Benjamin Franklin

From the original portrait painted from life by Benjamin Wilson in 1759 and taken from Franklin's house in Philadelphia, July 1778 by Major André and restored to the Nation April 1906 by Earl Grey, Governor General of Canada.
ACCOUNT BOOK OF BENJAMIN FRANKLIN
kept by him during his
FIRST MISSION TO ENGLAND AS PROVINCIAL AGENT
1757–1762
With an Introduction and Notes
By GEORGE SIMPSON EDDY

On January 29, 1757, the Pennsylvania Assembly resolved that the Speaker [Isaac Norris] and Franklin be requested to go to England as Commissioners to solicit the removal of the grievances of the Province, occasioned by the Proprietary instructions. The Speaker preferred to remain in Philadelphia, but Franklin agreed to go over, and he was thereupon appointed Agent of the Province; there were already two Provincial Agents in London—Robert Charles and Richard Partridge [sometimes called Patridge], who were to be under the direction of Franklin.

Franklin kept a simple account of the expenses of this mission, in a small quarto volume, which has happily been preserved and is now in the possession of the American Philosophical Society, to which Society I am indebted for many courtesies. This account book is entirely in the writing of Franklin, save one item at the end of the volume, which fact makes it of particular interest and value. All of the entries, with a few exceptions of no importance, are set forth in the following pages.
Because of the large number of entries to be set out, the editor has restricted his own notes as much as possible; he has not considered it necessary to furnish notes concerning David Hall, William Strahan, Peter Collinson and Isaac Norris, the chief sources of information regarding them being so generally known.

References herein to the Writings are to the Writings of Benjamin Franklin, edited by Albert H. Smyth (1905-1907) in ten volumes, as up to this date that is the most complete edition. I have followed Franklin’s spelling but not his use of capital letters. In the few cases where no amount of money is shown opposite an entry, none appears in the account book. In some cases the editor has abridged an entry by omitting minor details of no importance.

As to the Parliamentary Grant in favor of Pennsylvania, and as to Franklin’s receipt thereof and his investment of the same in British Government securities and as to his subsequent sale of the securities in pursuance of instructions from the Assembly, see Writings IV., 86, 118, 130, 273-285; Votes and Proceedings of the House of Representatives of the Province of Pennsylvania, V., 131, 178 and 229; and a letter of September 30, 1761, from Isaac Norris to Franklin, in the Collection of Franklin Papers owned by the American Philosophical Society.

Wherever Franklin refers to his “banker” or “bankers” he means Henton Brown & Sons, of London; where he refers to “the bank” he means the Bank of England.

William Franklin was to accompany his father on this voyage and to take up the study of law in London. Franklin had arranged for their passage on a packet sailing from New York, the Captain of which was one Morris. In those days passengers carried their own provisions which were commonly called “sea-stores”. The sea-stores of the Franklins were bought and
placed on board the ship of Captain Morris; but Lord Loudon, Commander-in-Chief of the British forces in America, arrived at Philadelphia, with the intention of composing the bitter controversy then raging between the Governor and the Assembly. Loudon proceeded to confer with Franklin as the representative of the Assembly and with the Governor; a temporary adjustment was made, but by the time that had been brought about, Captain Morris had sailed, taking Franklin’s sea-stores with him.

At last, on April 4th, 1757, Franklin and his son started for New York, where they were to take ship for England. They took with them two servants—Peter, who waited upon Franklin, and King (a colored youth) who served William. Several old friends accompanied the Franklins as far as Trenton, and in their cheerful company was spent the evening of the first day of their journey. Upon reaching New York they found that two packets were ready to sail upon receiving permission from Lord Loudon. Owing chiefly to the inveterate procrastination of Loudon, the packet on which the Franklins took passage (commanded by Captain Lutwidge) did not sail until June 5th. During the long and annoying period of waiting Franklin occupied himself as best he could; he spent about two weeks of that time at Woodbridge, N. J., “trying to finish his work.” For details regarding this period, see his Autobiography, and his Correspondence. The second supply of sea-stores was consumed while the Franklins were waiting to sail, and more had to be procured.

Our travellers landed at Falmouth, and at once set out for London, stopping on the way to view Stonehenge and the house of Lord Pembroke at Wilton. They arrived at London during the evening of July 26th, having travelled seventy miles that day.
Robert Charles (one of the two resident agents for Pennsylvania at London) provided lodgings for the Franklins at the house of a widow named Margaret Stevenson, in Craven Street, near Charing Cross, where they had four furnished rooms. This account book shows that they went to the Bear Inn "till provided with lodgings"; their expenses at that inn were so small that their stay there must have been short. On July 30, is the following entry: "paid bill for dinner in Craven Street, £0-11-5", which seems to indicate that the canny Franklin took a trial meal there before deciding to take permanent lodgings at the establishment of Mrs. Stevenson. He was soon on the best of terms with his landlady and her daughter; and during all the years that he lived in London, he continued to make his home with the Stevensons. Mrs. Stevenson helped him very materially with his shopping, especially in the purchase of things for Mrs. Franklin and Sally.

ACCOUNT OF EXPENCES OF
my Voyage to England
Disbursements &c. 1757.

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<td>Apr.</td>
<td>paid Mr. Parker for poultry put on board</td>
<td>£229</td>
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<td>Capt. Morris, who sailed without me, I being detained by a letter from</td>
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<td>Lord Loudon</td>
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<td>&quot;</td>
<td>£229</td>
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<td>for carriage of trunks &amp; baggage to N. York</td>
<td>1150</td>
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<td>gave the coachman for his own &amp; horses' expenses back from Brunswick,</td>
<td>236</td>
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<td>ferriages &amp;c.</td>
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<td>paid for hire of a horse, a pistole</td>
<td>170</td>
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<td>for keeping a horse at Princetown</td>
<td>46</td>
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<td>&quot; Post for returning horses</td>
<td>1100</td>
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<td>&quot; sundry expences on the road, as per Wm. Franklin's account of disburse-</td>
<td>151611½</td>
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<td>ments on the road to N. York (accompanied by gentlemen, part of the</td>
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<td>way) during 5 days</td>
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Account of Expenses of my Voyage to England.

April 1. Paid Mr. Barker for Poultry put onboard Capt. Morris, who sailed without me, I being detained by a letter from L. Suchen.

Paid for carriage of Trunks and Baggage to New York. 1. 15

Gave the Coachman for his own & Horse's Expenses back from Brinmam. 2. 3. 6

Paid for Hire of a Horse & Carriage 1. 7

for keeping a Horse at Brinmam 1. 6

Paid for Whipping a Horse... 1. 10

Paid sundry Expenses on the Road as G.W. Franklin Ate of Dis. 15. 6. 10

Troubled on the Road to New York during 3 Days. 15. 6. 10

Carried over...
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paid sundry expences during our stay at N. York, waiting for the dispatch of the packet, till the 5th of June, being about two months, as per Wm. Franklin's account of disbursements

York Money

" expences at Sandy Hook, during our waiting there 2 weeks, and on Long Island, bills lost, suppose about

" my own expences at Woodbridge, during two weeks, suppose

Disbursed by myself at N. York:

" W. Weyman's bill of expences & money disbursed by him for me, the account sent to Mrs. Franklin

Sterling

" Capt. Lutwidge passage money, including sea-stores &c

The above disbursed in America

Sterling

expences of journey from Falmouth to London, & some expences there

1757

London

July 27 " expences at the Bear Inn till provided with lodgings

23 " John Taylor his expences on King and care of baggage

29 " Wm. & Jno. Iliff's bill for carriage

30 " bill for dinner in Craven Street

" Wm. Hunter, Esq.¹ on Post Office acc't

Aug. 1 paid Josiah Graham's bill for stationary

July 31 " shoemaker's bill

Aug. 8 " Howard, wigmaker's bill

12 " Wm. Gouldstone's bill, cap for King

17 " Rob't Christopher, taylor's bill

22 " Mrs. Madden's bill for making linen

24 " J. Brook's bill for 2 bustos

27 " Jno. Carisfield, shoemaker's bill

" Mrs. Stevenson for lodging & sundries

¹ Hunter was Franklin's Co-Deputy in the management of the Post Office in America; at this time he was in England for the benefit of his health. His home was at Williamsburg, Virginia.
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paid for 10 State Lottery tickets, viz:

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<td>for Mr. Weyman</td>
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<td>Mr. Hughes, Phila.</td>
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<td>Mr. Hughes, N. York</td>
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<td>Joseph Scannel</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td>Eliz. Hubbard &amp; Jon. Williams</td>
<td>2</td>
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Note: Mr. Weyman owes me for three of his 5. Hubbard & Williams for 2; the rest gave me money to buy their tickets.

