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John Hancock      Liza Waples

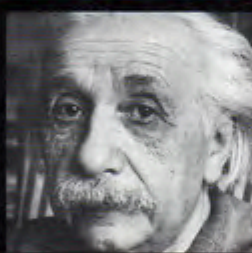
St. Clements      Diana

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## President of Continental Congress Cyrus Griffin , writes that Signer Samuel Adams May Persuade the Massachusetts Convention not to Ratify the U.S Constitution

Last President of the Continental Congress. Outstanding content ALS as President of Congress, 4to, January 13, 1788. The U.S constitution was to be ratified by conventions in each state and to become operative after nine states had ratified it. But Anti-federalists opposed the concentration of power in the national government under the constitution; Griffin writes a three page letter after 4 states have ratified and 5 more are needed. He writes from New York to Thomas Fitzsummons, a member of the Federal Constitutional Convention of 1787, concerning Massachusetts constitutional convention and possible problems. The first portion of the letter concerns financial matters of Congress. He then writes on the unrest in Europe: "*...A little period since our Ministers abroad were predicting a speedy war I do not believe the affairs of Europe exhibit at this time a more pacific appearance. If the contest in Holland has terminated with peace to the provinces, France will accept the challenge from England with spirit and equal ability. A little while and then we may determine with certainty.*"

### **In regard to the constitution, he writes:**

"Connecticut has received the constitution - a great majority. Four states have now accepted. Parties are running very high in Massachusetts. Samuel Adams and his friends have at length come forward; the delegates from that government, who understand characters, are doubtful of a happy issue. If Mass. should be so unwise and dishonest to reject the system, N. York and Virginia will not hesitate one moment to follow the example fatal consequences not one of us can foresee in their extent.."

He continues: "...but as my cold is bad, and what is still worse my pay would cease when absent from the seat of Congress, I believe dear Madam had better spend the long nights without a partner..." The Anti-Federalists were those who opposed the ratification of the U.S. Constitution in 1787-88. Led by George Clinton, George Mason, Patrick Henry, and Elbridge Gerry and Samuel Adams, they argued that the proposed Constitution gave excessive power to the federal government. The Bill Of Rights was adopted partly to assuage their fears that individual liberties would be endangered. Samuel Adams led the opposition in Massachusetts. He finally gave in when John Hancock introduced amendments or Conciliatory Resolutions, as they were called. Griffin letters are of the scarcest among the Presidents of Congress, but we doubt you will find another one with such an incredible content.

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**Malcolm X Important Letter Signed In Which He Attacks Elijah Muhammad Setting In motion His Own Eventual Assassination**

**257 MALCOLM X,**

Influential American advocate of BLACK NATIONALISM, and vigorous advocate of self-defense against white violence. In 1963, an ideological split developed between Malcolm and Elijah Muhammad. Malcolm X founded the rival Organization for Afro-American Unity and no longer preached racial separation, but rather a socialist revolution. He was shot and killed in 1965, by assassins thought to be connected with Elijah Muhammad. In this two page typed Signed letter, Malcolm X addresses the then leader of the movement, Elijah Muhammad, with whom Malcolm X was developing a rift. The letter reads in part; "...I refuse to accept or thank you for that part [of your letter] where you imply that I am trying to get ahead of the Holy Apostle of ALLAH or exalt myself above him in the eyes of the public. Do you actually realize the depth of such implication? I think not! I've heard too much of this type of thing, and always it is from the vicinity of your office...As for publicity; I never duck it. When it is available I accept it and try to use or utilize it to its best advantage...You yourself, when you were here, had a LOW SPIRIT, and rebellious attitude. You even stopped attending the temple, your dissatisfaction reached such high level[sic]...If you don't believe these words, then examine OUR WORK...I am still your brother who loves you and thanks you for all you good intentions..." The letter goes states in some detail the disagreements between the two leaders that many feel led to the death of Malcolm X. Signed; "As-Salaam-Alaikum: your brother and servant, Malcolm X" A rare and important piece of history from a man who changed the face of the Civil Rights movement. Fascinating content. In excellent condition.

Inv No. 7285 \$ 7500-10000

**258 BEECHER, HENRY WARD**

Famous American clergymen in the 19th century Autograph Note Signed to Dr Leavett, n.p., n.d. One page, 24mo, 3 tiny perforations, to one corner (not affecting text), asking him to meet with an apparent friend. "Dear Doctor Leavett, nice you give audience to Mr Skilton, touching Mexico? I know your Spanish leanings - ought they not to see storms? Truly yours H. W Beecher " In fine condition.

