Introduction: At the beginning of the year, Franklin joined the Freemasons. He had done business with one Mason, Thomas Hart, bricklayer, in 1730, but in 1731 Freemasons William Allen, Isaac Brown, William Button, William Pringle, and Josiah Rolfe, all turn up in his accounts, as does the Lodge itself on St John’s Day, 24 June. A good friend and original Junto member, William Parsons, first appears on 2 Jan. Franklin sent his journeyman printer Thomas Whitemarsh to Carolina to open a printing shop (9 Sept) and regularly supplied Whitemarsh with printing supplies (13 Oct). Franklin began doing business with his brother James Franklin, who was now in Newport, RI. BF recorded under 30 Oct (though some of the entries must be later) sending publications to James: 100 Watts (Miller 2), 36 The Spirit’s Teaching Man’s Sure Guide (Miller 12), 24 Short Discourse Proving the Jewish Sabbath is repealed (Miller 7), 12 of his own Modest Enquiry into the Nature and Necessity of a Paper Currency (Miller 4), 100 Godfrey’s almanacs (Miller 35), 100 Godfrey’s sheet almanacs (Miller 36) and 36 copies of Ralph Sandiford’s Mystery of Iniquity (Miller 31, or possibly Sandiford’s earlier Brief Examination of the Practice of the Times, Miller 11). The exchange was reciprocal. BF advertised James Franklin’s edition of Robert Barclay’s An Apology for the True Christian Divinity, 21 Dec.

Also under 30 Oct, BF recorded a series of transactions with his partner Thomas Whitemarsh: “100 Book Almanacks” (Godfrey’s? If so, Miller 35); “100 Sheet Almanacks” (Godfrey’s? If so, Miller 36); “36 Watts Psalms unbound” (Miller 2, who mistakenly has 40 copies); “1 Doz. Watts Psalms” (bound? Miller 2); and “50 Nature of Riches” (By Joseph Morgan; Miller 56; dated 1732 on title-page). BF recorded charges for 500 copies of two sheets of the Nature of Riches. Another brother, the sailor Peter Franklin, carried printed works and supplies between Benjamin and James.
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The major on-going expense was paper. In 1731, Franklin’s supplier became William Allen. One transaction, recorded under 10 July, shows Franklin paying £124.15.0 to Allen for paper. In September, Franklin recorded paying the firm Mogridge and Cassel £6 "on Acct. of the Press." Was this a part payment for the printing press that Simon Meredith had ordered for his son and Franklin to start printing? Or was it another press? If so, the part payment was for the press that he sent with Thomas Whitemarsh to South Carolina.

Franklin continued to accept payment in barter: brushes from John Wilkinson (13 July); meat from the Widow Wragg (4 Aug); "a Hautboy"/oboe and eggs & bacon from James Wilmot (1731); horse hire from William Biddle (10 April) and Joseph Scull (21 June), chairs from Caleb Ranstead (20 Sept) and Thomas Skelton (1731); and a saddle and whip from Nicholas Reddish (1731). Some items he no doubt sold; others, he kept for his own use. William Button, "Left in my Care his Flute," perhaps as security (1731). From other sources, we know that BF owned and played the oboe, but it is not known whether or not he played the flute, though some ability with the flute was a common attainment in colonial times. A mysterious debtor is Deborah’s "My Madman," who shows up on 27 Aug and 27 Nov and who is never identified; he did, however, not only pay his debt but bought a Hemphill tract in 1735.

The 1731 accounts show an increase in binding jobs. They also document Franklin’s payment of monthly dues to the Masonic lodge (cf. 5 July, 6 Sept, 4 Oct, 1 Nov, 6 Dec). During the year, BF experimented with making ink. On 17 June, he tested three different inks (his own, Joseph Breinthe’s and one “very different”); on 19 June, he experimented with Persian ink made by James Austin; on 22 June, with a “Japan Ink”; and on 3 Aug, with his own “New Ink,” noting it was “Pale when first wrote.” He selected one or more of these for bottling in large quantities (cf. 20 Aug, 12 Oct). Oil was an essential ingredient in making ink, and the shop was
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selling oil by 12 May (William Mogridge).

**Imprints.** Numerous details of Franklin’s printing appear in the accounts. The Votes and Proceedings are printed and recorded by sessions of the Assembly (see 1 Jan; Miller 44 misdates the account 1731/2, but it is 1730/1, and should be for Miller 43, as listed below). Other references to printing the Votes and the Laws occur on 14 Jan, 1 June, Sept; 14 Dec, and year end. The accounts provide a date for the separate printing of the 12 Jan naturalization act (Miller 25), which BF referred to as "Palatines" (1 June). They disclose the date (1 July) by which BF finished and billed the trustees of the loan office for printing the paper currency emission of 10 April (Miller 42), as well as the specifics of his charges. Surprisingly, of the £114.13.5, he abated £14.13.5. Many printers charged more than they were paid by Pennsylvania and other provinces, and not infrequently, printers tried to charge the province more at a later time. This is the only instance I know where Franklin changed a charge. Perhaps Bradford said he would have printed the notes for £100 or perhaps Franklin was so pleased with the job that he abated the £14.13.5 on his own. No evidence explains the change.

The accounts often reveal when a publication appeared (of course an imprint could have appeared some time before someone bought a copy on credit). Robert Nevet bought a copy of George Webb’s Batchelors-Hall (Miller 46) on 28 April. And William Davis bought a copy of the first part of Alexander Arscot’s Considerations (Miller 33) 1 May. Details on BF’s charges for printing Pennsylvania’s Votes and Laws are given on 1 and 14 Jan; Sept; 14 Dec, and year-end. Since both Miller 26 and 27 are simply cited as "Law" or "Laws," I discriminate between the two by the price, the former sold for 6d and the latter for 2s. BF’s charge for printing a Pennsylvania proclamation is recorded under 27 Aug. Godfrey’s almanac was evidently published by 28 Oct, when Isaac Norris bought 500 copies wholesale. It is likely that Godfrey’s
sheet almanac was published at the same time. According to a note in Ledger A&B, p. 369 (given as the last entry for 1731), BF printed 639 copies of the sheet almanac. In the same place BF recorded that Thomas Godfrey bought six copies (Miller 36), Owen Owen bought one, William Webb bought one, and John Wright bought one.

At the end of the year, BF charged James Logan for printing Alexander Arscot’s *Some Considerations Relating to the Present State of the Christian Religion*, part 1 (Miller 33), and charged Logan and Israel Pemberton for printing both parts (Miller 33 and 47). He also, at the year’s end, recorded additional books sent to Whitemarsh in Charleston: “100 Sh[eet]. Alm[anacks]” (Godfrey’s? Miller 36?); “12 Watts Psalms” (Miller 2); “150 [Joseph Morgan], Nature Riches” (Miller 56); “50 [Honour of the] Gout Books” (Miller 62); “20 [William] Bow[man]. Ser.” (The Traditions of the Clergy destructive of Religion; Miller 49); and “50 Catechisms” (David Evans? *A Short Plain Help for Parents*? Miller 51?).

The accounts show that having partners and relatives in the business was a boon. Franklin sent them tens and hundreds of his publications unasked. If they sold them, wonderful! If not, they could (and often did) return them.

Franklin continued his job printing. On 2 Jan, he printed 6 quires of tobacco papers for Nathaniel Edgecomb (Miller A34); on 14 Jan, 100 declarations for J. Trent (A45); on 1 March, 100 Welsh Tickets for Dr. (Evan) Jones (A40a); on 5 April, 1 quire of tobacco paper for N. Edgecomb (A35) and 1000 writs for Capt. Foster (A36); on 1 May, 300 mortgages, 300 bonds, and 150 warrants for C. Brockden (A31, A32, A33); on 12 June, 150 deputations for C. Read (A43); on 1 July, 240 mortgages for J. Lawrence (A 41); on 13 July, 10 license bonds, 100 excise bonds, 140 excise certificates, and 100 licenses for A. Hamilton (A37, A38, A39, A40); on 4 Sept, 200 licenses for R. Charles (A42); on 7 Sept, 200 bail bonds for N. Scull (A44); and on 13
Oct, 6 quires of warrants, summonses, executions, etc., for F. Bowes (A30). These items only enumerate the job printings recorded by Miller. For a list of additions, possible additions, and corrections, see Appendix One.

Stephen Potts, the bookbinder who lived with the Franklins, could do press work (18 Feb), and BF occasionally employed him. Potts (or, perhaps, William Davis) bound two of Isaac Norris’s books on 14 May. (Unfortunately neither title occurs in The Books of Isaac Norris at Dickinson College, ed. Marie Elena Korey.) In this early year of business, BF revealed his disgust with the occasional person who swindled him. On 12 Oct, he annotated John Owen’s account with “Cheater” and noted on the same day that Richard Wright “won’t pay.” Though some persons gradually came to owe him dozens of pounds--many of whom never paid their bills--BF never afterward recorded his exasperation in the accounts. The charge of 1.17.6 to John Lloyd for “Elegies,” 19 Jan, is a puzzle: could BF have printed an elegy or elegies for Lloyd? It may have some connection with “John’s Verses” at the year-end. The sale for 3s of four dozen copies of a ballad to John Carteret, 12 June, is also puzzling; perhaps this was for one of BF’s Welsh ballads (Miller 17 or 22)?

Franklin had started making small cash loans to friends, employees, and customers the previous year. In 1731 he started taking small notes of exchange: on 26 Oct, John Pigot gave him a note of exchange on Mrs. Peter Loyd.

On p. 365 of Ledger A&B Franklin noted by last name only a series of 34 charges for advertisements in the Pennsylvania Gazette. Half way down the list he put “No. 153” beside the name “Bringhurst.” John Bringhurst advertised for a strayed or stolen horse in PG #153, 28 Oct 1731. Using that date, the other names can be identified with particular advertisements, for the ads are listed in chronological order. The second, third, and fourth names in the list are
"Williams," “Baynton,” and “Capt Gould.” All appear in PG #148, 23 Sept. Lawrence Williams, merchant, advertised an especially long list of goods for sale. Peter Baynton, merchant, advertised "Slit or Rod Iron for Nails and other Uses." And Captain James Gould at Trenton listed a plantation for sale. Of the 34 entries, I have some uncertainties about 4. The first name in the list is “Esq. Owen.” I believe this is Sheriff John Owen of Chester County who advertised for three escaped prisoners beginning on 30 Sept (BF called him "Esq Owen of Chester" on the following Ledger A&B page, 366). A second dubiousness concerns "Starch." Since the charge is 5.0., I believe it refers to Nathaniel Palmer’s advertisements for starch. Palmer advertised on 2 Sept and repeatedly thereafter; though John Clifton advertised at least once, 23 September. (Clifton’s shorter ad probably cost only 3s.)

