



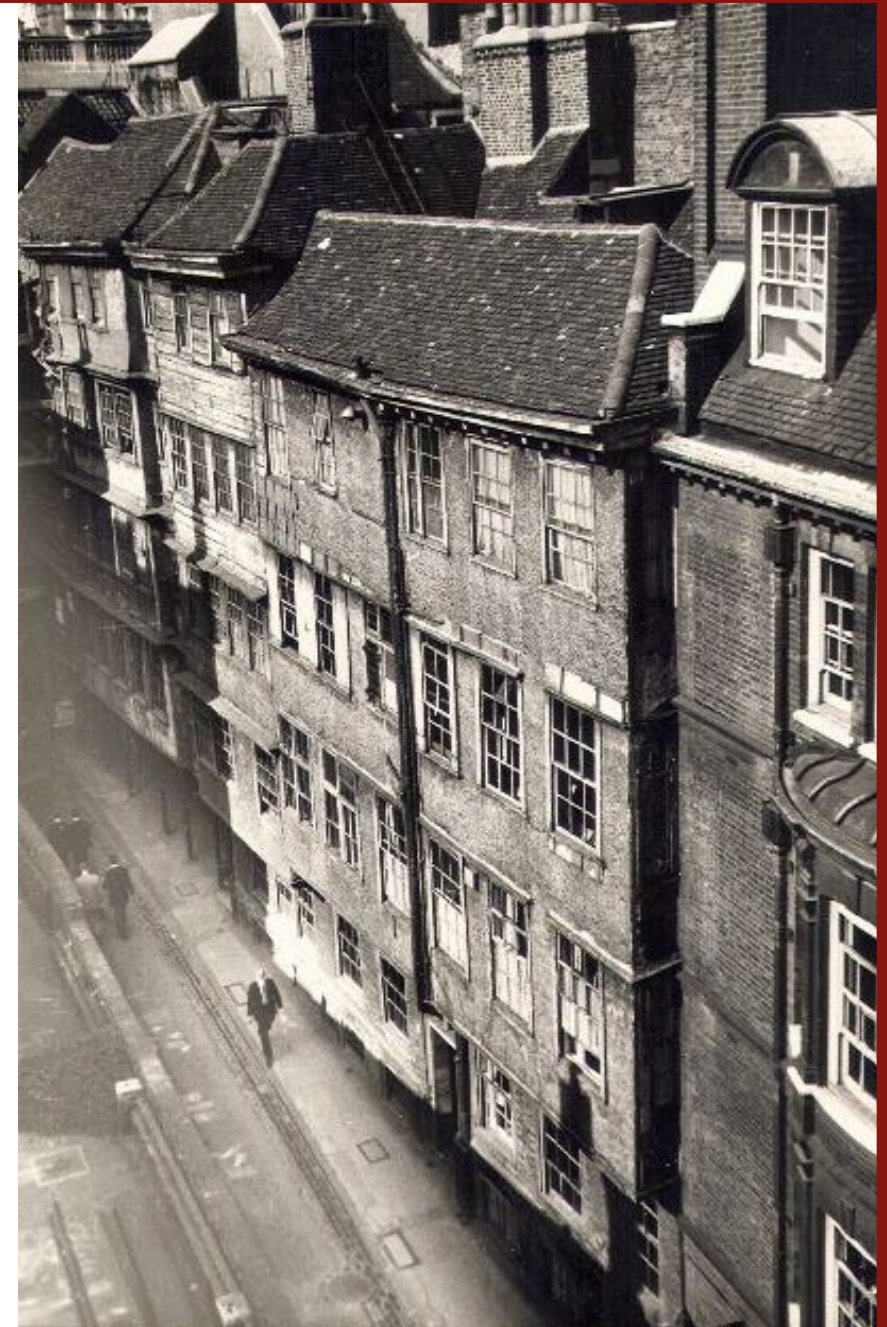
Friendship & Revolution: Middle Temple & the United States

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Middle Temple

What is the Middle Temple?



The Knights Templar



Middle Temple – The Third University?

