
A Bibliography of Maryland Imprints

27. ——— In Congress, | February 15, 1777. | Resolved, | That considering the situation of the New-England States, Congress approve | of the measures adopted and recommended by the Committee from the Four New- | England States for the defence of the State of Rhode-Island, and also of the mea- | sures to be taken for preventing the depreciation of their Currency . . . | By order of Congress, | John Hancock, President. | [rule] | Baltimore: Printed by John Dunlap, in Market-street. [1777.] ✓

Small folio broadside.

Leaf measures: 11½ x 7½ inches.

Contains resolution that the plan for regulating the price of labor, of manufactures, and of internal produce be referred to the states with recommendation that they adopt measures to remedy the fluctuating and exorbitant prices of the aforesaid articles.

Evans, 15653.

NYPL. Md. Archives (Blue book I).

28. ——— [In Congress, February 24, 1777. [Resolve, ordering troops to march immediately to join General Washington. Signed,] Chas. Thomson. Baltimore: Printed by M. K. Goddard. 1777.] —

Collation unknown.

Evans does not locate a copy of the item and it is not listed in Ford's *Bibliographical Notes*.

Evans, 15654.

No copy located.

29. ——— In Congress, July 4, 1776, | The Unanimous | Declaration | of the | Thirteen United States of America. | . . . [Signed by all but Thomas McKean] | . . . | Baltimore, in Maryland: Printed by Mary Katherine Goddard. [1777.] —

Folio broadside.

Leaf measures: 20½ x 16½ inches.

Congress on January 18, 1777 ordered "That an authenticated copy of the Declaration of Independence, with the names of the members of Congress subscribing to the same, be sent to each of the United States, and that they be desired to have the same put upon record." In the letter of transmittal to the Rhode Island State Assembly, John Hancock wrote: "As there is not a more distinguished Event in the History of America, than the Declaration of her Independence—nor any, that, in all probability, will so much excite the Attention of future Ages, it is highly proper, that the Memory of that Transaction, together with the Causes that gave Rise to it, should be preserved in the most careful manner that can be devised. I am therefore commanded by Congress to transmit you the enclosed Copy of the Acts of Independence, with the List of the several Members of Congress subscribed thereto—and to request, that you will cause the same to be put upon Record, that it may henceforth form a Part of the Archives of your State, and remain a lasting Testimony of your Approbation of that necessary and important Measure." (Rhode Island Archives. Letters, 1776-1777. Vol. IX. No. 143.)

This was by no means the first printing of the Declaration of Independence, for there had been at least eight before it, but it was the first official issue with the names of the signers.

Evans, 15650. Ford, 117. Wroth, 392.

MdHS. LCP. NYPL. Md. State House, R. I. Archives. JWGarrett. MassHS.

30. WASHINGTON, GEORGE. Baltimore, January 29. | Extract of a Letter from General Washington | to Congress, dated January 22d, 1777. | "My last was on the 20th Instant;" . . . | [double rule] | Baltimore: Printed by M. K. Goddard. | [1777.] —

Narrow folio broadside.

Leaf measures: 9¼ x 3½ inches.

An announcement of an engagement of General Dickinson with the enemy at Somerset Court-House and the latest news of Fort Independence and the attitude of the French Government to the war.

Evans, 15629.

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