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**“Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night...”**

## **39 Historical Items Relating to the Mail**



1. **Armstrong, Mostyn John: AN ACTUAL SURVEY OF THE GREAT POST-ROADS BETWEEN LONDON AND EDINBURGH.** London: Printed for and sold by the author and the booksellers, 1776. [4],6,[2]pp. plus frontispiece and forty-four engraved maps with facing leaf of text. Antique-style three-quarter calf and marbled boards. Minor soiling, but generally clean internally. Very good.

Small pocket atlas of the post roads published by British geographer Mostyn John Armstrong. Each map shows the surrounding area, with text containing crossroads and distances. A scarce and fascinating little volume, neatly executed. ESTC T129636. \$1250.

2. **Bancroft, H.H.: BANCROFT'S MAP OF CALIFORNIA, NEVADA, UTAH AND ARIZONA.** San Francisco: H.H. Bancroft, 1864. Folding pocket map, printed on two sheets joined, full original hand-coloring. Within an ornamental border. Sheet size: 32¼ x 38 inches. Publisher's blindstamped cloth boards, upper cover lettered in gilt, publisher's advertisement on front pastedown. Minor separations at folds expertly repaired, very minor losses at intersecting folds.

First edition, first issue of a rare early pocket map of California. An "important large scale map....The map shows the Emigrants Road to California, Overland Mail Route, and proposed routes for the Southern Pacific Railroad in California and for the Central Pacific" (Streeter). The map shows California and Nevada, plus western Utah and Arizona, on the impressive scale of twenty-four miles to the inch. Bancroft shows these western areas with the most accurate detail possible; completed railroads, proposed railroads, and wagon roads are carefully laid down. "All of California and Nevada are shown, along with the western parts of Utah and Arizona....This is the scarcest of the editions of this map. A second issue was

published in the same year, with a different border (interlocking leaves as opposed to interlocking Coltonesque metal strips in this copy)" – Rumsey.

Streeter paid \$5 for this map, and Howell bought it for \$20 in 1969.  
RUMSEY 4819. WHEAT TRANSMISSISSIPPI 1093, 1219. STREETER SALE 3915. \$4500.

3. [Bath, William Pulteney, Earl of]: **A REVIEW OF THE EXCISE-SCHEME; IN ANSWER TO A PAMPHLET, INTITLED THE RISE AND FALL OF THE LATE PROJECTED EXCISE, IMPARTIALLY CONSIDERED, WITH SOME PROPER HINTS TO THE ELECTORS OF GREAT BRITAIN.** London: Printed by H. Haines, 1733. 71pp. Dbd. Occasional foxing, else very good.

"An attack upon the proposed excise tax, and upon a pamphlet defending it, as well as a condemnation of the ministry for its use of the post office to disseminate propaganda favorable to the excise proposal" – Bell.  
BELL P597. EUROPEAN AMERICANA 733/20. SABIN 70233. \$300.

*A Recently Discovered Drawing of Bent's Fort in Its Final Days*

4. [Bent's Fort]: [Colorado]: [BENT'S FORT, COLORADO TERRITORY]. [Bent's Fort in southeastern Colorado. ca. 1869]. Pencil on buff paper, approximately 10½ x 14¾ inches. Inscribed in pencil in the lower right corner: "Bent's Fort. Arkansas River. Colorado Ter. July 13th 186[?]. This trading post built in 1832. Now used as a S.O.M. + Ex station." A modern penciled inventory no. on reverse: "WCA-2800 (b)." Signed with an interlocking JFK monogram, lower right image (at the edge of the grass). Two short closed tears at the extreme edges, and a tiny chip in the lower right corner, not affecting the image. Archival matting. Excellent displayable condition.

A very fine and finished pencil drawing of Bent's Fort, on the Arkansas River in southeastern Colorado Territory, one of the very few images of this legendary western fort, once the center of the fur trading empire built by brothers George and William Bent. It depicts the once important trading post during its last commercial phase, as a stagecoach station for the Barlow-Sanderson Overland Mail & Express Company on the route from Kansas City to Santa Fe. The surviving structures of the adobe stronghold are seen in a deteriorating state, barnyard animals roaming the grounds, the walls and gates falling, tended by a lone agent. It is possibly the last image of the original Bent's Fort, of which few images survive in any form.

Bent's Fort was constructed in 1833 by Bent, St. Vrain & Company, the largest fur trading and commercial firm in the Southwest. The company developed a complex business network as part of the Santa Fe trade, selling blankets from New Mexico and buffalo robes from the Plains, driving Mexican sheep through to Missouri, trading in horses and mules, and trading goods to Indians. Just on the American side of the then boundary with Mexico, it was in a perfect location to serve as a trade nexus. At the same time it served as a base for U.S. government exploring



and military expeditions such as those of Kearny, Dodge, Fremont, and Abert. With the end of the Mexican-American War and the American annexation of New Mexico, the fort lost its strategic significance, and the proprietors were struck a serious blow when the senior partner, Charles Bent, the provisional American governor of New Mexico, was murdered in Taos in 1847. In 1849 his brother, William Bent, offered to sell the fort to the United States, but, perceiving the government's very low counter-offer as an insult, he set fire to his stores of gun powder, destroying many of the buildings, and abandoned the fort.

From 1849 through 1861, Bent's Fort was unoccupied and allowed to deteriorate. Barlow-Sanderson operated the stagecoach station from 1861 until 1881, after which settlers in the region began cutting away adobe from the fort for use in their own buildings. An Arkansas River flood in 1921 completed the destruction of the few remaining ruins. Bent's Fort has since been reconstructed on its original foundations by the National Park Service and designated a National Historic Site.

Very few images of Bent's Fort survive, despite its key role in the Santa Fe and fur trades at their height. A detailed plan and view of the fort in James W. Abert's report of his 1845 western expedition are the best known depictions of the fort,

and these, along with the archeological evidence, provided the basis for the Park Service reconstruction.