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<td>for a watch at auction</td>
<td>4-0-0</td>
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<td>for mending sword &amp; sword blade</td>
<td>1-2-0</td>
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<td>for mourning swords &amp; buckles</td>
<td>1-10-6</td>
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<td>for 2 pair silver shoe &amp; knee buckles</td>
<td>2-12-6</td>
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<td>for a sword knot</td>
<td>8-6</td>
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<td>for mending Mr. Schlatter’s watch</td>
<td>2-6</td>
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<td>for postage</td>
<td>9-0</td>
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<td>for 2 razors &amp; a case</td>
<td>17-0</td>
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<td>Sept. 1 for going errands</td>
<td>2-6</td>
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<td>for 2 magazines Gentleman’s</td>
<td>1-0</td>
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<td>for a pair yellow buckles</td>
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<td>for 2 magazines London</td>
<td>1-0</td>
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<td>porter for carrying letters</td>
<td>6</td>
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<td>Wm. Gratton’s bill, tavern account</td>
<td>17-6</td>
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<td>Mrs. Stevenson’s bill for sundries</td>
<td>3-2-11</td>
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<td>Mr. Strahan for J. Parker of N. York</td>
<td>17-12-1</td>
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<td>George Adams’s bill for A. Taylor &amp; Eb’r. Kinnersley</td>
<td>2-8-0</td>
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<td>Henry &amp; Cave’s account for magazines for Library Company</td>
<td>1-3-3</td>
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<td>Elliot’s account for my watch</td>
<td>29-8-0</td>
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<td>Bowman’s coach account</td>
<td>12-0-6</td>
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<td>Henry &amp; Cave’s account for magazines</td>
<td>1-2-6</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mrs. Stevenson for lodging &amp; disbursements</td>
<td>15-2-2</td>
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<td>Abr. Barrier’s bill for London Chron.</td>
<td>5-7½</td>
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On February 19, 1758, Franklin wrote to his wife: “your kind advice about getting a chariot, I had taken some time before; for I found that every time I walked out I got fresh cold; and the hackney coaches at this end of the town, where most people keep their own, are the worst in the whole city, miserable, dirty, broken, shabby things, unfit to go into when dressed clean, and such as one would be ashamed to get out of at any gentleman’s door.”
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Oct. paid for printing W. F's Letter to Citizen

12 " Mr. Dixon for B. F's picture
6- 6- 0
" for cupping to Ramsay
10- 6
" for party [?] pictures
1- 4
" for Genuine Account of Expedition
1- 0
" for postage
6- 6
14 " Nairn's bill for barometer &c.
5- 1- 0
of which the barometer
1-16-0
& one thermometer
1-11-6
case & porter
3-0
for J. Hughes
3-10-6

15 " Alison of Falmouth for Weyman
10- 0- 0
" Doughty, taylor, his bill
12-10- 5
18 " Rob't Christopher do
28- 0- 7
" for 2 pamphlets to send to America
3- 6
" for putting letters in York bag for Speaker
41½
" for postage of Schutz's letters
3- 6
" for blackball for shoes
3- 0
25 " for cambrick for handkerchiefs WF
2-16- 0
26 " Bacon, pewterer's bill
1- 1- 0
27 " for black ribband for servant
1- 0
28 " for shoes
8- 6
" Neate's bill for mending shoes & hose for servants
4- 3½

Nov. 2 " Sisson's bill for Academy
69-11- 0
" Dodsley for pamphlets to send Speaker
10- 6
5 " for magazines & pamphlets
3- 0
" for gloves 2 pair
3- 0
7 " for postage from Philad'a
1- 0
16 " " " per Dumas " "
10- 3
22 " " " packet
3-11

* The American Philosophical Society owns an unpublished letter from Franklin to his wife, the upper half of which is missing, which letter must have been written in the Fall of 1757; in this Franklin says: "I wrote to you by a Man of War lately sailing for New York, and sent you my picture in miniature." Perhaps this miniature was the picture for which Franklin paid Dixon, as above. I have not been able to identify Dixon, and do not know what has become of the miniature mentioned by Franklin.

* During September and October of 1757, Franklin suffered severely from an attack of intermittent fever; he was attended by his good friend, the celebrated Quaker physician, Dr. John Fothergill, who prescribed, among other things, that the back of Franklin's head should be cupped.
23 " paid for postage per Budden 10
21 " Nourse's bill for books 2-10- 6
25 " R. Hotham's bill for stockings 3- 6
" sundry expenses as per W.F. account 32-14- 5
11 " Mrs. Stevenson for sundry disbursements in my sickness 10- 8- 9½
21 " bought sundry books, omitted 3-15- 0
" " " " of Valliant 1-12- 0
" " " " for Sally’s Mem. mine 1-12- 0
12 " Mrs. Stevenson her account of disbursements 15- 5
21 " do account of disbursements and for lodging and board of servants to this day 24-16- 7
25 " Mrs. Stevenson account of disbursements 2- 7- 5

Dec. 5 " Wellington’s bill for things to send to America 10-12- 0
1 " Mrs. Stevenson to pay for coals 10-10- 0
" Stephen Winthrop for a protested bill of Mr. Nelson’s 50- 0- 0
" Society for Arts &c. on account of Mr. Hughes, the money he sent 7- 4- 0
" Mr. Hunter sundry sums, viz:
30 guineas
40 " in two drafts on bank
73-10- 0
Note: these with what he had before makes 100 guineas
" another draft for 400- 0- 0
" " " " 20- 0- 0

£ 1063- 3- 1½

Nov. 30 Examined my accounts, and find that I had when I landed in England,
cash 2- 2- 0
that I have received of Mr. Strahan his ballance 118-14- 6
of Caslon 5-17- 9
of Mr. Collinson 74- 2- 0
of my banker 949-14- 0 1150-10- 3