- **Elias Ashmole** (1617-1692) Antiquary, Politician, Astrologer and Alchemist
- **John Arundell** (1576-1654), Royalist
- **Edward Bagshaw** (c1589-1662) Civil War writer and Politician
- **Peter Ball** (d1675), Physician and Fellow of the Royal Society
- **Roger Baynes** (1546-1632), Roman Catholic Essayist
- **William Berkeley** (1605-1677), Governor of Virginia
- **Thomas Brand** (1635-1691), Nonconformist Minister
- **George Buc** (c1560-1622), Antiquary and Master of the Revels
- **Simonds D'Ewes** (1602-1650), Antiquary and Politician
- **John Davies** (1569-1626), Poet and Politician
- **Benoît de Canfeld** (1562-1610), Capuchin Friar and Mystic
- **William Fowler** (c1560-1612), Scottish Bard
- **William Goddard** (fl 1615), Satirist
- **Robert Harley** (1579-1656), Master of the Mint
- **Gervase Helwys** (1561-1615), Lieutenant of the Tower and Conspirator
- **Frescheville Holles** (1642-1672), Naval Officer
- **Arthur Hopton** (c1588-1614), Mathematician
- **Henry Ireton** (1611-1651), Parliamentarian General
- **Sir Norton Knatchbull** (1602-1685), Biblical Scholar
- **John Lisle** (1610-1664), Regicide
- **John Marston** (1576-1634), Dramatist
- **William Molyneux** (1656-1698), Philosopher
- **Thomas Overbury** (1571-1613), Poet and Philosopher
- **Amyas Paulet** (1532-1588), soldier and politician
- **Anthony Paulett** (1562-1600), Governor of Jersey and Captain of the Guard
- **Henry Percy** (1564-1632), Nobleman and alchemist
- **Edward Popham** (1610-1651), Admiral
- **George Puttenham** (1529-1590) Poetical Critic
- **John Pym** (1584-1643), Republican Statesman
- **Carew Reynell** (1636-1690), Economist
- **Edward Sharpham** (1576-1608), Comedian
- **John Webster** (1580-1634), Playwright and Poet
- **Thomas Wintour** (c1571-1606), Gunpowder Plotter

Explorers and Travellers

- **Walter Raleigh** (c1553-1618) – Explorer and Soldier
- **Francis Drake** (c1540-1596) – Explorer, Circumnavigator and Privateer
- **Martin Frobisher** (1530s-1594), Sea captain and privateer
- **Armagil Waad** (c1511-1568) Explorer, Civil Servant and Ambassador to Holstein
- **John Watts** (c1554-1616) Privateer, Merchant and Lord Mayor of London
- **Bartholomew Gosnold** (1571-1607), Explorer and founder of the Virginia Company and Jamestown
- **Robert Harcourt** (c1574-1631) Explorer and Colonial Adventurer

