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JEFFERSON DAVIS AS PRESIDENT OF THE CONFEDERACY IN APRIL 1861 ASKS FOR MARYLAND TO JOIN THE CONFEDERACY AGAINST THE UNION

47 DAVIS JEFFERSON

President of the Confederacy. Autograph Letter Signed, 1 page, as President of the Confederacy, Jefferson Davis writes "... I hope you will soon be with us and you know the pleasure with which I shall greet you when Maryland again shall make us confirms - Jefferson Davis" Dated Montgomery, Alabama, April 8, 1861 written to Maryland Congressman George W. Hughes a few days before the attack on Fort Sumter. Hughes had delivered an address to Congress on February 5th, 1861 just one day after the Government of the Confederacy was established concerning the right of border states to be able to choose its own destinies. The initial part of the letter was written by a secretary, but for some unknown reason the final portion was finished by Davis himself. At the outbreak of the Civil War, Maryland had almost equal numbers of slaves and free blacks, and the state was sharply divided in its sympathies to North and South. However, when neighboring Virginia seceded, Maryland's presence within the Union became vital to the defense of Washington, D.C., and Lincoln was forced to prevent secession by imposing military rule. Outstanding content.

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Montgomery, Ala.
April 8. 1861

Hon. Geo. W. Hughes

Dear Sir

I have to thank you for your kind and interesting letter of the 26th ulto in relation to public affairs in the border states. The suggestion with regard to Mr. Mackay has been referred to the Secretary of State who will, no doubt, give it due consideration. I hope you will soon be with us and you know the pleasure with which I shall greet you when Maryland shall again make us confirms -

yours as ever
Jefferson Davis

DARWIN WRITES TO A BREEDER WHO SUPPLIED HIM WITH STATISTICAL INFORMATION FOR HIS SEMINAL WORK "THE DESCENT OF MAN"

324 DARWIN CHARLES

British scientist, who laid the foundation of modern evolutionary theory with his concept of natural selection. Darwin introduced the concept that all related organisms are descended from common ancestors. In his book "The Descent of Man" Darwin proposed that man evolved from an anthropoid animal. Important content Letter Signed, 2 pages, 8vo., Beckenham, Kent, Feb. 25, 1875, He write to G. Cupples, a dog breeder who supplied him with statistical information for his seminal work, the Descent of Man.

Darwin writes: "My Dear Sir, Last night it suddenly occurred to me that I had not sent you the last Edition of the Descent of Man published in November. How I could have forgotten & what made me think of it last night is beyond my comprehension. I have written to Murray to send you a copy; not that I suppose that you will care much about it, but I do [underlined] care very much that you would not think me ungracious & ungrateful. The case about the grey hounds broke down. Yours very sincerely Ch. Darwin". This last line refers to the data which Cupples, a champion dog breeder, supplied to Darwin concerning the numerical proportion of the sexes. What is interesting is that he found that greyhounds have the most disparate sex ratio all animals: 110.1 males to 100 females. In another part of the book, Darwin uses Cupples' data in his discussion of various canine sizes based on sex and courtship behaviors.

Letters referring to The Descent of Man are quite scarce and highly desirable. With original transmittal envelope. Excellent condition.

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Feb 25. 75

DOWN,
BECKENHAM, KENT.
RAILWAY STATION
SEPISTON, E. I. S.

My dear Sir

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is beyond my comprehension.

I have written to Murray to send you a copy; not that I suppose that you will care much about it, but I do care very much that you should not think me ungracious & ungrateful. The case about the grey hounds almost broke down

Yours very sincerely
Ch. Darwin

Rare Alphonse Mucha Handwritten Signed Postcard

764 . MUCHA, ALPHONSE

Czech Painter and Illustrator, famous for his Art Deco poster. Scarce ALS, 1 page, 5 1/2" x 3 1/2", 1932, Bad Wildungen. Handwritten Letter Signed on verso of postcard with photo image of a park, Bad Wildungen. Mucha writes, in black ink, in part: "...During a tropical heat I am thinking about how cold it is where you are...It is beautiful here, quiet - woods of "wilderness". Doctor is very satisfied with me so I will try to be home soon...My greetings to Ruza, to you and to all your friends..." Signed, "Yours, Mucha". In excellent condition.

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\$ 400-500



Postcard Signed by Picasso, Eluard, Man Ray and Nusch the Avant garde genius of the 1930's

762 . PICASSO, MAN RAY, ELUARD, NUSCH

Signed postcard by 5 Famous French Avant garde genius of the 1930's, the card is signed by Picasso, the poet Paul Eluard, the artist Man Ray and Nusch and a few others, postal stamp from March 20, 1936. A fascinating combination of people that redefined art in the first half of the century, write to a Madame Valentine Hugo and tell her that they are all thinking affectionately of her, then they all sign in ink. Picasso's signature is the boldest and largest. The front of the card is the famous Coffee House of the Peace in Paris where all these artists gathered. A great combination.

Inv No. 8385

\$ 1000-2000



763 . KOKOSCHKA, OSCAR

Austrian born expressionist painter best known for his searching portraits. Color Reproduction of two of Kokoschka's famous paintings, 2pp - recto and verso of one page, 8vo. The artist has signed below the black and white image of an older man: "Oskar Kokoschka." In excellent condition.

Inv No. 4215

\$ 100-200



American Painter John Trumbull Signs A Receipt For Payment On His Early Masterpiece

765 . TRUMBOLL, JOHN

American Painter, best known for his "Declaration of Independence." Aide to the camp of George Washington during the American Revolution. He began his painting career with "The Battle of Bunker Hill." George Washington sat for him on several occasions. DS. 1page, 8" x 3 1/2". June 13, 1789. n.p. A partly printed legal document signed "Jno. Trumbull" and co-signed "J. Cracknell" and "Willm: Sharp". The document acknowledged receipt of one and a half guineas from Mr. Oswald for "One half of the Subscription for a Print of the Sortie of GIBRALTAR, which we promise to deliver according to the Proposals." After the Revolution, Trumbull went to England to study painting. Not surprisingly, he was unable to sell paintings of his true love, the recently completed American Revolution, so he did works based on British history. One of his early masterpieces was Sortie Made by the Garrison of Gibraltar. The paper is white and the signatures are dark; it is backed to a cardboard. In fine condition.

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