Subtract cash in hand this 87- 7- 1½
day 52-18- 0

Remains unaccounted for, being small expenses, of which no account was kept 34- 9- 1½
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<td>Paid at the Royal Society's feast 0- 5- 0</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; Coffee House</td>
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<td></td>
<td>&quot; &quot; coach</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; bought books at auction</td>
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<td>Dec. 1</td>
<td>&quot; &quot; coach to Harrison's</td>
<td>1- 6</td>
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<td>&quot; Harrison's to see his Longitude Clock</td>
<td>10- 6</td>
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<td>2 Paid coach to White Lyon</td>
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<td>do home</td>
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<td>cash to P. Collinson's servants</td>
<td>4- 0</td>
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<td>3 Paid coach to Montague House</td>
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<td>Paid for chess board &amp; men</td>
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<td>coach hire to Neat's &amp; back</td>
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<td>cash to Mr. Hunter's servants</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; to Billy</td>
<td>10- 6</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot;</td>
<td>4- 6</td>
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<td>3- 1- 0</td>
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<td>Dec. 3</td>
<td>Had in hand Nov. 30 cash</td>
<td>€52-18- 0</td>
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<td>rec'd of Mrs. Stevenson in change as overplus of what I gave her for coals</td>
<td>1- 1- 0</td>
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<td>spent as in preceding page</td>
<td>3- 1- 0</td>
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<td>to Billy more</td>
<td>1- 1- 0</td>
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<td>have now in hand</td>
<td>49- 7- 0</td>
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<td>small expenses not set down</td>
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<td>Dec. 4</td>
<td>To W. F.</td>
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<td>&quot; Peter Collinson's servant</td>
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<td>&quot; W. F.</td>
<td>4- 4- 0</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>Paid Capt. Lindsay for wine</td>
<td>19- 6- 0</td>
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<td>Mr. Hunter Dr for 3 doz. wine</td>
<td>4-14- 6</td>
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<td>for bottles</td>
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<td>Mr. Kinnersley Dr for globe</td>
<td>1-10- 0</td>
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<td>Mr. Taylor Dr for thermometer</td>
<td>18- 0</td>
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<td>10</td>
<td>Paid for mending watch</td>
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<td>coach to Mr. J's</td>
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<td></td>
<td>servant</td>
<td>1- 0</td>
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*See Dictionary of National Biography, article on John Harrison, inventor of a chronometer for determining longitude.

*This was probably the White Lion Tavern in Gracechurch Street.

*At this time the British Museum occupied Montague House.*
13 Paid to Mr. Osborne's servant
   " " Dr. Pringle's "
   " " coach to Dr. Pringle's
   " " cash to Society for Arts &c.
   " Mrs. Stevenson 17- 6- 0
   " to W. F. 2- 2- 0
   " small expences not entered 1- 1- 0

Dec. 25 Paid Mrs. Stevenson for sundry disbursements 2- 7- 3
   " to Mr. Moore's servants 2- 0
   " " coachman 5- 0
   " " Peter Collinson's servant 1- 0
   " " wigmaker's boy 1- 0
   " " Symmer's servant 2- 0
   " " King 1- 0
   " " Osborne's servant 2- 6

Dec. 1 Jas. Parker Dr for a pair green spectacles and case 9- 0
Union Library Dr for sundry optical instruments and charges on same, insurance &c. 7-11- 0
31 Paid Morris, mercer, for velvet for myself 19- 3- 0
Son Wm. Franklin Dr for cash paid Morris for him 24-11- 0

1758
Jan. 2 Paid Mrs. Stevenson sundry disbursements 1- 5-10
   " " " " " " " " " " " 3-15- 5
   " " to Mr. S. servant 4- 6
   " " Dr. Cleph's " 4- 0
5 " Graham, stationer, in full for stationary, Votes & newspapers 3- 1- 5½
   " James Fraser, apothecary 3-12- 6
   " Jeffries maps 1- 8- 9
12 " Rickards, hatter, for hats & hose 6- 3- 6
   " " " " " " for Billy 6-18- 6
14 " Hotham, hose 5- 6
16 " in the City, dinner, coffee & supper 6- 1
24 Rec'd of Benj^ Franklin 12 guineas, in part for coach hire from the 23d. of December last, per me 12-12- 0

T. BOWMAN
To W. F. 10 guineas 10-10-0

“ Rob’t. Charles on account of Province 27- 6- 0
Paid for seals 2- 2- 0

Feb. 16 “ “ sundry goods sent to Mrs. Franklin with insurance as per Mr. Collinson’s account 19- 3- 6

Feb. 23 Mr. Parker Dr for cash paid
Mr. Caslon for his letters 18-17- 4½
more “ 10- 6
charges 1- 1- 0 20- 8-10½

Note: the above shipt on board the James and Mary, Capt. Friend, for New York, together with the letters for James Franklin, in 10 boxes, 8 marked J. F. No. 1 to 8; 2 marked J. P. No. 1, 2.

James Franklin’s letters amounted to 87- 2- 9
Mr. Parker Dr for insurance of his printing letters per Capt. Friend, 2 boxes 3-17- 6

James Franklin Dr for insurance of his printing letters per Capt. Friend in the James and Mary 16-17- 6

Rec’d of Benjamin Franklin £48-1-0, whereof £37-16-0 is for lodging, board of servants & sundry disbursements for the table; the rest for goods bought on his account as per bills, to go to Philadelphia, being in full to this day. 48- 1- 0

MARG’T. STEVENSON

Memo. of things unpaid for at the settlement of Feb. 25 with Mrs. Stevenson—
6 breakfast cloths
sundry things at Mr. Nind’s hat for Miss Hunter
of the above Mrs. S. has not yet had the bills brought in, and so they could not be charged.

Memo. I have received sundry sums of

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* For a description of these things, see Franklin’s letter to his wife, dated February 19, 1758 (WRITINGS III. 430-435).

* Caslon was the famous London typefounder.

10 Parker was James Parker, printer at New York and formerly Franklin’s partner there.

11 James Franklin was the son of Franklin’s brother James, and had been an apprentice in the shop of his uncle; at this time he was printing at Newport, Rhode Island.
banker, lately, and bought divers goods to go to Philadelphia, not mentioned above—see the bills.

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<td>paid Mrs. Stevenson for blankets</td>
<td>47-15-10</td>
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<td>paid Mrs. Stevenson for blankets</td>
<td>2- 2- 0</td>
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<tr>
<td>joiner</td>
<td>1-15- 0</td>
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<td>Mr. Wilson’s servant</td>
<td>1- 0</td>
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Mar. 3 cash in hand | 15- 4-10½ 73-10- 0 |

Feb. 27 Rec’d of B. Franklin twelve guineas for one month’s coach hire per me | 12-12- 0 |

T. BOWMAN

| Mr. Parker Dr for sundry goods shipt on board the Terrible, Capt. Power (chiefly arms) as per bills & invoice | 66-16- 0 |
| deduct one pair pistols | 2-12- 6 |
| insurance at 15 per cent | 10-10- 4½ |

23 Paid Mr. Partridge £ 30 on account of the Province | 74-13-10½ |

Mar. 7 Paid Alstone & Ceal’s bill for beer & cyder | 2-18- 0 |
| “ Forfar, hatter, for hats (part Billy’s) | 1-15- 0 |
| “ auctioneer for sundry instruments—part of Cuff’s sale | 18- 0- 6 |
| “ a draft of Alex. Gordon on me for which he has given me bills on his father, Mr. Thos. Gordon, Philadelphia. | 10- 0- 0 |

Received of banker | 78-15- 0 |
| lent Billy 10 guineas | 10-10- 0 |
| Mr. Parker Dr for additional insurance on the goods sent per | |

As soon as Franklin had recovered from his illness, he began to buy things which he sent to his wife and daughter and to various friends at home. For the details of some of these gifts, see his letter of February 19, 1758, to his wife (WRITINGS III. 432-435).

