"Cash 'D' To Benjamin Franklin"

During the last fifteen years of Benjamin Franklin's life, his son-in-law Richard Bache took care of many of his financial affairs in Philadelphia, collected the rents on his Philadelphia properties, maintained these properties, paid his taxes and ground rents, kept up his membership in the Library Company, paid his pew rent in Christ Church, bought apples, nuts, and seeds for shipment to him in France, stored his library during the British occupation of Philadelphia, and subscribed on Franklin's account for Loan Office Certificates amounting to more than £3,000. It was Bache who sent for William Franklin when Deborah Franklin died on December 19, 1774, who arranged the details of her funeral, and who took over her responsibilities as Benjamin Franklin's agent pending the latter's return to Philadelphia on May 5, 1775. When Franklin was in Philadelphia in 1775-1776 and again in 1785-1790, he lived with the Baches, and when he died on April 17, 1790, Richard Bache settled his funeral expenses.

A detailed account of these and other transactions on Franklin's behalf was kept by Bache in his daybook, a volume of considerable importance which seems to have escaped the notice of Franklin scholars. This book is in the Library of The Franklin Institute, a gift of the late Dr. Edward B. Hodge and his sisters, the Misses Katherine and Margaret Hodge of Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia. The donors were collateral descendants of Richard Bache, and the account book is presumed to have been preserved in the family since Bache's death in 1812.

Richard Bache, born in England in 1737, had emigrated to America, became a merchant in Philadelphia, and in October, 1767, following the failure of his mercantile business, married Sarah, daughter of Benjamin Franklin. Her half-brother, William Franklin, considered him a fortune hunter, but their father, then in London, offered no objections to the match. Bache, after a trip to Bermuda and a visit to England, where he met Franklin for the first time, returned to Philadelphia early in 1772.
On January 28, 1772, Franklin wrote from London to his wife in Philadelphia: "Mr. Bache is about returning. His Behaviour here has been very agreeable to me. . . . He may keep his Store in your little North Room, for the present. And as he will be at no Expence while the Family continues with you, I think he may, with Industry and Frugality, get so forward, as at the end of his Term, to pay his Debts and be clear of the World, which I much wish to see."1

Although Franklin probably considered this a temporary expedient, Deborah Franklin’s death two years later and his own absence in France from 1776 to 1785 resulted in his house becoming the Baches’ permanent home. It was located in a court about two hundred feet in from the south side of present-day Market Street, half way between Third and Fourth Streets. Built in 1764-1765 while Franklin was in England, it was demolished by the Bache heirs in 1812. Franklin himself lived in it only during the years 1775-1776 and 1785-1790, sharing it during these periods with the growing Bache family and bequeathing it to them upon his death.

Prior to December, 1774, Bache sold to Deborah Franklin several items from his store, paid for fencing the pasture in Hickory Lane, collected one installment of rent on this pasture for her and repaid £60 which he had borrowed from Franklin while in London. After Deborah died, he collected a few sums that became due to her estate, paid two small bills, and received the proceeds of a draft by Franklin on John Foxcroft.

Upon Franklin’s return to Philadelphia in 1775, Bache was apparently appointed an agent to collect rents, pay taxes, and settle occasional miscellaneous accounts for his father-in-law. Franklin, overwhelmed with public responsibilities, was doubtless glad to avoid the details of dealing with tenants and tradesmen, and henceforth Bache took care of such transactions for him. This arrangement was continued when Franklin sailed hurriedly for France on October 26, 1776, and from that time onward his personal business affairs in Philadelphia were in Bache’s hands and were entered systematically in the latter’s daybook.

It is possible to read into a few of the bare financial records of these affairs a sense of urgency and crisis, as, for example, when Franklin, about to leave on his mission to France, settled accounts for his

household expenses while in America and turned over a large sum to
his son-in-law for investment in the securities of the Continental
Congress; when Bache paid the driver of the coach which took
Franklin to the ship at Marcus Hook, and collected the expenses for
Franklin’s recent trip to Staten Island to confer with Lord Howe in
a last effort to avoid the war; when he packed up Franklin’s cher-
ished library and shipped it to Bethlehem for safekeeping, and col-
lected the final balance due him from the post office.

Far more numerous are the entries of rent collected from the
tenants of Franklin’s houses, repairs to the properties, and payment
of taxes. The income from rents was consistently much in excess of
taxes, and at no time was Franklin in debt to his son-in-law on the
basis of an unfavorable balance in Bache’s accounts. By March 1,
1787, there was an accumulated credit to Franklin of £2,172 5s. 11d.,
a sum for which Bache gave his bond in settlement.

When Franklin died on April 17, 1790, he left a major part of his
estate to the Baches. They inherited all his Philadelphia properties,
the bond which he held against Richard Bache, and the balance of
the latter’s indebtedness to him. The details of these and one or two
other legacies were entered in the daybook, the last entry to mention
Franklin being on April 20, 1792, when Bache received £475 2s. 6d.
from the executors “on account of the Estate of Dr Franklin.”

Following is a chronological transcript of all of the entries in
Richard Bache’s daybook which contain Benjamin Franklin’s name.
Many of them are of minor importance, but in the aggregate they
should help to sharpen the references to many details whose general
character is known from other sources—especially from the Franklin-
Bache correspondence and from Franklin’s own account books. The
brief footnotes are not exhaustive, but serve merely to highlight a few
of the transactions which might, in their absence, be obscure to the
nonspecialist in Franklin’s career.

Perhaps the greatest value of these records will be found in the
light they throw upon the houses which Franklin owned in Phila-
delphia. These properties were the tangible results of Poor Richard’s
industry and frugality, and the foundation of his economic security
during the latter part of his life. They were mentioned frequently in
his letters to his wife and son-in-law and referred to with some emo-
tion in one of his last conciliatory conferences with John Fothergill
and David Barclay in London just prior to the beginning of the Revolutionary War. "It being hinted," he recalled, "how necessary an Agreement was for America, since it was so easy for Britain to burn all our Seaport Towns, I grew warm, said that the chief Part of my little Property consisted of Houses in those Towns; that they might make Bonfires of them whenever they pleased; that the Fear of losing them would never alter my Resolution to resist to the last that Claim of Parliament."  

