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THE Historical Society of Pennsylvania  
Philadelphia 187

Dear Sir,

The Historical Society of Pennsylvania has once more to propose an exchange with the Library Company, or rather with the Loggians Library.

Within the last five years this Society has obtained by purchase, gift or exchange, over one hundred volumes of Colonial and revolutionary newspapers. These volumes comprise the Mercury, Gazette, Journal, and other ancient Philadelphia papers, which taken together afford an unbroken series of years from 1727 to 1785, but of no one of these papers have we a consecutive file, and we therefore turn to you, as rich in duplicates, in the hope that by offering a fair equivalent you may enable us to accommodate the many persons, who visit our Rooms to consult old newspapers, with a more complete file of our papers than we now have.

We have to offer you:

I. A copy of the *Lionitischer Weyranchs-Hügel*, the first book printed at Germantown, the first issue of Christopher Sowers press, and the earliest American example of printing from German type. Mr Fiske Harris, the great collector of American Poetry, recently paid Forty dollars for a copy without a title page, a fault which reduces the value of such bibliographical curiosities more than one half. As an instance of this we would mention Mr Brinley's copy of Atkin's edition of the Bible, which lacking