A third uncertainty concerns the “Shoemaker’s Boy.” It follows the entries “Davis & Hart,” “Mankin,” and precedes the entry “Reynolds.” The other three entries all first occur in PG #151, 14 Oct. The advertisement by Thomas Hart and William Davies for runaway servants is followed by an ad by “Mrs. Mankin” for good Madera wine. That in turn is followed by “A Likely Servant Lad’s Time for near Seven Years, to be disposed of; He is fit for Town or Country Business. Enquire of the Printer hereof.” Two notices later there is an advertisement by Lawrence Reynolds for the return of items stolen from his home. It seems that “Shoemaker’s Boy” entry refers to the “Likely Servant Lad.” Evidently he was an apprentice or an indentured servant whose time was owned by a local shoemaker. The entry “Crossthwaite” follows “Fisher,” who is charged 5.0., and precedes “Pegg D.” Joseph Fisher, master of the Snow Lowther, has two advertisements in PG #155, 11 Nov (reprinted, as usual, in the next two issues); and Daniel Pegg has an advertisement for a strayed horse on 18 Nov. All the advertisements for the preceding and following gazettes carry the names of the advertisers,
except for the advertisement immediately before Daniel Pegg’s. That announcement is "To be SOLD, A Likely Negro Wench ... Enquire of the Printer hereof." I suspect that (William) Crossthwaite advertised (18 Nov) the slave for sale. The formula "Enquire of the Printer hereof" was commonly used by printers throughout the colonies. It meant that more information was available at the printer’s office.

**The Shop.** While Franklin printed upstairs, Deborah (and, for six months, her mother) managed the shop on the ground floor. Though remaining primarily a stationery store, the shop gradually assumed some aspects of a general merchandise store. The shop sold "Bohea Tea and Sug[ar]" (28 Sept), "Spectacles" (Aug, 28 Nov), and medicinal herbs: "Snake root" (9 Sept) and "Gentian Root" (13 Oct). Deborah’s mother, Sarah Read, began boarding with the Franklins in the latter part of June (6 Jan 1731/2), and on 2 July, she rented one side of the shop at £6 a year (7 July). She sold items for BF when neither he nor Deborah was available (numerous entries post 7 July) and received a commission on these sales (6 Jan 1731/2). Stephen Potts, bookbinder, began renting part of the shop on 1 Nov and began boarding with the Franklins on 21 Dec (7 Jan 1731/2).

**1731 Chronology [Calendar 6]:**

£153.28 Pa currency = £100 sterling; McCusker 184.

1 Jan, Friday. Province of Pennsylvania, Dr. to 1 Paper Book, 2 Quire Marble Paper, 4.0; Dr. For Printing Votes of the last Session of the Assembly in Aug 1730, 3 sheets at 26s per sheet [Miller 28], 3.18.0; For printing Laws made in their last Session relating to Damms and Trustees [Miller 26] &c. 2 1/2 Sheets at 25s, 3.2.6; To printing Votes 1 1/2 Sheets of the first Session of this Assembly [Miller 43] at 20s, 1.19.0. Ledger A&B 9, 208 (lacks last
entry). [In addition, 208 has:] For Printing of Winter Sessions, 15 Sheets at 26/ per, 19.10.0. [Miller 43]; For Printing Laws of Winter Sessions [Miller 27], 8 Sheets, 10.0.0. Ledger A&B 208.

2 Jan, Saturday. Nath. Edgecome Dr. For printing 6 Quire Tobacco Paper, 3.0; For 3 Quire Paper, 0.9. Ledger A&B 9, 184; Miller A34.
---. John Hood, Shoemaker, Dr. For printing an Adv. No. 80 [28 May 1730; ad not identified], 5.0., Paid. Ledger A&B 9.
---. John Moore Esq. Credit by Cash, 1.10.0. Cr. For Cash in full, 1.6.6. Ledger A&B 9 (first item only), 199.
---. Wm Parsons Credit for 3 Quire Paper, 1.0. Ledger A&B 9.
---. Whitemarsh Dr. to Cash, 1.10.0. Ledger A&B 9, 210.

5 Jan, Tuesday. Contra, Cr. Bought of Wm. Allen 20 Reams of Paper 13 at 12s and 7 at 15s, 13.1.0. Ledger A&B 9, 213.
---. Mr. Dunning, a Bond, 0.4. Ledger A&B 9. Same as 10 Jan?
---. Wm Morgan, an Almanack, 0.5. For News 18 Months. Ledger A&B 9 (first entry only), 190.
---. Dan. Peg an Almanack, 0.5. Ledger A&B 9.
---. Rev Mr. Weyman, 2 Almanacks, 0.10. Ledger A&B 9.
---. Thomas Whitemarsh an Almanack, 0.5. Ledger A&B 9, 210.

10 Jan, Sunday. Thomas Dunning Dr. For a Bond, 0.4. Ledger A&B 180. Same as 5 Jan?
12 Jan, Tuesday. George Megee Dr for an Advertisement in Gaz. 161 [28 Dec], 3.0. the same continu’d, 2.0. Ledger A&B 24 (lacks “the same continu’d”), 250. Cf. 12 Jan 1732.
14 Jan, Thursday. Received of Mr. Evans, Cash, 5.0.0. Ledger A&B 10.

---. Tho. Griffitts an Almanack, 0.5. Ledger A&B 10, 212.

---. Joseph Norris Dr. for Cash lent, 1.6. Ledger A&B 10.

---. [Province of Pennsylvania] Done for the Assembly this Week Votes, 3 sheets [a portion of Miller 28], 3.18.0. Ledger A&B 10. Dr. for 100 Quills, 2.0. Ledger A&B 9, 208. The total of 37.5.7. was paid in full. Ledger A&B 209.


---. James Trent of Trentown, Esqr., Dr. for 100 Declaration at 4d, 1.13.4. Ledger A&B 10, 214; Miller A45. Contra Cr. For Cash By Order on Joseph Peace, 1.13.4. Ledger A&B 215.

---. Thomas Whitemarsh, Dr. For Cash, 5.0. Ledger A&B 210.


19 Jan, Tuesday. David Evans Dr. to Votes [part of Miller 28], 0.10; Dr. for Ditto, 0.4. Ledger A&B 10, 196.


---. Isaac Low, Votes [two parts of Miller 28?], 1.2. For News 1 Year & 1/2, 15.0. Ledger A&B 210.

---. Thomas Whitemarsh, Dr. Cash, 5.0; Dr. Cash, 10.0. Ledger A&B 10. Dr. For Cash, 10.6. Ledger A&B 210.

23 Jan, Saturday. Samuel Hale, Credit by Cash, 10.0. Credit For Cash, 3.0. Ledger A&B 10 (first entry only), 191.

---. William Morgan. Cr. For Cash, 10.0; For Cash, 3.0. Ledger A&B 191.

---. Philip Taylor Dr. of Kent County To Votes [part of Miller 28], Laws [Miller 26], &c., 2.0.
25 Jan, Monday. Mr. Dunning Dr. to Votes [part of Miller 28], 1.4. Ledger A&B 10, 180.

---. Mr. Simon Edgell, Dr. For a Blank Book 4 quire 12/, & a Bible 6/, 18.0. Ledger A&B 170.

---. Samuel Eves Dr. to Adv. 2 Serv[an]ts., 7.6; Ditto in the News [PG #115, 26 Jan; runaways];
Credit by Cash, 4.6, total 12.0. Ledger A&B 10.

---. Wm Hudson Dr. to Adv., 5.0, paid. Ledger A&B 10.

---. Geo. Shoemaker Dr. to Votes [part of Miller 28], 1.2. Ledger A&B 10. Same as 26 Jan, where price is 1.4?

---. C. W. Thompson Dr. to Votes [part of Miller 28], paid, 1.2. Ledger A&B 10.


---. Geo. Shoemaker, Dr. For Vote [cf Miller 28], 1.4. Contra, Cr. For Cash 1.0. Ledger A&B 214-15. Same as 25 Jan, where price is 1.2?

31 Jan, Sunday. Mr. Charles, 1 Bottle Ink, 1.0. Ledger A&B 10.

---. M. Lloyd Credit by Cash, 16.5. Ledger A&B 10.

---. Thomas Whitemarsh Dr. to Cash, 10.0. Ledger A&B 10, 210.


   Same as “Trustees,” 3 Feb below, 10 April, 1 July.

---. Joseph Kirkbride, 1 Pensil, 0.6, paid. Ledger A&B 11.


---. Samuel Smith Dr. for Cash, 1.0. Ledger A&B 11.
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---. Trustees of the Pennsylvania Loan Office, Dr. For an Advert. [probably PG #117, 9 Feb], 5.0.; For Printing & Paper of £40000 [Miller 42], 114.13.5. Total 114.18.5. Contra, Cr. For Cash in full, 5.0.; For Cash at twice, 100.0.0.; Abated 14.13.0.; Total 114.18.0. Ledger A&B 214-15. Advertisement also above under Hamilton. Same as 10 April (except for ad).


4 Feb, Thursday. Lent Wm. Pringle Cash, 1.11.0, to be paid April 6, 1731. Ledger A&B 11.

---. John Croker Dr. to an Adv., 5.0; In the News [not identified], 3.6 Ledger A&B 11.


11 Feb, Thursday. Stephen Potts, Dr. to Cash, 5.0. Ledger A&B 11.


16 Feb, Tuesday. John Cadwalader, Dr. For an Advt. in Gaz. N118 [16 Feb], 5.0. Ledger A&B 192.

18 Feb, Thursday. Wm. Davis Dr. for Cash, 2.0; for 1 Sheet Marble Paper, 0.4. Ledger A&B 11.

---. Thomas Griffitts, Esq. Dr. for 2 Doz Servants Indentures or 1 Doz Pair, 5.0. Ledger A&B 11.

---. Isaac Norris, Jr., Dr. for Binding Shorthand Book & Account Book, 6.0. Ledger A&B 11, 188.

---. Stephen Potts Dr. to half a Ream of Paper he had by Isaac Norris, 15.0. Credit by Binding for Cha. Read and Isaac Norris, 17.6; Ditto by Press work, 1.3.9. Ledger A&B 11.

---. Cha. Read Dr. to Binding a Bible, 8.0; ditto to Binding 2 other Books, 3.6. Ledger A&B 11, 178.

20 Feb, Saturday. William Davis, Dr. For Cash and Marb. Papr. 2.4. Dr. Total 5.12.0. Carried to
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page 46. Ledger A&B 204.

---. Thomas Griffitts, Esq., Dr. For 1 Doz. pr. Servts. Indentures, 5.0. Ledger A&B 212.