It has been suggested that the monogram in the lower corner of this picture is that of John Frederick Kensett, a leading painter of the Hudson River School and an artist skilled in small pencil drawings, learned in his career as an engraver. Kensett made on-the-spot sketches of the Fort during his 1870 trip to Colorado Territory with fellow Hudson River School painters Worthington Whittredge and Sanford Robinson Gifford. Only four of the pencil sketches absolutely identifiable as by Kensett survive from this Colorado trip, and we make no attribution of the present drawing.

This very fine drawing of Bent's Fort is unrecorded in the ART INVENTORIES CATALOG of the Smithsonian American Art Museum, unknown to the archivist at Bent's Old Fort National Historic Site, and unpublished. One of the few depictions of a major historic landmark of the West, the drawing is a significant addition to the art history of Colorado.

Howard R. Lamar, ed., *NEW ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE AMERICAN WEST* (New Haven & London: Yale University Press, 1998) pp.91, 93. *WHO WAS WHO IN AMERICAN ART, 1564-1975* (Madison, Ct.: Soundview Press, 1999) II, p.1825. Jackson W. Moore, *BENT'S OLD FORT. AN ARCHEOLOGICAL STUDY* ([Np]: State Historical Society of Colorado, 1973) passim. Patricia Trenton & Peter H. Hassrick, *THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS. A VISION FOR ARTISTS IN THE NINETEENTH CENTURY* (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 1983), pp.210-22. \$27,500.

5. **[Black Colonization]: COLONIZATION OF THE WESTERN COAST OF AFRICA, BY MEANS OF A LINE OF MAIL STEAM SHIPS.** New York. 1851. 82pp. Dbd. Spine reinforced with tape, titlepage soiled. A sound copy.

A report of the Naval Committee to the House concerning the establishment of a line of steamers for the purpose of colonizing the western coast of Africa with free blacks from the United States. Includes supportive letters and testimony from American statesmen such as Henry Clay. The proposed steam line would also carry mail, extend American commerce, and help suppress the African slave trade. \$225.

6. **[California]: REPORTS OF THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY AND THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, COMMUNICATING, IN COMPLIANCE WITH A RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE, INFORMATION IN RELATION TO THE CONTRACTS FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF THE MAILS, BY STEAMSHIPS, BETWEEN NEW YORK AND CALIFORNIA.** Washington. 1852. 50pp. Dbd. Titlepage bit soiled, else very good.

An important collection of government documents (Senate Ex. Doc. No. 50) regarding the institution of a steamship mail route to the West Coast. \$125.

7. **[California Politics]: THOMAS FOX POLITICAL MACHINE BOSS AFFIDAVITS AND DOCUMENTS RELATING TO HIS POLITICAL HISTORY. FILED WITH SENATORS AND THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT. LETTERS AND TELEGRAMS RELATING TO HIS FITNESS TO RECEIVE A FEDERAL APPOINTMENT [cover title].** [Sacramento? 1913]. 48pp. Self-wrappers, stapled. Light wear. Near fine. In a half morocco and cloth folding case, spine gilt.

Fox, a major figure in the California Democratic Party and political boss of Sacramento, was nominated for the position of state Postmaster in 1913. This drew a slew of objections, scores of which are printed here, from those who saw him as corrupt, a "corporation tool" of the Southern Pacific Railroad, on the take from gamblers and criminals, and worse. OCLC locates only three copies, at the California State Library, University of California at Davis, and California Historical Society. Scarce and quite interesting.

OCLC 58882785, 81609317.

\$225.

8. **Coale, Edward J.: TRIALS OF THE MAIL ROBBERS, HARE, ALEXANDER AND HARE....** Baltimore: Published by Edward J. Coale, 1818. 220pp. Early-20th-century buckram, gilt labels. Cloth somewhat dust soiled, shelf label on spine. Institutional ink stamp and ownership inscription on titlepage, blind stamps on titlepage and initial leaves. Light tanning and scattered light foxing. Good plus.

A famous criminal case of the time, this is a complete and thorough report of the trial of robbers who stole U.S. mail in a hold-up near Havre de Grace, Maryland. The report takes the trial from initial inquest to guilty verdict. The case is also notable as one of the early important cases for David Hoffman, who defended the accused. "Hoffman's scholarly interests led to his appointment in 1814 as professor of law in the embryonic University of Maryland, a state institution he had helped to establish in 1812. For three years he worked on a suitable curriculum, which he published in 1817 as *A COURSE OF LEGAL STUDY*. Immediately acclaimed by reviewers in the United States and abroad, Hoffman's *COURSE* provided students with a comprehensive bibliographical guide to every branch of Anglo-American law, as well as substantial references to Roman law and modern Continental jurisprudence" – ANB.

SHAW & SHOEMAKER 43650. ANB (online).

\$500.

9. **David, Robert Beebe: FINN BURNETT FRONTIERSMAN THE LIFE AND ADVENTURES OF AN INDIAN FIGHTER, MAIL COACH DRIVER, MINER, PIONEER CATTLEMAN, PARTICIPANT IN THE POWDER RIVER EXPEDITION, SURVIVOR OF THE HAY FIELD FIGHT, ASSOCIATE OF JIM BRIDGER AND CHIEF WASHAKIE.** Glendale, Ca.: The Arthur H. Clark Company, 1937. 378pp. including illustrations. Frontispiece. Original red publisher's cloth, gilt, t.e.g. Spine and top of rear board lightly faded. Bookplate on front pastedown. Very good plus.

Burnett was a pioneer cattleman in Wyoming, and took an active role in Indian fighting, the building of the Union Pacific, and other events there in the 1860s and 1870s.

CLARK & BRUNET 56. ADAMS HERD 646. MATTES 2002. \$100.