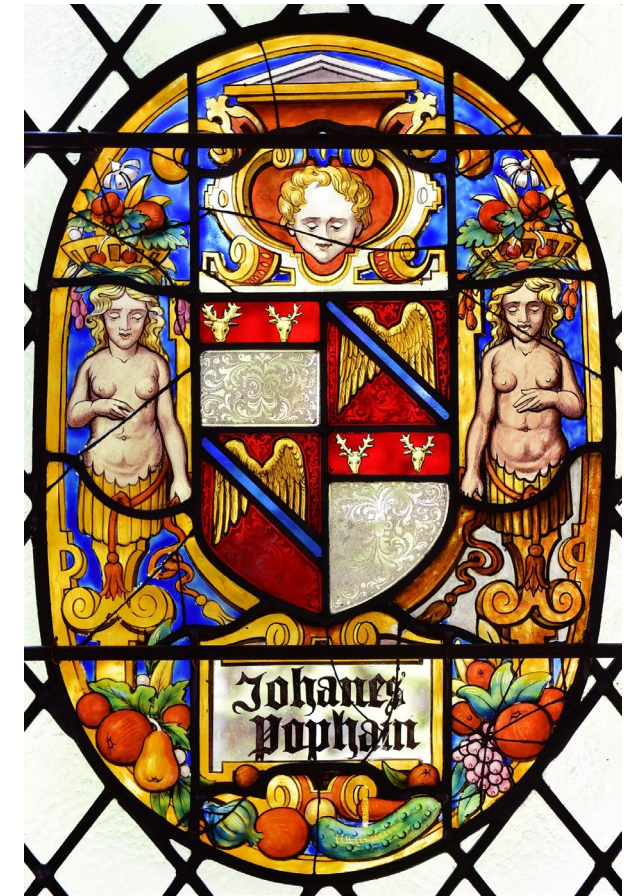


The Molyneux Globes



Virginia Company

- **Richard Martin** (1570-1618), Barrister, Poet and Attorney for the Virginia Company
- **John Popham** (c1531-1607), Chief Justice and Backer of the Virginia Company
- **Bartholomew Gosnold** (1571-1607), Explorer and founder of the Virginia Company and Jamestown
- **Edwin Sandys** (1561-1629), Founder and Treasurer of the Virginia Company

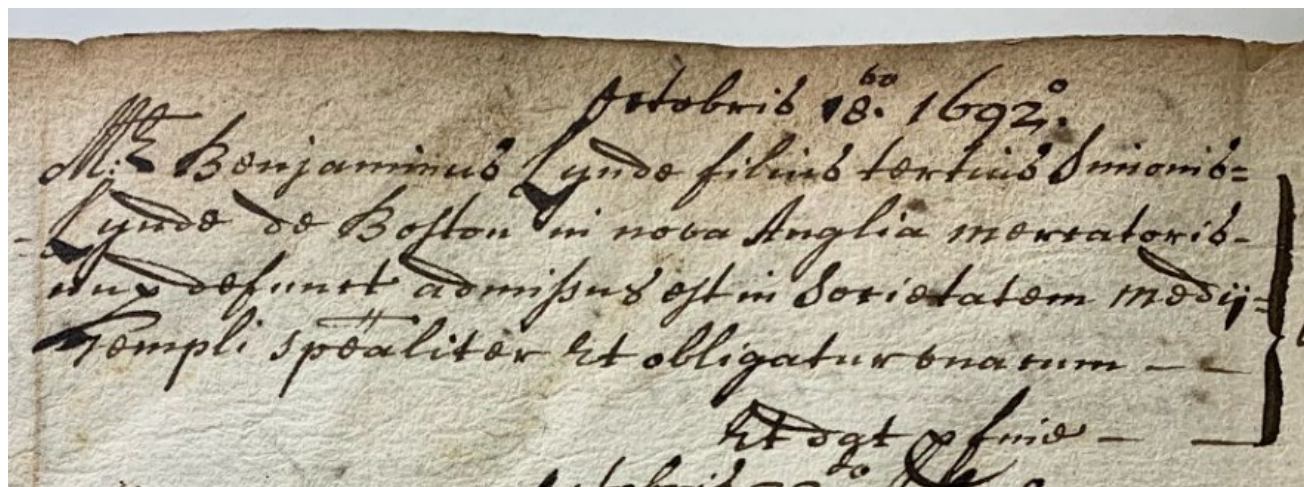


Admissions from America

October 18th, 1692

"Mr Benjaminus Lynde, filius tertius Simonis Lynde de Boston in nova Anglia mercatoris nup. defunct admissus est in Societatem Medii Templi..."

"Mr Benjamin Lynde, third son of Simon Lynde of Boston in New England, lately deceased, is admitted to the Society of the Middle Temple..."



Education at the Inn



“A raw and inexperienced youth, in the most dangerous season of life, is transplanted on a sudden into the midst of allurements to pleasure, without any restraint or check but what his own prudence can suggest; with no public direction in what course to pursue his inquiries; no private assistance to remove the distresses and difficulties which will always embarrass a beginner.

In this situation he is expected to sequester himself from the world, and by a tedious lonely process to extract the theory of law from a mass of undigested learning; or else by an assiduous attendance on the courts to pick up theory and practice together, sufficient to qualify him for the ordinary run of business.”