1 March, Monday. Capt. Forster of Trentown, Dr. For sundries, 4.0.4. Ledger A&B 218.

---. Dr. Paracelsus Jones, 100 Welsh Society tickets. 1.0.0. Ledger A&B 194. Miller A20 dated it
1730, but I believe it should be 1731. Cf. 1 March 1732. Evidently for the feast on St. David’s Day; see DH 16 Feb 1730.


---. [Steph?] John Dicky, Fuller Dr. to an Adv., 5.0. Ledger A&B 11, 212 (simply as John Dicky).

---. Edward Horne, 1 Pair Indentures, 0.6. Ledger A&B 11, 194.

---. Joseph Kirkbridge, Dr. for an ad in G No. 120 [4 March]. Ledger A&B 202.

---. Mordecai Loyd [Lloyd], Dr. For an Adv. in N120 [4 March], 3.0. [Spelled Lloyd in ad.]


8 March, Monday. Mr. Dunning, 1 pair Indentures & an Almanack, 0.11. Ledger A&B 12, 180.


---. Mr. Robert Nevett, Votes [part of Miller 28?], 1.4 [no amount recorded on p.12]; 6 Histories bound, 9.0; 1 Doz Testaments, 1.0.0; 1 Doz Primers, 4.6. Ledger A&B 12, 188.


---. William Rawle, Dr. For an Adv. in Gazette N121 [11 March], 5.0. Ledger A&B 194. Cf. 4 Dec 1729.
16 March, Tuesday. John Fruin, Dr. For a Power of Attorney, 0.4. Ledger A&B 240.

18 March, Thursday. Wm Davis Dr. to 2 Sheets Marble Paper, 0.8. Ledger A&B 12. Same as 1 April?

---. Mr. Thomas Dunning, 2 Bills Lading, 0.2. Ledger A&B 12, 180. Dr. 1 Bill of Sale and a Primer, 0.9, Total 13.5. Dr. For an Advt. in Gazette [ad not identified], 3.0. Dr. For a Bond, 0.4. Dr. For an Advertisement of a Loom, &c. Ledger A&B 180.

---. John Heath Dr. to Sundries, 4.4. Credit by Cash in full, 18.5. Ledger A&B 12. Same as 2 April.

---. Mr. Hubbard Dr. To an Acct Book, 16.0. Ledger A&B 12. Same as 20 March.

---. Joseph Jackson, Bristol, sundries, 0.9. Ledger A&B 12.

---. Dr. Jones for Tickets Dr. 1.0.0. Ledger A&B 12. Same as 1 March?

---. John Lloyd, Credit by Cash, 4.6; Dr. to 1 pair indentures, 0.6. Ledger A&B 12.


---. Nicholas Reddish, Dr. For 2 Bills Lading, 0.2.; For Cash and one Years News, 1.17.0.; Total 1.18.0. Contra. Cr. For a Saddle, 1.15.0; for a whip, 3.0. Ledger A&B 12 (first entry only), 214-15.


---. Mark Watson, Contra For Cash, 4.6. Ledger A&B 221.

---. Arthur Wells Dr. for Advertisements, 14.0. Ledger A&B 12. Same as year-end (i.e., ante 25 March).

---. Samuel White of Nottingham Dr. for Adv., 12.0. Ledger A&B 12. Same as year-end.
---. Thomas Whitemarsh, Dr. For Cash, 10.0; Dr. For Cash, 4.6. Ledger A&B 12, 210.

20 March, Saturday. John Hubbard, Dr. For an Acct. Book, 16.0.; For Blank Notes, 0.8.; For an Almanack & P, 0.6.; For a Mason Book, 2.6. [Miller 80--no doubt a later entry]; For Advt. English and Dutch, 10.0. Ledger A&B 216. Same as 18 March (first item only).

---. Edward R. Price, Burlington, Dr. For 1 quire Bonds, 5.0. Ledger A&B 216. Same as 18 March.

Ante 25 March, Thursday [i.e., dated 1730/1]. William Allen, Esq., Dr. For a small Bible for swearing, 8.0.; For Advertisements in Gazette N.197 [7 Sept 1732], 5.0.; Dr. For Cash, 13.1.0.; Dr. For Gazettes, 1 Doz., 2.6.; Dr. For Cash 25.0.0.; For a Letter Book, 17.6. Ledger A&B 212.


---. William Davis, Dr. Carried to page 46, 5.12.0. Ledger A&B 204. Contra, Cr. Brought from Page 38, 3.3.3.; For Binding 2 Psalm books. Ledger A&B 217.

---. John Dicky, Contra, Cr. Ledger A&B 213.

---. Samuel Eves, Dr. For an Advt. in Gaz. N120 [4 March ], 3.0.; For an Advt. in N131 [20 May], 3.0. Contra, Cr. For Cash in full, 6.0. Ledger A&B 202-3.

---. John Hubbard, Contra, Cr. For Cash, 16.0.; For Cash, 0.4. Ledger A&B 217.

---. Arthur Wells, Dr. For Advt. in Gaz. N121 [11 March], 4.0.; For Advt. single, 5.0.; For Advt. single more, 5.0. Contra, Cr. For a Pair of Shoes, 7.6. Ledger A&B 202-3, 217 (repeats contra entry). Ads same as 18 March.

Ante 1 April, Thursday. William Davis, Dr. Brought from Page 38, 5.12.0. Ledger A&B 216.
1 April, Thursday. William Davis, Dr. For 2 Sheets Marb. Pap., 0.8. Ledger A&B 216. Same as 18 March.

---. Isaac Norris, Esq; for advt in G No. 124 [1 April], 3.0. Ledger A&B 202A.

—. Owen Owen Esq. Dr. For an Advt. in Gaz. No. 124 [1 April], 5.0. Ledger A&B 174-75. Cf. accounts dated 1728.

---. Arthur Wells, Dr. For Advertisement, 14.0. Ledger A&B 216. The following notation appears after this entry: “This is ... repeated by Mistake.” See 18 March.

---. White & Taylor Dr. For an Advt in Gazette N124 [1 April], 5.0. Ledger A&B 180.

2 April, Friday. John Heath, Dr. For sundries, <4.4>. [Under Credit, BF has noted, “Dead.”]

Ledger A&B 216. Same as 16 March.

---. Isaac Norris, Junior, Dr. For a Bond and Judgment, 0.6. Ledger A&B 188.

5 April, Monday. Wm Biddle Dr. Advertisement in News [Runaway, dated 30 March, in PG #124, 1 April] & sing [by itself], 8.0. Ledger A&B 13, 218. Dr. For Advts. with Fruin the Baker [2 Dec 1731?], 6.0.; For a pair Servt. Indentrs. 0.6.; For a pair Servt. Indentrs, 0.6. Ledger A&B 218.

---. Advts. for Biddle & Fruin, [2 Dec 1731?], 7.6. Ledger A&B 366 (possibly the same as Ledger A&B 218 just above, but note the difference in price).

---. Wm Davis Dr. 1 sheet Marble Paper, 0.4. Ledger A&B 13, 216.

---. Nath. Edgcome, 1 Quire Tobacco Papers, 0.6. Ledger A&B 13, 184; Miller A35.

---. Capt. Forster of Trentown, Dr., 3 Quire post Paper at 2s, 6.0; 4 Quire com. Paper, 5.4; 6 A[rbitration] Bonds with Umpirage, 2.0; 1 Doz. Com Arb[itation] Bonds, 4.0; 1 Doz Servants Indenture, 3.0; 6 Apprent. Indent., 1.6; 2 Doz Bonds, 6.0; 1 Bot. Ink, Quart, 2.6; 1000 Writs [Miller A36], 2.10.0; [total] 4.0.4. paid in 6 months from March. Ledger
---. John Jones, Shoemaker, Dr. For an Acct. Book, 10.8. Dr. For 2 Quire Paper & a Pencil, 3.10;
Dr. For Advt. by Mr. Pywell, 1.0.0. Ledger A&B 13 (first item only), 200.
---. Joseph Scull an Advertisement 3 Servants. 10.0. Ledger A&B 13, 366. Same as 10 April.
---. Thomas Whitemarsh, Dr. For Cash, 5.0. Dr. For Cash, Sunday, 5.0. Ledger A&B 13, 210.
8 April, Thursday. Edward Thomas, New Castle County, Dr. For an Advt. in Gazette N. 125 [8 April], 3.0. Ledger A&B 174.
10 April, Saturday. William Biddle, Contra, Cr. By Horses Hire, 1.6.; For Cash, 5.0. Settled.
Ledger A&B 219.
---. Evan Morgan, Shopkeeper, Dr. For 1 Doz. Bonds, 3.0. Ledger A&B 174.
---. [Province of Pennsylvania.] Printed paper currency authorized by the act of 6 Feb 1730/1, billing the assembly on 1 July a total of £114.13.5. Miller 42; Newman, Early 328. Statutes at Large of Pennsylvania from 1682 to 1801, 4:197-208. BF worked on printing the paper money for the next two months (see DH 19 June). On 10 Aug, the assembly reported he had been paid £100 for printing “the last Forty Thousand Pounds.” Same as 3 Feb.
---. Joseph Scull, Dr. For Advertisements, 10.0. Ledger A&B 218. Same as 5 April.
---. Mr. Thomas Smith, New Castle, Dr. for 2 Doz Primers, Credit by Cash, 8.0. Ledger A&B 13.
---. Thomas Whitemarsh, Dr. For Cash, 5.0.; For a pair Stockings, 7.3. Ledger A&B 13, 210.

20 April, Tuesday. Josiah Rolfe, Dr. For an Advt. in Gaz. N127 [22 April], 3.0.; For 1/2 Quire Bills Lading, 3.0. [same as 18 April]; For An Advt. in Gazette, N192 [31 July 1732], 5.0.
Ledger A&B 202A.

22 April, Thursday. William Rawle, Dr. For an Advt. in Gazette N127 [22 April], 5.0. Ledger A&B 194. Cf. 4 Dec 1729.


---. Wm. Mogridge Dr. For 1 Bond, 0.4. Ledger A&B 13, 182.

---. Robert Nevett, 1 Batch. Hall [by George Webb; Miller 46], 1.0. Dr. For 4 Doz. of Almanack, £14. Ledger A&B 13 (first item only), 188.

---. John Owen Esq. Chester, Dr. To Advertisements, 8.0; Credit by Cash, 8.0. Ledger A&B 13.


29 April, Thursday. Peter Lloyd, Dr. For an Advt. in N128 [29 April], 5.0. Ledger A&B 198, 365.

April. Samuel Smith. Dr. For Cash, 5.0.0.; For Cash, 1.0.0.; For 1 Years News due Oct. 1731, 10.0.; For Arb. Bonds, 0.6. Total 6.10.6.; For Cash, 4.3.5.; Total 10.13.11. Ledger A&B 220.

