

“Cash Dr 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

¹ Albert H. Smyth, ed., *The Writings of Benjamin Franklin* (New York, 1906), V, 372-375.

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 cherished library and shipped it to Bethlehem for safekeeping, and collected 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 D^r 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 Philadelphia. 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 emotion 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."²

Philadelphia

PENROSE R. HOOPES

April 29, 1772 Returned Home, having closed my Co-partnership with M^r George Cuthbert of Jamaica, by which (and a Present I received from my Father in Law M^r Franklin) I am Gainer after deducting my Expences to England &c³ £1884.14. 1

May 1, 1772 To Benjamin Franklin, borrowed of him in London, for which he has my Note £60 St^s @ 65 ꝯ c^t 99. 0. 0

May 28, 1772 Deborah Franklin D^r To sundry Accounts
 To Gen^l Merchdize, for 2¼ y^{ds} Humhums 4/7⁴ 0.10. 3
 To Cash lent her 0. 7. 6
0.17. 9

August 4, 1772 Benjamin Franklin D^r To Bills of Exchange for a Remittance made him this day by John Whinnies Draft on Smith Wright & Gray of London @ 30 days Sight for £60 Sterling @ 65 ꝯ c^{t5} 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 Ster^lg 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.

<i>April 10, 1773</i>	M ^{rs} Franklin D ^r To General Merchandize for ½ p ^s Long Lawn ⁶		4. 0. 0
<i>May 24, 1773</i>	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash paid for posts & Rails for fencing the pasture in Hickory Lane ⁷ p ^d putting up the fence	2.11. 5 <u>19. 0</u>	3.10. 5
<i>June 28, 1773</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d in full To M ^{rs} Franklin in full	3.10. 5 4.17. 9	
<i>October 26, 1773</i>	M ^{rs} Franklin D ^r To sundry acc ^{ts} for sundrys bought at sundry times		
	To Wine Acc ^t for 7 Gallons Madeira	5.10. 0	
	¼ d ^o Teneriffe	1. 8	
	¼ d ^o Mountain	<u>2. 0</u>	5.13. 8
	To Rum Acc ^t for 5 Gall ^s Spirits	1.12. 6	
	¼ d ^o Rum	<u>1. 0</u>	1.13. 6
	To Sugar Acc ^t for 5 Loaves suger 48 ^{lb} 4 ^{oz} @ 11½ ^d & 12 ^d	2.17. 8	
	To Cash paid for Cutting & halling Wood	<u>1. 1. 0</u>	10.15.10
<i>January 13, 1774</i>	Cash D ^r To M ^{rs} Franklin, rec ^d for Rent of the pasture from J. Bayard		7. 0. 0
<i>April 27, 1774</i>	Daniel Crockat of Jamaica D ^r To sundry acc ^{ts} To Benjamin Franklin, for the Amount of my Draft on Francis Roper, on said Crockat's Acc ^t , which was paid for my Honar by M ^r Franklin, Roper not being to be found—£27.18.0 St ^s @ 65 ¢ c ^{ts}		46. 0. 6
<i>January 31, 1775</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d from M ^{rs} Warrington in part for rent of the house she occupies in pewter platter Ally ⁹		6. 0. 0
<i>February 16, 1775</i>	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash p ^d 2 ^d poor Tax for 1774		1.10. 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.

<i>March 7, 1775</i>	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Exchange for his Draft on me in favour Thomas Folguer, @ 30 days for £27.18 St ^s @ 65 \pounds c ¹⁰	46. 0. 6
<i>March 10, 1775</i>	Sundry Accounts D ^r To Thomas Folguer, viz: Exchange for Doctor Franklin's Draft on me in his favor for £27.18 St ^s to be paid at the Current Exchange at the time of acceptance being 62½ is	45. 6. 9
<i>March 20, 1775</i>	Doctor Franklin D ^r To Cash p ^d Watch & Lamp Tax	2.14. 2
<i>March 24, 1775</i>	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash paid Peter Witner, Taylor as \pounds account of sundrys done for George ¹¹	1. 9. 8
<i>March 29, 1775</i>	Cash D ^r To Thomas Foulger, rec ^d for Benjamin Franklin's Draft on John Foxcroft for £283.13.0½ St ^s @ 62½ \pounds c ¹²	460.18. 8
<i>April 29, 1775</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d for a years Rent for the house in sixth Street due this day	10. 0. 0
<i>May 6, 1775</i>	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash paid Barret the Butcher's account ¹³	1. 2. 1
<i>May 10, 1775</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of Mary Warrington in part of a year & half's rent due the 1 st Ins ^t for the house she & Captain Robinson lives in, in pewter platter Ally £24 \pounds an ¹⁴	6. 0. 0
	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash	
	p ^d Benjamin Randolfs Acc ^t	16. 0. 0
	p ^d Sexton of Christ Church	6. 7. 6
	p ^d send ^s Express for Gov. Franklin ¹⁵	2.18. 8
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		25. 6. 2

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.

