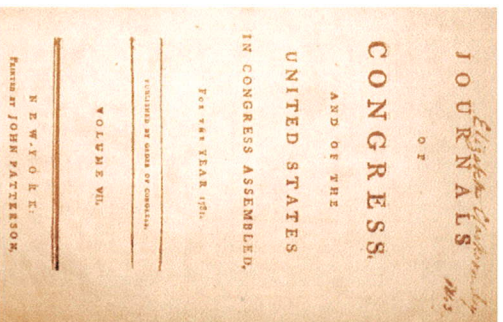


## Last Journal of the Continental Congress



### First Journal of the United States of America in Congress Assembled

Continental Congress and United States in Congress Assembled: Journals Of Congress, And Of The United States In Congress Assembled, 1781. Continental Congress: Journals Of Congress, And Of The United States In Congress Assembled, For The Years 1781-1782. Published By Order Of Congress, Volume VII. New York: Printed by John Patterson. 1787. "An edition of five hundred copies was printed by order of Congress, 13 September, 1786."

#### Historical Background:

Exceptionally rare recording the ratification of the Perpetual Union of the United States of America and the accomplishments of the first three Presidencies under the Federal Constitution of 1777.

The 1781 Subjects treated are developments in the War; western land cessions; Connecticut-Pennsylvania land dispute; ratification of the Articles of Confederation; First use of President of the United States in Congress Assembled; a tribute to John Paul Jones; privateering; prisoners of war; Cornwallis's surrender at Yorktown; financing the War; resolving whether to establish a national bank; establishing a postal service; expressions of thanks to General Washington; Washington's appearance at Congress and his Address of November 28, 1781.

The Journal also includes the whole Journal of the year 1782, Delivered the official Thanks of Congress to George Washington for his victory at Yorktown , Commended Gen. Lafayette and thanked France for his services Pressed states to keep up their commitments to sending delegates to Congress, which was often short of a quorum, Passed legislation for the Bank of North America, the first central bank, Appointed a Secretary of the United States to assist in correspondence and record-keeping, Granted Gen. Washington broad powers to negotiate prisoner exchanges with Britain; Washington immediately worked out a trade of Gen. Cornwallis for Henry Laurens, the first president of the Continental Congress, Established the United States Mint, Established the predecessor agency of the State Department, Proclaimed the first national Thanksgiving holiday, Created the position of Chairman of Congress, a predecessor of the vice-presidency , Negotiated a peace treaty with Britain Settled a dispute between Connecticut and Pennsylvania, with President Hanson acting as an equivalent of Chief Justice called for the first national census

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