1 May, Saturday. Mr. Brockden Dr. for Blanks: 300 Mortgages at 2d, 2.10.0 [Miller A31]; 300 Bonds at 1d, 1.5.0 [A32]; 150 Warrents at 1d, 12.6 [A33]; 9 Quire and 1/2 paper at 1s2, 11.1; [total] 4.18.7. Credit by Cash, 4.18.7. Ledger A&B 14.

---. William Davis, Dr. For 2 Christianitys [probably Miller 33], 2.0. Ledger A&B 14, 216.


---. Isaac Stelle an Advertisement in News [runaway, 6 May] and Single, 8.0. Ledger A&B 14.

2 May, Sunday. Robert Nevett, Contra, Cr. For Cash, 2.0.0. Ledger A&B 189.


---. Samuel Bustil, Esq., Dr. to 1/2 Ream Paper, 9.0. Ledger A&B 14. Same as 13 May.

---. Wm. Button Dr. to 1 Quire Paper and Inkhorn, 2.6. Ledger A&B 14, 218.

---. Paid Widow Coates, 1.0.0. Ledger A&B 14.

---. Thomas Evans of Welsh Tract, Credit by Cash in full, 8.0. Ledger A&B 14.

---. Fretwell 1 pair Servants Indentures, 0.6. Ledger A&B 14.

---. Thomas Griffitts, Esq., Dr. For 12 pair Servts. Indentures, 5.0. Dr.Total 12.11. Ledger A&B 14 (first entry only), 212.

---. John Hyndshaw, Dr. For 1 Doz. Testamts. 1.0.0. Dr. Query if not anoth. Doz. Tests. Ledger A&B 14 (no query), 202A.

---. Wm. Mogridge Dr. For 1 Qt. of Oyl & 1/2 Quire Paper, 2.10., Total 1.10.9. Ledger A&B 14 (“Pint” of oil, 2.0.; 1/2 quire, 0.10), 182.

---. Paid Samuel Par Cash at twice, 4.0.0. Ledger A&B 14.

---. Jacob Shoemaker Dr. for a Law [Miller 27], 2.0. Ledger A&B 14. Same as 30 May?

---. Thomas Skelton, Dr. For one quire Papr., 1.8.; For Cash, 1.0.0.; For Cash, 1.5.0.; For Cash paid him on my Acct. by Heurtin, 5.0.0. Ledger A&B 218, 14 (first item only, giving
price as 1.6).

---. Thomas Whitemarsh, Dr. For Cash, 1.0.0.; For a Hat, 1.15.0. Ledger A&B 14, 210.

13 May, Thursday. Samuel Bustil, Esq., Dr. For 1/2 Ream Paper, 9.0. Ledger A&B 204. Same as 12 May.

14 May, Friday. Isaac Norris, Junior Dr. for binding Newton Philosophy, 8.0; Sacheverell’s Tryal, 6.0. Ledger A&B 29 (Sacheverells Tryall may be under Dec 28), 188 (enters the Newton under this date; but squeezes in "Sacheverels Tryal" between 9 July and 8 Dec).

15 May, Saturday. John Baker, Dr. For Advertisement, 5.0.; For an Advt. in Gazette N181 [18 May 1732], 5.0. Carried to Leidger E. Ledger A&B 218. Separate ad same as 12 May?

27 May, Thursday. John Cadwalader, Dr. For an Advt. in Gaz. N132 [27 May], 5.0. Ledger A&B 192.

---. David Evans at the Crown, Dr. For Adv. in Gaz. N132 [27 May], 5.0. Ledger A&B 196.

30 May, Sunday. Jacob Shoemaker, Dr. For a Law [Miller 27], 2.0. Dr. For an Advt. in Gazette, N218 [1 Feb 1733], 5.0. Ledger A&B 208. First item, same as 12 May?

May. Samuel Parr, Dr. For Cash at twice, 4.0.0.; For a Law [Miller 27], 2.0. Ledger A&B 210.

1 June, Tuesday. Gasper Wister, Dr. For 10 Palatine Laws [Miller 25], 5.0. Ledger A&B 220. Same as 4 June.


4 June, Friday. Sam Bustil, Esq. Dr. to 1/2 Quire Marble Paper, 3.0. Ditto, Credit by Cash, 15.0. Ledger A&B 15. Same as 10 June.

---. John Croker Dr. to an Advertisement, 5.0. Ledger A&B 15, 366. Same as 8 June?
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---. Wm. Crosswaite, Advertisement, 7.6. Ledger A&B 15. Same as 5 June?

---. William Davis, Dr. 1/2 Quire Outsides, 0.4. Ledger A&B 15. For 1/2 Quire Outsides, 0.6.; For 1 Bible, 5.0.; For 1/2 Pint of Ink, 0.6.; For 3 Doz. and 9 Almanks. 13.1/2.; For 3 Sheets large Pap., 0.3. Ledger A&B 216. Same as 13 July (3 sheets only).


---. Received of R. Sandiford, Cash, 5.0.0; of C. Robinson on his Account, 11.0. Ledger A&B 15.

---. Mark Watson, Dr. For Votes [part of Miller 28?], and Laws [Miller 26 sold for 6d; Miller 27, for 2s], 4.6. Ledger A&B 15, 220.

---. Thomas Whitemarsh, Dr. to 2 hankerchiefs, 11.0; to Linen, 1.8.0; to Shoes, 7.6. Dr. to Cash, 1.0.0. Ledger A&B 15, 210. For a Piece of Linen, 3.9.0.; For Money paid him by Mr. Dunning, 1.2.9. Ledger A&B 210.

---. Gasper Wister, Laws [Miller 26 and 27?], 10 Palatines [Miller 25], 5.0. Ledger A&B 15. Same as 1 June (second item only).

5 June, Saturday. William Crossthwaite Dr. For Advertisement, 7.6. Ledger A&B 182. Same as 4 June?

---. Derick Johnson, Esq., Dr. For Votes, [Miller 43?], 1.6. Ledger A&B 220.

---. Isaac Norris, Esq., Dr. For an Advt. in G.N.124, [1 April], 5.0.; For Notes, 1.6.; For Advertisements after a Serv., 5.0.; For Advertisements in Gazette, 5.0.; For the Gazette from Dec. 1, 1729 to May 29, 1735 being 5 Years & 1/2. 2.15.0. Cr. by Cash at sundry times, 1.10.0. Ledger A&B 202A. Carried to Ledger E.
8 June, Tuesday. John Croker, Dr. For Advt., 5.0. Ledger A&B 220. Same as 4 June?

10 June, Thursday. Samuel Bustil, Esq., Dr. For 1/2 Quire Marb. Paper, 3.0. Contra, Cr. For Cash, 15.0. Ledger A&B 205. Dr. same as 4 Jun.

12 June, Saturday. John Carteret, 4 Doz Ballads [Miller 17 or 22?], 3.0; 1 Doz Histories, 2.0, Total 5.0. Ledger A&B 15, 222.

---. Joseph Growdon, Esq. Dr. For Bond and Judgment, 0.6. Dr. For a Bond, 0.4. Ledger A&B 180.

---. Wm. Hudson Credit for Cash, Credit is given before by the Word paid where he is Dr. [BF’s note] 5.0. Ledger A&B 15.

---. John Hyndshaw, Contra, Cr. For a Stick of Wax, 0.9.; For 3 Books bought at his Vendue [no price given]. Ledger A&B 15 (first entry only), 203A.

---. Samuel Norris, Dr. For 3 quire Papr., 5.0.; for a Vademecum, 4.0. Ledger A&B 15 (first entry only), 222. Carried to Ledger E.

---. Cha. Read Dr. for 150 Deputations, 12.6 [Miller A43]. Dr. For Gazette 7 quarters, 17.6. Ledger A&B 15 (first item only), 178.

---. James Steele, Dr. For Votes [Miller 43?], and Laws [Miller 26 and 27?], 4.6. Contra, Cr. For Cash in full, 4.6. Ledger A&B 15, 222-23.

---. Peter Stretch, Dr. For 120 Money Tables, 5.0. Ledger A&B 15, 220.


19 June, Saturday. Persian Ink, Made by James Austin, Shir’d up. Ledger A&B 376.


---. Joseph Scull, Credit for Horsehire, 2.0. Ledger A&B 15. Same as 1731.
22 June, Tuesday. H. Keith Esq. Dr. for a Bottle of Red Ink, 1.0. Ledger A&B 16. Underneath Keith’s name, BF has written in a light red ink, “To be charg’d to Dr. Graeme.”

---. Thomas Shaw, Dr. of New Castle for 2 Doz Bonds, 0.6.0; for 2 Doz Bonds & Judgments sent down by Mr. Monro, 10.0. Ledger A&B 15, 224.

---. Thomas Smith of New Castle, Dr. For an Acct. Book, 6 Quire, 16.0; For 1 Doz Bonds & Judgments, 5.0. Ledger A&B 16, 224 (“Sundries”).

---. Mr. Vangezel of New Castle, Dr. for an Acct. Book, 5 Quire, 13.4; for 2 sheets penal Bills, 1.4. Ledger A&B 16, 224.

---. Japan Ink, written June 22, 1731. Ledger A&B 376.

24 June, Thursday. St. John’s Lodge, To: 5 Lodge days omission @ 6p per diem To: remainder of yr £3 Entrance is £2.0.1. Liber B.


---. Cha. Read, Dr. to a News Paper, 0.4. Ledger A&B 16, 178.

1 July, Thursday. John Beard, Dr. for an advertisement, 3.0, paid. Ledger A&B 16.

---. Sam Bustill, Esq., Dr. for a Blank Book 5 Quire, Large Paper 1.4.0. Ledger A&B 16, 204.

---. Andrew Cornish, Esq., Dr. to Votes [Miller 43?], 2.0. Ledger A&B 16, 224.

---. Simon Edgel, Dr. for Advertisement with Dav. Bush, 6.0. Ledger A&B 16.

---. Dr. [Evan] Jones, Paracelsus, Dr. For an Advt. in Gazette [1 July], 5.0. Ledger A&B. 16, 194.

---. Joshua Lawrence, Dr. for 240 Mortgages at 4d per, 4.0.0 [Miller A41]; For Paper 5 Quire at 3s.6, 17.6. Ledger A&B 16, 222.

---. Evan Morgan, Dr. for Advertisements, 6.0. Ledger A&B 16.
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---. Jn. Morgan, Radnor, Dr. for an Advertisement posted in Book of Subscr[iber]s Names, 3.0. Ledger A&B 16.