<i>May 19, 1775</i>	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash paid Peter Stout for cleansing a Vault belonging to the house in pewter platter Alley ¹⁶	2.17.10
<i>June 1, 1775</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d from Frederick Stonematz, for half years rent due this day, for the house he lives in, in Market Street	13. 0. 0
<i>June 13, 1775</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d from Frederick Foulke for rent of the House on the Lot in Arch Street	6.16. 3
<i>June 14, 1775</i>	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash p ^d his half of rent for the pew in Christ Church ¹⁷	1.10. 0
<i>June 28, 1775</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d from Eden Haydoch in part of rent	60. 0. 0
<i>August 5, 1775</i>	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash p ^d M ^{rs} Soumain for Work done for M ^{rs} Franklin	0.17. 6
<i>August 8, 1775</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin, rec ^d from Mary Warrington in part of Rent due	6. 0. 0
<i>August 12, 1775</i>	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash paid M ^{rs} Leech & M ^{rs} Posden their account & for attendance &c at M ^{rs} F. funeral	16. 0. 3
	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash p ^d for a Load of Lime	1.18. 6
<i>August 25, 1775</i>	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash p ^d Thomas Middleton Baker the Balance of his acc ^t	26. 3. 4
<i>November 17, 1775</i>	Cash D ^r To D ^r Franklin rec ^d from Mary Warrington in part of Rent	6. 0. 0
<i>November 27, 1775</i>	Cash D ^r To Benj ⁿ Franklin rec ^d from Elizabeth Reeves for a quarters Rent due the 7 th Instant	3.10. 0
<i>February 28, 1776</i>	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash p ^d James Budden for Tea &c	2.17. 0
<i>March 29, 1776</i>	Benjamin Franklin D ^r to Cash, paid Shoeing his Mare	0. 5. 0

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.

<i>May 11, 1776</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin Esq. rec ^d from Betsey Reves for Rent of the House in pewter platter Alley	1.17. 6
<i>May 29, 1776</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d from William Neick for a years rent due the 29 th ult ^o	10. 0. 0
<i>June 1, 1776</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin, rec ^d from Frederick Stonemats for Rent—a years Rent due this day	26. 0. 0
	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash in full for Cedar Ware	11. 0. 9
<i>June 22, 1776</i>	Cash D ^r To Benj ⁿ Franklin rec ^d from Mary Warrington in part of Rent	2.12. 6
<i>October 29, 1776</i>	F & P. Expences D ^r To Benjamin Franklin for Amount of Sundrys paid by him for me in England £36.8.2½ St ^s	60.13. 7
	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To F & P. Expences for Amount of house Expences, during his Residence in America as Acc ^t settled by himself 25 th Cur ^t	352.16.10
	Cash D ^r 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 ¹⁸	3327. 5. 6
<i>November 4, 1776</i>	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash paid Hales for hire of his Coach to Marcus Hook ¹⁹	3.15. 0
<i>November 11, 1776</i>	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash paid repairing the house in pewter platter Alley	1.18. 3
	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d the Balance of Birtges' Bond & Interest	68.10. 0
<i>November 25, 1776</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin, rec ^d from M ^r 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 lively 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.

<i>November 27, 1776</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin for Balance due him from General Post Office 5 th Oct ^r last	522.19. 7
<i>December 5, 1776</i>	Benjamin Franklin D ^r 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 N. B. The above 3 Loads consist of 14 Boxes and 4 Trunks, all marked R: BACHE—with black Ink ²¹	18. 7. 6
<i>December 10, 1776</i>	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash paid for 14 Cases to pack his Library in	5. 1. 8
<i>December 30, 1776</i>	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash paid into the Loan office as \pounds his Directions & Certificates appears 8100 Doll ^{s22}	3037.10. 0
<i>March 8, 1777</i>	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash p ^d provincial Tax	8.18. 6
<i>April 8, 1777</i>	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash p ^d Watch & Lamp Tax	3. 2. 6
<i>April 24, 1777</i>	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash p ^d a years rent for half a Pew in C. C.	1.10. 0
<i>May 6, 1777</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d for rent for the house in pewter platter Alley in the tenure of W ^m Cox	13.10. 0
<i>May 15, 1777</i>	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash p ^d John Palmer the Balance of his Acc ^t as \pounds Acc ^t & Rec ^t	52. 1. 8½
<i>June 10, 1777</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d for a years rent for the house in the tenure of Frederick Stonematz	26. 0. 0
	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash p ^d for a bathing Tub	5. 0. 0
<i>July 20, 1777</i>	Cash D ^r 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 D^r 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 D^r To Benjamin Franklin rec^d for a years rent for the house in sixth Street due 29th April last 10. 0. 0

August 9, 1777 Benjamin Franklin D^r To Cash paid S: P: Moore for 2 Ground rents due in Dec^r & March last as £ rec^d²⁴ 13. 0. 0

October 1, 1778 Cash D^r To Benjamin Franklin rec^d of William Cox for a year and a quarters rent due the 24th Ult^o for the House in Pewter platter Alley 22. 10. 0

October 2, 1778 Cash D^r To Benjamin Franklin rec^d of William Neick for a years rent for the house in 6th Street due 29 April last 10. 0. 0

Cash D^r To Benjamin Franklin rec^d from Mary Jacobs on acc^t of Rent 50. 0. 0

October 6, 1778 Cash D^r To Benjamin Franklin rec^d the Interest on Loan office Certificates for 8100 Dollars, from 30th Dec^r 1776, to the 10th Sep^r 1777 @ 6 £ c^t is 338.18/90²⁵ 126.16. 6

October 17, 1778 Cash D^r To Benjamin Franklin rec^d from Mary Jacobs in full for rent to the 15th Ins^t. N. B. She is to pay £250 £ an: 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."