10. **De Wolff, J.H.: PAWNEE BILL (MAJOR GORDON W. LILLIE) HIS EXPERIENCE AND ADVENTURES ON THE WESTERN PLAINS OR FROM THE SADDLE OF A "COWBOY AND RANGER" TO THE CHAIR OF A "BANK PRESIDENT."** [N.p.]: Published by Pawnee Bill's Historic Wild West Company, 1902. 108pp. including plates. Frontispiece portrait. Original color pictorial boards. Spine and edges flecked or chipped, corners worn. Printed on bad paper and tanned. Withal, a good plus copy.

"Uncopyrighted, the little volume was used as an advertisement for the Wild West show" – Graff. Describes Pawnee Bill's life on the Plains and the Oklahoma frontier, and the business dealings that led to his becoming president of the Arkansas Valley National Bank. With chapters on the Mountain Meadow massacre, Geronimo, the American Cowboy, the Pony Express, Pawnee Bill's buffalo ranch, etc.

HOWES D311. GRAFF 1076. ADAMS SIX-GUNS 303. RADER 1134. \$150.

11. **Evans, Isaac Blair: THE THOMSON MASONIC FRAUD A STUDY IN CLANDESTINE MASONRY.** Salt Lake City: Privately Printed, 1922. [8],268pp. plus plates. Portrait. Illus. Gilt cloth. Cloth bit stained. Front free endsheet excised, lower margin dampstained throughout, else very good.

The story of the scheme concocted by Matthew Thomson to sell fraudulent degrees in Masonry and other orders through the U.S. mail, for which he was convicted in 1922. \$29.

12. **[Granger, Gideon]: LETTER FROM THE POST-MASTER GENERAL INCLOSING A REPORT AND BILL TO ESTABLISH POST-ROADS: IN OBEDIENCE TO A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF THE 28TH OF JUNE LAST.** Washington. 1810. 61pp. Modern half morocco and marbled boards. Tanned. Very good.

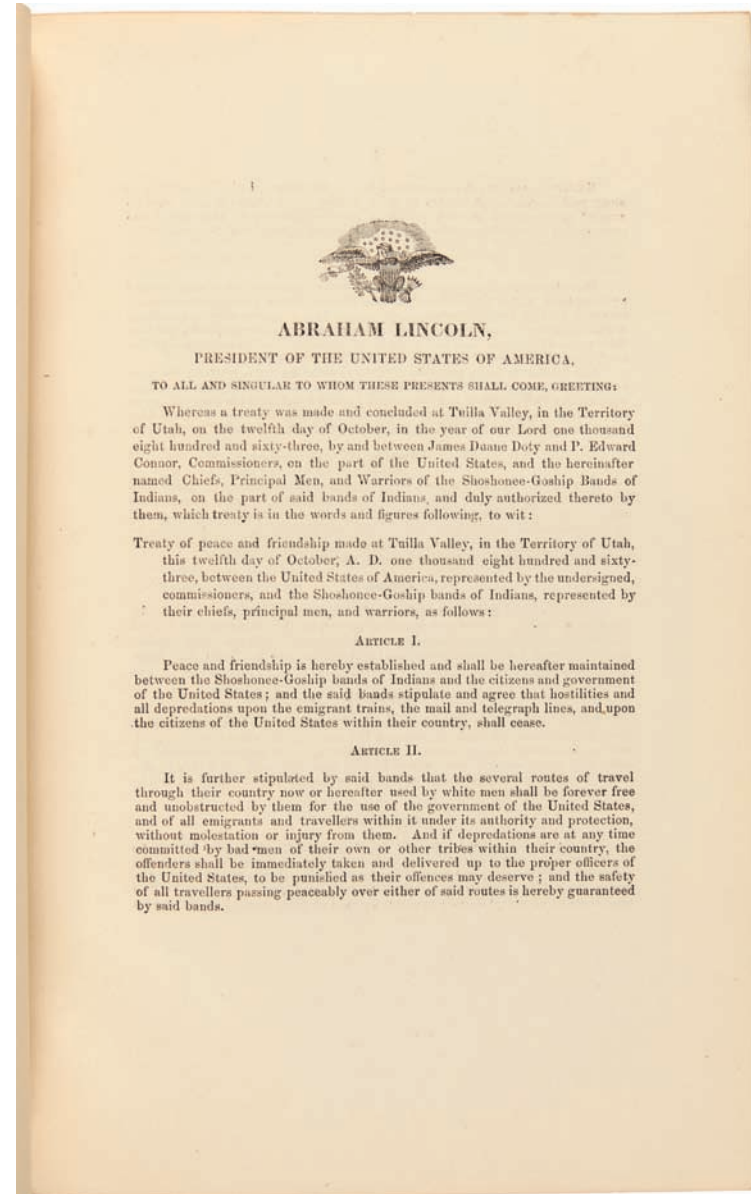
Lists proposed post roads in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, Maryland, Delaware, Louisiana, Virginia, Kentucky, the Carolinas, Tennessee, Georgia, and Mississippi.

SHAW & SHOEMAKER 21676. \$450.

13. **[Granger, Gideon]: LETTER FROM THE POST MASTER GENERAL TRANSMITTING TWO REPORTS....** Washington: Roger C. Weightman, 1810. 6pp. Self-wrappers. Stab holes in left margin. Internally clean. Very good.

Granger's report to Congress regarding the cost of mail from Athens, Georgia, to New Orleans. Scarce. Shaw & Shoemaker locate only two copies.

SHAW & SHOEMAKER 21680. \$65.



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14. [Grimes, Absalom]: **ABSALOM GRIMES CONFEDERATE MAIL RUNNER.** New Haven. 1926. xii,216pp. plus facsimiles. Portrait. Cloth. Very good.

Grimes was a native of Missouri who fought on the side of the Confederates during the Civil War, carrying the mail between Missouri's Confederate battalions and their relatives at home. He endured two terms of imprisonment and much suffering. "Significant primarily for information on the Mississippi Valley..." – Nevins. Edited by Milo M. Quaife. NEVINS I, p.97. \$40.