---. Pennsylvania. Trustees of the Loan Office, Dr. For 37 1/2 Reams of Paper at 25s, 46.17.6; For Printing and Stitching 75000 Bills at the Rate of 80L for 88500, 67.15.11, Total 114.13.5. Ledger A&B 16; Miller 42; Newman 328. Same as 3 Feb, 10 April and 10 Aug.

2 July, Friday. Widow Read, Contra, Cr. By Cash and sundries, 28.9.3-1/2. Ledger A&B 205.

4 July, Sunday. William Allen, Esq., Dr. For Paper 50 Reams at 11/, 27.10.0. Ledger A&B 213. Same as 5 July.

5 July, Monday. Bought of Mr. Wm. Allen: 10 Reams of Paper #2; 10 Ditto #5; 20 Ditto #7; 10 Ditto #8; Total 50 reams at 11s, 27.10.0. Ledger A&B 16. Same as 4 July.

---. Adjusted Accts. with Jn. Beard and made all even, 0.0. BF. Ledger A&B 16.

---. William Crossthwaite Dr. For 1 quire Paper, 1.8. Ledger A&B 16, 182.

---. St. John’s Lodge, To Stock for this Lodge day, 0.0.6. Liber B.

7 July, Wednesday. Paid Fruin the Baker, Cash, 1.5.0. Ledger A&B 16.

---. Mrs. Read has agreed with me for the Shop, one side. The Rent to begin the 2d Inst. at 6£ per annum. 0.0. Ledger A&B 17.


---. Isaac Norris, Jun. a Law [Miller 27] Dr., 2.0. Ledger A&B 17, 188.

10 July, Saturday. William Allen, Esq., Contra, Cr. For Paper 20 Reams at 11/, 11.0.0. Paper, 183 Ream at 8/, 73.4.0. Contra, Total, 124.15.0. Ledger A&B 213.

11 July, Sunday. William Davis, Dr. For Ink, 1.0.; For outside Paper, 2.4. Ledger A&B 216.

12 July, Monday. Thomas Whitemarsh, Dr. For Cash, 1.0.0. Ledger A&B 17, 210.

13 July, Tuesday. Wm. Davis, 3 Sheets of large Paper, 0.3. Ledger A&B 17. Same as 4 June
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(first entry).

---. Andrew Hamilton, Esq. Dr. For: 100 Lycence Bonds, 1.0.0 [Miller A37 has “10” License bonds]; 100 Excise Ditto, 1.0.0 [Miller A38]; 140 Excise Certificates, 14.0 [A39]; 100 Licence Ditto., 10.0 [A40]; 1 ounce wafers, 0.6; Total 3.4.6. Ledger A&B 17, 224, 270 (first two entries only).

---. Mark Joyce, Dr. For 1 Bottle Ink, 1.0.; For an Advert. 5.0.; For a Blank Postage Bill, 0.4. Contra, Cr. For Cash in full, 6.4. Ledger A&B 17 (first entry only), 226-27. [Also] Advt. in News, 5.0. Ledger A&B 365.

---. Mr. John Lloyd Credit by Cash, 5.0. Ledger A&B 17.

---. Pennsylvania. Trustees [of the Loan Office], Credit for Cash, 90.0.0. Ledger A&B 17.

---. Cha. Reed, Esq. Dr. to a Law [Miller 27], 2.0. Ledger A&B 17.

---. Samuel Smith, Dr. For Cash, 4.3.5. Ledger A&B 17.

---. Received of Mr. John Wilkinson in Brushes, 13.2. Ledger A&B 17.

20 July, Sunday. A. Hamilton, Esq. Dr. for 100 Quills, 2.0. Ledger A&B 23 (from Mrs. Read’s Shop Book). Same as 4 and 14 Aug?

---. Cha. Read, Esq., Dr. For a Laws [Miller 27], 2.0. Ledger A&B 178.


1 Aug, Sunday. Evan Morgan, Shopkeeper, Dr. For Almanacks, 2 Doz, 7.0. For Adv[ertisements], 6.0. For 1 Doz Bonds, 3.0. Ledger A&B 174.

2 Aug, Monday. Sir H. Keith, Dr. To one Quire of Sheets Ruled, 15.0; To one Quire of 1/2 Sheets Ditto, 10.0. Total 1.5.0. Ledger A&B 17.
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---. St. John’s Lodge, To Stock for this day, 0.0.6. Liber B.

---. Thomas Whitemarsh, Dr. For Cash, 10.0. Total 29.15.4. Ledger A&B 210, 17.


4 Aug, Wednesday. Samuel Bustill Esq., Dr. For 1/2 Ream Paper [no charge recorded]. Ledger A&B 17, 204.


---. Wm. Crossthwaite a Bottle Ink, 1.0. Ledger A&B 18.

---. Robt. Grace Dr. to a Bottle Ink, 1.0. Ledger A&B 18. Same as Aug.

---. Thomas Griffitts Credit for Cash, 12.11. Dr. for 1 Doz Servants Indentures, 5.0. Ledger A&B 18. Same as Aug.

---. Joseph Growden, 1/2 Hund. Quills, 1.0; 100 of Mrs. Read’s Quills, 2.0; 2 Quire Mrs. Read’s Paper, 2.8. Ledger A&B 18.

---. A. Hamilton, Quills, 100/, 2.0. Ledger A&B 18. Same as 20 July, 14 Aug?


---. Joshua Lawrence Dr. For Binding, Paid. Ledger A&B 17.

---. Mogridge & Cassel Dr. for Cash, 5.0.0. Ledger A&B 17. Same as Aug.


---. Nicholas Scull Dr. To an Acct Book, 6 Quire, 14.0. Ledger A&B 18.

---. John Spence Credit for Cash, 1.1.0. Credit For an old Note which he has not given me. 7.0. Ledger A&B 17 (first item only), 189.

---. Widow Wragg, Dr. for Advertisements, 8.0; Credit by Meat, 8.0. Ledger A&B 17.
10 Aug, Tuesday. Pennsylvannia assembly reported “the printer [BF] of the last Forty Thousand Pounds” had been paid £100 (£90 on 13 July). Votes 3:2114. Cf. 3 Feb, 10 April, and 1 July.


---. Andr. Hamilton, Esq., Dr. For 100 Quills, 2.0. Ledger A&B 224. Same as 20 July, 4 Aug?


23 Aug, Monday. Whitemarsh Dr. for 1 Bottle Ink to Lee [amount not recorded]. Ledger A&B 18.


---. Wm Mogridge Dr. to Cash, 2.10.0. Ledger A&B 18. Same as 1 Sept.

---. Pennsylvania Province Dr. for Printing a Proclamation 1 Sheet [probably Miller 45], 1.5.0. Ledger A&B 18. Cf. Chronology, 20 Aug. Ledger A&B 208, with the vague date of September, specifies “abt. Indian Trad.”

---. John Pigot Dr. for one Years News, 10.0. Ledger A&B 18.

---. Cha. Read, Dr. for printing Advertisements, after 4 Persons at 2/6 each, 10.0; for the same Advertisement in News [26 Aug], 6.0. Ledger A&B 18. Same as 1 Sept.

---. Reddish, Bill of Weights, 0.1, paid. Ledger A&B 18.

---. John Warder Dr. for 1 Newspaper, 0.4, paid. Ledger A&B 18.
Ante 28 Aug, Saturday. Mr. John Crakes, an Advertisement, 5.0, paid. Ledger A&B 22 (from Mrs. Read’s Shop Book).


---. Kirk a Power of Attorney, 0.4; a bond, 0.4. Ledger A&B 22.

---. Thomas Lawrence Esq, an advertisement. Ledger A&B 22.

---. “My Madman,” Dr. to a bottle of ink. 5.0. [DF’s hand.] Ledger A&B 22, 248 (no date).

---. Stephen Potts, 2 Bonds, 0.8. Ledger A&B 22.

28 Aug, Saturday. Tho. Griffitts, Dr. to 6 Pair Servants Indentures, 2.6. Ledger A&B 22 (from Mrs. Read’s Shop Book), 212.

---. Jacob Shute, Dr. a Pair Servants Indentures, 0.6; a Pr. Indentures 0.6. Ledger A&B 22 (from Mrs. Read’s Shop Book).

---. Mr. Thomas Smith of New Castle, 2 Acct. Books, 1.5.0. Ledger A&B 22 (from Mrs. Read’s Shop Book), 224.

Aug. William Crossthwaite, Dr. For 1 Bottle Ink, 1.0. Dr. For Advertisement with Cosin [i.e., Crossthwaite] & Moss, 3.4. Dr. For Advt. Negro Wench, 3.0. Dr. For 1 Bot. Ink, 1.0. Ledger A&B 182. Same as Sept 20 (ad with Moss & Crossweight).

---. Robert Grace, Dr. For 1 Bott. Ink, 1.0. Ledger A&B 198. Same as 4 Aug.

---. Thomas Griffitts, Esq., Dr. For 1 Doz. Servts. Indents., 5.0. Contra, Cr. For Cash, £12.11 [total on left side of page is 12.11]. Ledger A&B 213. Same as 4 Aug.

---. Joseph Growdon, Esq. Dr. For 1/2 hund Quills, 1.0. Dr. For 100 Quills & 4 Quire Paper, 7.4. Dr. For 1 quire large Paper, 4.6. Dr. For 4 quire Paper, 5.4. Dr. carried to Page 78, Total 1.9.11. Ledger A&B 180.

---. John Hyndshaw, Dr. For 1/2 Doz. Bonds, 1.3.; For quills, 2.6.; For 1 Doz. Penal Bills, 0.9.;
For Bond, 0.4; For 1 Doz. Spectacles, 18.0. Ledger A&B 202A (penal bills, same as ante 28 Aug).

---. Messrs. Mogridge & Cassel, Dr. For Cash, 5.0.0. Ledger A&B 226. Same as 4 Aug.

1 Sept, Wednesday. Messrs. Mogridge & Cassel, Dr. For Cash, 2.10.0. Ledger A&B 226. Same as 27 Aug.

---. Cha. Read, Esq., Dr. For printing Advs. after 4 Persons at 2/6 each, 10.0. Dr. For printing Advt. in Gazette [#145, 26 Aug] at 1/6 each, 6.0. Ledger A&B 178. Same as 27 Aug.


4 Sept, Saturday. Robert Charles Dr. for 4 Quire and 4 sheets of paper at 14d, 4.10; for Printing 200 Licences, 16.8 [Miller A42]; Total 1.1.6, paid. Ledger A&B 18.


---. B. Passchal, 1 Quire Paper, 1.2. Ledger A&B 18.