<i>October 23, 1778</i>	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash p ^d glazing 8 Windows	4. 5. 0
<i>November 12, 1778</i>	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash p ^d Benjamin Williams Bill for sundry carpenter's work	8. 2. 6
<i>December 1, 1778</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of Frederick Stonematz for a year & halves rent due this day	39. 0. 0
<i>January 4, 1779</i>	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash paid Lamp & Watch Tax	3. 12. 0
<i>January 26, 1779</i>	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash p ^d Francis Lee's acc ^t of Stabling as ₤ Acc ^t	9. 9. 5
<i>January 27, 1779</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d for rent of the Post office in full to this day	34. 7. 6
<i>April 10, 1779</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of William Cox for rent	25. 0. 0
<i>April 20, 1779</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of Mary Jacobs for rent	125. 0. 0
<i>April 24, 1779</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d for two years & a half rent for the lot in Arch Street in possession of Henry Brooks	30. 0. 0
<i>May 8, 1779</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d for a years rent for the house in Sixth Street due 29 ult ^o	20. 0. 0
<i>July 17, 1779</i>	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash p ^d Manuel Eyre for posts & Rails for the Lot in Hicory Lane ²⁶ 38. 0. 0 p ^d putting up the fence in front of the Lot <u>11. 0. 0</u>	49. 0. 0
<i>September 18, 1779</i>	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash p ^d for Storage & removal of 18 packages of Books to Bethlehem ²⁷	166. 5. 0
<i>October 21, 1779</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of Mary Jacobs for half years rent	125. 0. 0
<i>November 20, 1779</i>	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash p ^d Watch & Lamp Tax	16. 10. 0
<i>December 16, 1779</i>	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash p ^d two poor Taxes	45. 0. 0

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.

<i>December 30, 1779</i>	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash p ^d 2 years library fine ²⁸	2. 0. 0
<i>December 31, 1779</i>	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash p ^d Street Tax	16.10. 0
<i>January 28, 1780</i>	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash p ^d a State Tax	270. 0. 0
<i>February 12, 1780</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d for a years rent of the house in Pewter Platter Alley of W ^m Cox	375. 0. 0
<i>April 8, 1780</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d in full for rent from J: Hayes	630. 0. 0
	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash p ^d Pew rent	6. 0. 0
<i>May 27, 1780</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of Molly Jacobs for rent	375. 0. 0
<i>May 30, 1780</i>	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash p ^d Con- tinental Tax for d ^o [Jan ^y & Feb ^y]	240. 0. 0
<i>June 3, 1780</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of William Neick for a years rent due the 29 th April	125. 0. 0
	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash p ^d 45 Million Tax	240. 0. 0
<i>June 30, 1780</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d for rent of the Post office in full to the 19 th Instant	2342.10. 0
<i>July 12, 1780</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of George Oakley a quarters rent due the 1 st Instant	270. 0. 0
<i>July 14, 1780</i>	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash p ^d Watch & Lamp Tax	173. 0. 0
<i>August 10, 1780</i>	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash p ^d State Tax for the above four months [March, April, May & June] £480—County Tax £60—Paving Tax £86.10	626.10. 0
<i>August 30, 1780</i>	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash p ^d for boards & putting a Roof on the Water Closet ²⁹	503.17. 6
<i>September 5, 1780</i>	Cash D ^r To Benj ⁿ Franklin rec ^d from Molly Jacobs for rent	187.10. 0

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.

<i>September 7, 1780</i>	Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash p ^d State Tax for July & Aug.	240. 0. 0
<i>September 22, 1780</i>	Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of William Cox half years rent due 24 th Ins ^t for house in Pewter Platter Alley	450. 0. 0
<i>October 2, 1780</i>	Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of George Oakley for rent	292.10. 0
<i>October 3, 1780</i>	Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of John Black a years rent advanced for the house adjoining the post office commencing the 1 st Instant	2520. 0. 0
<i>October 7, 1780</i>	Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash p ^d poor Tax	90. 0. 0
<i>November 14, 1780</i>	Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d from Mary Jacobs for a q ^{rs} rent due 15 th Ult ^o	187.10. 0
<i>November 20, 1780</i>	Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d for rent of W ^m Neick	270. 0. 0
<i>December 8, 1780</i>	Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash p ^d for Nuts & Apples to send to France ³⁰	424.10. 0
<i>December 10, 1780</i>	Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash p ^d half years pew rent ³¹	56. 5. 0
<i>December 26, 1780</i>	Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d from John Linn for a quarters rent of the small house in pew- ter platter Alley due 24 th	187.10. 0
<i>February 1, 1781</i>	Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of Mary Jacobs for a quarters rent due 15 th Ult ^o	2625. 0. 0
<i>February 26, 1781</i>	Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of W ^m Neick for a quarters rent	318.15. 0
<i>March 22, 1781</i>	Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash p ^d State Tax for Sep ^r Oct ^r Nov ^r & Dec ^r	771. 2. 0
<i>April 3, 1781</i>	Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash p ^d 2 ^d poor Tax	262.17. 6

³⁰ Bache shipped two barrels of apples (pippins) and one large barrel of nuts on board the new twenty-gun ship *Shelela*. Bache to Franklin, Dec. 20, 1780, APS.

³¹ This entry, when compared with the entry for Apr. 20, 1780, reflects the currency inflation of the times.