Philadelphia

Penrose R. Hoopes

April 29, 1772  Returned Home, having closed my Co-partnership with Mr. George Cuthbert of Jamaica, by which (and a Present I received from my Father in Law Mr. Franklin) I am Gainer after deducting my Expences to England £1884.14. 1

May 1, 1772  To Benjamin Franklin, borrowed of him in London, for which he has my Note £60 Sterl. @ 65 99. 0. 0

May 28, 1772  Deborah Franklin Dr. To sundry Accounts
To Genl Merchdize, for 2¼ yds Humhums 4/74
To Cash lent her 0.10. 3
         o. 7. 6
         o.17. 9

August 4, 1772  Benjamin Franklin Dr. To Bills of Exchange for a Remittance made him this day by John Whinneys Draft on Smith Wright & Gray of London @ 30 days Sight for £60 Sterling @ 65 99. 0. 0

2 Franklin's "An Account of Negotiations in London . . ." (1775), ibid., VI, 374.
3 On Jan. 28, 1772, Franklin wrote to his wife from London: "I have given him [Bache] £200 Sterlg to add something to his Cargo." On Jan. 29, 1772, Franklin wrote his daughter Sarah Bache: "That his Voyage hither might not be quite fruitless, I have given him 200£ Sterling; with which I wish you good Luck." Ibid., V, 375, 377.
4 Humhum is a coarse Indian cotton cloth.
5 This entry was for payment of the money borrowed by Bache and recorded above in his entry for May 1, 1772. Smith, Wright & Grey were Franklin's London bankers. On Oct. 7, 1772, Franklin wrote Bache: "The Bill you sent me for £60, Whinney on Smith, Wright, & Grey, being good, I return your Note enclos'd and cancel'd. There remains Five Guineas unpaid, which you had of me just on going away, so I suppose you forgot it. Send it on a venture for Ben [Franklin's young grandson, Benjamin Franklin Bache] to Jamaica." Smyth, V, 441.
May 24, 1773  Benjamin Franklin Dr. To Cash paid for posts & Rails for fencing the pasture in Hickory Lane 7
p’d putting up the fence  211. 5
   19. 0
   310. 5

June 28, 1773  Cash Dr. To Benjamin Franklin rec’d in full
To Mrs Franklin in full  310. 5

October 26, 1773  Mrs Franklin Dr. To sundry acc’t for
sundrys bought at sundry times

To Wine Acc’t for 7 Gallons Madeira 510. 0
   1/4 d° Teneriffe  1. 8
   1/4 d° Mountain  2. 0
   513. 8

To Rum Acc’t for 5 Gall° Spirits 112. 6
   1/4 d° Rum  1. 0
   113. 6

To Sugar Acc’t for 5 Loaves suger 481b 4oz @ 111/2d & 12d 217. 8
To Cash paid for Cutting & hailing Wood  11. 0 1015. 10

January 13, 1774  Cash Dr. To Mrs Franklin, rec’d for Rent
of the pasture from J. Bayard  710. 0

April 27, 1774  Daniel Crockett of Jamaica Dr. To sundry acc’t
To Benjamin Franklin, for the Amount of my Draft on
Francis Roper, on said Crockett’s Acc’t, which was paid for my
Honar by Mr Franklin, Roper not being to be found—
£27.18.0 Sts @ 65 6ct  46. 0 6

January 31, 1775  Cash Dr. To Benjamin Franklin rec’d
from Mrs Warrington in part for rent of the house she occu-
pies in pewter platter Ally  610. 0

February 16, 1775  Benjamin Franklin Dr. To Cash p’d 2d
poor Tax for 1774  110. 0

6 Lawn was a sheer linen or cotton fabric used for dresses.
7 Hickory Lane ran west from the present Fifth St. and Fairmount Ave. to Ridge Ave. The pasture there was the place, it has been conjectured, where Franklin may have made his experiment with the electrical kite in 1752.
8 On Feb. 17, 1774, Franklin had written Bache from London: “Inclos’d I send you the Bill I paid for you. There was no Protest.” Smyth, VI, 193.
9 Deborah Franklin had died on Dec. 19, 1774, and Bache had taken over the collection of rents on Franklin’s properties.
"CASH D' TO BENJAMIN FRANKLIN"

March 7, 1775  Benjamin Franklin D'r To Exchange for his Draft on me in favour Thomas Folguer, @ 30 days for £27.18 St@ @ 65 $ c10

March 10, 1775  Sundry Accounts D'r To Thomas Folguer, viz:
Exchange for Doctor Franklin's Draft on me in his favor for £27.18 St to be paid at the Current Exchange at the time of acceptance being 62½ is

March 20, 1775  Doctor Franklin D'r To Cash paid Watch & Lamp Tax

March 24, 1775  Benjamin Franklin D'r To Cash paid Peter Witner, Taylor as $ account of sundrys done for George11

March 29, 1775  Cash D'r To Thomas Foulger, rec'd for Benjamin Franklin's Draft on John Foxcroft for £283.13.0 St@ @ 62½ $ c12

April 29, 1775  Cash D'r To Benjamin Franklin rec'd for a years Rent for the house in sixth Street due this day

May 6, 1775  Benjamin Franklin D'r To Cash paid Barret the Butcher's account13

May 10, 1775  Cash D'r To Benjamin Franklin rec'd of Mary Warrington in part of a year & half's rent due the 1st Inst for the house she & Captain Robinson lives in, in pewter platter Ally £24 $ an14

Benjamin Franklin D'r To Cash
- p'd Benjamin Randolph's Acc16
- p'd Sexton of Christ Church
- p'd send'd Express for Gov. Franklin15

10 After waiting about a year for Bache to reimburse him for payment of the latter's dishonored draft on Francis Roper, noted in the entry for Apr. 27, 1774, Franklin drew on Bache for the amount, payment to be made to Thomas Foulger. This transaction is recorded in Franklin’s ledger at the American Philosophical Society (APS) under date of November, 1772. BF 85, f. 6.17, p. 56.

11 George was presumably Franklin's old Negro servant.

12 John Foxcroft was Franklin's associate as deputy postmaster of the colonies.

13 Franklin had arrived in Philadelphia from England the day before.

14 Since Bache continued to collect Franklin's rents and to pay his taxes after Franklin's return to Philadelphia, it is evident that Franklin appointed him agent for these purposes.