Mrs. Stevenson did a good deal of shopping for him.
Capt. Power, as appears per Mr. Collinson's account, where the whole is charged £13-7-9 and I having estimated it at £10-10-4½ there remains to be charged 2-12- 4½

25 Rec'd of B. Franklin twelve guineas for one month's coach hire per me 12-12- 0

T. BOWMAN

Rec'd of B. Franklin £11-4-0 in full for 4 weeks lodging and for board of servants, to this day per me 11- 4- 0

MARG'T STEVENSON

Paid Mrs. Stevenson sundry expenses and disbursements for the last four weeks 6- 1- 4½

Apl. 5 Paid for sundries bought at auction (King's sale) 5- 5- 0

6 Library Company of Phila. Dr for subscription to Mr. Stuart's Antiquities of Athens 2- 2- 0

8 Bought of George Adams sundry electric implements 7- 9- 0

20 Paid Mr. Partridge to be employed in seeing council [counsel] and other expenses on Smith's petition

27 Rec'd of B. Franklin 12 guineas for one month's coach hire per me 12-12- 0

T. BOWMAN

28 Paid Bailey for electric machine 7- 0- 0

May 4 Paid for holland bought at auction 8-18- 3½ 1- 1- 0

5 Rec'd of Benjamin Franklin £4-16-6, which with cash & stores rec'd before, makes fifty guineas, being in full for his & son's passage with their servants, per me 4-16- 6

W. LUTWIDGE

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14 This related to a petition of Rev. William Smith, as to which see WRITINGS, III. 444 and note. In an unpublished letter of May 13, 1758, from Franklin to Thomas Leech, Speaker, it is stated that the Assembly was represented in this matter by Joshua Sharpe as solicitor and by Parrot and De Grey as counsel.

15 On April 28, 1758, Franklin wrote to Thomas Hubbard of Boston, that in pursuance of a memorandum written by Prof. Winthrop of Harvard, he had delivered to a Mr. Mico for Winthrop, a mahogany case lined with lead, containing thirty-five square glass bottles; a glass globe such as Franklin had used at Philadelphia; and a large glass cylinder, mounted. It is probable that the above entries of April 8 and 28 relate to these instruments (WRITINGS III. 435-437).

16 This cloth was sent to his wife.
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6 Bought sundry millinery wares for Sally 2-15-6
8 " china ware of Hodgson 8-4-6
11 " a picture 1-1-0
12 " 2 gilt cups 18-8
13 " stationary for Mrs. Franklin of Baker 1-9-0
19 Benjamin Mecom Dr for a trunk of books consigned to him to be sold for my account; valued at £70-0-6 Lawful Money of Boston, at which price he was to sell them and be allowed 20 per cent for his trouble; (see my letter to him of this date) in Sterling the value is 52-10-4½ this trunk was sent per the America, Capt. Smith
20 Benjamin Mecom Dr for sundries sent by Capt. Smith in the America, viz:

ream embossed paper 2-10-0
chases & points 2-0-0
small books from Newburg 1-6-6½
case & charges 5-0 6-1-6½

19 James Franklin Dr for a trunk of books consigned to him on the same terms [as those sent to Mecom], value in Boston Lawful Money £48-19-0, which in Sterling money is 36-14-3
Paid for the above 2 trunks of books no more than £35-0-3½, they being bought extremely cheap 35-0-3½
20 Sent to Mrs. Franklin in Library Company's trunk, a ream of writing letter paper 0-13-0
200 large quills 7-0
2 lb. superfine wax at 4/6 9-0 1-9-0

June 1 Rec'd of Benjamin Franklin in full for coach and horse hire and all accounts to this day per me T. BOWMAN 18-13-9

Mecom was the son of Franklin’s favorite sister, Jane Mecom, and was at this time printing at Boston. He was never successful in business. See Franklin’s WRITINGS, passim, and a valuable paper by Dr. Wilberforce Eames, in PROCEEDINGS OF THE AMERICAN ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY, New Series, XXXVIII., Part 2, pages 303-348.

In his letter of June 10, 1758, to his wife, Franklin said: “I have sent in a trunk of the Library Company’s, some of the best writing paper for letters, and best quills and wax, all for Mrs. Moore, which I beg she would accept; having received such civilities here from her sister and brother Scot as are not in my power to return.”
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<td>Rec’d of B. Franklin in full for lodging, board of servants and sundry disbursements to this day as per account</td>
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<td>MARG'T STEVENSON</td>
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<td>Paid Florio, jeweller, for a pair paste buckles for Sally</td>
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<td>Paid Browne &amp; Whitefoord for wine to this day from Jan. 19</td>
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<td>“ Paid Graham for stationary, including 6 reams of paper for Parker, £4-1-0, and binding 6 Baskerville’s Virgil in vellum and 1 in calf</td>
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<td>Paid Miller for hat, cloak &amp;c. for Sally</td>
<td>2-8-6</td>
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<td>“ Wellington for millinery</td>
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<td>“ Mary Owen for making linnen &amp;c.</td>
<td>1-14-0</td>
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<td>“ Nind for box of tools</td>
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<td>“ Cartony for china</td>
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<td>“ Aldersley for tinfoil</td>
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<td>28</td>
<td>“ Nourse for books</td>
<td>4-18-0</td>
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<td>“ Dr. Fothergill, subscription for 6 Virgils</td>
<td>6-6-0</td>
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<td>July</td>
<td>Advanced to Conrad Shutz’s brother for which Conrad is to be answerable</td>
<td>4-4-0</td>
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<td>query: if not omitted in the note taken on Sept. 12</td>
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<td>29</td>
<td>Rec’d of B. Franklin in full for lodging, board of servants and all accounts to 26-18-11 per me</td>
<td>26-18-11</td>
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<td>Aug.</td>
<td>Rec’d of B. Franklin per me</td>
<td>10-0-0</td>
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<td>Paid D. Wilson for History of Arabians</td>
<td>1-0-0</td>
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<td>Rec’d of B. Franklin 21 guineas, advanced me by him at the request of my brother</td>
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As to Franklin’s acquaintance with Baskerville and his interest in the printing of Baskerville, see WRITINGS, passim; in 1758, Franklin presented to Harvard College “a Virgil thought to be the most curiously printed of any book hitherto done in the world.”

See WRITINGS III. 439.

This was bought for the Library Company.
Conrad shutz, which I promise to repay if not paid by my said brother

JOHANNES SHUTZ

30 Rec'd on account of the Union Library at Philadelphia

GEO. KEITH

Sept. 1 Paid Bowman on coach account

11 Rec'd of B. Franklin 12 guineas more, advanced me by him at the request of my brother Conrad, which I promise to repay if not paid by my said brother.

Witness my hand

JOHANNES SHUTZ

12 Memo. took one note for both the sums advanced to Schutz, in all 33 guineas, which note to be sent over for payment in Pennsylvania.

Academy of Philadelphia Dr to B. Franklin for cash part of Sisson's bill of £74-19-0 advanced him per Mr. Collinson and charged in his account to me for cash paid Sisson, remainder of his bill for balance paid Mr. Collinson for charges of protest, Dennie's bill on Baker

Cr by Peter Shore's bill 47-14-0

balance due to B. F. 132-14-5

" sent the above account to Mr. Coleman

13 Settled and balledance accounts with Mr. Collinson; only he has to receive for me some drawbacks on premium.

14 Paid Mr. Collinson in settlement sundry postages accrued since my arrival sundry insurances charges on shipping a trunk piece of silk also what he had advanced to Sisson and charges on box seeds

"Conrad Shutz was a paper maker of Philadelphia with whom Franklin had many dealings.
14 Rec’d cash of Mr. Collinson
since my arrival in Eng-land 21-16- 0
12 month bill I drew on
him 31-10- 0
cash 21- 0- 0
ballance of account in cash 46- 7- 9½

120-13- 9½

“ Memo. Isaac and Chas. Norris should be
charged with part insurance paid Mr.
Collinson, in proportion to the value of
the goods sent them and Cr for the
drawbacks.

15 Rec’d of Mr. Strahan since my
arrival in England, cash at
sundry times 101- 2- 5
settled and made all even in
Sept. 1757.