15. Hafen, LeRoy R.: **THE OVERLAND MAIL 1849 – 1869 PROMOTER OF SETTLEMENT PRECURSOR OF RAILROADS.** Cleveland. 1926. 361pp. including illustrations and folding map. Frontis. Original green cloth, t.e.g. Cloth bit spotted, ownership signature, else about fine, partly unopened.

An Arthur Clark Co. publication, and the first book of Hafen's published by the company. EBERSTADT 106:264. RITTENHOUSE 267. HOWES H11. \$150.

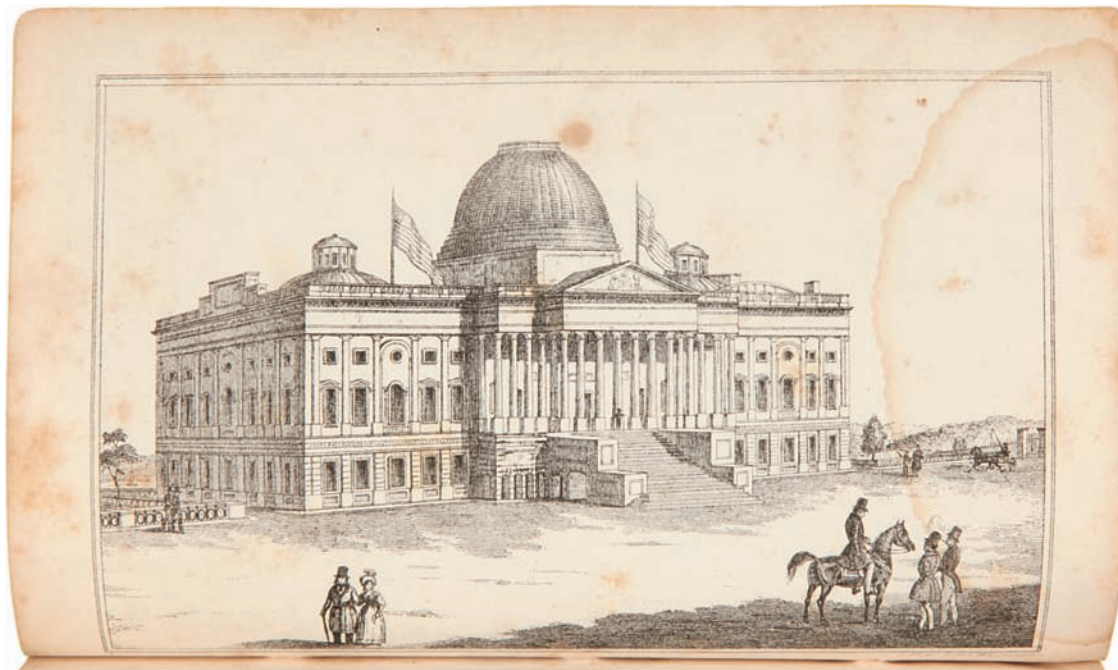
16. [Indian Treaties – Shoshoni-Goship Tribe]: **TREATY BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE SHOSHONEE-GOSHIP BANDS OF INDIANS.** [Washington. 1865]. 7pp. Folio, gathered signatures. Light soiling to outer leaves, internally clean. Very good.

An important western treaty, concluded Oct. 12, 1863, ratification advised with amendment by the Senate, March 7, 1864, amendment accepted Nov. 24, 1864, proclaimed by Lincoln Jan. 17, 1865. "The treaty stipulates a cessation of all hostilities and depredations upon the emigrant trains, mail and telegraph lines; freedom of all routes through Indian country; permission for the erection of forts and establishment of station-houses, telegraph and overland stage lines, and to prospect the country for gold and silver" – Eberstadt. Sets boundaries for the tribe in western Utah. EBERSTADT 126. GOODSPEED'S 76. \$600.

17. [Knox, William]: **EXTRA OFFICIAL STATE PAPERS. ADDRESSED TO THE RIGHT HONORABLE LORD RAWDON, AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, ASSOCIATED FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE CONSTITUTION AND PROMOTING THE PROSPERITY OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE.** London. 1789. Two volumes bound in one. [4],55,49,14,[2],174,[1]; 63,84pp. plus 4pp. of publisher's advertisements. Modern three-quarter calf and marbled boards, spine gilt. Modern bookplate on front pastedown. Inscribed on fly leaf: "From the Author." Quite clean internally. Very good plus.

According to Sabin, Knox was the deputy Secretary of State for America. "He gives in these state papers some anecdotes relative to the American War, and to the great revolution which it produced; a scheme for establishing episcopacy in

Nova Scotia, and various plans relative to public matters." A most interesting work for its insights into the ministerial side of the Revolution, for Knox is free in his criticism of other members of the government. There is also material of Canadian interest for Nova Scotia and early mail communications. SABIN 38181. TPL, p.145. ESTC T92832. \$1250.



*With Lithographs of Washington by Augustus Köllner*

18. [Köllner, Augustus]: **PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND STATUARY OF THE GOVERNMENT: THE PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ARCHITECTURAL ORNAMENTS OF THE CAPITOL OF THE UNITED STATES, AT THE CITY OF WASHINGTON.** Washington: Lithographed and published by P. Haas, 1840. [4],44,[2]pp. plus twenty-two lithographic plates (three folding). Printed and lithographic titlepages. 16mo. Original roan, title amid laurel wreath design stamped in gilt on front cover, rebacked in matching style. Corners repaired. Foxing throughout, as well as an old tideline in upper portion of plates and text leaves. Good.

This copy bears a gift inscription on the front free endpaper to Senator William E. Borah of Idaho. Borah, a Republican, served in the United States Senate from 1907 to 1940, ran for president in 1936, and was a leading "isolationist" on foreign policy matters.

