

## [ 1798 ]

934 ☞ Address, presented by the carrier to the patrons of the Centinel of freedom. With the compliments of the season. January 1, 1799. . . . [Newark: Printed by Pennington and Dodge, 1798]

2°: half sheet broadside.

*Paper:* Crown, marked crown | CM.Co (G&M-F 135, 497). Leaf 13.4 x 7.9 in.

*Type:* Long primer.

*Notes:* Text in two columns. Printed by Aaron Pennington and Daniel Dodge in Newark, presumably in late 1798, for distribution to subscribers.

*References:* Evans 35961, ESTC W1084.

*Copies:* NHi

935 ☞ The American almanac, for the year of our Lord, 1799; being the third after bissextile or leap-year, and the twenty-third year of American independence till the Fourth of July. Containing the rising and setting of the sun and moon—the lunations—conjunctions—eclipses—judgment of the weather—rising and setting of the planets—courts in New-Jersey, New-York and Pennsylvania—distances of the principal roads in the United States. Together with useful tables—entertaining matter both in prose and verse—anecdotes, &c. Calculated to serve either of the middle states without any sensible variation. New-Brunswick: Printed and sold by Abraham Blauvelt. [1798]

8°: [A]<sup>4</sup> B-D<sup>4</sup> E<sup>2</sup>(E1+χ1) (gatherings C-E signed D-F); [38] p., illus.

*Contents:* [1] title, [2–38] text (anatomy cut on p. [3]).

*Press variants:* Gathering B unsigned (NjR c.2–3). The NjP copy is imposed in duodecimo, [A]<sup>4</sup> B<sup>2</sup> C<sup>2</sup> D<sup>4</sup> E<sup>4</sup> F<sup>2</sup>(F1+χ1), with all chainlines horizontal except χ1, the verso of which is blank.

*Paper:* Demy, mark undeciphered. Leaf 6.8 x 4.1 in., cut.

*Type:* Long primer.

*Notes:* The inserted leaf, which lists names of members of the legislature and judiciary, is sometimes found within gathering D.

*References:* Evans 33431, Morsch 377, Drake 5185, 5186, ESTC W22431.

*Copies:* CtY MWA NjHi NjP NjR(3)

*Copy-specific notes:* MWA lacks all after C3. • NjHi

lacks C1 and D3, D2 def., Simon Kinney's copy. • NjR c.1 C2 def.; c.2 def.

936 ☞ At a public numerous meeting of citizens from the different parts of the county of Essex, holden at Elizabeth-Town, this day, pursuant to a general notification, the committee, specially appointed for the purpose, reported the following address. . . . [Elizabethtown: Printed by Shepard Kollock, 1798]

2°: half sheet broadside.

*Paper:* Demy, unmarked. Leaf 15.6 x 10.7 in.

*Type:* Long primer.

*Notes:* The address begins: “To the electors of the counties of Bergen, Essex, and Middlesex, composing the eastern district, for the election of representatives to Congress for the state of New-Jersey. Friends, countrymen, & fellow-citizens. . . .” Signed at the conclusion: “. . . by order and in behalf of the meeting. Jonathan Dayton, moderator. Elizabeth-Town, Sept. 15, 1798.” Text in four columns. Printed by Shepard Kollock from the same type, with different column endings, as the insertion in his *New-Jersey Journal* of September 18, 1798. A Federalist diatribe against France and a call to support the Federalist candidates in the upcoming election. See entry B108 for a Republican response.

*Copies:* MWA

937 ☞ Bailey, Benjamin, 1766–1798.

[The confession of B. Bailey Aikman, who was executed on the 6th Jan. last, for the murder of Jost Follhaber.] [1798]

*Notes:* No copy located. Entry from advertisements in Jacob Mann's *Morris County Gazette*, February 1798. In the issue of February 6: “Next week will be published, and sent round by our different post-riders, (Price—Six cents.) The confession of B. Bailey Aikman, who was executed on the 6th Jan. last, for the murder of Jost Follhaber.” In the issue of February 13: “Just published, and for sale at this printing-office, (Price—Six cents.). . . .”

