

copy—it is, at least, an ancient transcript, made in 1780–81, by one of his associates at St. Augustine.

52. THOMAS LYNCH, Jr., signature only, from the fly-leaf of a book which once belonged to him—certified by Rev. Dr. Samuel Gilman, of Charleston, that he presented Lynch signatures to I. K. Tefft; with Rev. Dr. W. B. Sprague's certificate, that he obtained this signature from Mr. Tefft, which he transferred to Dr. Emmet, from whom Mr. Burns obtained it for this collection. Fortunate, indeed, is the collector who gets a genuine Lynch signature, even though it be but a signature only.

53. ARTHUR MIDDLETON, document signed, May 20, 1782, in good condition.

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54. BUTTON GWINNETT, document signed, May 6, 1777, in good condition. Gwinnett's autograph, like Lynch's, is exceedingly rare.

55. LYMAN HALL, A. L. S., March 30, 1759, one page, in good condition.

56. GEORGE WALTON, A. L. S., February 24, 1784, two pages, in good condition.

Thus the catalogue shows fifty full autograph letters in the collection of our Society, of which those of Floyd and Hewes were written in 1776, and ten others during the Revolutionary period. There is no hope of improving the Lynch signature, which is a good one; while the prospect of bettering the others, Hart, Morton, Heyward, Middleton, and Gwinnett is scarcely more encouraging. As it is, the set is a fine one, in good condition throughout; and the members of our Society may well felicitate themselves in the possession of so rich a treasure.

In addition to these fifty-six autographs proper of the signers of the declaration, we have, to appropriately accompany them, an A. L. S., August 11, 1783, of Charles Thomson, the secretary of Congress, whose name attests the passage, and the signing, of the declaration; also an A. L. S. of Robert R. Livingston, August 2, 1810, one page, in good condition, referring to his flocks of sheep and wool;