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12 papers refer to Aristides's remarks on
Constitution

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If the dealer is in a quandary, the collector, who has far less experience, is even less able to determine the authenticity of what he has. I can only urge him to be aware of the problem involved and, despite his eagerness to complete his set of presidents, to be patient if he wishes to be sure of adding an authentic example to his collection.

E-131 WILLETT, Marinus (1740-1830). Revolutionary officer; Indian fighter; Mayor of New York. ALS, 4to, New York. Sept. 1, 1807, to John Stevens at Hoebuck (Hoboken). Tissue preserved. Willett informs Stevens that his "... letter on the subject of defense for this City was ... referred to the Committee of Fortification. ..." Engineer-inventor Stevens had recommended "... an obstruction ... well calculated to fill the chasms in case of emergency. ..." The frigate *Chesapeake* had been fired upon by the British frigate *Leopard* in June, and Jefferson had ordered British ships out of U.S. Territorial waters in July. New York was looking to its defenses! \$40.00

E-132 WILLETT. ALS, 4to, New York. 31 March 1798, to William Simmons of the War Office, Phila. Willett asks Simmons to speak to McHenry about the rent on property which he had leased to the United States. A frigate is being built at Willett's wharf and the rent for the property is in arrears. With address-leaf docketed "rec'd 2d Apl. ansd same day--" \$40.00

E-133 WILLIAMS, Otho Holland (1749-1794). Revolutionary General; Mason. ALS, 1 1/4 pp. folio, n.d.; possibly a retained draft. Inlaid; reinforced at folds; some foxing. Although undated, this letter was written in 1786 or 1787 as Williams refers to "... Aristides remarks on the proposed plan of a Federal Government. ..." He agrees to distribute copies of these remarks and comments on the wisdom, or lack of it, in declaring an opinion on the plan. "... In the name of the Omniscient can it be expected that every man ... can decide with propriety on a subject that has divided the opinions of the wisest and best men of every Country and in every age? ..." \$50.00

E-134 WILLIAMS. ALS, 3pp. 4to, Baltimore, May 30, 1790, to Alexander Hamilton. Writing as Collector of the Port, Williams expertly defends his actions in connection with the ship, *Snow St. Martin*, when she put into Baltimore in distress: "... the privileges granted to the *Snow* were not to be refused - they were her prerogatives." \$40.00

E-135 WILLIAMS, William (1731-1811). Conn. Signer. ADS, small 4to, July 3, 1776, to the Committee of Pay Table. Preserved with tissue. Williams requests that Capt. Sam Mather be paid £330 for "... payment of the Wages, billeting & al-

WASHINGTON ANNOUNCES THE ESTABLISHING OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT

GEORGE WASHINGTON. L.S. fol., New York, July 29, 1789. To Gov. Samuel Huntington of Connecticut, a Signer of the Declaration of Independence, by whom the letter is docketed as having been received on Aug. 7. The President, in office a bare three months, announces that "Agreeably to a Resolution of Congress of the 5th of June, I do myself the honor to transmit to your Excellency an Act for establishing an Executive Department, to be denominated the Department of Foreign Affairs."

The establishment of the State Department was a most necessary step by the new and young Constitutional Government, and Washington was undoubtedly proud to announce it. The month of June, 1964, marks the 175th Anniversary of this notable occasion.

An item of outstanding interest. \$250.00

allowances of his company stationed at New London ... By order of the Govr & Council of Safety." This document is dated one day before the adoption of the Declaration of Independence by Congress on July 4, 1776: \$250.00

E-136 WILLIAMS. ADS, folio, Lebanon, Conn. Feb. 28, 1777, to the Committee of Pay Table. An order issued in the name of the Governor and Council of Safety authorizing payment of £100 for "... many articles and military stores for the use of the Continental Army. ..." to be procured by Col. Walter Stewart. An interesting example of military purchasing methods during the Revolution. \$150.00

E-137 WILLIAMS. DS, folio, Lebanon, July 2, 1804; with two lines in Williams' hand. A notice to the Turnpike Company that the State Inspection Committee will inspect the Turnpike Road "from Hartford through Boston Lebanon to Norwich" and attend to other turnpike business. Williams writes, hopefully, that "more decent materials" be used! \$25.00

E-138 WILLIAMS. ADS, 8vo, Windham, Dec. 21, 1784. A printed legal document filled in by Williams, issued to the Sheriff of Windham County, Conn., concerning a debt case. \$15.00

E-139 WILSON, James (1742-1798). Penna. Signer Declaration of Independence. ALS, 3pp. 4to, Phila., May 13, 1784. To William Bingham, founder and director of first bank, Bank of North America. Address-leaf repaired. About various business projects. "... I presume your Prospects with Regard to a Loan for me have not succeeded ... Dr. Rush and Dr. Park have written to him [Dr. Lettsom] by

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