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**Rare TLS from founder of Scientology, L. Ron Hubbard**

**259 HUBBARD, L. RON**

American science fiction writer and founder of the Church of Scientology, author of the Scientology guidebook Dianetics. His followers include such celebrities as John Travolta and Tom Cruise. Rare TLS on his personal letterhead with his name and Scientology logo, 1p, 4to, dated May 27, 1980 to a fan in Las Vegas. In part: "...I'm honored to know that you would like to have my photo for your 'Celebrity Room' The LRH Personal Public Relations Officer will be getting in touch with you...Did you know that there is a Scientology Celebrity Centre in Las Vegas? If you are interested in finding out more about the technology I have developed, the Registrar there will be glad to meet with you. Sincerely, L. Ron Hubbard." Excellent condition.

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Beautiful Signed Charlie Chaplin  
Photograph as a Young Man

**405 CHAPLIN, CHARLIE**

Renowned Actor, Director Charlie Chaplin invented one of the most recognizable and legendary characters in all of cinema, The Little Tramp. His films include "City Lights", "Modern Times" and "The Great Dictator" This is a gorgeous, sepia toned, 4"X 6" photograph of Chaplin as a handsome young man. He wears black tie and a pensive expression. Chaplin signs: "*Sincerely Yours, Chas Chaplin*" In very good condition.

Inv No. 7138 \$ 900-1200

Clayton Moore - The Lone Ranger - On the  
Death of His Sidekick Jay Silverheels

**406 MOORE, CLAYTON**

US Actor best known as The Lone Ranger in the long-running TV series. 1 page, 8" X 11", dated May 12, 1998, Typed Letter Signed on Clayton Moore's letterhead in which he discusses the death of Jay Silverheels who played his sidekick, Tonto. Moore writes in part; "...He passed on March 5, 1980. I went to his memorial service and said a few words. But it was impossible to sum up a friendship like ours in just a couple sentences..." Signed in bold black ink, "*Clayton Moore*" A moving tribute from one TV legend to another Two folds. Otherwise in excellent condition.

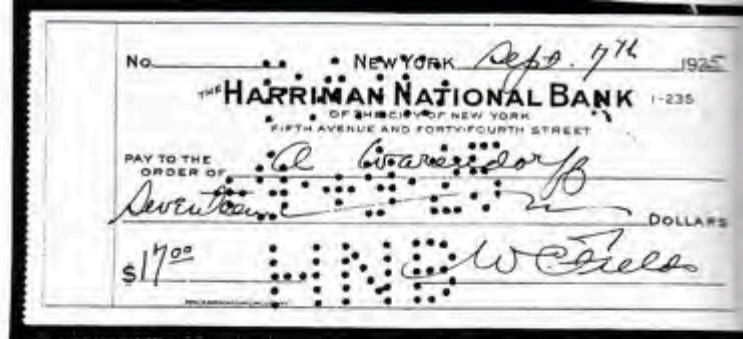
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"Sean Connery."

**407 CONNERY, SEAN**

Actor famous for his role as the original James Bond. Signed Contract, 1p, 4to, dated March 1, 1978 "Re: The Great Train Robbery" Boldly signed in blue ink: "*Sean Connery.*" In excellent condition.

Inv No. 5943 \$ 220-300



Rare W C. Fields Signed Check

**408 FIELDS, W. C.**

U.S. Comedic Actor. Signed check drawn on the Harriman Bank of New York and dated Sept. 7, 1925 for \$17.00. This check is made out entirely in Fields's hand and he signs; "*W.C Fields*" in black ink. This check is in almost pristine condition with only one small spot of soiling and a couple of bank cancellation pin holes that overlap with the beginning swoop of the "W" in Fields's signature. An excellent example.

Inv No. 7276 \$ 500-650



**409 PICKFORD, MARY**

American Actress known as "America's Sweetheart." Vintage ISP, 8x10", sepia-toned, portrait. Shows a very youthful Pickford in profile from the shoulders up gazing innocently in a dreamful state. Exceptionally clear inscription and signature: "*To Mr F. Barham, Sincerely yours, Mary Pickford.*" A truly lovely shot of the beautiful and popular actress.

Inv No. 3388 \$ 200-400

**410 KAYE, DANNY**

Actor Signed credit card receipt, dated December 1961 El Monte, CA., Chevron Oil Company For the amount of "\$2.25" Signed in pencil as the recipient, "*Danny Kaye*" In very good condition.

Inv No. 6047 \$ 110-200

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