15 These were expenses for Deborah Franklin's funeral. Benjamin Randolph, noted Philadelphia cabinetmaker, probably furnished the coffin. The sexton of Christ Church dug the grave. The final charge is explained in Bache's letter to Franklin of Dec. 24, 1774: "I sent an Express to Amboy for the Governor, who came in time to attend the funeral." APS.
May 19, 1775  Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash paid Peter Stout for cleansing a Vault belonging to the house in pewter platter Alley

June 1, 1775  Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd from Frederick Stonematz, for half years rent due this day, for the house he lives in, in Market Street

June 13, 1775  Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd from Frederick Foulke for rent of the House on the Lot in Arch Street

June 14, 1775  Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash paid his half of rent for the pew in Christ Church

June 28, 1775  Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd from Eden Haydoch in part of rent

August 5, 1775  Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash paid Mrs Soumain for Work done for Mrs Franklin

August 8, 1775  Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin, rec'd from Mary Warrington in part of Rent due

August 12, 1775  Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash paid Mrs Leech & Mrs Posden their account & for attendance &c at Mrs F. funeral

Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash paid for a Load of Lime

August 25, 1775  Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash paid Thomas Middleton Baker the Balance of his acc't

November 17, 1775  Cash Dr To Dr Franklin rec'd from Mary Warrington in part of Rent

November 27, 1775  Cash Dr To Benjn Franklin rec'd from Elizabeth Reeves for a quarters Rent due the 7th Instant

February 28, 1776  Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash paid James Budden for Tea &c

March 29, 1776  Benjamin Franklin Dr to Cash, paid Shoeing his Mare

16 The vault referred to may have been a privy, but more likely was a storage space for firewood or for ice.

17 The Baches were members of Christ Church and had arranged for Deborah Franklin's interment in the church's burial ground. Perhaps because of this Franklin assumed half of their pew rent.
May 11, 1776  Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin Esq. rec’d from Betsey Reves for Rent of the House in pewter platter Alley 1.17. 6

May 29, 1776  Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec’d from William Neick for a year’s rent due the 29th ult° 10. 0. 0

June 1, 1776  Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin, rec’d from Frederick Stonemats for Rent—a year’s Rent due this day 26. 0. 0

Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash in full for Cedar Ware 11. 0. 9

June 22, 1776  Cash Dr To Benjn Franklin rec’d from Mary Warrington in part of Rent 2.12. 6

October 29, 1776  F & P. Expences Dr To Benjamin Franklin for Amount of Sundrys paid by him for me in England £36.8.2¼ Sts 60.13. 7

Benjamin Franklin Dr To F & P. Expences for Amount of house Expences, during his Residence in America as Acc’t settled by himself 25th Cur° 352.16.10

Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin’s n/a rec’d from him, for which I have given him two Receipts to the amount of £3353.17.6 but he having taken some Gold out of two of the Bundles of Money, I have actually rec’d no more than 3327. 5. 6

November 4, 1776  Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash paid Hales for hire of his Coach to Marcus Hook 19 3.15. 0

November 11, 1776  Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash paid repairing the house in pewter platter Alley 1.18. 3

Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec’d the Balance of Birtges’ Bond & Interest 68.10. 0

November 25, 1776  Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin, rec’d from Mr Rutledge amount of what B. F. expended in their Journey to Staten Island, which is charged in B. F. a/c with Congress 20 11. 2. 10

18 This settlement of accounts was brought about by Franklin’s departure for France on Oct. 26, 1776. The large sum of money Franklin turned over to Bache was for investment. See entry for Dec. 30, 1776.

19 For transportation of Franklin and his grandsons from Philadelphia to Marcus Hook, where they boarded the armed sloop Reprisal, which sailed for France on Oct. 27, 1776. John Hale kept a livery stable near the New Market. Pennsylvania Gazette, Feb. 7, 1776.

20 Franklin’s share of the expenses incurred when he, John Adams, and Edward Rutledge conferred with Lord Howe at the Billop House on Staten Island on Sept. 11, 1776, in a final effort to compromise the differences between Great Britain and the Continental Congress.
November 27, 1776  Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin for Balance due him from General Post Office 5th Oct' last 522.19. 7

December 5, 1776  Benjamin Franklin Dr to Cash p'd John Walker, William Carty, and Robert Lattimore for halling three Waggon-loads of Books up to Robert Lattimore's house near Bethlehem, where they are to be stored 18. 7. 6
N. B. The above 3 Loads consist of 14 Boxes and 4 Trunks, all marked R: BACHE—with black Ink21

December 10, 1776  Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash paid for 14 Cases to pack his Library in 5. 1. 8

December 30, 1776  Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash paid into the Loan office as $ his Directions & Certificates appears 8100 Doll22

March 8, 1777  Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash p'd provincial Tax 8.18. 6

April 8, 1777  Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash p'd Watch & Lamp Tax 3. 2. 6

April 24, 1777  Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash p'd a years rent for half a Pew in C. C. 1.10. 0

May 6, 1777  Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd for rent for the house in pewter platter Alley in the tenure of Wm Cox 13.10. 0

May 15, 1777  Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash p'd John Palmer the Balance of his Acc't as $ Acc't & Rec't 52. 1. 8 2

June 10, 1777  Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd for a years rent for the house in the tenure of Frederick Stonematz 26. 0. 0

Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash p'd for a bathing Tub 5. 0. 0

July 20, 1777  Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd for a horse sold at Vendue being blind 15. 5. 0

21 "On the approach of the Enemy towards this City," wrote Bache to Franklin on Feb. 5, 1777, "I had your Library packed up & sent to Bethlehem, where I intend it shall remain 'till our public affairs wear a better aspect." APS. Since Bache was very thorough in sending out of town virtually all the books Franklin owned, it may be assumed that the books Franklin purchased at auction in 1762, described elsewhere in this issue, went with the rest to safety. Robert Lattimore was a member of a Scotch-Irish community near Bethlehem. He was active in the affairs of the Presbyterian Church and was a man of substance. John C. Clyde, Genealogies, Necrology, and Reminiscences of "The Irish Settlement" (n.p., 1879); Clyde, History of the Allen Township Presbyterian Church (Philadelphia, 1876), 46.