6 Sept, Monday. St. John’s Lodge, To Yor. monthly Quota 6, 0.6. Liber B.

7 Sept, Tuesday. John Lee Dr. for Advertisements, 12.0. Ledger A&B 19.

---. Nicholas Scull, Dr. to 200 Bail Bonds, 16.8. For Watts Poems; For 1 pair Indentures; For two years news, 1.0.0. Ledger A&B 19 (first item only), 172; Miller A44.

9 Sept, Thursday. Robt. Grace, Dr. to a Bond, 0.4. Ledger A&B 22, 198 (from Mrs. Read’s Shop Book). Dr. For 1 quire post Paper, 2.6. Ledger A&B 198.

---. Tho. Griffitts Dr. to 6 pair Servants Indentures, 2.6. Ledger A&B 22 (from Mrs. Read’s Shop Book), 212.

---. Wm. Mogridge & Cassel, Dr. for Cash, 3.6; for 2 Lb Snakroot, 5.0. Ledger A&B 19. First
entry, same as 4 Sept; later entry, Ledger A&B 226.

---. Andrew Read of Trentown, Credit for Cash in full, 10.0. Ledger A&B 19.

---. Thomas Whitemarsh, Dr. For a Printing Press & materials, 80.0.0. Ledger A&B 234.

Post 9 Sept, Thursday. [BF wrote:] Work done since Sept. 9, 1731 when Whitemarsh went away.

Ledger A&B 366 (next six entries):

---. ---. Abraham Beckley, advts, 5.0. [Same as 12 Oct?]

---. ---. Davis & Hart, advts, 7.6. [Cf. 23 Sept]

---. ---. Esq. Owen of Chester, advts, 7.6. [Same as 30 Sept, 12 and 19 Oct?]

---. ---. Rich’d. Scobell, advts, 6.0. [Cf. 12 Oct]

---. ---. [St. John’s Lodge], Blanks for Masons 100, 5.0. [See above. No Miller.]

---. ---. Servant’s Indentures 1 Ream, 10.0.0. [See above. A ream of job printing, probably to be sold piecemeal.]


---. John Jones, Shoemaker, a Bottle Ink, 1.0. Ledger A&B 22 (from Mrs. Read’s Shop Book), 200.


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---. Isaac Corin, Dr. For Advertisements with Ransted, 6.0.; For Adverts. with Moss & Crosswt., 3.4. Ledger A&B 19 (first entry only), 228.

---. Caleb Ranstead and Isaac Corin, Dr. For Adverts., 12.0.; For a Barrl. Lampblack, 0.5. Contra, Cr. By chairs, 6.0. Ledger A&B 19 (first entry only), 229.

---. Job Rawlinson, Dr. For Advertisements, 11.0. Ledger A&B 19, 228, 365 (which has 1.0., perhaps an error for 11.0). Same as year-end.

21 Sept, Tuesday. Mr. James Macky, Dr. For a Bot. Ink, 1.0. Ledger D 33A.


---. Wm. Biddle Credit for Cash in full, 1.6.0. Ledger A&B 19.

---. Davis & Hart, advts, 4.6. Ledger A&B 365. (Part of post 9 Sept?)

---. Dunning Dr. for an Advertisement, 3.0. Ledger A&B 19.

---. Eaglesfield Dr. for Advertisement, 3.0. Ledger A&B 19, 228 (no date).

---. David Evans of Tredyffrin Dr. For 5 Quire of Demi Paper, 1.0.0. Ledger A&B 19.

---. David French Esq of New Castle, Dr. For 1 Doz Parchment, 1.4.0; For 1/2 Ream per large paper, 14.0; For 1/2 ream smaller, 9.0; Total 2.7.0. Ledger A&B 19, 230 (no date).

---. Capt. [James] Gould, Dr. for Advertisement, 6.0. Ledger A&B 19, 365. Same as 1731.

---. Samuel Hale, Dr. for an Advertisement, 3.0. Ledger A&B 19. Same as Sept.

---. T. Lawrence Dr. for Advertisements, 5.0. Ledger A&B 19.

---. James Lewis Dr. for an Advertisement, 3.0. BF Ledger A&B 19.

---. Nathaniel Palmer Dr. for Advertisements, 11.0, paid. Ledger A&B 19.

---. Rawle Dr. for Advertisements, 6.0. Ledger A&B 19.

---. Lawrence Williams, Dr. for an Advertisement, 10.0. Ledger A&B 19, 365. Same as Nov.

25 Sept, Saturday. Wm. Biddle, Servants Indentures, 0.6. Ledger A&B 22 (from Mrs. Read’s Shop Book).

---. Thomas Griffitts, Esq., Dr. For a pr. Indents. apprentices, 0.6.; For a pr. Indents. Servts., 0.6. Ledger A&B 22 (from Mrs. Read’s Shop Book), 212.

---. Francis Sherrard a pair Servants Indentures, 0.6; half pint Ink, 0.8. Ledger A&B 22 (from Mrs. Read’s Shop Book).

---. Joseph Stinnard, 4 Bonds, 1.4; a Handkerchief, 4.6. Ledger A&B 22 (from Mrs. Read’s Shop Book), 248 (no date).

28 Sept, Tuesday. Tho. Griffitts, Dr. 6 pair Servants Indentures, 2.6. Ledger A&B 22 (from Mrs. Read’s Shop Book), 212.

---. James Mackey, Dr. For a Bot. Ink, 1.0.; For an Advt. in Gazette N174 [30 March 1731/2; ad appears in #176, 13 April 1732], of Bohea Tea & Sug., 5.0. Ledger A&B 22 (first entry from Mrs. Read’s Shop Book), 246, 378.


---. Peter Baynton, 1 Bottle Ink, 1.0. Ledger A&B 22 (from Mrs. Read’s Shop Book).

---. Abraham Bickley, 2 Bonds, 0.8; a Bond, 0.4. Ledger A&B 22 (from Mrs. Read’s Shop Book). Possibly part of “3 bonds,” no date, Ledger A&B 230.

---. Wm. Biddle, 1 pair Servants Indentures, 0.6. Ledger A&B 22 (from Mrs. Read’s Shop Book).

---. John Bringhurst, 6 Bonds, 2.0. Ledger A&B 22 (from Mrs. Read’s Shop Book), 242 (no date).

---. Ann Chandler, 1 quire Paper, 1.2. Ledger A&B 22 (from Mrs. Read’s Shop Book).
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---. Wm. Davis, a Spelling Book, 1.8. Ledger A&B 22 (from Mrs. Read’s Shop Book).

---. Andrew Hamilton, 1 Doz Bonds, 3.0. Ledger A&B 22 (from Mrs. Read’s Shop Book), 224.

---. Evan Morgan, 1 Doz. Bonds, 3.0. Ledger A&B 22 (from Mrs. Read’s Shop Book).

---. Stephen Potts, 1 Bottle Ink, 1.0. an Almanack, 0.5. Ledger A&B 22 (from Mrs. Read’s Shop Book).

---. Samuel Powel, Dr. Cash, 0.4. Ledger A&B 22 (from Mrs. Read’s Shop Book).


Sept. Samuel Hale, Dr. For an Advt. 3.0. Ledger A&B 190. Same as 23 Sept.

Sept. Province of Pennsylvania, Dr. for Printing a Proclamation abt. Indian Trad. 1 Sheet, 1.5.0.

For Votes of last Aug. Session [Miller 43], 5 Sheets, 6.10.0.; For Votes of Oct. & Nov Sessions [Miller 44], <3 Sheets 1/4>, [3-1/2 in left margin], 4.11.0; For Votes of Jan Sessions [Miller 44], 2 Sheets, 2.12.0.; For Laws of Jan 7 Sessions [Miller 41?], 1 Sheet 1/2, 1.17.6. Total £16.15.6. Ledger A&B 208. Contra. for Cash in full, 16.15.6, Ledger A&B 209.

2 Oct, Saturday. Jacob Duche, Dr. For 2 Years News, 1.0.0. Dr. Total 1.6.9. Ledger A&B 212.

4 Oct, Monday. St. John’s Lodge. To Quota. Liber B.

5 Oct, Tuesday. Mr. Hutchinson, Dr. for an Account Book, 10.0. Ledger A&B 19, 230 (no date).


9 Oct, Saturday. John Fruin, Dr. For a Pair Servt. Indentures, 0.6. Ledger A&B 240.
10 Oct, Sunday. Mr. Hyndshaw, Dr. for Quills, 2.6. Ledger A&B 19.

12 Oct, Tuesday. Abraham Bickley, Dr. for Advertisement, 5.0. Ledger A&B 20. Same as post 9 Sept? Same as no date, Ledger A&B 230?

---. Francis Bowes, Esq., Dr. For 6 quire Warrants, Summons & at 4d per Sheet, 2.8.0. Ledger A&B 232.

---. William Davis, Dr. For Advts., 3.9.; For 1 pint Ink, 1.3.; For Advt. in Gazette, 2.3.; For a Spelling Book, 1.8.; For Cash, 2.0.; For 4 quire Paper, 5.0.; For 1 quire Paper, 1.0. Ledger A&B 20 (first entry only), 216.

---. David French Esq, Dr. for 3 Skins, 6.0. Ledger A&B 19.

---. Mr. Henry Gunn of New Castle, Dr. For 2 Skins of Parchment, 4.0. Cr. for cash, 4.0. Ledger A&B 19 (first item only), 230 (no date).

---. Thomas Hart Dr. for Advertisements, 3.9. Ledger A&B 20.

---. John Owen, Esq. “Cheater” [added in margin], Dr. for Advertisement in Gazette [#149, 30 Sept; for escaped prisoners], 4.6. Ledger A&B 20. Part of post 9 Sept?

---. Richard Scobell, Dr. for Advertisement, 2.0. Ledger A&B 20, 232. Part of post 9 Sept?

---. Small Debts. Filled 44 more [bottles of ink], 2.4. Ledger A&B 371.

---. Richard Wright Dr. for an Advertisement in Gazette [#150, 7 Oct; actually Joseph Wright advertising for his missing brother, Richard], 2.6. [BF noted, “he won’t pay.”] Ledger A&B 20, 365.

---. Willing and Shippen Dr. for Advertisements in Gazette, 5.0. Ledger A&B 20, 365. Probably same as one 5s charge at Dec or at year-end.

13 Oct, Wednesday. Francis Bowes, Esq. Dr. for 6 Quire Warrants, Summons, Executions, &c., at 4d per Sheet, 2.8.0. Cr. for cash paid Joseph Peace. Ledger A&B 20, 232 (no date;
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contains credit entry also), 366; Miller A30.

---. Henry Brook[e], Esq. Dr. For sundry Blanks, 1.5.0; for 6 Blank Books, 10.0. Ledger A&B 20
(2nd item only), 232 (no date).

---. Geo. Cunningham, Dr. for 100 Wig Bills, 8.0. Ledger A&B 20, 366.