21 Paid Eyre, linnen draper, for 8 yds. cot-
ton 1-10- 8

27 “ Sisson for sundry electric implements 7- 2- 6
“ Osborne his bill 20-10- 6
and for remnant of parcel of books
in Mr. Dunlap’s hands 21- 0- 0

Isaac & Charles Norris Dr for books
sent them at different times, viz:
(bought of Osborne)
Compleat Body of Gardening 1-16- 0
do of Husbandry 1-15- 0
another do of Gardening 1-16- 0
2 do of Husbandry 3-10- 0
2 Lisle’s Observations on Hus-
bandry 1- 0- 0 9-17- 0

see Osborne’s bill of this date
Province of Pennsylvania Dr for 3 vols.
of Votes of House of Commons to com-
plete their set, bought of Osborne 10-10- 0

28 Paid Cuff for telescope for Mr. Norris
Memo. Mr. Charles repaid me this
money23 17- 7- 6

29 Paid Caslon for letters sent to my office,
under D. Hall, 311 lbs. Bourgeois 31- 2- 0
sent per Rebecca & Susanna, Capt.
Nicholson

30 Province Dr for cash paid James Roberts
for services 50 guineas 52-10- 0

* See WRITINGS III. 455.
Parker Dr for cash paid Caslon for letters 32-18-6
30 B. Mecom Dr for cash paid Caslon for letters 11-0-6
Oct. 2 Paid Crisfield for shoes 1-0-0
21 " Simson for buckskin breeches, at Fakenham 1-5-0
26 " Thos. Stephens for iron oven 5-7-8
Nov. 2 " Baskerville's bill, of which 2-4-0 for tea-board, waiters &c. 7-9-0
11 Settled with Mrs. Stevenson whose account for lodgings & disbursements from July 29 amounted to 54-7-9, which I now ballanced. 54-7-9
25 Paid Jones & Elton's account for linnen 39-15-8
Dec. 8 " Elias Bland ballance of my account 33-19-7
in which is included 12-19-4 postage of publick letters to be charged to the Province
" Elias Bland ballance of Sally's account 25-18-4
7 James Parker Dr for cash paid Caslon for 452 Long Primer 33-18-0
456 English 22-16-0 56-14-0
shipped in Capt. Eversen charges insurance
19 Benjamin Mecom Dr for stationary sent him per Capt. Small in the Three Friends bought of Baker & Fourdrioner 67-11-4

1759
Jan. 3 Memo. Rec'd from David Hall a bill on D. Barclay for £100 Sterling on account 100-0-0
also from Isaac Norris 2 bills for £300 and £200 Sterling, which he desires me to use on the publick account if I have occasion 500-0-0
" Rec'd also from the Union Library Company a bill on D. Barclay & Sons to pay Keith, bookseller 10-0-0
" Delivered these 4 bills to Hen- ton Brown & Sons, bankers, amounting to 610-0-0

*Before he began type-founding, John Baskerville was a successful manufacturer of japanned goods.*
22 Rec'd from B. Franklin on account of coach hire.  

T. BOWMAN

Feb. 1 Delivered to Henton Brown & Sons 2 bills viz: Tomlinson 40-0-0  
do 50-0-0

Mar. 4 Delivered to do  
Coleman on Barclay 32-14-5  
Apthorp on Thomlinson  
dated Boston, Dec. 19, 1758 100-0-0  
Hunter on do Phila. Dec. 1, 1758 100-0-0

" Academy Cr for bills from Mr. Coleman 132-14-5

" D. Hall Cr for a bill on Thomlinson No. 920 100-0-0

" Parker Cr for part of the above 50£ bill—the rest being on account of Post Office

" Paid Mr. Hunter 191-5-0  
which with £100  
paid in Nov. last 100-0-0

makes 291-5-0 291-5-0

being his proportion of Post Office money rec'd by me since Aug. 10, 1757, the Post Office account being previously settled to that time.

26 James Franklin Dr for 3 cases of stationary shipt him this day, on board the Sherborne, Capt. Calef, amounting with shipping charges and insurance to 95-5-3

31 Paid T. Bowman account coach hire 30-10-0

Apl. 3 Received from Mr. Parker the following bills, viz:  
Colden on Stanley, N. York, Feb. 26, 1759 £107-1-10
Punderson on Pearson, New Haven Dec. 27, 1758 12-10-0
Mansfield on do Derby, Dec. 26, 1758 7-10-0
Tuthill Hubbart on Treco-thick &c. Jan. 31, 1759 240-0-0

£367-1-10

Parker Cr for the 2 small bills on his own account 20-0-0
the other 2 bills are Post Office money

4 Bought on the 15th of last month £1500 of the New Subscription, viz: £1000 of Wm. Beckford, Esq. A No. 1079 and £500 of Mr. Lawrence Sidney, D. No. 846; the first payment receipt signed E. Stone to the £1000 and D. Race to the £500. Paid the broker £56-6

12 Paid broker Jno. Rice for the receipts for 15 tickets 159- 7- 6
paid before [supra] 56- 6- 0
his commissions 1-17- 6

217-11- 0
paid at the bank 1275- 0- 0

1492-11- 0
discount returned 11-11- 4

so that the £1575 Capital Stock with 15 tickets at £10 each, in all £1725 cost

The stock bears interest from Jan. 5, 1759 at 3 per cent

9 Rec'd by Capt. Finglass another bill from David Hall, being Hunter on Thomlinson &c. for £100 No. 945, dated Phila. Dec. 1, 1758

Mar. 13 Paid coal merchant's bill 17-13- 0

22 Bought lace of John Truelove, viz. 12 yds. at 0-5-6 and 7 yds at 0-13-0 7-17- 0

Apl. 14 Paid Geo. Keith's account against the Union Library Company in full 5-11- 0

20 Paid Brown & Whitefoord in full for wine 8-17- 6
Memo. At the same time paid them Mr. Hunter's account for wine, the money for which he had left in my hands viz. 8-13-6

26 Paid R. Strange, engraver, subscription for 2 sets prints, one for Billy 1- 1- 0

17 Paid Rob't Christopher in full [tailor] 50- 0- 0
Wm. Franklin Dr for cash paid Christopher 21-10-3

At the side of the above entry Franklin has written "and March 26, paid all the payments & had 11 guineas discount".

An investment of Franklin's own.
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<td>Paid Jeffery's for knives &amp; spoons</td>
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<td>May 5</td>
<td>Paid Crosson his account for stockings</td>
<td>6-8-0</td>
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<td>Wm. Franklin Dr for cash paid Crosson, his account</td>
<td>12-10-6</td>
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<td>17</td>
<td>Paid Mrs. Stevenson in full for lodging &amp; sundry disbursements and of all accounts to this day</td>
<td>167-0-6</td>
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<td>Rec'd from Isaac Norris the following bills, viz:</td>
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<td>£30-17-2 Campbell</td>
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<td>and delivered them to Messrs Brown bankers</td>
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<td>19</td>
<td>Rec'd from Mr. Parker on Mr. Colden's account, a bill Apthorp on Thomlinson &amp;c. dated New York, April 9, 1759, No. 1891, for £100-0-0 delivered the same to banker as above</td>
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<td>Rec'd a bill of £40 Razor on Partridge, with order from J. Norris in whose favour it is drawn, to present it to Partridge and leave the money in his hands on the publick account; but Partridge is dead. This bill is protested</td>
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<td>Rec'd from Isaac Norris another bill of £200 Jno. Hunter on Thomlinson &amp;c. dated Phila. Dec. 1, 1758, No. 1049. delivered these bills to banker</td>
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<td>Paid Mr. Neate a bill drawn by Mrs. Franklin in favour of Coombs</td>
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<td>Paid Nind his account for dish cross &amp; tea kitchen</td>
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<td>Paid A. Millar's account books</td>
<td>8-16-8</td>
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<td>Paid Graham's account for stationary</td>
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<td>&quot; Jefferies, engraver, for Indian map</td>
<td>4-19-0</td>
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<td>&quot; expenses of dinner at the hearing before Board of Trade—Province Dr for this</td>
<td>1-1-0</td>
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<td>May 30</td>
<td>Bought for Isaac Norris £500 subscription for the year</td>
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1759; on which 35 per cent had been paid, viz: 175- 0- 0
the 5 per cent additional Capital on £500 25- 0- 0
paid the remaining payments at the bank 325- 0- 0
paid broker's commission 12- 6 £525-12- 6

discount allowed by the seller, 20\(\frac{3}{4}\) per cent 108-18- 9
discount allowed by the bank for prompt payment of the £325

\[\text{Net Cost} \quad 1-18-11 \quad 110-17- 8\]

For this £414-14-10 Mr. Norris has £525
Stock in the bank, bearing interest at 3 per cent from Jan. 5, 1759, half a year's interest becoming due next month.