On August 11, 1797, a peddler named Jost Folhaber (sometimes spelled Follhaber or Folhafer) was murdered near present-day Mahanoy City, Pennsylvania. Benjamin Bailey, a native of Morristown, New Jersey, was arrested and charged with the crime. Bailey was tried, found guilty, and executed at Reading, Pennsylvania, on January 6, 1798. A sensationalized version of the entire affair, complete with the requisite gallows confession, was

published in pamphlet form in Reading: *The Confession of Benjn. Bailey, who was Executed at Reading, Pennsylvania, the Sixth Day of January, 1798; for the Murder of a Certain Jost Follhaber, on the Eleventh Day of August, 1797. Made the Morning of his Execution; Judge Rush's Charge, Together with the Letters which Passed Between him and his Wife, the Week Previous to His Execution [sic], Concluding with His Favorite Prayer* (Reading: J. Schneider & Comp., 1798). Only one copy of the Reading pamphlet is known. The work advertised by Mann would appear to be another edition, now lost. The added surname "Aikman" cannot be explained. Jacob Rush's comments to Bailey before sentencing him are included in *Charges, and Extracts of Charges, on Moral and Religious Subjects; Delivered at Sundry Times, by the Honorable Jacob Rush* (Philadelphia, 1803).

### 938 ☞ [Biggs, Charlotte], d. 1827.

A residence in France, during the years 1792, 1793, 1794, and 1795; described in a series of letters from an English lady: with general and incidental remarks on the French character and manners. Prepared for the press by John Gifford, Esq. Author of *The history of France*, Letter to Lord Lauderdale, Letter to the Hon. T. Erskine, &c. First American edition. [One line in French from Du Belloy (*sic*)] Elizabeth-Town: Printed by Shepard Kollock for Cornelius Davis, no. 94, Water-Street, New-York. 1798.

8°: [a]<sup>4</sup> b–c<sup>4</sup> D–31<sup>4</sup>; xx, [1], 22–517, [3] p.

*Contents*: [i] title, [ii] blank, [iii] iv–xii 'Preliminary remarks by the editor' (signed on p. x 'John Gifford. London, Nov. 12, 1796', dated on p. xii 'April 14, 1797'), [xiii] dedication to Edmund Burke (signed 'The author. September 12, 1796'), [xiv] blank, [xv] xvi–xx preface (dated on p. xx 'September 12, 1796'), [21] 22–517 text (p. 228 misnumbered as 282, 409 as 490), [518–520] blank.

*Press variants*: Page 243 numbered at inner margin (CtHT, CtY, DLC c.1–2, MB c.1, MH, MHi, MiU–C, N, NHi, NN, NNC, Nj, NjHi c.2, NjP c.1, NjR c.1–2, NjUK, PPAmP, PU, RPJCB).

*Paper*: Demy, sheets L–N marked eagle with liberty pole = 1797, balance unmarked. Leaf 8.3 x 5 in., cut.

*Type*: Small pica.

*Binding*: Sheep, spine with gilt fillets and label (MiU–C, NHi, NN, NjP c.3, NjPT, NjR c.1–2); sheep, blind roll on edges, spine with gilt fillets and label (CSmH, CtHi, MBAt, NjHi c.1–2, NjUK, PPAmP, PPL, RPJCB).

*Advertisements*: Abraham Blauvelt's *Guardian*, Au-

gust 14, 1798: "Just published and for sale at this office price two dollars . . ."; Pennington and Dodge's *Centinel of Freedom*, August 21, 1798: "Just published, and for sale at this office . . ."; *New-Jersey Journal*, August 28, 1798: "Just published, and to be sold by S. Kollock, <price 2 dollars>. . ."

*Notes*: Though attributed for nearly two hundred years to English poet and historical writer Helen Maria Williams, two recently discovered letters from Charlotte Biggs to Sir David Ochterlony reveal that Biggs was the author. See Marius Kociejowski, ed., *The Testament of Charlotte B.* (Marlborough, Eng., 1988), 61. The work was first published in London in 1797 and seen through the press by John Richards Green (1758–1818), English historian and editor who wrote under the pseudonym "John Gifford."