An enchanting illustrated guide to the art and architecture of the United States Capitol, with lithographic plates by the artist, Augustus Köllner, and the publisher and lithographer, P. Haas. Each of the images is accompanied by explanatory text. Included are views of the Capitol, the «Presidents House,» the Treasury, the Post Office, and the Patent Office, as well as interior scenes of the Capitol and the Senate Chamber. Representations of statuary found in various Washington buildings include Thomas Jefferson, Pocahontas and Capt. John Smith, Daniel Boone, Penn's Treaty, and the Pilgrims at Plymouth. The folding plans are diagrams of the floor of the Senate and the floor of the House of Representatives, and the folding plates are of Greenough's statue of Washington and an interior view of the House of Representatives.

This is the second issue of Köllner's guide, with a title dated 1840, after the first issue of 1839. Only the title date is changed. Köllner was a prolific and long-lived Philadelphia artist (he lived until 1908) who also produced a larger series of views of American cities between 1848 and 1851. This book is some of Köllner's earliest work as well as being one of the earliest series of views of Washington and one of the earliest publications with representations of the art decorating the U.S. Capitol.  
OCLC 5620465. \$1750.

Washington. 1858. 16,2pp. Modern half morocco and cloth by Sangorski & Sutcliffe. Very good.

35th Cong., 1st session. An interesting memorial relating to establishing protected overland mail routes, a telegraph line to the Pacific, and related issues of railroad communication in the western states. The final two pages comprise a Memorial by Henry O'Rielly, John J. Speed, and Tal. P. Shaffner, concerning the completion of telegraph lines to Fort Laramie and Salt Lake. \$300.

21. [Overland Mail]: **Chorpenning, George Jr.: IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES...MR. BARCLAY, FROM THE COMMITTEE ON THE POST OFFICE AND POST ROADS, REPORTED THE FOLLOWING BILL: A BILL FOR THE RELIEF OF GEORGE CHORPENNING, JR...THAT THE ACCOUNTING OFFICERS OF THE TREASURY BE REQUIRED TO ALLOW AND PAY TO GEORGE CHORPENNING, JR., THE SUM OF FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS, FOR INDIAN DEPREDACTIONS COMMITTED UPON THE MAIL TRAINS BETWEEN SALT LAKE AND CALIFORNIA DURING THE CONTRACTS OF WOODWARD & CHORPENNING...** Washington. Aug. 5, 1856. 3pp. Folio. Folded sheet. Some tanning. Overall very good.

A reading bill relating to Indian depredations on the Overland Mail route between Salt Lake and California and paying Chorpenning for his losses. \$600.

22. [Post Office]: **LETTER FROM THE POST-MASTER GENERAL, ACCOMPANYING A REPORT RELATIVE TO POST-ROADS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES, WHICH HAVE NOT PRODUCED ONE THIRD PART OF THE EXPENSE OF CARRYING MAIL UPON THE SAID ROADS DURING THE LAST YEAR.** [Washington]. 1805. 8pp. plus two folding tables. Self-wrappers, tables stitched. Old stab holes in left margin. Minor foxing and spotting. Very good. Partially unopened.

A report from the Post-Master General and Connecticut native, Gideon Granger, decrying the discrepancy in income versus revenue along the post roads. The two large folding tables illustrate the post-master's point, offering hard data on specific post roads from Worcester to Knoxville and numerous points in between. "Granger used his Connecticut connections to keep Jefferson informed of secessionist plots and other facets of New England politics. He used his postal connections to keep a close watch on Aaron Burr's devious machinations in the West" – ANB. The present report includes a bevy of data from these key western routes. Rare. OCLC locates only microform copies.  
SHAW & SHOEMAKER 9539. ANB 9, p.400. \$250.

19. [Montana]: [UNUSED PRINTED PICTORIAL CHECK OF THE HOLLADAY OVERLAND MAIL AND EXPRESS Co., FOR USE OF THEIR VIRGINIA CITY, MONTANA AGENT]. [New York]. [1860s]. Printed check, 8¼ x 3¼ inches. Plus integral receipt form, also unused. Clean and very good.

Handsomely printed check, with vignettes of stagecoach and two western hunters in western garb with their rifles and dog. \$150.

*Overland Mail*

20. O'Rielly, Henry: **MEMORIAL OF HENRY O'RIELLY CONCERNING MILITARY HIGHWAYS OR "STOCKADE ROUTES" FOR PROTECTING TRAVELERS AND SETTLERS, FACILITATING MAIL AND TELEGRAPH COMMUNICATION THROUGH VAST INTERIOR TERRITORIES...**



Continuation of the list of items.

23. **[Post Office]: THE POST-OFFICE LAW, WITH INSTRUCTIONS AND FORMS, PUBLISHED FOR THE REGULATION OF THE POST-OFFICE.** Washington: Printed for the General Post-Office, 1810. 111pp. Dbd. Couple of light dampstains in margins. Some foxing. Still very good.

Early American post office laws, including instructions to post masters, an act for establishing post roads (with descriptions of the routes in the various states) and rules governing all aspects of mail delivery.  
SHAW & SHOEMAKER 21793. \$300.

24. **[Post Roads]: MR. HARPER'S MOTION.** [Philadelphia. 1800]. 4pp. printed on folded sheet. A few fox marks, slight chipping at edge of first leaf, else very good.

Resolution calling for the establishment of turnpikes on the main post road from Portland, Maine to Augusta, Georgia, and for the regulation and funding of such construction.  
EVANS 38788. \$125.

25. **[Post Roads]: LETTER AND REPORT FROM THE POST-MASTER GENERAL, ACCOMPANYING A LIST OF POST ROADS....** [Washington. 1801]. 8pp. plus folding table. Modern half cloth and marbled boards, leather label. Browned, else good.

Reports facts and figures regarding the lack of productivity of six post roads, most of which were located in the Carolinas or Virginia.  
SHAW & SHOEMAKER 1492. \$200.

26. **[Post Roads]: [Granger, Gideon]: LETTER FROM THE POST-MASTER GENERAL, TRANSMITTING REPORTS RESPECTING UNPRODUCTIVE POST ROUTES AND CONCERNING PUBLIC CONTRACTS.** Washington: A. & G. Way, 1810. [2]pp. plus sixteen folded tables. Folio. Dbd. Light dampstaining, minor edge wear. Tables with some foxing and offsetting, but generally very good.

