kent county.

Days and hours at which the battalions in his brigade are to be reviewed. Upper Battalion, 24 Oct, at or near the Widdow Wells' on the State Road leading from Duck Creek to Dover. Middle Battalion ~~xx~~ 25 Oct at Frain Caldwells on the Upper State Road leading from Dover to Sussex. Lower Battalion ~~xxxx~~ 26 Oct near Craig's Mill on the same Road. All parade between hours of 12 and 1.

"As I mean to do my self the Honor of waiting on you at each review and should take it friendly, if convenient to you, that you would call at my house on your way down and partake of such fare as I have which you shall be very welcome to."

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ITEM 225. John Dickinson to Generals Patterson, Dagworthy, and Collins 30 October 1782.

1 p. ½ fol. Holograph, draft, signed.

Orders each general to take receipts from every individual in the regiments of each county, for all public arms and accoutrements, lodge the receipts with the commanding officers of each regiment, with true copies to the President.

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ITEM 226. Peter Z. Lloyd to John Dickinson 10 Oct (1781)

1 p. fol. ALS.

Thursday morning, 10 o'clock. Dickinson is elected for the County (i.e., Philadelphia county, to the Council) by a majority of 390 odd votes. City and County Representation will make up 14, whose votes (i.e., for president) will be entirely for Dickinson. General (James) Ewing thinks whole representation from Lancaster and York counties will also be favorable, they will make 19 together.

Reports from Chester differ, one that Chief Justice is elected councillor, another that Dr. McDowell is elected. No certain word.

Sends love to Mrs. Dickinson and Sally.

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ITEM 227. Pennsylvania Journal 29 Oct 1757

No. 782. Supplement.

Address of William Moore to Governor Denny.

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ITEM 228. Pennsylvania Mercury and Universal Advertiser, 21 Ap 1786.

No. 88. "Agricola" essay on Burnet grass.

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ITEM 229. Pennsylvania Mercury 16 June 1786.

First leaf only.

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ITEM 230. Pennsylvania Journal 16 March 1758.

No. 797. Poor condition.

Note by John Dickinson in margin: LIBERTY OF A DELICATE NATURE

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ITEM 231. Franklin certifies Samuel Wharton's loyalty. 16 Mar 1780  
Certified copy of Franklin's certificate, issued at

Passy on 16 March, 1780, signed at L'Orient on 10 Sptmbr, 1780 by Jno L. Bones(?), Tho: Hutchins, Thos Read, averring Samuel Wharton's loyalty to the patriot cause.

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ITEM 232. J. Taylor to John Dickinson 22 Sept 1759.

1 p. 4to ALS.

Direction: To John Dickenson Esq<sup>r</sup>

Verbatim:

D<sup>r</sup> Sir:

The Com<sup>r</sup>s Letter is in the follow<sup>g</sup> words-

"Sir

"Having recēd Undoubted Intelligence  
"that Flaggs of Truce from Pensilv<sup>a</sup> to  
"the French Islands Carry Provisions  
"thither and bring back the Comodities  
"of those Islands in Return — We direct  
"You to take all imaginable Care Yourself  
"and give it in Strict Charge to all the  
"Officers of Your Port not to suffer and  
"/sic., probably for any kind of Pro-  
"visions to be Shipd on board Flags of  
"Truce on any Pretence Whatever

"We are Your Loving Friends

R. Cavendish  
B. Hothamy  
W Levinz  
H Pelham

"Custom House

"London 22nd Septr 1759 - "

I will apply to my Father for the Act and  
Sēd it to You this Afternoon.

Yrs

J Taylor

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ITEM 233. Printed document: Important Speeches of the Lords, and Testimonies of Witnesses on the New England Fishery Bill, on Wednesday and Thursday, March 15 and 16, 1775.

8 pp. fol.

Colophon: Sold by T. Axtel, under the Royal Exchange; J. Whittaker in Mitre-Court . . .

Endorsement in margin by unknown hand: D. Barclay declined being examined because he could not give Evidence on on (?) his own ~~Knowledge~~ Knowledge: the Com̄ittee of Merchants were anxious to have him permitted to examine the Witnesses in the same manner as he did in the House of Commons, which was refused -

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ITEM 234. Delaware Land papers, 1777-1779. Rent of Plantation in Mispillion Hundred to Abraham Underwood.