<i>April 25, 1781</i>	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash, p ^d		
	County Tax	192.15. 0	
	State Tax for Jan ^y Feb ^y Mar. & April	771. 2. 0	
	his proportion of Class Tax ³²	<u>560.16. 0</u>	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.³³

Rich Bache

<i>May 11, 1781</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of Molly Jacobs for a Q ^{rs} rent due the 15 th Ult ^o	35. 0. 0
	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of William Neick for a quarters rent due 29 th Ult ^o	3. 0. 0
<i>June 5, 1781</i>	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash p ^d Watch & Lamp Tax	2.16. 6
<i>June 11, 1781</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d from William Cox for 3 q ^{rs} year's rent due 24 th Instant	11. 5. 0
<i>June 28, 1781</i>	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash p ^d the Hospital & Doctor's Bills for his old Negro Man George as \pounds Acc ^t & Rec ^t	7. 4. 9
<i>July 3, 1781</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d from John Linn for rent	5. 0. 0
<i>July 24, 1781</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of Molly Jacobs for a q ^{rs} rent due the 15 th Ins ^t	35. 0. 0
<i>August 2, 1781</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of W ^m Neick for a q ^{rs} rent due the 29 th Ult ^o	3. 0. 0
<i>August 7, 1781</i>	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash paid his proportion of the Class for a Recruit	10.11. 1
<i>October 10, 1781</i>	Cash D ^r To B. Franklin for a q ^{rs} rent of the small house in Pewter Platter Alley due 23 ^d Ult ^o	2.10. 0
	Benjamin Franklin D ^r 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.

<i>November 1, 1781</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d from W ^m Neick for rent due the 29 th Ult ^o	3. 0. 0
<i>November 10, 1781</i>	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash p ^d W ^m Harper for a Wooden Spout, & putting up a Copper one ³⁴	5. 5. 0
<i>November 17, 1781</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of Mary Jacobs for a quarters rent due the 15 th Ult ^o	35. 0. 0
<i>November 20, 1781</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin for a years Interest on Loan office Certificates, 486 Dollars @ 6/3	151.17. 6
<i>November 29, 1781</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d from John Black a Q ^{rs} Rent for the House next the post office due 1 st Jan ^y next	12.10. 0
<i>December 1, 1781</i>	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash p ^d Inglis & Harper's for shingling the penthouse & as ph Bill	7. 1. 0
<i>December 4, 1781</i>	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash p ^d his Draft in favor of Chevalier de Catty for 300 Livres Tournois ³⁵	19.10. 0
<i>January 2, 1782</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of William Cox in full for rent to the 1 st February next	9. 5. 0
<i>January 17, 1782</i>	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash p ^d Robert Irvine's account for halling Gravel &c	10. 8. 0
<i>February 2, 1782</i>	Cash D ^r to Benjamin Franklin rec ^d from Mary Jacobs rent	35. 0. 0
<i>February 12, 1782</i>	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash p ^d Sinking fund Tax, County Tax, Lamp & Watch, & Street Tax	25.15. 6
<i>March 12, 1782</i>	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash p ^d John Bartram for 3 Boxes of Seeds, which I sent to ffrance ³⁶	26. 5. 0
<i>March 26, 1782</i>	Cash D ^r To B. Franklin rec ^d of Tho ^s Poultney for half years rent due the 10 th Instant	20. 0. 0

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.

<i>March 28, 1782</i>	Cash D ^r To B: Franklin rec ^d from J ^s Bryson for rent	11.11. 0
<i>April 12, 1782</i>	Cash D ^r To Benj ⁿ Franklin rec ^d of George Shaw for ½ years rent	5. 0. 0
<i>April 17, 1782</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d from James Bryson his proportion of the rent due for post office to the 19 th March last, after deducting repairs &c	20. 6. 6
<i>April 29, 1782</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin received of Mary Jacobs a q ^{rs} rent received of William Neick half years d ^o	35. 0. 0 6. 0. 0 <hr/> 41. 0. 0
<i>May 6, 1782</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of John Black for a q ^{rs} rent due the 1 st Ult ^o	12.10. 0
<i>June 10, 1782</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of Thomas Poultney for a q ^{rs} rent due this day	10. 0. 0
<i>June 18, 1782</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of John Black for a q ^{rs} rent due 1 st July next	12.10. 0
<i>June 19, 1782</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of James Bryson for a q ^{rs} rent due this day	25. 0. 0
<i>July 20, 1782</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of Mary Jacobs for a quarters rent due the 15 th Ins ^t	35. 0. 0
<i>July 31, 1782</i>	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash p ^d quarterly supply Tax	9.17.10
	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of W ^m Neick for rent	3. 0. 0
<i>August 10, 1782</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of Enoch Morgan half years rent due the 1 st Instant	7.10. 0
<i>September 10, 1782</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of Tho ^s Poultney rent	10. 0. 0
<i>September 19, 1782</i>	Cash D ^r To Benj ⁿ Franklin rec ^d of J: Bryson a q ^{rs} rent	25. 0. 0
<i>October 1, 1782</i>	Cash D ^r To B. Franklin rec ^d of J: Black a q ^{rs} rent	12.10. 0
<i>October 22, 1782</i>	Cash D ^r To B. Franklin rec ^d of Mary Jacobs a q ^{rs} rent due 15 th Ins ^t	35. 0. 0
<i>November 17, 1782</i>	Cash D ^r To B: Franklin rec ^d from W ^m Neick rent	3. 0. 0