---. Thomas Whitemarsh Dr. for sundries taken with him, viz: 1 Bottle of writing Ink, 0.1.0; 1
Canister of Printing Ink, 10.0; 6 Reams of Paper at 11s, 3.6.0. Ledger A&B 20, (partly
repeated at year end) 237. [In summary account, Ledger A&B 234:] Dr. For sundries,
4.3.0. [the total of the above entry]; For sundries per Capt. Haskins [Benjamin Haskins,
Sloop Tace, “Cleared” for SC, 27 Nov, PG; cf. 30 Oct]; For sundries per Capt. Rice [John
Rice, Sloop Dove, “Cleared” for SC, 28 Dec, PG; cf. 30 Oct]; For sundries per Capt.
Leaper [Henry Leaper, Sloop Ann & Mary, “Cleared” for SC, 23 March 1732. PG; cf. 20
June 1732], Haskins [Benjamin Haskins, Brigantine John, “Cleared” for SC, 26 June
1732; cf. 20 June 1732] & Shute [Joseph Shute, Sloop Dove, “Cleared” for SC, 8 June
1732, PG; cf. 20 June 1732]; For sundries sent by Capt. Rice [John Rice, Sloop Dove,
“Cleared” for SC, 28 Dec 1731 PG; cf. 15 Nov 1732]; For sundries by Capt. Curson
[Robert Curson, Ship Adventure, “Cleared” for SC 8 March 1733, PG; cf. 14 March
1733]; For Gentian Root, 2.8. [cf. 23 May 1733]. Ledger A&B 234.

Arch-street Wharff.”


Lad’s Time ... Enquire of the Printer hereof.” See intro.


---. Rees Thomas of Merion Dr. for Advertisements, 5.0. Ledger A&B 20, 232 (no date), 366.


26 Oct, Tuesday. J. Growdon, 4 Quire Paper, 5.4. Ledger A&B 23 (from Mrs. Read’s Shop Book).

---. Tho. Lawrence, Esq. a Testament, 2.6. Ledger A&B 23 (from Mrs. Read’s Shop Book).

---. Joshua Lowe, Esq., of Lancaster, For 3 quire Paper, 5.0. Ledger A&B 246 (no date), 23 (from Mrs. Read’s Shop Book).

---. Mogridge, 1 Quire Paper, 1.4. Ledger A&B 23 (from Mrs. Read’s Shop Book).

---. Received of Mr. John Pigot a Note or Order on Mrs. Peter Loyd for four Pounds Eighteen Shillings and five Pence, 4.18.5. Ledger A&B 20.


---. Brownell Dr. for 2 Doz Watts [Miller 2], 3.0.0. Ledger A&B 20.


---. Dennis Rockford Dr. for Advertisements, 5.0, paid. Ledger A&B 20, 366.

---. Memorand. By a Letter from Thomas Whitemarsh it appears that he arrived in Charleston the 29 of Sept at Night, so our Partnership there begins Oct 1, 1731. Ledger A&B 20.

---. Wm. Davis, 1 Pint Ink, 1.3. Ledger A&B 21.

---. Rev. Mr. Evans, Credited by Cash, 11.0. Ledger A&B 21.

---. Brother James Franklin, Dr. For sundries sent by Capt. Butler [Samuel Butler, Sloop Fish Hawk, “Cleared” for Salem, 27 Nov PG], viz, 100 Watts Psalms [Miller 2]; 36 Spirits Teaching [Miller 12]; 24 Sabbaths [Miller 7]; 12 Modest Enquiries [BF’s; Miller 4]; 60 Civilities Rules; 100 Book Almanacks [Godfrey’s; Miller 35]; 100 Sheet Ditto [Godfrey’s; Miller 36]; 36 R. Sandifords [Mystery of Iniquity, 1730; Miller 31; or Brief Examination, 1729; Miller 11]. Ledger A&B 21. [Also] Dr. For sundries per Capt. Butler; For sundries by Capt. Watkins [Not in PG Index for 1731 or 1732; Benjamin Watkins, Sloop Mary Ann, “Cleared” for Amboy, 5 April 1733]; For sundries per Capt. Hughes [Capt Meredith Hughes was sailing to Barbadoes in 1731; no entries in 1732; on 7 June 1733 reported Cleared, Sloop Edward and John, for Burlington; cf. 17 Aug 1733], 16.19.2.; For 30 Doz. of Pressing Papers, 12.0.0.; For sundries by Broth. Peter [Peter Franklin plied the coastal trade], 6.6.8. Contra, Cr. For sundries 50 Barclays Apology unbound [Cf. Miller 47 for an advertisement]. Ledger A&B 21 (gives date, details items sent by Capt. Butler; gives contra), 246-47.

---. T. Lawrence, 1 Bottle Ink, 1.0. Ledger A&B 21.

---. Wm. Mogridge & Cassel, Dr. 1 pint oil, 1.0; for 2 Quire Paper for Windows, 2.6. For 1 Bot. Ink, 1.0.; For 1 pair Arb. Bonds, 0.8.; For a Bond, 0.4. Ledger A&B 21 (first two entries), 226. See also 9 Nov.

---. [Joseph Morgan, Dr.] Nature of Riches [Miller 56], 2 Sheets 500 wholesale, 7.5.10. Ledger A&B 366. Since Morgan’s The Nature of Riches was in four sheets, what seems to be a repetition of this charge on 14 Dec, is evidently for the last two sheets. Miller 56 lists just
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one charge, undated.

---. Paschal. Dr. 5 Sheets Paper, 0.4. Dr. for 1 Quire Ditto, 1.3. Ledger A&B 21.


---. Daniel Pegg an Advertisement single and in Gazette [ad not identified], 7.6. Ledger A&B 21, 182 (“about a horse” added in latter). Dr. For 2 Bonds, 0.8. Ledger A&B 182.

---. Tho. Whitemarsh, Dr. for Sundries, sent by Capt. Haskins, viz, 100 Book Almanacks [Miller 35?], 1.5.0; 100 Sheet Almanacks [Miller 36?], 1.5.0; 36 Watts Psalms unbound [Miller 2], 1.0; 12 Sheets of Scaboard, 1.0. Ledger A&B 21. Dr. for Sundries, sent by Capt. Rice, Viz., 5 Doz. Bottles of Ink; 1 Doz. Watts Psalms [Miller 2]; 50 Nature of Riches [By Joseph Morgan; Miller 56; dated 1732 on title-page]. Ledger A&B 21, (partly repeated at year-end) 237.


1 Nov, Monday. St. John’s Lodge. for absence 1s; for monthly Quota 6p, 0.1.6. Liber B.


9 Nov, Tuesday. Widow Coates, 1 Doz Almanacks, 3.6. Ledger A&B 23 (from Mrs. Read’s Shop Book).

---. Wm. Crosswaite, a Bottle Ink, 1.0. Ledger A&B 23 (from Mrs. Read’s Shop Book).

---. Dunning, a Bond, 0.4. Ledger A&B 23 (from Mrs. Read’s Shop Book).
---. Ferguson of Trenton, 4 Doz Almanacks, 14.0. Ledger A&B 23 (from Mrs. Read’s Shop Book), 248 (no date).

---. T. Godfrey, Dr. For 13 Almanacks, 3.9 &1/2; For 6 Almanacks, 1.9., Total 5.6-1/2. Contra, Cr. For Cash in full, 5.6-1/2. Ledger A&B 23 (first entry from Mrs. Read’s Shop Book), 250-51.

---. Tho. Griffitts, 1 pair Arbitration Bonds, 0.8. Ledger A&B 23 (from Mrs. Read’s Shop Book).

Same as Dec.

---. Joseph Growdon, 1 Quire large paper, 4.6. Ledger A&B 23 (from Mrs. Read’s Shop Book).

---. Edward Home, 2 Pair Indentures, 1.0. Ledger A&B 23 (from Mrs. Read’s Shop Book), 194.

---. Hubbard, Blank Notes, 0.8. Ledger A&B 23 (from Mrs. Read’s Shop Book).

---. Hyndshaw, a Bond, 0.4. Ledger A&B 23 (from Mrs. Read’s Shop Book).

---. John Lee Dr. to a Bottle Ink, 1.0. Ledger A&B 23 (from Mrs. Read’s Shop Book).

---. Mogridge, 1 Bottle Ink, 1.0. Ledger A&B 23 (from Mrs. Read’s Shop Book). Same as 30 Oct.

---. Nelly, 2 Almanacks, 0.10. Ledger A&B 23 (from Mrs. Read’s Shop Book).

---. S. Potts, Credit for doing Farrels Books, 0.6. Ledger A&B 23 (from Mrs. Read’s Shop Book).

---. Mr. Smith, New Castle, 2 Doz Almanacks, 7.0. Ledger A&B 23 (from Mrs. Read’s Shop Book). Same as Nov.


---. John Fruin, Dr. For a quire Paper, 1.6. Ledger A&B 240.

---. Advt. in News. Newcastle Loan Office. Ledger A&B 365, 242 (no date)

16 Nov, Tuesday. A. Hamilton Dr. For a sheet of Parchment, 2.6. Ledger A&B 23 (from Mrs.


19 Nov, Friday. Nicholas Reddish, Dr. For 1 quire Post Paper, 2.0. Ledger A&B 214, 23 (from Mrs. Read’s Shop Book).

22 Nov, Monday. Messrs. Wm Mogridge & Cassel, 1/4 C [hundred] Quills & 1 Quire Paper, 2.10. Dr. For quills & Paper, 2.10.; For 1 quire Paper, 1.4. Ledger A&B 23 (first entry from Mrs. Read’s Shop Book), 226.

---. Wm. Wood, a Primmer, 0.6. Ledger A&B 23 (from Mrs. Read’s Shop Book), 250 (no date).

27 Nov, Saturday. The Madman sundries, 3.4. Ledger A&B 23 (from Mrs. Read’s Shop Book), 248 (where Deborah Franklin calls him “My Madman”). [Also] Cr. For Cash in Full, 4.4. Ledger A&B 249 (no date).

---. Advt. in News. Robert Matty, 3.0. Cr. for cash, 3.0. Ledger A&B 365, 244 (no date).


Nov. John Lee Dr. For a Bot. Ink, 1.0. For an Advt. of Guns, 5.0. For an Advt. in Gazette, 162 [4 Jan 1731/2]. 5.0. Ledger A&B 186.

Nov. Thomas Smith of N.Castle, Dr. For 2 Doz. Almanacks, 7.0. Ledger A&B 224. Same as 9
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---. Lawrence Williams, Dr. for an Advertisement, 10.0. Ledger A&B 19, 365.