11 documents

NB: The significance of these papers is less what they reveal about the Mispillion Hundred plantation, than what they disclose of John Dickinson's activities during these war years, when he is lost to sight for long periods at a time. The need to construct an itinerarium for him during these years is the reason for calendaring them particularly.

1. Lease, John Dickinson to Abraham Underwood, 17 Aug 1778.

1 p. large fol., JD holog., signed by JD, and by AU with his mark. EXAMPLE OF LEASE IN KENT DURING WAR YEARS, AND WHILE PHILADELPHIA TRADE WAS CLOSED OFF BY BRITISH OCCUPATION.

JD leases to AU the plantation whereon he now dwells, formerly part of Wm Carpenter Jr's land, the other part now leased to Richard Clampitt, for 4 years, for annual rent of "500 BUSHELS OF GOOD CLEAN MERCHANTABLE INDIAN CORN" delivered on December 1st at Johnny Cake Landing.

AU agrees not to plant, sew seed or cultivate more than one of the four large Fields on the premises in any one year; all winter grain shall be ~~sowed~~ sowed amongst corn, or on ground where spring grain has been before sewn that year, ~~so that~~ so that "no part of each of the said Fields respectively shall be tended or cultivated in Spring or Winter Grain during the term aforesaid . . ." (i.e., JD refuses to have one field sowed in winter & spring grain the same year, a rotation system).

In consideration of work done on the place by JD's servants, & the length of the lease, AU agrees to repair hearths & chimnies in the dwelling house, "so as to make them perfectly safe when Fires are made therein," repair & underpin the barn, sink a new well, completely finish the woodwork, repair all fences, build a milk house. Not to remove fodder or manure, not to create waste or destruction.

Deliver all wheat, rye & indian corn now gathered, & all potatoes in the croung, pasture & tend JD's horses from harvest till beginning of November every year; & pasture and water any stock JD sends on apprehension of danger from the enemy, etc.

Also to weave all the Work JD demands, at these rates:

Tow Linen at 1 shilling yd

Tow & Tare at 1s/3d yd

600 Linen at same price

Linsey Woolsey for women 5 quarters wide at 2/ yd

Linsey Woolsey for men same width same price

Also to tan for JD in the best manner all hides & skins

- NOTE -

which JD shall send, for ¼th part thereof -- also to pay on demand £30 leant to him.

Endorsed by John Dickinson:

Lease to Abraham Underwood

Bond: Abraham Underwood of Mispillion Hundred Kent County Yeoman bount 700 bu good clean well dried shelled merchantable Indian corn for payment of 350 bu of such corn - 20 Feb 1779.

Discrepancy in AU's figures, & Toby's, shows AU owes JD £35 on 22 Sept 1778, making total debt £165

2. Second copy of lease, above.

Endorsed by John Dickinson:

This 26th Day of Febr̄y 1779 Abraham Underwood surrendered this Lease to me JD.

3. Preliminary agreement between Abraham Underwood and John Dickinson, Jan-Feb 1778.

4. Abraham Underwood delivers corn to John Dickinson 24 F 1779

5. Distress Judgment, 20 Feb 1779:

Distrain of all crops & possessions of Abraham Underwood for 367 bu. corn & one half rent due John Dickinson by AU unpaid: wheat in ground, harrow, plow, traces (2 pr), single trees & 2 collars, saddle, iron pot & hooks, loom & geers, axe, wedge, mare, hoe, bridle. Agree to distress & evaluation by AU.

6. Purchase of Mispillion Plantation 6 Feb 1777

Indenture, Feb 6 1777. John Dickinson's holograph.

JD purchased of William Carpenter Jr. C's plantation in Mispillion Hundred, containing 614 acres, for £1431..5 current money, paying ½ within one month and giving bonds for the remainder.

7. Dickinson makes a part-payment.

Receipt, 12 Feb 1777. JD's hand.

JD pays WCj £265..17..6. NB: By his own statement in his "Vindication" of 1782/3, devaluation and inflation of Delaware money had not yet become serious in the early months of 1777.

Endorsed by JD:

The Deed from W<sup>m</sup> Carpenter jun<sup>r</sup> to Mary Norris was left by Me at Dover to be recorded - Febr̄y 11th 1777 JD.