- William Blackstone on legal education

Candlelight Exercises

Case:

Special Action of Trovass and battery, for a battery committed by the Defendant upon the Plff, and breaking his Skull. The Plaintiff declares of the battery, and that he brought an Action for it against the Defendant; and recovered £100 as good; and that a tor that recovery part of his Skull by reason of the said battery came out of his Head, per quod &c. The Plff places the said recovery in bar. The Plaintiff demands.

Q: Whether the prior recovery in the Action of Assault can be a bar to the main laid here?

Q: Whether the Jury could give Damages for the pain before it happened?

J. Jones.
B. Head
Dewes
B. Dewes

C. C. Pinckney.
T. Heyward

Case.

The Defendant being a Jew had an only Daughter who was converted from Judaism and embraced Christianity, whereupon the Defendant turned her out of his Door, and refused to allow her any maintenance. Upon which a complaint made to the Justices at the General Sessions, they writing that she was the Daughter of the Defendant, and that he was a man able to maintain her, made an Order that he should allow her twenty shillings per month for her maintenance, under the penalty of £10. And this order they founded upon § 3 Stat.

Q: Whether by the said Statute the Justices have any Jurisdiction to make such an Order?

Q: Supposing they have such Jurisdiction, ought they not to have alleged that she was poor, or likely to become chargeable to the Parish?

Dewes
John Cole
B. Dewes
E. Tighe

C. C. Pinckney
The Heyward

Student life - The Library



“I have taken as much Pleasure in unravelling an intricate Point of Law as a Florist receives, When he sees some favourite flower, which he has long tended himself, at last unfold its glowing Colours, & breathe its sweet Perfumes”

“I fly to Books, to Retirement, to Labour, & every Moment is an Age, till I am immersed in Study.”

- John Dickinson on studying at his law books

Student Life – Westminster Hall



“Westminster Hall is a school of law where we not only hear what we have read repeated, but disputed and sifted in the most curious and learned manner... The Bar is a perfect comment upon the written law, and every great man at it is in some measure a master and instructor to these young students who have the wisdom to attend.”

- John Dickinson on attendance at Westminster Hall

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Student Life – Dining in Hall



“When I view the Hall, where the most important Questions have been debated, where a Hampden, and a Holt have opposed encroaching Power, and supported declining Justice, in short upon whose Judgements, the Happiness of a Nation has depended, I am filled with Awe & Reverence.”

- John Dickinson on Middle Temple Hall

Student Life – Entertainment



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*M.^r Abingdon, M.^r King, M.^r Smith, and M.^r Palmer, in the Characters of
Lady Teazle, Sir Peter Teazle, Charles and Joseph Surface?
in the Comedy of the School for Scandal. Pub^d. Oct. 20th. 1778.*