Memo. this Stock of Mr. Norris's is entered with mine in the books at the bank, where there is now £2100 under my name, but £525 thereof is to be transferred to Mr. Norris when he orders it, and in the meantime the interest as received is to be carried to the Cr of his account.

B. F. 27

Here follow sundry entries taken from accounts, receipts, letters & other memoranda of prior dates, and which ought to have been entered before. [The editor has already put in their chronological order all of said entries save that which immediately follows.]

Copy of account rendered by the Rev'd. Mr. Fisher of Wellingborough, who gave bond with the Administration for the due distribution of Mrs. Fisher's personal estate, 28 viz:

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27 At this time Isaac Norris was Speaker of the Assembly of Pennsylvania. The above was his private investment in the British Funds.
28 In 1758, Franklin had visited the town of Wellingborough in Northumberlandshire, and had found living there Mrs. Mary Fisher, a daughter of his uncle Thomas Franklin, and at that time an aged woman. Not long after his visit, Mrs. Fisher died.
Account Book of Benjamin Franklin

[The editor summarizes this account. The net amount for distribution was £79-18-4. After showing that, Franklin's account book goes on as follows:]

Note:
Mrs. Fisher's effects were to be distributed among her relations of equal degree, which were as follows:

Mrs. Ann Farrow, daughter of John Franklin
Mrs. Eleanor Morris, daughter of Hannah Franklin
Mr. Samuel Franklin of Boston, son of Benjamin Franklin [uncle of Dr. Franklin]
Mrs. Elizabeth Dowse, daughter of Josiah Franklin
Mr. Peter Franklin, son
Mrs. Jane Mecom, daughter
myself, son
all children of Thomas Franklin
whose granddaughter Mrs. Fisher was

I gave my share to be divided between Mrs. Farrow and Mrs. Morris, two poor ancient women; the other shares belonging to relations in America are in my hands, viz:

Samuel Franklin's share 11- 8- 4
Elizabeth Dowse's " 11- 8- 4
Peter Franklin's " 11- 8- 4
Jane Mecom's " 11- 8- 4

in all £45-13- 4

June 5 Paid Regnier his bill cloaths 3- 7- 0
Wm. Franklin Dr for cash paid do for do 25-17- 4
Feb. 15 Paid Howard, wigmaker for wigs 7- 7- 0
omitted " " dressings to this day 3-17- 6
June 6 " Dodsley's account for 3 sets Milton and Caractacus 2- 9- 6
7 " Nourse's account for Maupertuis' Works 1- 4- 0
" Wilson's " " sundry books 2- 2- 0
" Mr. Osborne on account of Isaac Norris, in part for a parcel of old books 40- 0- 0

15 Advanced to Mrs. James, a Pensilvania woman returning from captivity* 1- 1- 0

* On July 9, 1759, Franklin wrote to his old friend James Wright of Wright's Ferry, Pennsylvania: "there has been at my house one Mary James, who was taken from Juniata about three years and a half since, and carried by the Indians to Canada, was redeemed from them by Col. Schuyler and got among the French; was sent with other prisoners to old France, and after living there 15 months, got over hither. She tells me she left two children with you and your good sister, whom she is very desirous of seeing. I am endeavoring to procure a passage for her."
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29 Paid Nairne his account in full 4-18- 6
22 " Bailey for harpsichord 42- 0- 0
July 3 " for a snail to send to Sally 5- 0- 0
12 " Strahan in part 100- 0- 0
and before 12-12- 0
" Lent Elias Bland cash 300- 0- 0
" Memo. Sent to Mr. Hall 500 Reviews (50 to be delivered to the Assembly)
also sent to Parker 25 "
to Mecom 25 "

550

February 19, 1758, Franklin wrote to his wife: "the harpsichord I was about, and which was to have cost me 40 guineas, Mr. Stanley advises me not to buy, and we are looking out for another, one that has been some time in use, and is a try’d one, there not being so much de¬pendance on a new one, tho’ made by the best hands.” Stanley was the famous blind organist and composer, John Stanley, with whom Franklin was on friendly terms.

This loan was repaid on August 4th of this year. In 1743 Franklin had sent to Bland three guineas with which to buy for him a sconce; it may be assumed that Bland was a merchant in London.

The Review was the celebrated Historical Review of the Constitution and Government of Pennsylvania, London, 1759. In an unpublished letter from Franklin to Isaac Norris, dated June 9, 1759, he says: “the book relating to the affairs of Pennsylvania is now published. . . . The Proprietor is enraged. . . . He supposes me the author, but he is mis¬taken. I had no hand in it. It is wrote by a gentleman said to be one of the best pens in England, and who interests himself much in the concerns of America, but will not be known. Billy afforded great assistance, and furnished most of the materials. . . . I looked over the manuscript, but was not permitted to alter everything I did not fully approve. And upon the whole, I think it a work that may be of good use here, by giving the Parliament and Ministry a clearer knowledge and truer no¬tion of our disputes, and of lasting use in Pennsylvania, as it affords a close and connected view of our public affairs, and may spread and con¬firm among our people, and especially in the rising generation, those sentiments of Liberty that one would wish always to prevail in Pen¬sylvania. It is also a full refutation of Smith’s Brief States and Brief View, without doing the author the honour of taking the least notice of him or his work. On these accounts I agreed to encourage the publication by engaging for the expense. I hope the sale may pay a great part of it; to which end I wish it may be encouraged by our friends in Pennsylvania. Five hundred are sent over to D. Hall to be disposed of, and I have ordered 50 for the Assembly, to be distributed where you may think proper.”
AN E N Q U I R Y

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L O N D O N:
Printed for J. WILKIE, at the Bible, in St. Paul's Church-yard.
MDCCLIX.

From the original in The Historical Society of Pennsylvania.
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also sent to D. Hall 300 of Post's
Second Journals. Some of the
First were sent him before. also 1500 Inoculation Pamphlets
to be given away.