*References*: Evans 33797, 35030, Morsch 409, ESTC W36435.

*Copies*: CSmH CtHi CtHT CtY DLC(2) ICN MB(3) MBAt MH MHi MWA MiU–C N NHi NN NNC Nj Nj–CHi NjHi(2) NjP(3) NjPT NjR(2) NjUK PPAmP PPL PU RPJCB JJF

*Copy-specific notes*: CSmH Joseph Riddle's copy. • CtHi Danl. Wadsworth's copy. • MB c.1 John Adams's copy. • MBAt Jona: Dayton's copy. • NN [–] Wildes's copy, and Thomas Hornsby's copy, with printed book label. • NNC James Kent's copy, 1798, price 16/–. • Nj–CHi Abel Brace's copy. • NjP c.1 Elisha Boudinot's copy, with engraved bookplate. • NjPT John Rodgers's copy, 1798. • NjUK John Watson's copy. • JJF Jared S. Russell's copy, Newark, with printed label.

### 939 ☞ The centinel of freedom. Newark <New-Jersey>—Printed and published (every Tuesday) by Aaron Pennington & Daniel Dodge, at their printing-office, near the court-house.

Weekly: Vol. II no. 14 (whole no. 66), January 2–vol. III no. 13 (whole no. 117), December 25, 1798.

Supplements: Feb. 27, [2] p., Mar. 20, [2] p., Apr. 17, [2] p., Jun. 12, [2] p., Aug. 30, [1] p., Sep. 18, [3] p.

*Irregularities*: Issues 39–40 misnumbered as 38–39.

*Paper*: Royal, unmarked. Leaf 19 x 11.9 in., uncut.

*Type*: Long primer and brier.

*Notes*: In the issue of August 21 the editors report that 1,000 copies are printed weekly.

*References*: Evans 33504, Brigham pp. 509–510, ESTC P5759.

*Runs*: MWA NN NjHi(2) NjP

*Issues*: DLC MH NHi Nj NjR

## 940 ☛ [Chauvet, David], 1738–1802.

The conduct of the government of France towards the republic of Geneva. Translated from the French. By a citizen of Trenton. Trenton: Printed by G. Craft. October, 1798.

8°: [A]<sup>4</sup> B<sup>4</sup>; iv, [1], 6–16 p.

*Contents*: [i] title, [ii] blank, [iii] iv letter to Albert Gallatin (signed on p. iv ‘D. Chauvet. Kensington (near London) 22d of June, 1798’), [5] 6–16 text.

*Paper*: Royal, unmarked. Leaf 9.5 x 5.8 in., uncut.

*Type*: Long primer, notes in brevier.

*Advertisement*: *Federalist*, October 29, 1798: “Just published . . . (price 11d.) . . . With an introductory address to Albert Gallatin. . . .”

*Notes*: A Federalist diatribe against the French republic and its treatment of the residents of Geneva, reprinted in America for Timothy Pickering. The work was originally printed in London earlier in the year as *Conduite du Gouvernement François envers la République du Genève* and was dedicated to Albert Gallatin, a native of Geneva and member of the American Congress. Pickering, secretary of state, staunch Federalist, and ardent foe of France, had come to Trenton in August 1798 when the federal offices moved there from Philadelphia to avoid the yellow fever. On October 27, 1798, he sent a copy of Chauvet’s pamphlet to George Washington: “The inclosed interesting pamphlet is a faithful translation from the original French, transmitted to me by Mr. [Rufus] King. As it details *facts* which demonstrate the perfidy and violence of the French Government, I had it translated, and recommended it to the printer in this place; hoping the dissemination of it in America might do good” (Washington Papers, Retirement ser. 3:150–151). On the same day Pickering also sent copies to the governors of the several states and to other influential individuals, including John Adams. In his letter to Adams, Pickering adds that he put the French text “into the hand of a son of Mr. Abraham Hunt, whom I found at leisure, to translate. It has been faithfully done. I encouraged the printer here to give it to the public in a pamphlet. Today I recd. some copies, & have the honor to inclose a couple” (Adams Papers, MHi). When asked by one of the recipients whether his sending the pamphlet was a private or an official act, Pickering replied that he had acted entirely in an official capacity, and that he felt it was his duty to make this document known to the American public.