B: Franklin D ^r To Cash p ^d quarterly supply Tax	9.17.10
<i>November 18, 1782</i> Cash D ^r To B: Franklin rec ^d for rent of Lampblack H ^{se}	3. 0. 0
<i>December 10, 1782</i> Cash D ^r To B. Franklin rec ^d of Tho ^s Poultney for rent	12.10. 0
<i>December 19, 1782</i> Cash D ^r To Ben: Franklin rec ^d of James Bryson rent	25. 0. 0
<i>January 1, 1783</i> Cash D ^r To B. Franklin rec ^d of John Black rent	12.10. 0
<i>January 2, 1783</i> Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash for R. Morris' Draft on Mons ^r Grand of Paris for L ^{vs} 2430 @ 6/3 ₤ Dolls remitted him as ₤ my Letter of ³⁷	151.17. 6
<i>January 22, 1783</i> Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash paid Samuel P: Moore 6 years Ground Rent on Fox's & Siddon's Lots as ₤ Rec ^t	68. 0. 0
<i>January 23, 1783</i> Cash D ^r To B: Franklin rec ^d from Mary Jacobs rent	35. 0. 0
<i>January 31, 1783</i> B. Franklin D ^r To Cash p ^d 10 years Ground rent to Archibald McCall for the Lot in Hicory Lane	32. 0. 0
<i>February 4, 1783</i> Cash D ^r To B. Franklin rec ^d of Enoch Morgan in full for rent due the 1 st Instant	7.10. 0
<i>February 12, 1783</i> B: Franklin D ^r To Cash p ^d Jacob Shoemaker for Ground rent due Friends Meeting	42. 0. 0
<i>February 28, 1783</i> Cash D ^r To B. Franklin rec ^d from George Shaw for a years rent due 23 ^d next month	10. 0. 0
<i>March 14, 1783</i> Cash D ^r To B. Franklin rec ^d for rent of Tho ^s Poultney	12.10. 0
<i>March 19, 1783</i> Cash D ^r To B. Franklin rec ^d for rent of J ^s Bryson	25. 0. 0
<i>April 1, 1783</i> Cash D ^r To B. Franklin rec ^d for Rent of J. Black	12.10. 0
<i>April 17, 1783</i> B. Franklin D ^r To Cash p ^d 3 ^d Qarters supply Tax & State Money Tax	15. 1. 5

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 Württemberg. At the request of the legatee, the money passed through Franklin's hands.

<i>April 22, 1783</i>	Cash D ^r To B. Franklin rec ^d of Molly Jacobs rent		35. 0. 0
<i>May 1, 1783</i>	Cash D ^r To B. Franklin rec ^d from Ant ^r Steiner rent		3. 0. 0
<i>May 6, 1783</i>	Cash D ^r To B. Franklin rec ^d from Will ^m Neick for rent		6. 0. 0
<i>May 12, 1783</i>	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash p ^d		
	4 years subscription to the Library	2. 0. 0	
	14 th . . . p ^d W ^m Mathews & Hegan for a pump	<u>9. 0. 0</u>	11. 0. 0
<i>June 4, 1783</i>	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash Stoneburner for bringing his Library from Bethlehem to Town		24. 0. 0
<i>June 7, 1783</i>	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash p ^d halling Gravel for the Alley & Garden		2.12. 6
<i>June 12, 1783</i>	Cash D ^r 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	<u>7.10. 6</u>	20. 0. 6
<i>June 30, 1783</i>	B. Franklin D ^r To Cash paid Michael M ^c Gannan for plaistering, Lime &c		14.13. 6
<i>July 9, 1783</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin—		
	rec ^d of James Bryson a q ^{rs} rent due 19 th Ult ^o	25. 0. 0	
	rec ^d of John Black d ^o due 1 st Ins ^t	<u>12.10. 0</u>	37.10. 0
<i>July 25, 1783</i>	B. Franklin D ^r To Cash paid the 4 th Quar ^y Supply Tax		9.17.10
	Cash D ^r To B. Franklin rec ^d of Molly Jacobs for rent		35. 0. 0
<i>September 12, 1783</i>	Cash D ^r To B. Franklin rec ^d of George Shaw half years rent due 23 ^d Ins ^t	5. 0. 0	
	rec ^d of Enoch Morgan a quarters rent due 1 st May last	<u>5. 0. 0</u>	10. 0. 0
<i>September 19, 1783</i>	Cash D ^r to B: Franklin rec ^d for a q ^{rs} rent of J. Bryson	25. 0. 0	
	rec ^d of Thomas Poultney a q ^{rs} d ^o due the 10 th	<u>12.10. 0</u>	37.10. 0
<i>October 6, 1783</i>	B. Franklin D ^r To Cash paid 2 quarters State Tax for 1783		14.15.10
<i>October 10, 1783</i>	Cash D ^r To B. Franklin rec ^d a q ^{rs} 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

<i>October 27, 1783</i>	B. Franklin D ^r To Cash paid for Apples & Nuts to send to France ³⁸	5. 8. 0
<i>December 10, 1783</i>	Cash D ^r To B. Franklin rec ^d of Thomas Poultney a quarters rent due this day	12.10. 0
	19 th [Dec.] rec ^d a quarters rent from James Bryson	25. 0. 0
		37.10. 0
<i>January 31, 1784</i>	Cash D ^r To B. Franklin rec ^d of Enoch Morgan half a years rent due 1 st Nov ^r last	10. 0. 0
<i>February 2, 1784</i>	Cash D ^r To B. Franklin rec ^d of Mary Jacobs a quarters R	35. 0. 0
<i>March 12, 1784</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of Thomas Poultney	12.10. 0
<i>March 19, 1784</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of James Bryson	25. 0. 0
<i>March 23, 1784</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of George Shaw	5. 0. 0
<i>April 27, 1784</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of Mary Jacobs	35. 0. 0
<i>May 4, 1784</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of Anthony Steiner	3. 0. 0
<i>May 13, 1784</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of the Sheriff in part of £50 due from John Black's for rent	34.12. 4
<i>May 19, 1784</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of John M ^c Clean (a Negro) in part of rent due from John Black	4. 5. 0
<i>June 10, 1784</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of Thomas Poultney a quarters rent	12.10. 0
<i>June 16, 1784</i>	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash paid G: Ludlam for a leaden spout for the North front of the house	8. 6. 4
<i>June 19, 1784</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of James Bryson a quarters rent	25. 0. 0
<i>June 25, 1784</i>	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash paid Miers Fisher for the rent of a house in the Country for the family, which M ^r F: in his Letter of 27 th Dec ^r last, directs to be charged to him ³⁹	60. 0. 0

³⁸ On July 27, 1783, Franklin wrote Richard and Sarah Bache to send him some "Newtown Pippins" and some chestnut and hickory nuts. APS.