22 "As soon as the Loan Office was opened, your money agreeable to your directions, was put out." Bache to Franklin, Feb. 5, 1777, APS.
July 29, 1777  The State of Virginia Dr To Benjamin Franklin for a quantity of Types, Cases &c sold to that State, the price of which is to be settled by B. F. which I have requested him to do, in my Letters lately wrote him23

July 30, 1777  Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd for a years rent for the house in sixth Street due 29th April last

August 9, 1777  Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash paid S: P: Moore for 2 Ground rents due in Decr & March last as P rec'd24

October 1, 1778  Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd of William Cox for a year and a quarters rent due the 24th Ult° for the House in Pewter platter Alley

October 2, 1778  Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd of William Neick for a years rent for the house in 6th Street due 29 April last

Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd from Mary Jacobs on acc° of Rent

October 6, 1778  Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd the Interest on Loan office Certificates for 8100 Dollars, from 30th Decr 1776, to the 10th Sepr 1777 @ 6 $ c° is 338.18/90

October 17, 1778  Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd from Mary Jacobs in full for rent to the 15th Inst. N. B. She is to pay £250 sh 27.16. 6

23 On July 15, 1777, Gov. Patrick Henry of Virginia had written to Bache that the General Assembly of Virginia had ordered the printing of a new edition of the state laws, and that the types owned by Franklin were the only ones available for the purpose. He asked for the loan of these types, offering to pay for them, return them, or replace them. APS. Eight years later, on Oct. 8, 1785, Franklin wrote to Henry that as no agreement had been reached for settlement of the account, and as his own record of the original costs of the types was lost, the printer who had received them should report the weight of the types and the character of other materials received. Franklin would then be able to know how much to charge the state. Proctor Institute, Ithaca, N. Y. The charge was still unsettled when Franklin made his will on July 17, 1788, leaving to Richard Bache "the money due me from the State of Virginia for types."

24 Prior to 1757, Samuel Preston Moore had conveyed property to Franklin subject to a perpetual ground rent. See Franklin's will of Apr. 28, 1757, Franklin Institute.

25 The long overdue first payment of interest on Franklin's Loan Office Certificates, purchased for him by Bache and entered above on Dec. 30, 1776. In a letter of Feb. 11, 1785, Franklin referred to his experience with this loan: "I lent the old Congress £3,000 hard money in Value, and took their Certificates promising Interest at 6 per cent, but I have receiv'd no Interest for several Years, and if I were now to sell the Principal, I could not get more than 3s 6d for the Pound which is but a sixth part."
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26 During the occupation of Philadelphia, the British destroyed the fences around Franklin's pasture. BF 85, f. 6.17, APS.

27 Charges for storing Franklin's library at Robert Lattimore's house in Bethlehem. See entry for December 5, 1776.
December 30, 1779  Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash pd 2 years library fine
December 31, 1779  Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash pd Street Tax
January 28, 1780  Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash pd a State Tax
February 12, 1780  Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd for a years rent of the house in Pewter Platter Alley of Wm Cox
April 8, 1780  Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd in full for rent from J: Hayes
May 27, 1780  Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd of Molly Jacobs for rent
May 30, 1780  Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash pd Continental Tax for the Jan & Feb
June 3, 1780  Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd of William Neick for a years rent due the 29th April
June 30, 1780  Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd for rent of the Post office in full to the 19th Instant
July 12, 1780  Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd of George Oakley a quarters rent due the 1st Instant
July 14, 1780  Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash pd Watch & Lamp Tax
August 10, 1780  Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash pd State Tax for the above four months [March, April, May & June] £480—County Tax £60—Paving Tax £86.10
August 30, 1780  Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash pd for boards & putting a Roof on the Water Closet
September 5, 1780  Cash Dr To Benj a Franklin rec'd from Molly Jacobs for rent

28 Franklin’s membership dues in the Library Company of Philadelphia. The financial records of the Library Company for this period have not survived, and there is no notice of this payment in the minutes of the directors.

29 This repair work may have been to restore Franklin's “Bathing House,” destroyed by the British during their occupation of Philadelphia. BF 85, f. 6.17, APS.
September 7, 1780  Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash pd
State Tax for July & Aug.  240. 0. 0

September 22, 1780  Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin recd
of William Cox half years rent due 24th Inst for house in
Pewter Platter Alley  450. 0. 0

October 2, 1780  Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin recd of
George Oakley for rent  292.10. 0

October 3, 1780  Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin recd of
John Black a years rent advanced for the house adjoining the
post office commencing the 1st Instant  2520. 0. 0

October 7, 1780  Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash pd poor
Tax  90. 0. 0

November 14, 1780  Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin recd
from Mary Jacobs for a qrs rent due 15th Ult  187.10. 0

November 20, 1780  Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin recd
for rent of Wm Neick  270. 0. 0

December 8, 1780  Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash pd for
Nuts & Apples to send to France  424.10. 0

December 10, 1780  Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash pd
half years pew rent  56. 5. 0

December 26, 1780  Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin recd
from John Linn for a quarters rent of the small house in pew-
ter platter Alley due 24th  187.10. 0

February 1, 1781  Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin recd of
Mary Jacobs for a quarters rent due 15th Ult  2625. 0. 0

February 26, 1781  Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin recd of
Wm Neick for a quarters rent  318.15. 0

March 22, 1781  Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash pd State
Tax for Sep Oct Nov & Dec  771. 2. 0

April 3, 1781  Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash pd 2d poor
Tax  262.17. 6

Bache shipped two barrels of apples (pippins) and one large barrel of nuts on board the
new twenty-gun ship Sheleia. Bache to Franklin, Dec. 20, 1780, APS.

This entry, when compared with the entry for Apr. 20, 1780, reflects the currency infla-
tion of the times.
April 25, 1781  Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash, pd
   County Tax 192.15. 0
   State Tax for Jan Feb Mar Mar Apr 771. 2. 0
   his proportion of Class Tax 560.16. 0 1524.13. 0

N. B. Paper Money being of so uncertain & fluctuating a Value my future Entries will be in Specie at the rate of 7/6 the Milled Dollar.