8. Further dealings with Carpenter.

Receipt, 13 May 1777. JD hol.

recto: JD sells WCj a chaise for £40, buys from him a mare for £20, bay horse £17, two cows and a calf £12, 94 bu Ind corn £21..3..0, 153 lb bacon £15..6..0; and owes him for putting in crop of corn, flax, & finding seed £20. Paid to WCj by JD: £60. May 10, 1777.

verso: JD pays WCj £5..9 in full of all demands. (This must be the date 13 May 1777)

9. Further dealings with Carpenter

Receipt, W.Carpenter Jr of John Dickinson 27 July 1778

An acknowledgment and declaration from Mary Norris of Philadelphia, dated 24 May 1777, that general warranty in deed of sale of 614 acres to ~~her~~ her by WCj and wife, applied only to part of the plantation NOT purchased from "the Trustees of the Partnership commonly called The Pennsylvania Land Company in London."

On v: receipt, 27 July, 1778: WCj of JD, £13..10, error in computing interest, in full payment of lands conveyed to Mary Norris

10. Promissory Note, Abraham Underwood to John Dickinson  
26 Jan 1779.

JD holog.

To deliver at JD's order "to M<sup>r</sup>. John Dill acting for M<sup>r</sup>. James Coakley Assistant Commissary General of Forage for the United States, at Johnny Cake Landing, for the Use of the said States," 490 bu Ind corn shell'd, & deliver to JD on 30 Jan, 5 Neats\* Hides, 2 Horsehides, 3 calf skins 5 sheep skins, dressd, the horsehides tanned.

11. Lease, John Dickinson to Sarah Harrington, Mispillion Hundred plantation, 2 Jan 1778, "rendring one third part of all Grain & Flax broken & swingled\*\*, & of the Flaxseed," delivered at ~~xxxx~~ landing where WCj lately dwelt.

\*pertaining to bovine animals  
\*\*cleaned

NB, on the above 11 documents: FURTHER STUDY WILL DISCLOSE THAT DICKINSON PURCHASED AND MANAGED THIS PLANTATION FOR MRS. CHARLES NORRIS (MARY PARKER NORRIS, HIS "AUNT NORRIS"). WHAT HAPPENED TO IT EVENTUALLY IS A COMPLICATED STORY.

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ITEM 235. A cover wrapper, "To John Dickinson Esq<sup>r</sup> at his Country Seat."

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ITEM 236. William Smith (Provost) to John Dickinson 4 Nov 1773

1 p. 8vo ALS

D's opinion and Mr. Shippen's went off the next morning, after W.S. saw D, to Maryland by Mr. Lynch. The two preachers and WS have since called at JD's to thank him for his good offices and to deliver Mr. Powel's receipt for 10 pistoles D gave to the Corporation for Clergymen's widows. Will send to Mr. Dulaney the corrections D mentions.

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ITEM 237. John Dickinson to Peyton Randolph 3 Jan 1774.

1 p. 4to ALS. "Fairhill".

Direction: To Peyton Randolph Esqr in Virginia.

Introducing General Lee to Peyton Randolph. His "Politeness, Liberality of Sentiment, and Affection for these Colonies will procure him the Esteem of every American who knows him."

QUAERE: Where had JD known PR?

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ITEM 238. John Evans to John Dickinson 13 Jan 1783

1 p. fol. ALS. Evans a Chester County lawyer, judge of the Supreme Court. He died soon after this letter.

Congratulates JD on presidency of Pa.

JD's "virtue and Merit so Scurrilously and publicly attacked as the Scriblers for the Newspapers do & thereby have attempted to destroy your virtue & Patriotism in the Opinion of the good people of this State.

In JD's address of 8 Jan., he says Joseph Reed assured him (D) that he (Reed) had never highly disapproved of the Pennsylvania Constitution of 1776.

But when Wharton was president, Council nominated Joseph Reed Chief Justice; he refused, writing out his reasons for opposing the Constitution.

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ITEM 238<sup>19</sup>. John Dickinson to General Charles Lee 3 Jan 1774

1 p. 4to ALS. Cf. 237, sup.