Postmaster General Gideon Granger reports to Congress on postal routes losing money and on the public contacts made with individuals and companies to carry the mail. The first eight tables list the forty-five roads that "have not in the last year produced one-third part of carrying the mail on the same," and the second eight list contracted mail carriers and the fees paid to them by the federal government.  
SHAW & SHOEMAKER 21679. \$100.

27. **Robinson, James: THE PHILADELPHIA DIRECTORY FOR 1807. CONTAINING THE NAMES, TRADES, AND RESIDENCE OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE CITY, SOUTHWARK, AND NORTHERN LIBERTIES: ALSO, A CALENDAR FROM THE 1st OF FEBRUARY 1807 TO THE 1st OF FEBRUARY 1808, AND OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION.** [Philadelphia]: S. Manning, [1807]. [380]pp. Modern half brown morocco, green gilt morocco label. Internally clean. Very good.

The directory lists the names, addresses, and occupations of the city's inhabitants; land and water transportation information, including routes and times of departure; city and state government information; private association and lodge information; auctioneers; and locations and times of mail pickup and delivery. "Contains an account of Philadelphia" – Spear.  
SPEAR, p.277. SHAW & SHOEMAKER 13375. \$500.

*Presentation Copy*

28. **Stimson, A.L.: HISTORY OF THE EXPRESS COMPANIES: AND THE ORIGIN OF AMERICAN RAILROADS. TOGETHER WITH SOME REMINISCENCES OF THE LATTER DAYS OF THE MAIL COACH AND BAGGAGE WAGON BUSINESS IN THE UNITED STATES.** New York. 1858. viii,287pp. including illustrations. Portrait. Original gilt cloth, rebaked in cloth with original leather label preserved. Some edge wear. A bit tanned. Very good.

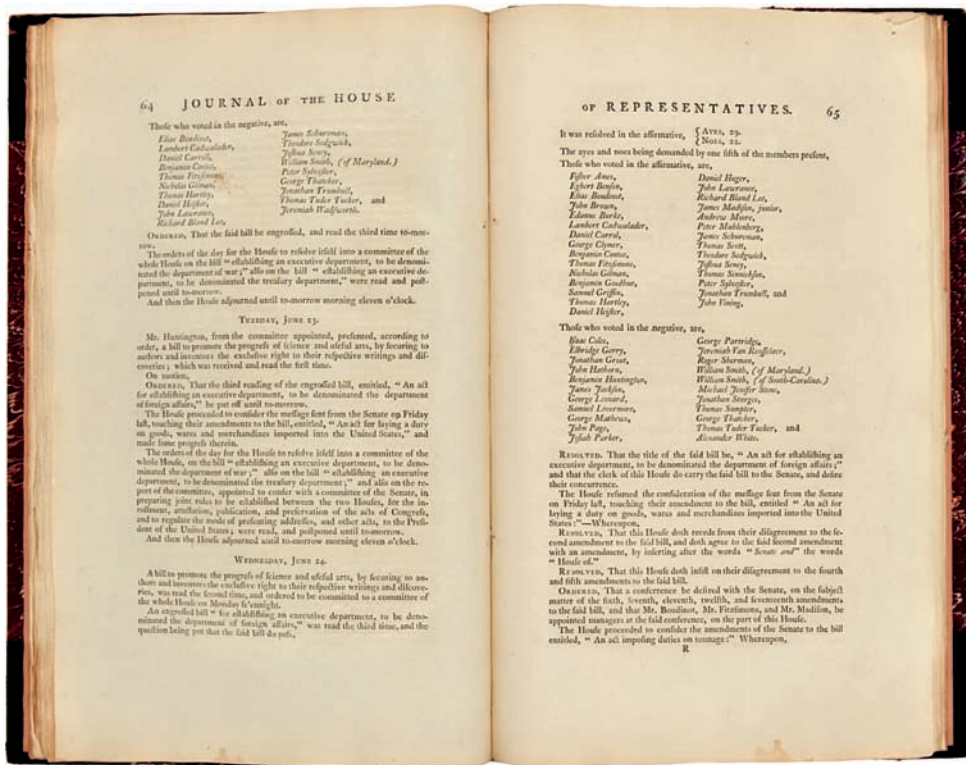
A presentation copy, inscribed by the author on the front free endpaper: "Geo. R. Hastings, from the Author. A. Lovell Stimson." This is the second edition, greatly expanded from the first of 1858, which consisted of only forty pages. A scarce volume, containing much material about western express companies, including Wells Fargo, and such other major companies as American Express.  
HOWES S1008. SABIN 91827. REESE, BEST OF THE WEST 230 (note). \$1500.

29. **[Texas]: TRADE AND MAIL ARRANGEMENTS WITH TEXAS. MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT...UPON THE SUBJECT OF THE TRADE AND MAIL ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND TEXAS [caption title].** Washington. 1842. 2pp. Dbd. Very good.

"This gives a request of the Texas charge that Texas imports and exports may use United States ports free of customs charges..." – Streeter.  
STREETER TEXAS 1437. \$50.

30. **[United States House of Representatives]: JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES.** New York: Printed by Francis Childs and John Swaine, 1789. 122pp. Folio. 19th-century three-quarter roan and marbled boards, spine gilt. Hinges and extremities worn, roan stripped in places. Large, old stain on titlepage and slighter staining on following eight leaves. Upper right corner of pages 3-4 and 122-123 torn away, slightly affecting text. The bulk of the text is crisp and clean. Good. Lacks the final forty-two pages and index pages clxv-clxxvii.