Rich Bache

May 11, 1781  Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec d of Molly Jacobs for a Qrs rent due the 15th Ult 35. 0. 0
Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec d of William Neick for a quarters rent due 29th Ult 3. 0. 0

June 5, 1781  Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash pd Watch & Lamp Tax

June 11, 1781  Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec d from William Cox for 3 qrs year's rent due 24th Instant 11. 5. 0

June 28, 1781  Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash pd the Hospital & Doctor's Bills for his old Negro Man George as $ Acc & Rec 7. 4. 9

July 3, 1781  Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec d from John Linn for rent 5. 0. 0

July 24, 1781  Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec d of Molly Jacobs for a qrs rent due the 15th Inst 35. 0. 0

August 2, 1781  Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec d of Wm Neick for a qrs rent due the 29th Ult 3. 0. 0

August 7, 1781  Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash paid his proportion of the Class for a Recruit 10.11. 1

October 10, 1781  Cash Dr To B. Franklin for a qrs rent of the small house in Pewter Platter Alley due 23rd Ult 2.10. 0

Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash paid his State Tax 24. 5. 3

32 This tax was assessed by Pennsylvania to raise 2,700 men for the army. Of these, 895 soldiers were to be recruited in Philadelphia at the expense of its inhabitants. Assessors were ordered to “class” taxable persons and property of the city into 895 equal parts, each class thus being responsible for recruiting one soldier. The Statutes at Large of Pennsylvania from 1692 to 1801 ([Harrisburg], 1904), X, 205-206.

33 In March, 1780, Congress had called in the depreciated Continental currency for a new issue at the rate of 40 to 1. The new issue had continued to depreciate and Bache sensibly decided to keep his accounts in hard money.
### November 1, 1781
Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin recd from Wm Neick for rent due the 29th Ult°

3. 0. 0

### November 10, 1781
Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash pd Wm Harper for a Wooden Spout, & putting up a Copper one

5. 5. 0

### November 17, 1781
Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin recd of Mary Jacobs for a quarters rent due the 15th Ult°

35. 0. 0

### November 20, 1781
Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin for a years Interest on Loan office Certificates, 486 Dollars @ 6/3

151.17. 6

### November 29, 1781
Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin recd from John Black a Q°° Rent for the House next the post office due 1st Jan° next

12.10. 0

### December 1, 1781
Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash pd Inglis & Harper's for shingling the penthouse &c as $ Bill

7. 1. 0

### December 4, 1781
Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash pd his Draft in favor of Chevalier de Catty for 300 Livres Tournois

19.10. 0

### January 2, 1782
Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin recd of William Cox in full for rent to the 1st February next

9. 5. 0

### January 17, 1782
Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash pd Robert Irvine's account for hailing Gravel &c

10. 8. 0

### February 2, 1782
Cash Dr to Benjamin Franklin recd from Mary Jacobs rent

35. 0. 0

### February 12, 1782
Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash pd Sinking fund Tax, County Tax, Lamp & Watch, & Street Tax

25.15. 6

### March 12, 1782
Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash pd John Bartram for 3 Boxes of Seeds, which I sent to ffrance

26. 5. 0

### March 26, 1782
Cash Dr To B. Franklin recd of Tho° Poulteney for half years rent due the 10th Instant

20. 0. 0

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34 Lamenting the many cash demands made on him in a letter to Franklin dated Nov. 24, 1781, Bache referred to "the necessary repairs to your Dwelling house, such as new shingling part of the pent houses on both sides the House; new spouts; one a copper one, in the room of the leaden one taken away by the public in the year 1777, for which I never could get any payment." APS. Also see entry of July 25, 1783.

35 "Your Bill on me for 300 Livres in favor of a French Officer, whose name I now forget, is duly honored, I accepted it in the beginning of September last, but he never called for the Money till now." Bache to Franklin, Dec. 2, 1781, The Historical Society of Pennsylvania (HSP).

36 "Tell Temple [William Temple Franklin] I have lately received a letter from him dated in September, that I have shiped him three Boxes of Seeds, some of which I trust he will receive." Bache to Franklin, Feb. 9, 1782, APS.
March 28, 1782  Cash Dr To B: Franklin rec'd from James Bryson for rent 11.11. o

April 12, 1782  Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd of George Shaw for ½ years rent 5. o. o

April 17, 1782  Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd from James Bryson his proportion of the rent due for post office to the 19th March last, after deducting repairs &c 20. 6. 6

April 29, 1782  Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin received of Mary Jacobs a quarter rent 35. o. o received of William Neick half years d° 6. o. o 41. o. o

May 6, 1782  Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd of John Black for a quarter rent due the 1st Ult° 12.10. o

June 10, 1782  Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd of Thomas Poultony for a quarter rent due this day 10. o. o

June 18, 1782  Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd of John Black for a quarter rent due 1st July next 12.10. o

June 19, 1782  Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd of James Bryson for a quarter rent due this day 25. o. o

July 20, 1782  Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd of Mary Jacobs for a quarters rent due the 15th Ins° 35. o. o

July 31, 1782  Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash paid quarterly supply Tax 9.17.10

Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd of Wm Neick for rent 3. o. o

August 10, 1782  Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd of Enoch Morgan half years rent due the 1st Instant 7.10. o

September 10, 1782  Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd of Tho° Poultney rent 10. o. o

September 19, 1782  Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd of J: Bryson a quarter rent 25. o. o

October 1, 1782  Cash Dr To B. Franklin rec'd of J: Black a quarter rent 12.10. o

October 22, 1782  Cash Dr To B. Franklin rec'd of Mary Jacobs a quarter rent due 15th Ins° 35. o. o

November 17, 1782  Cash Dr To B: Franklin rec'd from Wm Neick rent 3. o. o
B: Franklin Dr To Cash pd quarterly supply Tax

November 18, 1782  Cash Dr To B: Franklin recd for rent of Lampblack House

December 10, 1782  Cash Dr To B. Franklin recd of Tho* Poultony for rent

December 19, 1782  Cash Dr To Ben: Franklin recd of James Bryson rent

January 1, 1783  Cash Dr To B. Franklin recd of John Black rent

January 2, 1783  Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash for R. Morris’ Draft on Monsr Grand of Paris for Ls 2430 @ 6/3 Dolls remitted him as $ my Letter of 37

January 22, 1783  Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash paid Samuel P: Moore 6 years Ground Rent on Fox’s & Siddon’s Lots as $ Rec’d