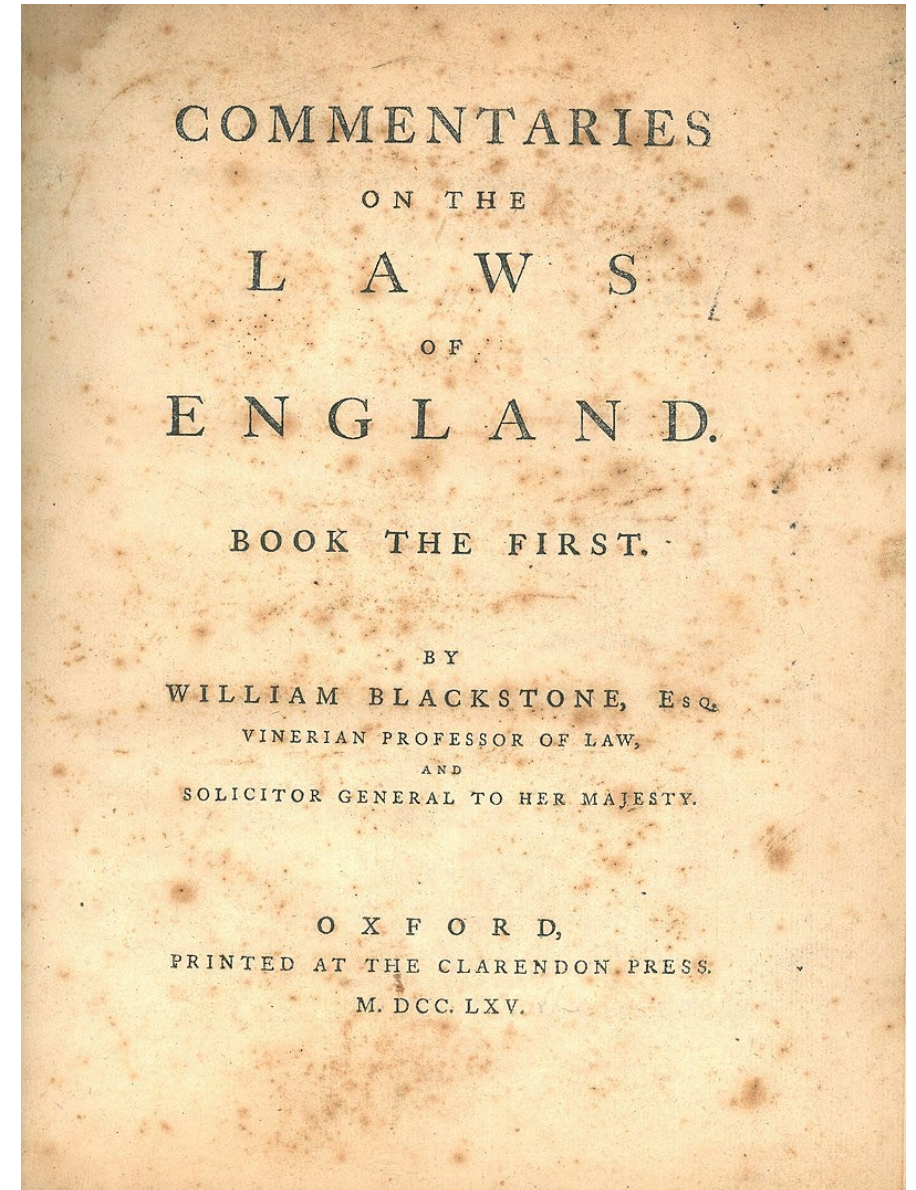
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Blackstone

“In no country perhaps in the world is the law so general a study... I have been told by an eminent bookseller that in no branch of his business, after tracts of popular devotion, were so many books as those on the law exported to the plantations. The colonists have now fallen into the way of printing them for their own use. I hear that they have sold nearly as many of Blackstone’s Commentaries in America as in England... This study renders men acute, inquisitive, prompt in attack, ready in defence, full of resources.”