---. Advt. in News. Bientnal, paid, 7.0. [Two ads appear without name on this date, one for a slave and one for land.] Ledger A&B 365.
---. Advt. in News. Keith, 5.0. Ledger A&B 366. Two ads appear without name on this date, one for a slave, one for land.

4 Dec, Saturday. Rees Pritchard of Whiteland, Chester County, Dr. For a Servant Run, an Advt. in Gazette [not identified], 5.0. Ledger A&B 192.

6 Dec, Monday. St. John’s Lodge, for Quota, 0.0.6. Liber B.

9 Dec, Thursday. John Fruin, Dr. For a Pocket Book, 1.10. Ledger A&B 240.

14 Dec, Tuesday. Barber, 2 Doz Almanacks, 7.0. Ledger A&B 23 (from Mrs. Read’s Shop Book), 244.
---. Wm. Davis, Cash, 2.0. Ledger A&B 23 (from Mrs. Read’s Shop Book).
---. Mr. Ellicot, Dr. For a Pamphlet, 0.8. Contra, Cr. By Cash in full, 0.8. Ledger A&B 244-45, 23 (first entry from Mrs. Read’s Shop Book).
---. Fruin, a Bottle Ink, 1.0; an Account Book, 1.0; Ledger A&B 23 (from Mrs. Read’s Shop
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---. Mogridge 1 Pair Arbitration Bonds, 0.8; a Bond, 0.4. Ledger A&B 23 (from Mrs. Read’s Shop Book).

---. Mr. Edward Nichols, a Testament, 2.0; 2 Psalters, 3.4; a Spelling Book, 1.8; 1 Doz. Primmers, 4.6; 6 Quire Waste Paper, 2.0. Ledger A&B 23 (from Mrs. Read’s Shop Book), 246 (“sundries”).

---. P. Paschal, an Almanack, 0.5. Ledger A&B 23 (from Mrs. Read’s Shop Book).


---. [Joseph Morgan], Nature of Riches [Miller 56], 2 sheets, 500 wholesale, 7.5.10. Ledger A&B 366. See comment at 30 Oct.


28 Dec, Tuesday. Mr. Simon Edgell, Dr. For Advt. in Gazette No. 161 [28 Dec], 5.0. Ledger A&B 170, 24. Cf. 1 July 1730, 12 Jan 1732.

---. Henry Jones, Dr. For an advertisement in Gazette No. 161 [28 Dec]. Ledger A&B 252, 24.

---. George Megee, Advertisements in Gazette not paid for Aug. 18/1732. N. 161 [28 Dec], 3.0. The same continued, 2.0. Ledger A&B 368 (first item only), 250. Cf. 12 Jan 1732.

---. Isaac Norris, Junior, Dr. For an Advertisement in Gazette No. 161 [28 Dec], 5.0. Ledger A&B 188, 368, 24. Cf. 12 Jan 1732.

Dec. Edward Horne, Dr. For an Advt. in Gazette [first appeared 27 Nov], 5.0. Ledger A&B 194, 365. Same as 2 Dec.

Dec. Thomas Griffitts, Esq., Dr. For a pr. Arbitration Bonds, 0.8. Dr. Total 17.8. Contra Cr. For
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Cash in full, 1.17.0. Ledger A&B 213. Same as 9 Nov.

Dec. Willing & Shippen, Dr. For Advt. in Gazette, Servts., 5.0. Ledger A&B 202A.

Entries dated simply 1731:

Peter Baynton, Dr. For an Advt. in G[azette] N128 [29 April; ad appears in #129, 6 May], 5.0.;
  For an Advt. in G[azette] N., 5.0.; For a Bot. Ink, 2.0. Ledger A&B 202. [Also] Contra,
  Cr. For Cash in full, 11.0. Ledger A&B 202-3.

William Biddle, Dr. For Bail Bonds, 8.4. paid. Ledger A&B 219.


John Bringhurst, Cooper, Cr. For Cash, 7.0. Ledger A&B 242-43.

William Button, Contra, Cr. Left in my Care his Flute. Ledger A&B 219.

John Croker, Contra, Cr. For Cash, 5.0. Ledger A&B 221.

John Fruin, Dr. For Cash, 1.5.0.; For Advts., 6.0.; For a Bottle of Ink, 1.0.; For an Acct. Book,

Capt. Gould of Trenton, Dr. For Advts. 6.0. Ledger A&B 228. Same as 23 Sept.

Samuel Hale, Contra, Cr. Total 3.6.11. Ledger A&B 191.

A. Hamilton, Esq., For Advertisements. Loan Office, 8.6. Ledger A&B 270. Cr for cash in full,
  8.4.5. Ledger A&B 225.

John Hyndshaw, Dr. For an Advt. in Gazette N123 [25 March], 4.0.; For an Advt. in N126 [15
  Apr], E. Gray, 3.0. Ledger A&B 202A.

Samuel Jones, Lancaster, Dr. For Sundries, 3.11. Contra, Cr. For Cash, 3.11. Ledger A&B 220-21.

H. Keith, Esq., Dr. To be chrg’d. to Dr. Graeme. For 1 Bott. of Red Ink, 1.0.; For sundry Blanks,
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1.5.0.; For Advts. 10.0. Ledger A&B 224. Dr. For sundry Blanks, 1.5.0. Ledger A&B 226.

Joshua Lawrence, Contra, Cr. For Cash in Full, 4.19.6. Ledger A&B 223.

James Logan Esq. Dr. For printing Alexander Arscot the first Part [Miller 33] 7 Sheets at 26s per Sheet, 9.2.0 [Miller mistakenly has 8.9.2]; For Stitching 600 at 5s Per hund. 1.10.0; total, 10.12.0. Cr. By Cash paid by Is Pemberton, 10.12.0. For binding a few. See Stephen’s Book. Ledger A&B 39, 214-15 (omits “binding a few”).

James Logan & Israel Pemberton, Esq. Drs. For printing Alexander Arscots first and second Parts [Miller 33 and 47] 16 Sheets at 32s 6 per Sheet 1000 No., 26.0.0; For binding 1000 Books at 6d per, 25.0.0. Ledger A&B 39.


Isaac Norris, Esq., Contra, Cr. By Cash at sundry times, 1.10.0. Ledger A&B 203A.

John Owen, Esq., Dr. For Advts. in Gazette, 4.6. Ledger A&B 226.

Edwd. Pierce, Esq., Burl., Dr. For an Adv. in G. N. 127 [22 April; ad not identified], 5.0. Ledger A&B 202A.

Province of Pennsylvania, Dr. Total 37.5.7. Contra, Cr. For Cash in Full, 37.5.7. Contra, Cr. For Cash in full, 16.15.6. Ledger A&B 209.

Job Rawlinson, Dr. For an Advt. in Gaz. N133 [3 June], 3.0.; For continuing Advt. in Gaz. at 12d per [time?], 8.0. Contra, Cr. For Cash, 11.0. Ledger A&B 204-5. Same as 20 Sept.

E. Roberts, Esq., Dr. For Tobacco Papers, 2.0. Contra, Cr. For Tobacco, 1 Pound, 0.10. Ledger A&B 240-41, 366 (first entry only).

Josiah Rolfe, Contra, Cr. For Cash by Mr. Grace, 6.0. Ledger A&B 203A.
Joseph Scull, Contra, Cr. For Horsehire, 2.0.; For Cash, 8.0. Ledger A&B 219. Horse hire same as 21 June.

Joseph Shinnard, Dr. For 4 Bonds 1/4 and an <?ank.> 4/6., 5.10. Ledger A&B 248.

Thomas Skelton, Contra, Cr. For Horsehire, 2.0. Ledger A&B 219.

Samuel Smith, Contra, Cr. For Ballance of last Account, 10.13.11, 6.10.6. Total £4.3.5. Ledger A&B 221.

Thomas Smith of N. Castle, Contra, Cr. For Cash in Part, 2.0.0.; For Cash, 3.0.; For Cash per Mr. Timothee. Ledger A&B 225.

Mr. John Spence, Dr. for Tobacco Papers, 3.0. Ledger A&B 188, 366; V66:34b. [Also] Contra. Cr. Total 1.8.0. Ledger A&B 189. Estate of Mr. John Spence, Dr. For Tobacco Papers, 3.0. Hays 3:558; V66:34b.

St. John’s Lodge, Total 2.6.7. Liber B.

Peter Stretch, Contra, Cr. For Cash, 5.0. Ledger A&B 221.

Edward Thomas, New Castle County, Contra, Cr. [no amount]. Ledger A&B 175.

Saml. White of Nottingham, Dr. For Advt. in Gaz. N122 [18 March], 4.6.; For Advt. Single, 7.6. Dr. Carried to Ledger E. Ledger A&B 202A. First ad same as 18 March.


Thomas Whitemarsh, Dr. Acct. in P?, 1 Bot Ink 1.0.; Varnish 10.0; 1 Can[ister] Printing Ink 10.0.; 6 Reams Papr at 12/ per, 3.12.0.; 100 B. Alm[anacks]1.9.2.; Ball stocks, 2; 100 Sh[et]. Alm[anacks] [Miller 36?], 1.9.2.; 12 Sheets Skepord [scabbord] 1.0.; 5 Doz. Bottles of Ink 2.5.0.; 12 Watts Psalms [Miller 2], 1.4.0.; 150 Nature Riches [Miller 56], 12.6.; 50 Gout Books [Miller 52], 16.8.; 6 Barclays Apol[ogy] 2.8.0.; 20 Bow. Ser.
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Willing & Shippen, Dr. For an Advt. in Gaz. N128 [29 April; ad appears in #129, 6 May], 3.0.;
For an Advt. in N133 [3 June], 3.0.; For Advts. in Gazette Cordage, 5.0. Contra, Cr. For Cash, 16.0. Ledger A&B 202A-3A.

James Wilmot, Dr. For an Advt. in Gaz. N71 [26 March 1730, but not identified], 3.0.; For Advt. from Isaac Stelle, 8.0.; For a Year’s Gazette, 10.0. Contra Cr. For a Hautboy, 8.0; For Eggs & Bacon, 3.0. Ledger A&B 202A-3A.

Gasper Wister, Contra, Cr. By Cash, 5.0. Ledger A&B 221.

Undated entries at bottom of Ledger A&B 366:
Portage Bills, 3.0.0. Ledger A&B 366; no Miller.

Part of Miller 44.

John’s Verses, 10.0. Ledger A&B 366. May have connection with John Lloyd’s “Elegies” of 19 Jan.

Ledger A&B 369 notes that 639 sheet almanacs were printed and lists five sales: Thomas Godfrey, 1 @ 5d; Thomas Godfrey 5 @ 3.1; John Wright 1 @ 5d; William Webb, 1 @ 5d; [and] Owen Owen 1 @ 5d.