³⁹ 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.

<i>July 19, 1784</i>	Cash D ^r To B. Franklin rec ^d in part of rent due from David Chambers		8. 6. 8
<i>July 28, 1784</i>	Cash D ^r To B. Franklin rec ^d in part of a quarters rent due 8 th Instant from Barbara Immell [?]	25. 0. 0	
	30 th [July] rec ^d of Mary Jacobs for a quarters rent	50. 0. 0	
<i>August 18, 1784</i>	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash paid Samuel P. Moore in full for two Ground rents	23. 0. 0	
<i>August 28, 1784</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d from the State Treasury for Interest on Loan office Certificates due 10 th Sep ^r 1782	182. 5. 0	
<i>September 14, 1784</i>	Cash D ^r To B. Franklin rec ^d of Tho ^s Poultney for a quarters rent	12.10. 0	
	20 th [Sept.] rec ^d of James Bryson for d ^o	25. 0. 0	37.10. 0
<i>September 30, 1784</i>	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash for sundries for repairs of the House		
	13 th [Sept.] Paid William Fling in part for paint*	37.10. 0	
	21 st [Sept.] Paid Jones, Clark & Cresson their acc ^t Boards	8. 2. 3	45.12. 3
<i>October 5, 1784</i>	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash paid Joshua Howell for nine years Ground rent due 3 ^d July last, to the Friends public School ⁴⁰	16. 4. 0	
Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash for sundry repairs done to his Dwelling house—			
	George Corryell's Carpenter's Bill	18.15. 0	
	Tho ^s Poultney & Sons d ^o for Hinges &c	1.14. 0	
	James Hendricks d ^o Smith	1.12. 3	
	Thomas Harpers Bill	1.18. 0	
	Abram Robinson's d ^o Bricklayer	6. 4. 1	
	William Stiles d ^o Stonecutter	7. 2. 6	
	Greenfield & Humphreys for Iron Backs &c	6.12. 6	43.18. 4
<i>October 19, 1784</i>	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash paid his Draft on me in favor of Monsieur Malidé for 500 ^{f41}	34.17. 2	
<i>November 9, 1784</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of Molly Jacobs for a quarter's rent due 15 th Ult ^o	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 D ^r To Cash p ^d for repairs of Molly Jacob's House		9.19. 7
<i>December 9, 1784</i> Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of Enoch Morgan in part of Rent		6. 0. 0
<i>December 11, 1784</i> Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of Barbara Immell, on account of rent		30. 0. 0
<i>December 17, 1784</i> Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin of Thomas Poultney a quarters rent		12.10. 0
<i>December 21, 1784</i> Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of James Bryson for a quarters rent		25. 0. 0
<i>January 3, 1785</i> Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash paid poor Tax for last year	3. 0. 4	
5 th [Jan.] paid William Fling in full for paint ^s	<u>18.15. 0</u>	21.15. 4
<i>January 27, 1785</i> Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d from Barbara Immell on acc ^t rent		30. 0. 0
Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash paid for the renewal of three policies of Insurance on three of his houses ⁴²		1. 2. 6
<i>January 28, 1785</i> Cash D ^r To B. Franklin rec ^d for a quarters rent from Molly Jacobs due 15 th Instant		50. 0. 0
<i>February 28, 1785</i> Cash D ^r Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of Enoch Morgan on acc ^t rent		4. 2. 6
<i>March 3, 1785</i> Sundry Acc ^s D ^r To Cash, paid Dock, Lamp, Street & County Taxes		
Profit & Loss, for my proportion	1. 3. 6	
Benjamin Franklin for his d ^o	<u>11.15. 6</u>	12.19. 0
<i>March 10, 1785</i> Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d from Thomas Poultney & Sons for rent		12.10. 0
<i>March 21, 1785</i> Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d from James Bryson for a quarters rent		25. 0. 0
<i>April 8, 1785</i> Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d from George Shaw in full for a years rent		10. 0. 0
<i>April 27, 1785</i> Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d from Barbara Immell, on acc ^t rent		30. 0. 0

⁴² These insurance renewals were with the Philadelphia Contributionship, since its only rival, the Mutual Assurance Company, had only been organized four months earlier.

<i>April 28, 1785</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of Molly Jacobs in part of a quarters rent	20. 0. 0	
	rec ^d from Enoch Morgan on acc ^t rent	<u>3. 7. 6</u>	23. 7. 6
<i>May 6, 1785</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of Molly Jacobs in full for a quarters rent due 15 th Ult ^o		30. 0. 0
<i>June 3, 1785</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d in paper Money for Interest on his Loan Office Certificates due Sep ^r 1783		182. 5. 0
<i>June 10, 1785</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of Thomas Poultney & Sons for a quarters rent		12.10. 0
<i>June 20, 1785</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d from the Estate of David Chambers dec ^d a composition in full for the rent due to the 16 th Ult ^o he having died very poor		16.13. 6
<i>June 27, 1785</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d from James Bryson for a quarters rent due 19 th Ins ^t		25. 0. 0
<i>July 6, 1785</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of Andrew Wood, a years rent for the house in Sixth Street due 22 ^d Ult ^o		24. 0. 0
	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash p ^d Andrew Wood for repairs done to the house he occupies as B acc ^t		16. 9. 1
	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash paid Watch & Lamp and Street & paving Taxes for this year		12. 4. 0
<i>July 25, 1785</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d from Enoch Morgan on acc ^t rent		7.10. 0
	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of Caspar Singer on acc ^t rent	25. 0. 0	
	rec ^d of Molly Jacobs in part rent	<u>20. 0. 0</u>	45. 0. 0
<i>August 11, 1785</i>	Cash D ^r To Benj ⁿ Franklin rec ^d of Molly Jacobs in full for a quarters rent due 15 th Ult ^o		30. 0. 0
<i>August 31, 1785</i>	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash paid Jacob Shoemaker 3 years ground rent due the monthly meeting		18. 0. 0
<i>September 12, 1785</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d from Thomas Poultney a quarters rent		12.10. 0
<i>September 21, 1785</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d from James Bryson a quarters rent ⁴³		25. 0. 0

