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75. CHASE, SAMUEL. Signer of the Declaration of Independence. Autograph Letter Signed, 1 page, 4to, Baltimore, Aug. 19, 1806, to his daughter, Ann. A personal letter mentioning several of their mutual friends, and family. "...I am greatly impressed by Dr. Stumps hospitality, politeness. I hope my dear Matilda will follow his advice...My Mary joins in love to you all, says she will write you in two or three days. It is almost 12 o'clock. Adieu my dear child, happiness in life attend you all. I am in good health. Farewell. Your affectionate father, Samuel Chase." The letter is in fine condition, addressed by Chase on the verso. Letters of Chase are scarce. 375.00

76. TAFT, WILLIAM H. President. TLS, 1 page, 8vo, Dec. 24, 1921, as Chief Justice, on Supreme Court letterhead. To the solicitor General saying the Court accepts an invitation to dinner on the eighth of February. Choice condition. 50.00

77. PIERCE, FRANKLIN. President. Autograph Letter Signed, 1 page, 8vo, Concord, -N. H., March 11, 1861, to Peter Erbin, complying with his request "in behalf of your promising ward, and trust that his life may fulfill and illustrate your best anticipations." Fine. 125.00

78. MARSHALL, JOHN. Chief Justice. Autograph Letter Signed, 2 1/2 pages, 8vo, Richmond, May 28, 1811. To Thomas Fitzimmons, with integral address leaf bearing a red circular Richmond, Va. postmark. Business letter in which the Chief Justice points out the inefficacy of hiring Col. Pendleton of Philadelphia to sell Virginia Land when someone just as capable could be found closer to the property. "...The particular & minute attention which has been bestowed upon it by Colo. Pendleton justifies the encountering an extra expense to induce his attendance, but Mr. Key is a very able coadjutor..." The Mr. Key referred to might be composer of the "Star Spangled Banner" Francis Scott Key who practiced law in Maryland and the District of Columbia. Fine condition. 585.00

79. LAURENS, HENRY. President of the Continental Congress from 1777 to 1778. In 1780 as Minister to Holland he was captured by the British while on a voyage to negotiate a treaty with the Dutch. Held a prisoner until 1782 when he was exchanged for Lord Cornwallis. Went to Paris with Benjamin Franklin and John Jay to negotiate the peace treaty. Fine Wartime Document Signed as President of Congress, 1 page, oblong folio, undated but 1777 or 1778. Countersigned by Charles Thompson, Secretary of Congress. A military commission, never filled out, entitled "In Congress. The delegates of the United States (all 13 colonies are listed by name)...We, reposing especial trust and confidence in your patriotism, Valour, Conduct and Fidelity Do, by these presents, constitute and appoint you to be...in the Army of the United States, raised for the defence of American Liberty, and for repelling every hostile invasion thereof..." Choice condition, boldly signed by Laurens and Thompson. 225.00

LINCOLN ENDORSEMENT OF A COLORFUL LETTER DESCRIBING THE EXCITING MILITARY CAREER OF COL. JOHN ELY, BEING RECOMMENDED FOR GENERAL

80. LINCOLN, ABRAHAM. Autograph Endorsement Signed, on the verso of a 2 1/2 page, 4to, letter from William Millard, a U. S. Marshal from Pennsylvania, recommending that Colonel John Ely of Bucks County, Pa. be promoted to Brigadier General. "When the southern traitors changed from threats to blows by firing on Ft. Sumter, Col. Ely...recruited the first three years Company in Bucks County, Pa. and had it mustered into the service of the 1st California Regt. under command of the lamented Baker...with his regiment and the Army of the Potomac he went into the Peninsula, and in command of the companies of the 23rd was the first field officer in the rebel works at Lee's Mills on the Warwick River. Was in the Battle of Williamsburg and at Fair Oaks...his right leg was broken by a musket shot...but he remained in command of the left wing of his regiment and successfully kept the enemy in check...He rejoined his regiment...before his wound had entirely healed, just after the battle of Antietam, and was in all the actions on the Rappahannock under Burnside and Hooker." Lincoln has written on the verso, "Submitted to the Sec. of War & General in Chief, Sept. 1, 1863, A. Lincoln." The letter and endorsement are in excellent condition. 775.00