- Edmund Burke on the popularity of law books in America



Prelude to Revolution



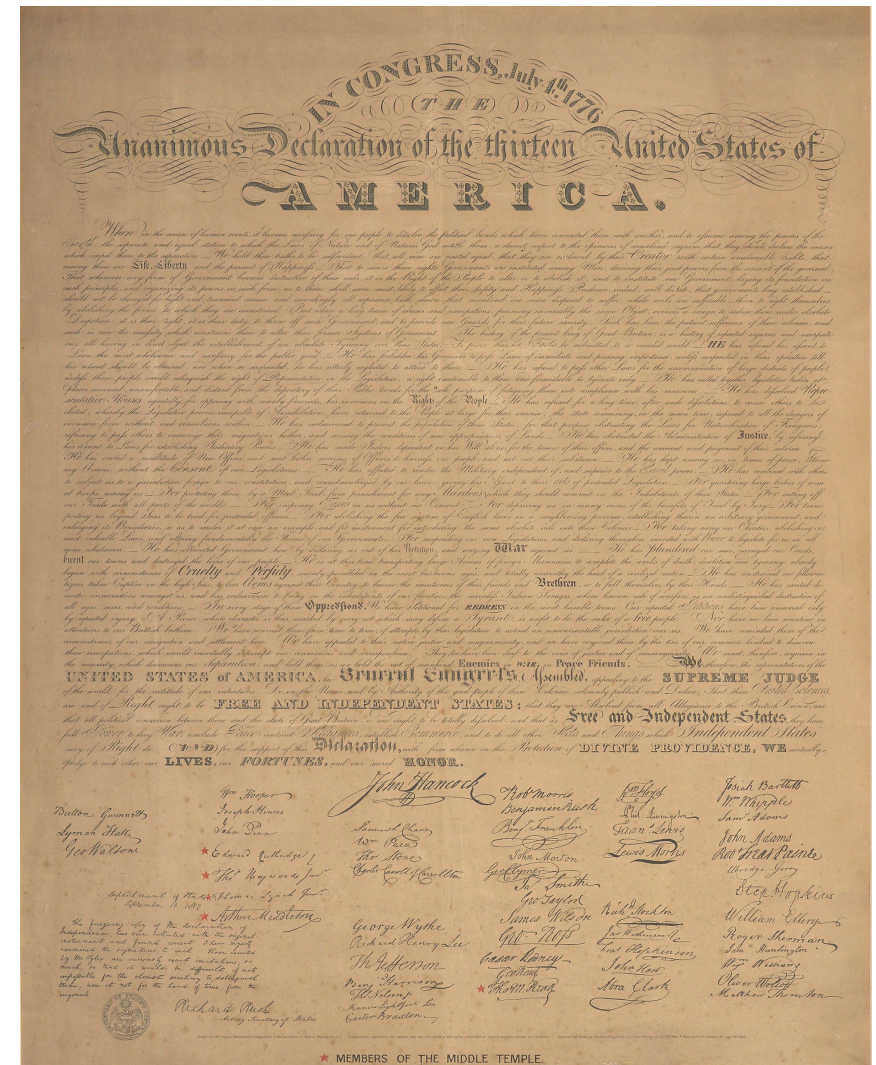
John Dickinson
(A: 1753, C: 1757)



Peyton Randolph
(A: 1739, C: 1744)

The Declaration of American Independence

- Edward Rutledge (A: 1767, C: 1772)
- Thomas Heyward (A: 1765, C: 1770)
- Thomas McKean (A: 1758)
- Thomas Lynch (A: 1767)
- Arthur Middleton (A: 1757)



The Revolutionary War



Joseph Reed (A: 1763)



Charles Cotesworth Pinckney
(A: 1764, C: 1769)

The Revolutionary War



John Laurens (A: 1772)



Banastre Tarleton (A: 1770)

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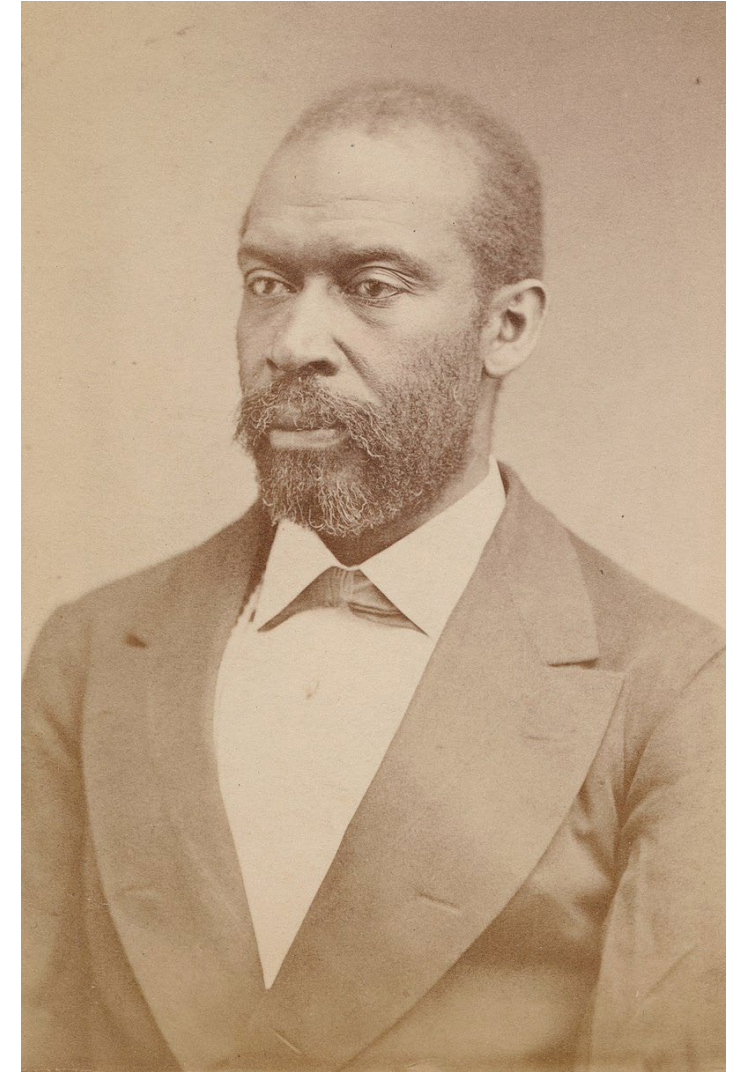
Constitution