Sent Mrs. Franklin 2 Prayer Books, bound, cost

17 Paid T. Bowman on account of coach hire
23 Rec'd from Mr. Parker a bill,
Atkinson on Thomlinson

Aug. 2 Rec'd from Mr. Hall a bill,
Hunter on Thomlinson

**As to Post's Journals—the first was printed at London in 1759, as an Appendix to Charles Thomson's Enquiry into the Causes of the Alienation of the Delaware and Shawanese Indians, etc. The second journal was printed at London in the same year, and was entitled The Second Journal of Christian Frederick Post, on a Message from the Governor of Pensilvania to the Indians on the Ohio. On March 19, 1759, Franklin wrote to Israel Pemberton: “you will receive some of the printed Enquiries to which Post's first Journal is added, which being more generally interesting, occasions the other to go into more hands and be more read. Extracts of your and Mr. Thomson's letters are also added to make the thing more compleat. Mr. Hall has orders to deliver 25 to you and Mr. Thomson; and I hope you will promote the sale of the rest, that the charges of printing, etc. may be lessened. . . . I have just received the copy of Post's second Journal, which will be of good use. . . .”**

**In 1759, Franklin induced his friend Dr. William Heberden, of London, to write a pamphlet of plain instructions for inoculation in the small-pox; for this Franklin wrote an introduction of several pages; the whole was printed by Strahan and bore the title: Some Account of the Success of Inoculation for the Small-Pox in England and America, together with plain Instructions, by which any Person may be enabled to perform the operation, and conduct the Patient through the Dis-temper. In his Introduction Franklin says that Heberden at his own expense printed a very large impression of this pamphlet, which was put into the hands of Franklin for free distribution in America. The account book which we are studying contains in the above entry the first indication we have as to the number of copies sent to America. This pamphlet is now very rare.**

**On June 10, 1758, Franklin wrote to his wife: “I have ordered two large print Common Prayer Books to be bound on purpose for you and Goodey Smith; and that the largeness of the print may not make them too bulkey, the Christenings, Matrimonies, and every thing else that you and she have not immediate and constant occasion for, are to be omitted. So you will be reprieved from the use of spectacles in church a little longer.”**
SOME ACCOUNT
Of the Success of
INOCULATION
FOR THE SMALL-POX
IN
England and America.

TOGETHER WITH
PLAIN INSTRUCTIONS,
By which any Person may be enabled to perform the OPERATION, and conduct the Patient through the Distemper.

LONDON:
Printed by W. STRAHAN, M.DCC.LIX,
Heberden's Pamphlet with Introduction by Franklin
From the original in The Historical Society of Pennsylvania
Account Book of Benjamin Franklin

Rec'd from Mr. Norris 2 bills:
  Howell on Baker for 1000- 0- 0
  " " " " 1000- 0- 0

Rec'd from Mr. Clampffer on account of the Union Library, 2 bills, viz: 4- 9- 8
  20- 0- 0

7 Bought for Isaac Norris £500 of the 3 per cent Annuities, 1759, of Mr. Chamber, at 79¾ per cent 398-15- 0
  Paid broker transfer and commission 15- 0
  N. B. this £500 stands in my name at the bank, but belongs to Mr. Norris

8 Then adjusted accounts with B. Franklin, and received in full for lodging and disbursements and in full of all accounts 37- 7- 0½

MARG'T STEVENSON

Lent Mrs. Flower, wife of Henry Flower,* 3-13- 6
Phila.

4 Paid Brown & Whitefoord in full [for wine] 7- 4- 8

[In the Autumn of 1759, Franklin and his son William travelled nearly 1500 miles in England and Scotland. They left London early in August, visited Manchester, Liverpool and Derbyshire, and were in Edinburgh on September sixth; they spent six weeks in Scotland where they greatly enjoyed themselves. We do not know exactly how long they were away from London, but it is probable that they did not return until about the first of November.]

Nov. 2 Rec'd from Isaac Norris two bills £500 each 1000- 0- 0
  delivered the above to Messrs. Brown
Paid T. Bowman on account of coach hire 30- 0- 0

6 Paid a bill drawn by Mr. Allison of Falmouth on me for newspapers sent to D. Hall 6- 0- 0

13 Paid Mr. Charles on account of the Province, per order of Isaac Norris 100- 0- 0

Rec'd from Isaac Norris a bill on Messrs Baker for 200-0-0

Bought the 8th instant for Isaac Norris £2000 Stock cost at 84 per cent 1680- 0- 0
  commissions 2-10- 0

* She was in great distress and appealed to Franklin for aid.
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20 Bought two remnants of silk, viz:
  11 yds. lutestring  2- 0- 0
  13½ yds tissue  3-15- 6  5-15- 6
Paid Mrs. Stevenson  10-10- 0

28 Mr. Parker Dr for cash paid Caslon for a fount Great Primer 196 lbs.
Rec'd from Mr. Dunlap bill for 200-0-0
Isaac Norris Dr for cash paid Executors of Patridge by Razor's bill  40- 0- 0

Dec. 4 Bought for Isaac Norris
  £1000 at 86½
  broker's commissions  1- 5- 0
Paid Mrs. Stevenson  15-15- 0
12 Paid Christopher (taylor) cash  10-10- 0
14 Paid Mrs. Stevenson  2- 2- 0
26 " " "  6- 6- 0
31 " Thos. Field for Mr. Dunlap 100- 0- 0
  " Ken. Peck "  100- 0- 0
  " Mr. Strahan  80- 0- 0
  " "  8- 0- 0
28 Paid Brown, bookseller his account  5- 8- 0
  " for Gentleman's Magazine, 1731 to 1755 inclusive  4-16- 0
14 " Mr. Osborne his account  15-0- 0

1760
Jan. 4 " Mrs. Stevenson  3- 3- 0
11 " Mr. Bailey for a hand mill for Mr. Hunter  1- 5- 0
  " Mr. Belchier for a silk mill for Mr. Hunter  5- 0- 6
  Mr. Norris Dr for glass ware  7-13- 0
31 Rec'd from D. Hall a bill, delivered to banker  200-0- 0
  Mr. Parker Dr for invoice of stationary, insurance and charges  103-15- 2
4 Paid Mrs. Stevenson  5-15- 6
  Rec'd at the bank one year's interest on my Stock, viz: on £1575 at 3 per cent  47- 5- 0
  Isaac Norris Cr for cash rec'd interest of his Stock, viz: on £525 interest for one year  15-15- 0
  on £3500 " " ½ "  52-10- 0

Note: the reason that the latter sum bore interest but for half a year is because it was bought after the first half year's
interest had been received by the original subscribers. It bore interest, however, from July 5, 1759, tho' bought in November & December following.

Province Dr for cash advanced to Mr. Eyre the Solicitor 21- 0- 0
20 Paid Mrs. Stevenson 10-10- 0
22 " Caslon for Brevier for my own printing house 42- 2- 6

Mar. 7 Province of Pennsylvania Dr for more cash to Mr. Eyre Solicitor 131- 0- 0
11 Bought this day for Isaac Norris £500 more of the 3 per cent Annuities of 1759 at 81 per cent cost 405-0- 0
commissions to broker and transfer 15- 0
Sold my 15 Lottery Blanks for £72- 0- 0
12 On settlement of accounts with Mrs. Stevenson to the 10th inst. she is debtor to me 19-10-10
advanced her more cash this day 30- 9- 0
acknowledged per 49-19-10¼
MARG'T STEVENSON

24 Paid Christopher the taylor on account 28-8- 0
Isaac Norris Cr for interest received on his Stock ½ year on £4525 at 3 per cent 67-17 6

Memorandum: London, November 4, 1760
State of the Transaction at the Exchequer, relating to the Parliamentary Grant for the year 1758.
The sum given to Pennsylvania and the Lower Counties, jointly, for their 2727 men £29993- 0- 0
By Gen. Abercrombey's report there were of these, effective in the field from Pennsylvania 2446
from Lower Counties 281
— 2727
therefore the proportion to Pennsylvania was £26,902- 8- 0
to the Lower Counties 3,090-12- 0
Paid fees and gratuities at the Exchequer, viz:

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Remains to be divided between the two Governments £29,859-12-10

of which the share of Pennsylvania is £26,782-14-10
of Lower Counties 3,076-18-0 29,859-12-10

I received the whole, Mr. Barclay, Agent for the Lower Counties being present. I paid to him the above £3,076-18-0. I immediately went to the bank and lodged there the sum remaining in my hands, viz: 26,800-0-0 without deducting what I had advanced in fees, &c. at the Exchequer, viz: 17-5-6
or my commissions on £26,902-8-0 at ½ per cent 134-10-0 151-15-6
so that the neat sum in the bank, belonging to the Province, after I have drawn out the above articles will be 26,648-4-6

Excluding the Treasury fees, of which I have not yet an account, but they must be deducted when paid.