January 23, 1783  Cash Dr To B: Franklin recd from Mary Jacobs rent

January 31, 1783  B. Franklin Dr To Cash pd 10 years Ground rent to Archibald McCall for the Lot in Hiccory Lane

February 4, 1783  Cash Dr To B. Franklin recd of Enoch Morgan in full for rent due the 1st Instant

February 12, 1783  B: Franklin Dr To Cash pd Jacob Shoemaker for Ground rent due Friends Meeting

February 28, 1783  Cash Dr To B. Franklin recd from George Shaw for a years rent due 23d next month

March 14, 1783  Cash Dr To B. Franklin recd for rent of Tho* Poultony

March 19, 1783  Cash Dr To B. Franklin recd for rent of J* Bryson

April 1, 1783  Cash Dr To B. Franklin recd for Rent of J. Black

April 17, 1783  B. Franklin Dr To Cash pd 3d Qarters supply Tax & State Money Tax

37 The undated letter referred to was evidently either Bache’s letter to Franklin of July 3, 1782 (HSP), or his letter of July 23, 1782 (APS). Both letters deal with Robert Morris’s draft on Ferdinand Grand of Paris by which a legacy was to be transferred from Germantown to Württemburg. At the request of the legatee, the money passed through Franklin’s hands.
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"CASH D' TO BENJAMIN FRANKLIN"

**April 22, 1783**
Cash D' To B. Franklin rec'd of Molly Jacobs rent
35. 0. 0

**May 1, 1783**
Cash D' To B. Franklin rec'd from Ant'y Steiner rent
3. 0. 0

**May 6, 1783**
Cash D' To B. Franklin rec'd from Will'm Neick for rent
6. 0. 0

**May 12, 1783**
Benjamin Franklin D' To Cash paid
4 years subscription to the Library 2. 0. 0
14th...p'd Wm Mathews & Hegan for a pump 9. 0. 0
11. 0. 0

**June 4, 1783**
Benjamin Franklin D' To Cash Stoneburner for bringing his Library from Bethlehem to Town
24. 0. 0

**June 7, 1783**
Benjamin Franklin D' To Cash paid
Gravel for the Alley & Garden 2.12. 6

**June 12, 1783**
Cash D' To B. Franklin rec'd a quarter's rent T: Poultney 12.10. 0
rec'd in part of a years rent from D: Chambers 7.10. 6
20. 0. 6

**June 30, 1783**
B. Franklin D' To Cash paid Michael McGannan for plaistering, Lime &
14.13. 6

**July 9, 1783**
Cash D' To Benjamin Franklin—
rec'd of James Bryson a qrs rent due 19th Ult° 25. 0. 0
rec'd of John Black do due 1st Ins't 12.10. 0
37.10. 0

**July 25, 1783**
B. Franklin D' To Cash paid the 4th Quarry Supply Tax
9.17.10

Cash D' To B. Franklin rec'd of Molly Jacobs for rent
35. 0. 0

**September 12, 1783**
Cash D' To B. Franklin rec'd of George Shaw half years rent due 23d Ins't 5. 0. 0
rec'd of Enoch Morgan a quarters rent due 1st May last 5. 0. 0
10. 0. 0

**September 19, 1783**
Cash D' to B: Franklin rec'd for a qrs rent of J. Bryson 25. 0. 0
rec'd of Thomas Poultney a qrs do due the 10th 12.10. 0
37.10. 0

**October 6, 1783**
B. Franklin D' To Cash paid 2 quarters State Tax for 1783
14.15.10

**October 10, 1783**
Cash D' To B. Franklin rec'd a qrs rent from John Black 12.10. 0
rec'd half years rent from Anthony Steiner 3. 0. 0
22 [Oct.]-rec'd quarters rent from Molly Jacobs 35. 0. 0
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<td>Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin recd of John McClean (a Negro) in part of rent due from John Black</td>
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**On July 27, 1783, Franklin wrote Richard and Sarah Bache to send him some "Newtown Pippins" and some chestnut and hickory nuts. APS.

***In June, 1784, Sarah Bache wrote Franklin that "till a few days ago I flattered myself you would have been with us on Schullkill Banks this Summer." APS.
July 19, 1784  Cash Dr To B. Franklin rec'd in part of rent due from David Chambers 8. 6. 8

July 28, 1784  Cash Dr To B. Franklin rec'd in part of a quarters rent due 8th Instant from Barbara Immell (?) 25. 0. 0
30th [July] rec'd of Mary Jacobs for a quarters rent 50. 0. 0

August 18, 1784  Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash paid Samuel P. Moore in full for two Ground rents 23. 0. 0

August 28, 1784  Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd from the State Treasury for Interest on Loan office Certificates due 10th Sept. 1782 182. 5. 0

September 14, 1784  Cash Dr To B. Franklin rec'd of Thos Poultney for a quarters rent 12.10. 0
20th [Sept.] rec'd of James Bryson for d° 25. 0. 0 37.10. 0

September 30, 1784  Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash for sundries for repairs of the House 8. 2. 3 45.12. 3
13th [Sept.] Paid William Fling in part for paint° 37.10. 0
21st [Sept.] Paid Jones, Clark & Cresson their acc° Boards 16. 4. 0

October 5, 1784  Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash paid Joshua Howell for nine years Ground rent due 3rd July last, to the Friends public School40 16. 4. 0

Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash for sundry repairs done to his Dwelling house—
George Corryell's Carpenter's Bill 18.15. 0
Tho° Poultney & Sons d° for Hinges &c 1.14. 0
James Hendricks d° Smith 1.12. 3
Thomas Harpers Bill 1.18. 0
Abram Robinson's d° Bricklayer 6. 4. 1
William Stiles d° Stonecutter 7. 2. 6
Greenfield & Humphreys for Iron Backs &c 6.12. 6 43.18. 4

October 19, 1784  Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash paid his Draft on me in favor of Monsieur Malide for 500°41 34.17. 2

November 9, 1784  Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd of Molly Jacobs for a quarter's rent due 15th Ult° 50. 0. 0

40 The Friends Public School became the William Penn Charter School in 1875.
41 Franklin, having received this sum of money on behalf of "Monsr Malide," a French soldier serving in America, sent Bache an order dated Apr. 6, 1782, to pay Malide, who needed the money for his return to France. Letters to Dr. Franklin, XXX, Part I, 11, APS.
Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash p'd for repairs of Molly Jacob’s House