The Trenton translator is further identified in an anti-Jacobin essay by “Horatius” in the *Federalist* & *New-*

*Jersey State Gazette* of July 22, 1800, as “Robert Hunt, Esq.” Robert Hunt (1778–1802), son of Trenton merchant Abraham Hunt, graduated from the College of New Jersey in 1793, read law in Trenton, and was admitted as an attorney in 1799. In August 1798, when he applied for a lieutenant’s commission in the United States Army, Trenton’s Philemon Dickinson noted that he was a “decided federalist.” Hunt died in Trenton in 1802 and was eulogized in the *Trenton Federalist*. David Chauvet was a former resident of Geneva living in London.

*References*: Evans 33510, Morsch 379, ESTC W30471.

*Copies*: CtY DLC MB MBAt(2) MH MHi MWA MiU-C NNC NNYSL NjHi NjJ NjR NjT(2) PPL RPJCB(2) JJF

*Copy-specific notes*: CtY “From the Secretary of State to John Allen.” • MBAt c.1 George Washington’s copy; c.2 T. Sumner’s copy. • MH Jeremiah Smith’s copy. • MWA uncut. • NNC Pierpont Edwards’s copy, 1799. • PPL uncut. • JJF uncut.

941 ☛ The entertaining, moral, and religious repository; written in a simple yet pleasing stile, eminently calculated for the amusement and instruction of the youth of both sexes. Published by a society in Great Britain, instituted for the beneficent purpose of aiding the intention of His Majesty, as expressed in his royal proclamation for the suppression of vice and immorality. Vol I. Elizabeth-Town: Printed by Shepard Kollock for Cornelius Davis, no. 94, Water-Street, New-York. 1798. 12°: A–H<sup>6</sup>; 96 p.

*Contents*: [1] title, [2] blank, [3] 4–96 text (at bottom of p. 96 ‘End of the first volume’).

*Paper*: Demy, unmarked. Leaf 6.3 x 4.1 in., cut.

*Type*: Small pica.

*Binding*: Marbled paper-covered wooden boards, sheep tips, undecorated sheep spine (NjR c.2); decorated paper-covered wooden boards, undecorated sheep spine (PP); blue paper-covered wooden boards, undecorated sheep spine (MWA).

*Advertisement*: Shepard Kollock’s *New-Jersey Journal*, August 28, 1798: “Publishing by Cornelius Davis . . . N. York . . . containing upwards of three-score separate performances . . . The above to be comprized in six or eight books, half-bound, at 20 cents each; or in two volumes, bound and lettered, at 1 dollar and 25, or 1 dollar and 50 cents.”

*Notes*: On August 23, 1798, New York bookseller Cornelius Davis wrote to Philadelphia publisher and bookseller Mathew Carey: “I am getting the Cheap Repository

reprinted—think it will sell well—will sell you 500 at paper and print with 5 per cent added cash on delivery. I expect to put it so low at retail that shall not exchange any. I mean to set them low, because the work is excellent—calculated to be useful to that class of people who have but little money and less inclination to buy and read good books” (Lea and Febiger Records, PHI).

The *Entertaining, Moral, and Religious Repository* is a collection of about fifty moralistic tales, printed by Shepard Kollock for Cornelius Davis in 1798 and reprinted, by Kollock and several New York printers, and reissued by Davis in 1799, 1800, and 1801. The collection includes the first appearance in America of a number of the *Cheap Repository* tracts of Hannah More and others. The work is bibliographically confusing, as sheets from different editions were combined in order to keep the market supplied. The explanation and descriptions of Kollock’s 1798, 1799, and 1800 editions are based on a careful examination of most of the known copies. However, other variations and combinations may come to light.