Direction: General Lee now in Annapolis. If General Lee has left Annapolis before this Letter arrives, the Postmaster is desir'd to return it to M<sup>r</sup> Dickinson in Philadelphia—  
Post paid.

A curious hand stamp

Encloses letters of introduction from John Dickinson

Box 2, F4

to various gentlemen in Virginia, if Lee wishes to use them.

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ITEM 240. (c.1782-5) Four counterfeit bills of paper money, simulating the issues of 1776-78 of Continental Currency, with elaborate directions (1 p. fol.) in an unknown hand for detecting counterfeits.

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ITEM 241. Tench Coxe to John Dickinson 12 May 1806

3 p; 4to + direction. ALS. On building the Exchange, and Benjamin Henry Latrobe.

In answer to JD's letter about the fire, reports that JD's property is safe. Fire reduced to vacant lots an entire block: 3rd St., Dock st., Carter's and Goforth Alleys. Many have revived the idea of an exchange there, which would render Norris's Alley the most direct avenue to it from the water. Title difficulties; many owners wish to restore their losses by sale.

Site of the Exchange not yet fixed. Mr. Montgomery says no one on Comee wd think of JD's property at the price he is asking. Mr. Latrobe is directed to sound out JD on reduced price of 40 or 45000 dollars. Comee buys for money only; not interested in JD's credit-interest-14-year plan. JD's price of \$60,000 too high. But Montgomery seemed to waver. Investment possibilities of \$50,000 in ground rents of the new kind. Plan of the tontine to raise the fund.

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ITEM 242. Tench Coxe to John Dickinson 10 Dec. 1806

3 p. 4to ALS. ~~xxxx~~

Encloses plat of John Dickinson's Frankford Creek farm, of 307 Acres 28 perches. Shape of the tract fits it for a village. Intersections of Oxford Road, Frankford Road, Germantown Roads. Valuable woods and quarries in it. J. Nills now laying it down on circular map, to show its relation with Rising Sun village, Frankford, Germantown, and Philadelphia. TC suggests four ideas for a town; recommends this rather than sale.

European news: the campaigns of Napoleon in Northern Europe. Prussia rejoins the conflict. "The modification of the North of Europe seems to be at the will of France. What will be the course & limit of this stupendous power, Heaven only knows."

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missing  
2/9/78

ITEM 242-A. The plat of JD's Frankford Creek farm enclosed with the preceding.

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ITEM 243. William Hylton to John Dickinson, Jan 13, 1804

2 pp. ALS 4to. From Jamaica.

Sending family to Wilmington, contemplating genteel retirement there as soon as he can sell his West India property & recover losses caused by his perfidious agent. Offers Sir William Poultney to exchange his West India estate for property in Genessee. History of his perfidious relative. Is meliorating the condition of his slaves, and using beasts in place of men. His broken leg, crippling him for life.

Awaits tidings of the fate of England and its throne; the aspiring mind of Bonaparte.

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ITEM 244. Votes of Assembly of Delaware 19 Je 1782, Wed. p.m.

On birth of the Dauphin, authorizing John Dickinson to give such directions as he may think proper . . .\*

Signed Thomas Collins Speaker, James Booth, Clerk of Assembly

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\* authorizing the president to "give such Directions as he may judge proper on the Occasion, for testifying the great and sincere Joy of this State on the happy Event, so interesting to His Most Christian Majesty and to France."

THIS AUTHORIZES THE CELEBRATION DICKINSON PLANNED AND DIRECTED IN DELAWARE, BEFORE LUZERNE'S GREAT PARTY AND CELEBRATION IN PHILADELPHIA -- WHICH JD AND HIS WIFE ATTENDED. THE PHILADELPHIA CELEBRATION TOOK PLACE IN AUNT NORRIS' HOUSE, WHERE DICKINSON HAD BEEN MARRIED, AND HAD LIVED

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ITEM 245. Richard Butler, Col Commdt., to John Dickinson. No date. (1783-5)

Box 5  
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3 pp fol ALS. Coll of Berks county militia(?)

Thanks JD for letter. Firebrands of sedition spreading flames of discontent among the people. Public prints are a nuisance. Strokes of party in present House of Assembly against JD; common run of people are victimized by newspapers. Urges JD to answer by pamphlet publication.

General St. Clair satisfied with JD's plan for