December 9, 1784 Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd of Enoch Morgan in part of Rent

December 11, 1784 Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd of Barbara Immell, on account of rent

December 17, 1784 Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin of Thomas Poultney a quarters rent

December 21, 1784 Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd of James Bryson for a quarters rent

January 3, 1785 Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash paid poor Tax for last year

5th [Jan.] paid William Fling in full for paint$ 18.15. 0

January 27, 1785 Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd from Barbara Immell on acct rent

Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash paid for the renewal of three policies of Insurance on three of his houses

January 28, 1785 Cash Dr To B. Franklin rec'd for a quarters rent from Molly Jacobs due 15th Instant

February 28, 1785 Cash Dr Benjamin Franklin rec'd of Enoch Morgan on acct rent

March 3, 1785 Sundry Acc$ Dr To Cash, paid Dock, Lamp, Street & County Taxes

Profit & Loss, for my proportion

Benjamin Franklin for his d$ 11.15. 6

March 10, 1785 Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd from Thomas Poultney & Sons for rent

March 21, 1785 Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd from James Bryson for a quarters rent

April 8, 1785 Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd from George Shaw in full for a years rent

April 27, 1785 Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd from Barbara Immell, on acct rent

These insurance renewals were with the Philadelphia Contributionship, since its only rival, the Mutual Assurance Company, had only been organized four months earlier.
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<td>Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd from the Estate of David Chambers dec'd a composition in full for the rent due to the 16th Ult° he having died very poor</td>
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43 Franklin had arrived in Philadelphia from France on Sept. 14, 1785.
October 27, 1785  Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd of Mary Jacobs in part of rent  25. 0. 0

November 7, 1785  Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd of Casper Singer in full for rent  30. 0. 0

December 21, 1785  Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash paid funding Tax  14. 8. 5

December 22, 1785  Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd of Thos Poulteney & Sons for a quarters rent due 10th Ins 12.10. 0

December 24, 1785  Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash paid poor Tax  5. 0. 2

December 31, 1785  Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd of D. Chambers in part of half years rent due 15th Nov  4.10. 0

January 15, 1786  Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd of Andrew Wood for half a years rent due 22d Dec  12. 0. 0

February 10, 1786  Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd of Caspar Singer for a quarters rent due the 8th Ultimo  20. 0. 0

February 16, 1786  Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd of Molly Jacobs in part of a quarters rent due the 15th Ultimo  30. 0. 0

March 6, 1786  Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd of Molly Jacobs in full for a quarters rent due 15th Janry  10. 0. 0

March 13, 1786  Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd of Thomas Poulteney & Sons for a quarters rent due the 10th Ins  12.10. 0

March 20, 1786  Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd of James Bryson in full for a quarters rent due the 19th Ins  25. 0. 0

April 12, 1786  Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd from Caspar Singer for a quarters rent due the 8th Instant  20. 0. 0

Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash paid two years Subscription to the Library Company not before charged  1. 0. 0

May 14, 1786  Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd of Molly Jacobs in part of a quarters rent due the 15th Ult  20. 0. 0

June 6, 1786  Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd of George Shaw for a years rent for the small house in Pewter Platter Alley  15. 0. 0

June 9, 1786  Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd from Molly Jacobs in full for a quarters rent due 15th April  20. 0. 0
Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd of David Chambers in part of 1 years rent for Shop in Arch Street due 15th Ult° 6. o. o

**June 19, 1786** Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd of James Bryson in full for rent 25. o. o

**July 11, 1786** Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd of Andrew Wood half years rent for the house in 6th Street due 22d Ult° 12. o. o

**July 30, 1786** Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd of Caspar Singer in full for Rent 20. o. o

**August 24, 1786** Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd of Molly Jacobs in part of a quarters rent due the 15th Ult° 10. o. o

Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash paid his 2d poor Tax 4.15. 3

**August 25, 1786** Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash paid his 3d & 4th Quarterly supply Tax for the year 1783 14.15.10

**August 26, 1786** Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash, paid his Watch & Lamp, County, Street & paving Taxes, and first half yearly fund Tax for this year am$ in the whole to 28.16.10

**August 28, 1786** Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd of Thomas Poulney & Sons in full for rent (say 4 Months) 16.13. 4

**August 29, 1786** Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd in part of rent due for the house in Pewter Platter Alley in the Possession of Enoch Morgan 4. 2. 6

**September 25, 1786** Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd of Molly Jacobs in full for a quarters rent due the 15th July 30. o. o

**September 30, 1786** Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash paving the foot path in Sixth Street 3. o. o

**October 17, 1786** Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd for Francis Childs acceptance at New York for 106 Dollars$44 39.15. 0

**December 23, 1786** Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd from Andrew Wood in full for half years rent due this day 10. o. o

**February 8, 1787** Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin for Balance due him on Monies rec'd & paid on his building acc$ 35.13. 5

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44 Franklin assisted Francis Childs in setting up a press in New York by furnishing him in 1786 fifteen boxes of type made at Passy by Franklin's servants for his own use. Childs was unable to make payment for the type according to his agreement with Franklin, and the account was still open at the time of Franklin's death. Copies of much of the correspondence about this transaction are at the APS.
February 28, 1787  Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash pd
Hewes & Anthony for a Barrel of Flour sent
to Mrs Mecom
pd for 168½ Mutton sent to the prisoners 2. 3. 7
Benjamin Franklin Dr To Expences for his proportion of Ex-
penses of the Family since his return home as settled up to
this day, being
N. B. Average of 4 years expences preceding is £611.19.2
Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin being so much rec'd of him as
Balance of Expences
Benjamin Franklin Dr To Expences for his proportion of Ex-
penses of the Family since his return home as settled up to
this day, being
N. B. Average of 4 years expences preceding is £611.19.2
March 1, 1787  Benjamin Franklin’s old Acc Dr To
Benjamin Franklin’s Bond Acc for Amount of Balance due
him as settled with him up to this day, including depreciated
Money and every thing else, & for which I am to give him my
Bond
Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin being so much rec'd of him as
Balance of Expences
March 8, 1787  Benjamin Franklin’s New Acc Dr To
Cash paid 2d half years funding Tax for the last year
March 23, 1787  Benjamin Franklin n/a Dr To Cash paid
John Inskip for cleansing the Necessary belonging to the
houses in Pewter Platter Alley
Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin being so much rec'd of him as
Balance of Expences
April 21, 1787  Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash paid his
poor Tax for the year 1786
August 30, 1787  Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash paid, his
County, Lamp & Watch, Street & paving, & funding Taxes
for this year
September 6, 1787  Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash paid,
Street, paving, Lamp Watch & funding Taxes, for the Lots on
Race Street
October 1, 1787  Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd of
James Lewis a quarters rent, due the 28th August