⁴³ Franklin had arrived in Philadelphia from France on Sept. 14, 1785.

<i>October 27, 1785</i>	Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of Mary Jacobs in part of rent	25. 0. 0
<i>November 7, 1785</i>	Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of Casper Singer in full for rent	30. 0. 0
<i>December 21, 1785</i>	Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash paid funding Tax	14. 8. 5
<i>December 22, 1785</i>	Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of Tho ^s Poultney & Sons for a quarters rent due 10 th Ins ^t	12.10. 0
<i>December 24, 1785</i>	Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash paid poor Tax	5. 0. 2
<i>December 31, 1785</i>	Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of D. Chambers in part of half years rent due 15 th Nov ^r	4.10. 0
<i>January 15, 1786</i>	Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of Andrew Wood for half a years rent due 22 ^d Dec ^r	12. 0. 0
<i>February 10, 1786</i>	Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of Caspar Singer for a quarters rent due the 8 th Ultimo	20. 0. 0
<i>February 16, 1786</i>	Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of Molly Jacobs in part of a quarters rent due the 15 th Ultimo	30. 0. 0
<i>March 6, 1786</i>	Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of Molly Jacobs in full for a quarters rent due 15 th Janry	10. 0. 0
<i>March 13, 1786</i>	Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of Thomas Poultney & Sons for a quarters rent due the 10 th Ins ^t	12.10. 0
<i>March 20, 1786</i>	Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of James Bryson in full for a quarters rent due the 19 th Ins ^t	25. 0. 0
<i>April 12, 1786</i>	Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d from Caspar Singer for a quarters rent due the 8 th Instant	20. 0. 0
	Benjamin Franklin Dr To Cash paid two years Subscription to the Library Company not before charged	1. 0. 0
<i>May 14, 1786</i>	Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of Molly Jacobs in part of a quarters rent due the 15 th Ult ^o	20. 0. 0
<i>June 6, 1786</i>	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
<i>June 9, 1786</i>	Cash Dr To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d from Molly Jacobs in full for a quarters rent due 15 th April	20. 0. 0

Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of David Chambers in part of 1 years rent for Shop in Arch Street due 15 th Ult ^o	6. 0. 0
<i>June 19, 1786</i> Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of James Bryson in full for rent	25. 0. 0
<i>July 11, 1786</i> Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of Andrew Wood half years rent for the house in 6 th Street due 22 ^d Ult ^o	12. 0. 0
<i>July 30, 1786</i> Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of Caspar Singer in full for Rent	20. 0. 0
<i>August 24, 1786</i> Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of Molly Jacobs in part of a quarters rent due the 15 th Ult ^o	10. 0. 0
Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash paid his 2 ^d poor Tax	4.15. 3
<i>August 25, 1786</i> Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash paid his 3 ^d & 4 th Quarterly supply Tax for the year 1783	14.15.10
<i>August 26, 1786</i> Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash, paid his Watch & Lamp, County, Street & paving Taxes, and first half yearly fund ^s Tax for this year am ^s in the whole to	28.16.10
<i>August 28, 1786</i> Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of Thomas Poultney & Sons in full for rent (say 4 Months)	16.13. 4
<i>August 29, 1786</i> Cash D ^r 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
<i>September 25, 1786</i> Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of Molly Jacobs in full for a quarters rent due the 15 th July	30. 0. 0
<i>September 30, 1786</i> Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash paving the foot path in Sixth Street	3. 0. 0
<i>October 17, 1786</i> Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d for Francis Childs acceptance at New York for 106 Dollars ⁴⁴	39.15. 0
<i>December 23, 1786</i> Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d from Andrew Wood in full for half years rent due this day	10. 0. 0
<i>February 8, 1787</i> Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin for Balance due him on Monies rec ^d & paid on his building acct ^t	35.13. 5

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.

<i>February 28, 1787</i>	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash p ^d Hewes & Anthony for a Barrel of Flour sent to M ^{rs} Mecom	2. 3. 7	
	p ^d for 168 ^{lb} Mutton sent to the prisoners ⁴⁵	<u>3. 3. 0</u>	5. 6. 7
	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Expences for his proportion of Ex- pences of the Family since his return home as settled up to this day, being		709. 11. 11
	N. B. Average of 4 years expences preceding is £611. 19. 2 ⌘ an.		
	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin being so much rec ^d of him as Balance of Expences		376. 0. 9
<i>March 1, 1787</i>	Benjamin Franklin's old Acc ^t D ^r To Benjamin Franklin's Bond Acc ^t 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		2172. 5. 11
<i>March 8, 1787</i>	Benjamin Franklin's New Acc ^t D ^r To Cash paid 2 ^d half years funding Tax for the last year		8. 5. 3
<i>March 23, 1787</i>	Benjamin Franklin n/a D ^r To Cash paid John Inskip for cleansing the Necessary belonging to the houses in Pewter Platter Alley ⁴⁶		11. 8. 9
<i>April 21, 1787</i>	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash paid his poor Tax for the year 1786		7. 5. 7
<i>August 30, 1787</i>	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash paid, his County, Lamp & Watch, Street & paving, & funding Taxes for this year		36. 16. 7
<i>September 6, 1787</i>	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash paid, Street, paving, Lamp Watch & funding Taxes, for the Lots on Race Street		1. 12. 2
<i>October 1, 1787</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of James Lewis a quarters rent, due the 28 th August		5. 0. 0

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 some times 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.