Kollock initially advertised the *Repository* as available in two formats: in six or eight individual parts in boards, and in two volumes in full bindings. While many copies of the bound volumes survive (see next entry), of the individual parts only the initial part, containing the first 96 pages, has been located. Page 96 contains the statement “End of the first volume.” No similar concluding statement appears anywhere else in the text, and no subsequent separately issued parts have been found.

*References:* Morsch 380, Welch 361.1, ESTC W10731.

*Copies:* MWA NjR(2) PP

*Copy-specific notes:* MWA Susanna Jackson’s copy. • NjR c.2 D1 def. • PP Sally Dayton’s copy, July 16, 1799.

942 ☛ The entertaining, moral, and religious repository; containing upwards of three score separate performances, all of which are written in a simple yet pleasing stile, and are eminently calculated for the amusement and instruction of the youth of both sexes. Published by a society in Great Britain, instituted for the beneficent purpose of aiding the intention of His Majesty, as expressed in his royal proclamation for the suppression of vice and immorality. In two volumes. Vol I [–II]. Elizabeth-Town: Printed by Shepard Kollock for Cornelius Davis, no. 94, Water-Street, New-York. 1798. Vol. 1: 12°: A–2K<sup>6</sup>; 396 p. *Contents:* [1] title, [2] blank, [3] 4–396 text (at bottom of p. 96 ‘End of the first volume’).

Vol. 2: 12°: π1(=2D6) A–2C<sup>6</sup> 2D<sup>6</sup>(–2D6) (signed ‘Vol. II.’ in each direction line); 324 p. *Contents:* [1] title, [2] blank, [3] 4–324 text (p. 255 unnumbered, 305 numbered at inner margin).

*Press variants:* Vol. 2 gathering B without “Vol. II.” in the direction line (NjP, NjR, JJF).

*Paper:* Demy, unmarked. Vol. 1 paper stock appears uniform throughout; vol. 2 paper stock changes after p. 98 (H6v). Leaf 6.4 x 3.9 in., cut.

*Type:* Small pica.

*Binding:* Vol. 1: Sheep, spine with gilt fillets and label (MWA, NjR, PPL, JJF); vol. 2: sheep, spine with gilt fillets, gilt numeral “2,” and label (MWA).

*Notes:* First complete Kollock edition of both volumes (see previous entry). Some copies of volume 1 (MWA, NjR) contain a contents leaf, with blank verso, tipped in between A1 and A2. Some copies of volume 2 (NH*i*) contain a contents leaf, with blank verso, tipped in preceding A1. Both of these inserted leaves are on paper that differs from the adjacent text stock. The RPB copy of volume 1 contains the title page of this 1798 edition (i.e., “In two volumes. Vol. I”) but contains the first 96 pages only, in contemporary boards. For Kollock’s reprints of 1799 and 1800, see entries 1003 and 1088.

*References:* Evans 35296, Morsch 381, Welch 361.2, 361.3, ESTC W31907.

*Copies:* MWA NH*i* NjR PPL RPB JJF

*Copy-specific notes:* MWA v.2 Isaiah Thomas’s copy, with engraved armorial bookplate. • NH*i* v.2 only. • NjR v.1 only. • PPL v.1 only, Edward Taylor’s copy, bought Nov. 14, 1799. • RPB v.1 only, with 96 p.

#### 943 ☛ Episcopal Church. Diocese of New Jersey.

Proceedings of a convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the state of New-Jersey. Held at Newark, June the 6th and 7th, and, by adjournment, at New-Brunswick, August the 15th and 16th, 1798.—Newark—New-Jersey—Printed by Jacob Halsey and Co. at the office of the Gazette—1798.

8°: [A]<sup>4</sup> B<sup>2</sup>; 12 p.

*Contents:* [1] title, [2] blank, [3] 4–12 text.

*Paper:* Demy, marked IC = fleur-de-lis. Leaf 8.7 x 5 in., uncut.

*Type:* Long primer.

*Binding:* Stitched in white paper wrappers (CtY, NNG).

*Notes:* Includes the proceedings of the adjourned con-