

and inlaid by Trent in drawing-paper, of large folio size; and illustrated with portraits, views, caricatures, official and other documents, arms of states, colonial money and newspapers, etc., illustrative of the period—all similarly inlaid or mounted, and on separate sheets, to the number, at this time, of several hundred; the whole to constitute three folio volumes, for the Northern, Middle, and Southern States, respectively."

Since the above was written, Col. Myers has largely increased his illustrations, and has thoughts of changing his final grouping for binding. The collection is very strong in historical documents; inlaid similarly to Dr. Emmet's, and is arranged with Brotherhead's *Book of the Signers*, in royal folio size. It has one great rarity among its illustrations, of which but one other is in private hands, that of Dr. Emmet—an original printed copy of the declaration, with the sign-manual of the secretary and president of Congress, perhaps one of those sent to each of the thirteen states, by order of that body, January 18, 1777: "It was for many years," says Col. Myers, "the property of a gentleman in the South, from whom the collector procured it, like the other specimens, without 'making a raid,' or incurring an obligation which he did not attempt to acquit."

Col. Bailey's set of the signers numbers forty-four A. L. S., including the great rarity of a full John Morton letter; with Hart, Taylor, Middleton, and Gwinnett, A. D. S.; Hopkins and Livingston, L. S.; Thornton, Hancock, Read, Heyward, Lynch, and Hall, D. S. The Lynch document is a land contract, dated in March, 1779, but one other of the kind is known to be extant. Of the forty-four full letters, twenty-six were written during the Revolutionary period; while eight of them bear date in 1776—Bartlett, Whipple, John Adams, Samuel Adams, Lewis Morris, Wilson, and Chase. Judge Wilson's was written on the 4th of July in that year, recommending some company officers.

XIII.—Dr. Emmet's second set. This collection consists of forty-one A. L. S.; Bartlett, Thornton, Hancock, Paine, Hopkins, Clark, Hart, Stockton, Morton, Taylor, Wythe, and Hall, A. D. S.; Middleton, L. S.; Gwinnett, D. S.; and Lynch,