The original collected printing of the Journal for the first session of the House of Representatives. This volume covers the activities of the House from March 4 to Sept. 7, 1789, a period in which many important legislative events took place. Foremost among these was the discussion of the proposed Bill of Rights. Pages 102-105 contain some fine tuning of the language of some of the seventeen amendments originally proposed by the House, adoption of which was later



defeated by the Senate. Numerous references to individual parts of the Bill of Rights are made throughout the first volume as well. The remainder of the Journal for the first session contains much of the important legislative foundation for the machinery of government, regulating the Customs, Judiciary, Post Office, Mint, and the like. An important and valuable volume in the history of American government, recording all manner of legislative activities from the earliest days of the federal government.

EVANS 22208. \$3500.

*Laws of the First Congress*

31. [United States Laws]: ACTS PASSED AT A CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, BEGUN AND HELD AT THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, ON WEDNESDAY THE FOURTH OF MARCH, IN THE YEAR M,DCC,LXXXIX: AND OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES, THE THIRTEENTH. Published by Authority. Philadelphia: Printed by Francis Childs and John Swaine, Printers to the United States, [1791]. xiv,[15]-93,[2]pp. Folio. Gathered signatures, stitched as issued. Titlepage tanned, worm hole in titlepage and next two leaves, not affecting text. Abrasion

on p.92. Hole in center portion of final two leaves, affecting the errata, table of contents, and one article of the Bill of Rights. Otherwise quite clean and neat internally. Good overall, untrimmed.

This copy bears the contemporary ownership inscription of Reuben Atwater on two leaves. Also laid in is a printed invitation card, completed in manuscript, inviting "R. Atwater & Lady" to the "Assembly Ball" in Windsor, Vermont, on Friday, Jan. 27, 1804. This may have been the same Reuben Attwater who went on to play a role in the early government of the Michigan Territory.

The extremely rare 1791 Philadelphia printing of the acts of the first Congress of the United States, first published in its official edition by Childs and Swaine in New York in 1789. The ACTS contain much of the legislation fundamental to the establishment of the government under the Constitution. The first Congress met in New York on March 4, 1789, and continued until the end of September. It officially ratified the Constitution (included here on pages [v]-xii) and Washington's election as first U.S. president, and passed much of the most basic legislation for the functioning of the new nation, regulating such departments as Customs, Judiciary, Post Office, and the Mint. Much time was spent on the Bill of Rights, reprinted in this edition on pages 92-93 and still including twelve amendments (the first two, relating to the numbers in a congressional district and congressional salaries, were later omitted). An extremely rare edition of a foundation work in the history of American government. NAIP records copies only at LC and AAS, the latter copy with titlepage mutilated, lacking pages 23-24, and with pages 21-22 repeated.

EVANS 23842. ESTC W14333. REESE, FEDERAL HUNDRED 24 (ref). \$9500.

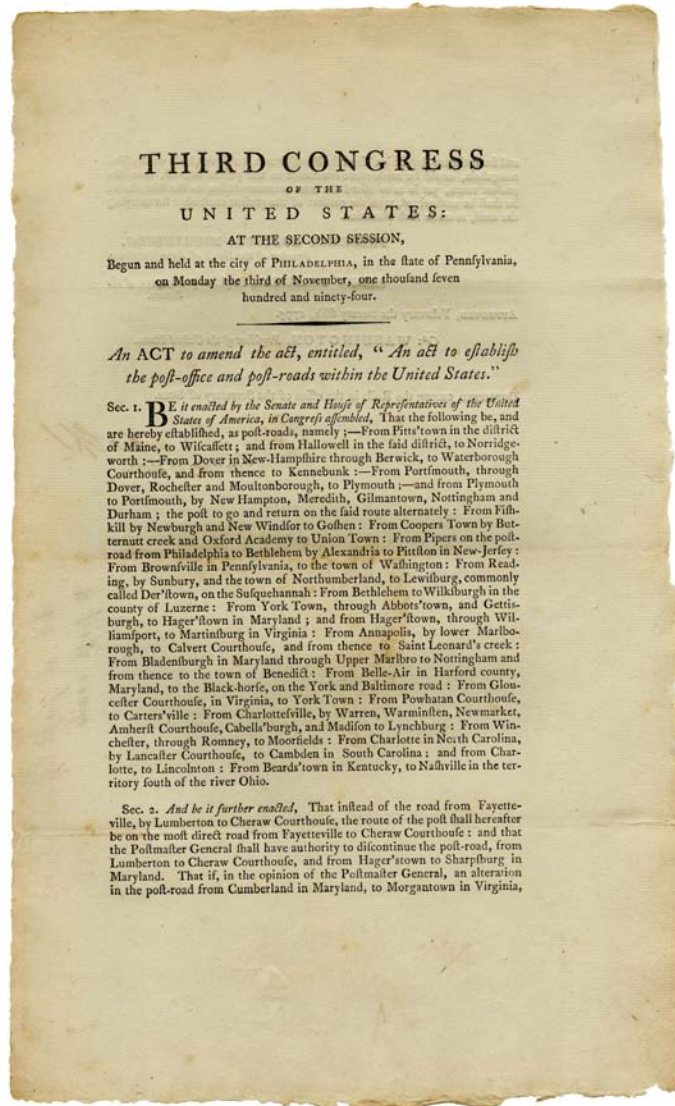
32. [United States Laws]: ACTS PASSED AT THE FIRST SESSION OF THE SEVENTH CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES. [Washington: William Duane, 1801]. 191,[1],v pp. Original printed wrappers, detached. Wrappers a bit tattered, spine perished, signatures loose. Moderate foxing. Good.

The collected laws for the first session of the seventh Congress, with much on congressional districts in the western states, the development of the postal service and the military and, of course, taxes. Surprisingly scarce. Not in Shaw & Shoemaker. OCLC locates only eleven copies, one of which belonged to Thomas Jefferson, now at the University of Virginia. OCLC 10481580, 10428874. \$300.