<i>October 5, 1787</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of Molly Jacobs on Acc ^t of rent	20. 0. 0
<i>November 11, 1787</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of Molly Jacobs on Acc ^t of rent	11. 5. 0
<i>November 24, 1787</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d from George Shaw for a years rent due in March last (rec ^d as service [?])	15. 0. 0
	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d for 3 quarters rent for the house in 6 th Street	12. 0. 0
<i>January 25, 1788</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d from him	100. 0. 0
<i>March 1, 1788</i>	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Expences for his proportion of Family Expences from 1 st March 1787 to this day as p Acc ^t	249. 8. 3
<i>March 31, 1788</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin's New Acc ^t rec ^d from James Lewis, (Taylor) in full for rent in Pewter Platt ^r Ally	10. 19. 2
<i>May 15, 1788</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d the Balance of his Acc ^t ending the 1 st March last	151. 11. 7
<i>May 31, 1788</i>	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash paid his poor Tax for last year £8. 11. 1 in paper, equal to	6. 10. 0
<i>August 5, 1788</i>	Benjamin Franklin D ^r 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
<i>August 29, 1788</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d from Molly Jacobs on Account of Rent	15. 0. 0
<i>October 21, 1788</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d from him this day	48. 15. 0
<i>October 30, 1788</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d from D: Chambers on Acc ^t rent for the Shop in Arch Street	5. 10. 0
<i>December 1, 1788</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d from Lewis Taylor on Acc ^t rent for the house in pewter platter Alley	5. 0. 0
<i>February 9, 1789</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of Lewis Taylor on Acc ^t Rent for the house in Pewter Platter Alley	5. 0. 0

<i>February 15, 1789</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin received of M ^{rs} Webb for a quarters rent of the house in Market Street	20. 0. 0
<i>April 13, 1789</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of M ^r Gilchrist for a quarters rent for the house in Market Street	25. 0. 0
<i>April 28, 1789</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of Molly Jacobs for rent by so much paid by her to James Starr	23.13. 2
<i>June 25, 1789</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin, for so much accounted with Lewis Taylor on acc ^t rent	7. 4. 6
<i>July 16, 1789</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin for so much rec ^d of M ^r Gilchrist for a quarters rent	25. 0. 0
	Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash paid poor Tax for his Lots in Mulberry Ward Specie	0. 6. 3
<i>August 31, 1789</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of D: Chambers on Acc ^t of Rent the 19 th Instant	3. 0. 0
<i>October 31, 1789</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of M ^r Gilchrist a quarters rent	25. 0. 0
<i>November 21, 1789</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of Benjamin Bohlen for a quarters rent due 16 th Ult ^o	22.10. 0
<i>January 4, 1790</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of James Hutchinson for a quarters rent due September 23 ^d 21 [Jan.]—rec ^d of B. Bohlen for a quarters rent due 16 th Instant	3. 0. 0 22.10. 0
<i>February 11, 1790</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of William Barton for a quarters rent due 22 ^d Jan ^y last,—deduct ^s 11/3 for mend ^s windows	18. 3. 9
<i>April 13, 1790</i>	Cash D ^r To Benjamin Franklin rec ^d of Charles Gilchrist for two quarters rent due 1 st Ins ^t	47.10. 0
<i>April 22, 1790</i>	Benjamin Franklin D ^r 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 ⁴⁷	324.17. 8

⁴⁷ 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."

<i>May 13, 1790</i>	Cash D ^r To The Executors of B. Franklin rec ^d from M ^r Hill ⁴⁸	87. 1. 4
<i>May 24, 1790</i>	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 ⁴⁹	2172. 5.11
<i>June 30, 1790</i>	Executors of Benjamin Franklin D ^r To Cash ⁵⁰	
	p ^d Alexander Fullerton's Bill of Sundries	69.18. 3
	p ^d Joseph Dolbey the Sexton's d ^o	10.12. 6
	p ^d Mary Humphrey's d ^o	<u>2. 5. 0</u>
		82.15. 9
<i>February 18, 1791</i>	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.	31. 8. 3
<i>February 24, 1791</i>	Cash D ^r To Profit & Loss rec ^d for two years & one quarters Interest on the Philosophical Society's Bond for £500 due the 20 th Ins ^t ⁵¹	67.10. 0
<i>February 24, 1792</i>	Cash D ^r To Profit & Loss rec ^d of J. Vaughan a years Int ^t on the Philosophical Society's Bond for £500 ⁵²	30. 0. 0
<i>April 20, 1792</i>	Cash D ^r To Profit & Loss rec ^d from Henry Hill Esq ^r on account of the Estate of D ^r Franklin ⁵³	475. 2. 6

⁴⁸ 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.

⁴⁹ 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."

⁵⁰ Franklin's funeral expenses. Alexander Fullerton, shopkeeper at 55 High Street, probably supplied the coffin.

⁵¹ 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.

⁵² This payment was authorized at a meeting of the Society on Feb. 17, 1792.

⁵³ This is the last entry in Bache's daybook referring to Benjamin Franklin.