1. John Rutledge (A: 1754, C: 1760)
2. Charles Pinckney (A: 1773)
3. Charles Cotesworth Pinckney (A: 1764, C: 1769)
4. Jared Ingersoll (A: 1773)
5. William Livingston (A: 1742)
6. John Blair (A: 1753, C: 1757)
7. John Dickinson (A: 1753, C: 1757)



Thomas Morris Chester

CONSULATE GENERAL OF LIBERIA.
No 15 Longham Place
London May 21. 1869. W^o
Gentlemen,
It being most desirable that
Major Thomas Morris Chester A. D. C.
of the President of Liberia should return
to his own country - Monrovia as early
as practicable, I hereby Certify that



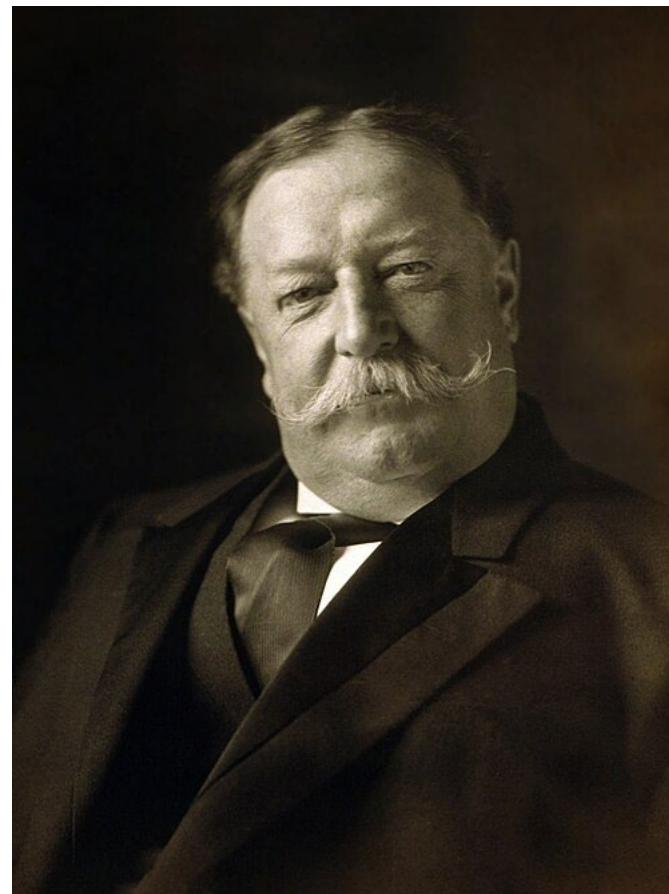
Thomas Morris Chester
(A: 1867, C: 1870)