*Signed by the Secretary of State*

33. [United States Post Office]: [Randolph, Edmund]: THIRD CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, AT THE SECOND SESSION...AN ACT TO AMEND THE ACT, ENTITLED, "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE POST-OFFICE AND POST-ROADS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES" [caption title]. [Philadelphia: Francis Childs, 1795]. Broadsheet, 13½ x 8¼ inches. Old fold lines, with one small separation. Minor foxing. Very good. Untrimmed.





An act passed by the Third Congress creating many new official post roads, and the alteration of several others. These new roads were to run through most of the country, but were concentrated in New England, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia, with several also connecting the Carolinas. Of note is the establishment of a frontier post road to run from Bardstown, Kentucky to Nashville in the Southwest Territory, incorporated into the Union in 1796 as Tennessee.

“Approved, February the twenty fifth, 1795,” and signed in print by Speaker of the House Augustus Muhlenberg, President of the Senate Pro Tempore Henry Tazewell, and President George Washington. Two states of this imprint are noted. One, Evans 29701, includes a statement of deposition, “Deposited among the rolls in the Office of the Secretary of State. Secretary of State,” and is signed by Secretary of State Edmund Randolph. The other, Bristol B9377, is without this statement. This is the former, signed by Secretary of State Edmund Randolph. ESTC notes copies at only four American institutions, and Evans adds another at Library of Congress. Scarce in either format, and particularly rare with the signature of the Secretary of State.

Edmund Randolph became the second Secretary of State on Jan. 2, 1794, succeeding Thomas Jefferson, who resigned at the end of 1793. He continued the practice begun in the First Congress of the Secretary of State signing a small number of “official” copies of Congressional acts for distribution to the States and important government officials. After the Third Congress, official acts were no longer signed in manuscript by the Secretary of State. EVANS 29701. ESTC W14572. \$2000.

34. [United States Post Office]: [Meigs, R.J.]: LETTER FROM THE POST MASTER GENERAL, TRANSMITTING A LIST OF CONTRACTS MADE BY THAT DEPARTMENT IN THE YEAR 1815. Washington: William A. Davis, 1816. 7pp. Folio. Dbd. Stab holes along left margin. Tanned, with some light dampstaining around edges. Very good. Untrimmed.

Report to the House of Representatives by the Postmaster General, R.J. Meigs, listing private contracts arranged for carrying the mail in 1815, organized by state, and showing the amount agreed for each. SHAW & SHOEMAKER 39501. \$125.

35. [United States Post Office]: [Meigs, R.J.]: LETTER FROM THE POST MASTER GENERAL, TRANSMITTING A LIST OF THE UNPRODUCTIVE POST-OFFICES, FOR THE YEAR 1815. Washington: William A. Davis, 1816. 18pp. Folio. Dbd. Stab holes at left margin. Tanned. Very good. Untrimmed.

A report from the Postmaster General, R.J. Meigs listing unprofitable post offices. Offices and routes are listed in a multi-page table by state and territory. Revenue from the offices and routes are compared against the costs of operation. SHAW & SHOEMAKER 39503. \$125.

36. [United States Post Office]: [Meigs, R.J.]: LETTER FROM THE POST-MASTER GENERAL, TRANSMITTING A LIST OF CONTRACTS MADE BY HIM IN THE YEAR 1816, FOR TRANSPORTING THE MAILS. Washington: William A. Davis, 1817. 12pp. Folio. Dbd. Light edge wear and tanning. Very good. Untrimmed.

Report to the House of Representatives by the Postmaster General, R.J. Meigs, of private contracts made by the Post Office in 1816 to carry the mail, organized by state and territory, and showing the amount agreed for each contract.  
SHAW & SHOEMAKER 42618. \$125.

37. [United States Senate]: **JOURNAL OF THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, BEING THE THIRD SESSION OF THE FIFTH CONGRESS, BEGUN AND HELD AT THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, DECEMBER 3d, 1798. AND IN THE TWENTY-THIRD YEAR OF THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE SAID UNITED STATES.** Philadelphia: John Fenno, 1799. 222,vi,xiv pp. Modern half calf and marbled boards, spine gilt, leather label. Old institutional stamp on titlepage verso. Scattered light foxing. Very good.

The Journal prints President Adams' Address to Congress of Dec. 8, 1798, discussing at length the "alarming and destructive pestilence" which had prevented the assembling of the government at Philadelphia; and recommending that Congress pass public health measures, by virtue of its power over interstate commerce, to prevent a recurrence. Adams also discusses the quasi-War with France, and the mischief-making by Spain among the southern Indians. The Blount impeachment trial, Connecticut's cession of the Western Reserve, the census, the Non-Intercourse and Judiciary Acts, the establishment of the Post Office, are among the subjects treated.  
EVANS 36521. \$250.

38. Visscher, William L.: **A THRILLING AND TRUTHFUL HISTORY OF THE PONY EXPRESS OR BLAZING THE WESTWARD WAY....** Chicago. [1908]. 98pp. Portrait. Illus. Quarto. Pictorial cloth. Cloth bit soiled, ink signature across title, else very nice with relevant material laid in.

With material on the impact of the gold rush, Indian relations, and the Civil War.  
\$40.

39. Williams, Henry L.: **"BUFFALO BILL" (THE HON. WILLIAM F. CODY) RIFLE AND REVOLVER SHOT; PONY EXPRESS RIDER; TEAMSTER; BUFFALO HUNTER; GUIDE AND SCOUT A FULL ACCOUNT OF HIS ADVENTUROUS LIFE WITH THE ORIGIN OF HIS "WILD WEST" SHOW.** London: George Routledge and Sons, 1887. 192pp. Frontispiece portrait. Original pictorial wrappers. Wrappers chipped and detached, rear wrapper with some paper losses. Spine mostly chipped away. Else good.

British biography of Buffalo Bill. The chapter on the Wild West Show includes comments on its reception in England. A very early Buffalo Bill piece, issued during the first European tour of the Wild West Show. Rare.  
HOWES W454. GRAFF 4677. ADAMS SIX-GUNS 2401. \$1750.