45 On Dec. 17, 1786, Franklin’s sister Jane Mecom wrote him from Boston to thank him
for “the charming Barrill of Flower you sent me. . . . I sometimes seem to feel guilty of being
so Expensive to you, but why should I? when I know it gives you Pleasure to make Every won
happy.” Carl Van Doren, The Letters of Benjamin Franklin & Jane Mecom (Princeton, N. J.,
1950), 288. The mutton sent to the prisoners was probably for the benefit of the inmates of
Walnut Street jail.
46 “Necessary” designated a privy or outhouse.
October 5, 1787    Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd of Molly Jacobs on Acc' of rent  20. 0. 0
November 11, 1787  Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd of Molly Jacobs on Acc' of rent  11. 5. 0
November 24, 1787  Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd from George Shaw for a year's rent due in March last (rec'd as service [?])  15. 0. 0
Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd for 3 quarters rent for the house in 6th Street  12. 0. 0
January 25, 1788   Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd from him  100. 0. 0
March 1, 1788      Benjamin Franklin Dr To Expences for his proportion of Family Expences from 1st March 1787 to this day as $ Acc'  249. 8. 3
March 31, 1788     Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin's New Acc' rec'd from James Lewis, (Taylor) in full for rent in Pewter Platter Alley  10.19. 2
May 15, 1788       Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd the Balance of his Acc' ending the 1st March last  151.11. 7
May 31, 1788       Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash paid his poor Tax for last year £8.11.1 in paper, equal to  6.10. 0
August 5, 1788     Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash paid funding, County, paving, Lamp & Watch Taxes for the Lots on broad & Race Streets—for this year £1.12.6 paper equal to  1. 1. 8
August 29, 1788    Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd from Molly Jacobs on Account of Rent  15. 0. 0
October 21, 1788   Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd from him this day  48.15. 0
October 30, 1788   Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd from D: Chambers on Acc' rent for the Shop in Arch Street  5.10. 0
December 1, 1788   Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd from Lewis Taylor on Acc' rent for the house in Pewter Platter Alley  5. 0. 0
February 9, 1789   Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd of Lewis Taylor on Acc' Rent for the house in Pewter Platter Alley  5. 0. 0
February 15, 1789    Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin received of Mrs Webb for a quarters rent of the house in Market Street

April 13, 1789    Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd of Mr Gilchrist for a quarters rent for the house in Market Street

April 28, 1789    Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd of Molly Jacobs for rent by so much paid by her to James Starr

June 25, 1789    Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin, for so much accounted with Lewis Taylor on acc't rent

July 16, 1789    Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin for so much rec'd of Mr Gilchrist for a quarters rent

Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash paid poor Tax for his Lots in Mulberry Ward Specie

August 31, 1789    Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd of D: Chambers on Acc't of Rent the 19th Instant

October 31, 1789    Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd of Mr Gilchrist a quarters rent

November 21, 1789    Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd of Benjamin Bohlen for a quarters rent due 16th Ult°

January 4, 1790    Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd of James Hutchinson for a quarters rent due September 23d

February 11, 1790    Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd of William Barton for a quarters rent due 22d Janv last,—deduct'd 11/3 for mend'd windows

April 13, 1790    Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec'd of Charles Gilchrist for two quarters rent due 1st Inst

April 22, 1790    Benjamin Franklin Dr To Expences for amount of what may appear due to' him in my Books, which I carry to the Credit of Expences as his proportion since the last settlement in March 1788 & which is in Conformity to his Will

Franklin had died on Apr. 17, 1790, leaving much of his estate to Richard Bache. This entry resulted from a clause in Franklin's will which read: "I also discharge him, my said son-in-law, from all claim and rent of moneys due to me, on book account or otherwise."
"CASH D'R TO BENJAMIN FRANKLIN"

May 13, 1790    Cash D'r To The Executors of B. Franklin rec'd from Mr. Hill

May 24, 1790    Benjamin Franklin's Bond Acc't D'r To Profit & Loss, for the Amount of my Bond cancelled & given up to me by his Executors agreeable to Will

June 30, 1790    Executors of Benjamin Franklin D'r To Cash

p'd Alexander Fullerton's Bill of Sundries 69.18. 3
p'd Joseph Dolbey the Sexton's d° 10.12. 6
p'd Mary Humphrey's d° 2. 5. 0

February 18, 1791    Cash D'r To Profit & Loss, rec'd from Edward Shippen for second dividend of Money rec'd for the Sale of the Free Mason's Lodge due the Estate of B. F.

February 24, 1791    Cash D'r To Profit & Loss rec'd for two years & one quarters Interest on the Philosophical Society's Bond for £500 due the 20th Ins

February 24, 1792    Cash D'r To Profit & Loss rec'd of J. Vaughan a years Int° on the Philosophical Society's Bond for £500

April 20, 1792    Cash D'r To Profit & Loss rec'd from Henry Hill Esq' on account of the Estate of D'r Franklin

Henry Hill was one of the executors of Franklin's will. This payment was probably on account of funeral expenses which Bache settled on June 30, 1790.

The will provided that: "I also give him [Richard Bache] the bond I have against him, of two thousand one hundred and seventy-two pounds, five shillings, together with the interest that shall accrue thereon, and direct the same to be delivered up to him by my executors, cancelled, requesting that, in consideration thereof, he would immediately after my decease manumit and set free his negro man Bob."

Franklin's funeral expenses. Alexander Fullerton, shopkeeper at 55 High Street, probably supplied the coffin.

This bond had been given to Franklin as security for a loan which he made to the American Philosophical Society in November, 1787, to "raise & cover the [Society's] building." Payment of the interest to Bache was authorized at a meeting of the Society on Feb. 18, 1791.

This payment was authorized at a meeting of the Society on Feb. 17, 1792.

This is the last entry in Bache's daybook referring to Benjamin Franklin.