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Honorary Benchers

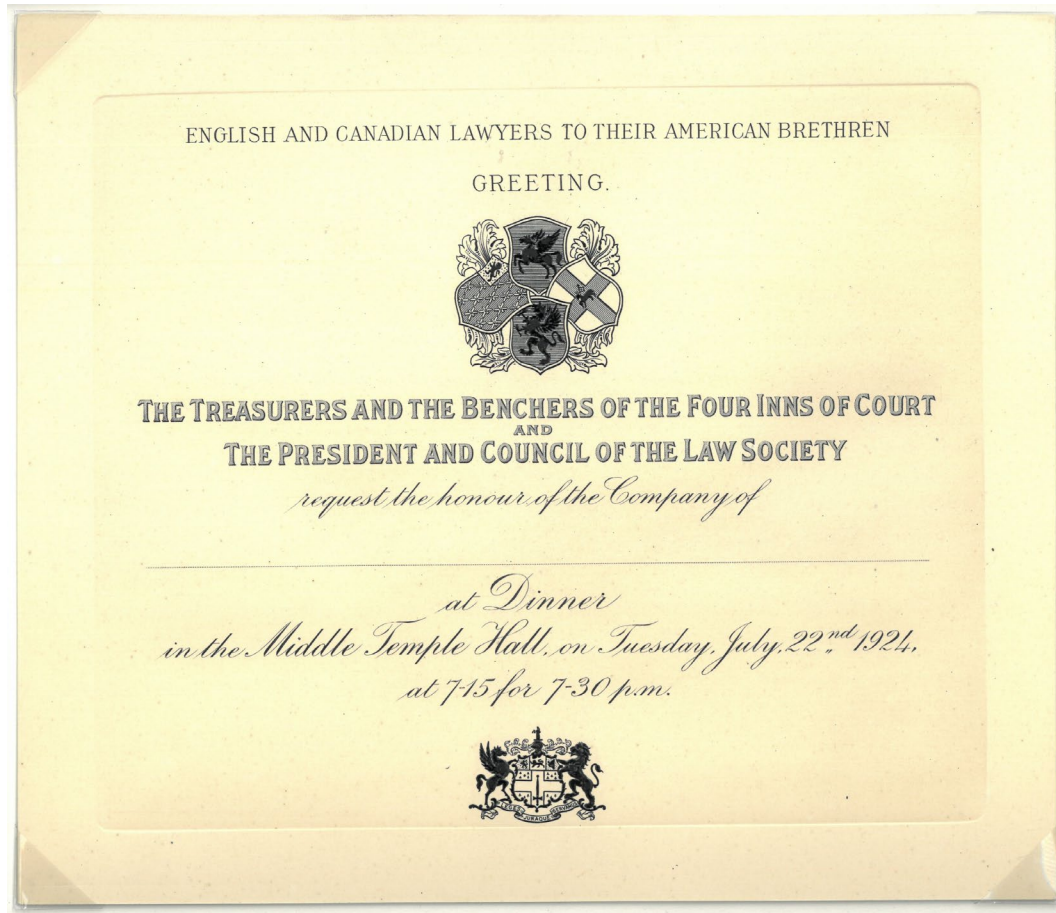


Joseph Choate
(Honorary Benchers 1770)



William Howard Taft
(Honorary Benchers 1922)

ABA Visit of 1924



The Second World War



Post-War Restoration



Strengthening bonds





“We are here to celebrate the Charter for the first surviving English settlement in America, Jamestown. The charter arguably gave birth to the idea of government for the people, of the people, by the people, or something like that. It certainly contributed a major step in humanity’s ongoing search for a life on earth that is “free”, a word and idea that has always drawn people to America and American culture.

Long live the friendship between America and the Middle Temple. May that friendship include the incredible survivors of the Powhatan people in Eastern Virginia. We ourselves may need some of their patience and endurance in this next century. And, may that friendship continue to be a force for liberty, justice and good government between all people.”

- Mark Rylance, 2006

MIDDLE TEMPLE LAWYERS
AND THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

His Honour Eric Stockdale
and
Justice Randy J. Holland



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