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in

THE BOSTON ATHENÆUM

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IN FOUR PARTS:

I. Books from the Library of General George Washington
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With an Appendix

THE INVENTORY OF WASHINGTON'S BOOKS DRAWN UP BY THE APPRAISERS OF HIS ESTATE
WITH NOTES IN REGARD TO THE FULL TITLES OF THE SEVERAL BOOKS, AND THE LATER HISTORY AND PRESENT OWNERSHIP OF THOSE NOT IN THE ATHENÆUM COLLECTION

by William Coolidge Lane

Librarian of the Boston Athenæum

THE BOSTON ATHENÆUM

1897
London: Printed for the Author; and Sold by Rivington. . . 1762. xv, (1), 47, (1), 369, (11) pp. 5 folded plates. Frontispiece. 8°.

Washington's autograph on the title-page; and on the dedication leaf his name appears in a different handwriting.

MILLER, SAMUEL, D.D. 1791-1850.


Given to Washington by the author who wrote:—

New York, Aug. 4, 1793.

Sir,—Be pleased to accept of the Sermon herewith transmitted, as a small tribute of that Respect, Veneration, and Gratitude, which are due to you from every American, and among others—

from The Author.

From the original in the State Department.

To which Washington replied:—

"It is but a few days since that I had the pleasure to receive your polite letter of the 4 instant, which accompanied the Sermon delivered by you on the 4 of July—and I beg you will accept my best thanks for the attention shewn in forwarding the same to me. Phila. 29 August 1793,"—From the Washington Letter Books in the State Department.

Bound with "The Institution of the Society of the Cincinnati" and other pamphlets in a volume lettered "Cincinnati."

—— A Discourse delivered in the New Presbyterian Church, New-York: before the Grand Lodge of the State of New-York, and the Brethren of that Fraternity, assembled in General Communication, on the Festival of St. John the Baptist, June 24th, 1795. By Samuel Miller, A.M. One of the Ministers of the United Presbyterian Churches, in the City of New-York.


Half-title leaf missing.

Bound with other pamphlets in a volume lettered "Masonic Sermons." Contents given under MAGAW, S. A Sermon preached in Christ-Church, Dover, December 27th, 1779.

—— A Sermon, delivered in the New Presbyterian Church, New-York, July fourth, 1795, being the nineteenth Anniversary of the Independence of America: at the Request of, and before, the Mechanic, Tammany, and Democratic Societies, and the military Officers. By Samuel Miller, A.M. One of the Ministers of the United Presbyterian Churches, in the City of New-York.

Given to Washington by the author. The letter of presentation is here printed from
the original preserved in the State Department:—

    NEW YORK, July 30, 1795.

SIR:—

I do myself the honor to transmit to You, a Sermon delivered in this City on the last
Anniversary of American Independence:— and also a Discourse delivered at the request of,
& before the Grand Lodge of this State, on the late Festival of St John the Baptist.

Be pleased, Sir, to receive these trifling productions, not as in themselves worthy of
Your attention; but as a small testimony of that high Respect & profound Veneration,
which every American Citizen, & indeed, every lover of man, owes to your exalted
character.

SAM' MILLER.

Bound with "The Institution of the Society of the Cincinnati" and other pamphlets in
a volume lettered "Cincinnati."

MINTO, WALTER, LL.D. Mathematician, 1753-1796.

An Inaugural Oration, on the Progress and Importance of the Mathematical
Sciences. Delivered at Princeton on the evening preceding the Annual
Commencement 1788, by Walter Minto, L.L.D. Professor of Mathematics
and Natural Philosophy in the College of New-Jersey.

Trenton: printed by Isaac Collins. m.dcc.lxxxviii. 51 pp. 8°.

Inscribed on the verso of the title-page, "His Exc' George Washington Esquire, from
his most ob'l & most h'lly Serv! The Author."

A letter from the author presenting another of his works reads as follows:—


SIR,—The Rev. Dr Mason my friend will present to you a small tract on the theory
of the Planets. Its chief merit consists in the discovery of mathematical truth—that the
circular orbit of a planet may be determined by two observations only—which have not
been tho'ot of before. I beg you will do me the favor of receiving it as a small testimony of
the esteem & veneration I have for the man who has done so much for the rights & happi-
ness of human kind. I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most humble serv't

WALTER MINTO.

From the original in the State Department.

Bound with other pamphlets in a volume lettered "Miscellanies." Contents given under
WHEELOCK, E. A Continuation of the Narrative, &c.

THE MONTHLY Review, for November, 1775, January, 1778.

London, printed for R. Griffiths. 1775, 78. 2 unbound nos. 8°.

The January 1778 number has the autograph of Clement Biddle on the first page; and
on the cover is written:—

"Col. Clem' Biddle Commiss' Gen! forage at Camp. By Mr. Clem' Smith."

THE MONTHLY Review enlarged, for May, 1793, December, 1795.

London: printed for R. Griffiths. 2 unbound nos. 8°.