B. FRANKLIN

Paid for Treasury fees and gratuity, charged me by the Solicitor 13-13-0**

1760

Oct. 27 Rec’d from Isaac Norris a bill for 100-0-0
" " Mr. Dunlap " " 200-0-0
Memo. rec’d from Mr. Hall, a bill on Messrs. Portis for £360, but this being to make good £300 sent me before in bills on those gentlemen, with the damages 20 per cent on account of their

**On December 22, Franklin collected from Barclay, agent for the Lower Counties, £1-8-1, being the proportion of said £13-13-0 payable by said Lower Counties.
being protested, and that £300 having
been paid to and accepted by me, after
the protest, I do not offer the bill to
Messrs Portis for payment of the £360,
but shall return it to Mr. Hall.

Nov. 20 Rec'd from Isaac Norris 2 bills 200- 0- 0
" " " " 100- 0- 0
(omitted before—rec'd on Apr. 22, 1760)

Dec. 2 Province Dr for cash paid Mr. Eyre in
full of his bill (the balance) 317-18- 0
Mr. Dunlap Dr for cash paid
Peck 100- 0- 0
Mr. Dunlap " " " "
Field 100-0- 0
Mr. Chew of N. London in Con-
necticut Dr for printing letters
&c. bought of Mr. Caslon 54-18- 9
printing ink bought of Baylis 3-15- 0
insurance on do 7-12- 6

66- 6- 3
by a bill 57- 0- 0

ballance 9- 6- 3

sent per the Sherburn, Rob't Calef to
New York, consigned to Beverly Robin-
son
omitted charges

Dec. 18 Paid for the Stock bought for the
Province, viz:
for £1000 of the 4 per cent Annuities
of 1760, at 92 920- 0- 0
for £1500 do at 91\frac{3}{4} 1378- 2- 6
for £3000 do at 91\frac{3}{4} 2757-10- 0
for £2000 do at 92 1840- 0- 0
" 19 for £1000 do at 92 920- 0- 0
" 23 for £3000 do at 91\frac{3}{4} 2756- 5- 0
" 23 for £3500 do at 91\frac{3}{4} 3211- 5- 0

£13783- 2- 6

Rec'd of the broker cash overpaid in the
third article 1- 5- 0

£13781-17- 6

Memo: broker's commissions not yet paid
1761
Jan. 23 Lent Mr. Jared Ingersoll, Agent for Connecticut, £2000 of the Province money, to be repaid on demand, with interest at 4 per cent, for which he has, as a security, transferred to me £2500 of 4 per cent Annuities, which I am empowered by a written agreement to sell, in case the money is not repaid within 3 days after demand made. The Province is to be credited for the interest arising on this loan.

Mar. 27 Rec'd of Mr. Jared Ingersoll by an order on Messrs Brown my bankers, £2014, being the principal sum lent him with interest to this day, which interest £14 is to be carried to the credit of the Province account, and I have re-transferred to him his stock.

Jan. 26 Province Cr for interest received at the bank on their Stock of £15000 300- 0- 0
“ Isaac Norris Cr for interest received this day on his Stock, being 3 per cent for ½ year on £4525 67-17- 6
Feb. 20 Isaac Norris Dr for a case of glass ware 8-16- 0
paid portridge, freight, &c. 1- 2-11
9-18-11
deduct 2 glasses for the Brethren at Ephrata 15- 0
remains 9- 3-11

May 5 Bought this day for the Province £5000 of the 3 per cent Annuities consolidated at 87½ cost 4375- 0- 0
Paid broker his commission for purchasing this and the former Provincial Stock, being in all £20000 at ½ per cent 25- 0- 0
4400- 0- 0

At this time Jared Ingersoll was living in London, where he was Agent for Connecticut. From 1771 to 1777 he lived at Philadelphia, where he was judge of the Admiralty Court until the Revolution. In 1777, he returned to New Haven, where he died four years later.
June 10 Isaac Norris Dr for cash paid Col. Thos. Lloyd, on account of his order 50- 0- 0

July 5 Bought this day for the Province £10000 of the Subscription 1761 at 88 per cent, which when the payments are all made will amount to 8800- 0- 0

Paid for the payments that have been made upon this £10000 Scrip 4800-0-0 4800- 0- 0

" Isaac Norris Dr for cash paid Thos Lloyd 50- 0- 0

28 Paid this month's payment of Scrip 1000- 0- 0

" Isaac Norris Cr by interest rec'd this day on his Stock, being at 3 per cent for 1/2 year on £4525 67-16-6

" Province Cr for interest received this day on their Stock, viz: on £15000 for 1/2 a year at 4 per cent 300- 0- 0 on £5000 for 1/2 a year at 3 per cent 75- 0- 0

Aug. 10 S. Preston Moore Dr for cash paid this day Mr. Eyre the solicitor's bill on account of his account 36-15- 0

Sept. 23 Rec'd from Isaac Norris two bills for £100 each 200- 0- 0

Rec'd at bank interest on prompt payment of remaining payments, just before we left London, viz: August 14th; Province Cr for the sum, viz: 16- 7-10

Nov. 23 I do hereby assign to Isaac Norris £375 of my Stocks & he is Dr therefor at 71¾ per cent 266-14- 4½

Dec. 28 Rec'd from Isaac Norris a bill on Giles Baily &c. Bristol 97-10- 8

1762

Jan. 27 Rec'd from Isaac Norris a bill drawn on myself, payable in 30 days 100- 0- 0

30 I do hereby assign to Isaac Norris £200 of my Stock he is Dr therefor at 62½ per cent 124- 5- 0

Note: no interest on this till next July

*During August and September of this year Franklin travelled through Holland and Belgium, returning to London in time for the Coronation of George III.*
Feb. 12 Isaac Norris Cr by cash rec’d this day, being the interest on his Stock £4900 at 3 per cent for ½ a year 73-10-0

" Isaac Norris Dr for £100 of my Stock I do hereby assign to him at 65¼ per cent 65-5-0

" Province of Pensilvania Cr
for the neat produce of the £15000 4 per cents as per broker’s account £12436-10-0
for do of the £15000 5 per cents as per broker’s account 9500-0-0
for the interest of £5000 3 per cents ½ a year, received this day 75-0-0
for the interest of £10000 5 per cents one year, being the Stocks last bought 300-0-0

22311-10-0

Province Dr
for sundry bills accepted and paid or to be paid by me, amount to 22500-0-0

Feb. 16 Isaac Norris Dr for £150 of my Stock, which I do hereby assign to him at 66⅔ 99-15-0

At the end of August, 1762, Franklin sailed for home, and on the first of November he arrived at Philadelphia. He promptly resumed his duties as a member of the Assembly, and became very active in the affairs of the Post Office. In February of 1763 he presented to the Assembly his account as Agent; this was examined by a committee of nine members who on February 19th reported "we have examined the Account of Benjamin Franklin, Esq. with the vouchers to us produced in support thereof, and do find the same account to be just, and that he has expended, in the immediate service of this Province, the sum of £714-10-7 out of the sum of £1500 Sterling, to him remitted and paid, exclusive of any allowance or charge for his support and services for this Pro-
vince.’” Whereupon the House “Resolved, that the sum of £500 Sterling per annum be allowed and given to Benjamin Franklin, Esq., late Agent for the Province of Pennsylvania at the Court of Great-Britain, during his absence of six years from his business and connections, in the service of the Public; and that the thanks of this House be also given to the same gentleman, by Mr. Speaker, from the Chair, as well for the faithful discharge of his duty to this Province in particular, as for many and important services done America in general, during his residence in Great-Britain.” On March 4th the Speaker signed a certificate in favor of Franklin for £2214-10-7 Sterling.


Ibid., V. 253.