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[All sold prices include buyer's premium]

The Forbes Collection of American Historical Documents: Part Three

Sold: \$5,185,420	Lots offered: 252	Lots sold: 224	£: \$1.74/€:\$1.17
£2,980,126	Sold by lot: 89%	Sold by \$: 88%	Sale No: 1685
€4,431,983			

COMMENT: Chris Coover, Senior Specialist in the Printed Books and Manuscripts department: "Some years ago, the late Malcolm Forbes, when asked why he paid such high prices for the American historical letters and documents he collected, quipped "What price history?" Today, as if in answer to his remark, solid and in some cases spectacular prices were achieved for 252 lots of Presidential and historical letters and documents, comprising Part 3 of the Forbes Collection sales. Bidders from a wide spectrum of collectors and dealers were active, and many items sold for multiples of their estimates. The results attest to the superlative quality of Forbes's collection. Part 4 will take place in the Spring of 2006."

LOT	PRICE	ESTIMATE	BUYER
94	\$688,000 £395,402/€588,034	\$600,000 – 800,000	US Trade
Lincoln, Abraham. The authorized edition of The Emancipation Proclamation, signed by President Lincoln and Secretary of State Seward, 6 June 1864.			
99	\$307,100 £176,494/€262,479	\$40,000 – 60,000	US Trade
Lincoln, Abraham and Everett, Edward. <i>The Gettysburg Solemnities: Dedication of the National Cemetery at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, November 19, 1863</i> . Washington, D.C.: 1863. First printing of Lincoln's best known address.			
2	\$284,800 £163,678/€243,419	\$60,000 – 80,000	Anonymous
Preston, Thomas, <i>Captain, British Army</i> . Autograph manuscript signed, 14 March 1770. Five days after the "Boston Massacre," the British Officer in charge gives his version of the incident which became a catalyst of the American Revolution.			
58	\$262,400 £150,805/€224,274	\$80,000 – 120,000	US Trade
Harrison, William Henry. Autograph letter signed, as President-elect and as President, to his wife Anne Harrison, Washington, 4 and 5 March 1841.			
107	\$240,000 £137,931/€205,128	\$60,000 – 90,000	US Trade
[Lincoln, Abraham, Assassination]. Stone, Robert King, <i>Lincoln family physician</i> . Autograph manuscript (unsigned), a first-hand account of Lincoln's medical condition, death, and autopsy. Washington, D.C., 14-15 April 1865.			
84	\$180,000 £103,448/€153,846	\$150,000 – 200,000	US Trade
Lincoln, Abraham. Letter signed, as President, to Salmon P. Chase, Secretary of the Treasury, Executive Mansion, 5 April 1861. Arranging for payment of his Presidential salary.			
30	\$144,000 £82,759/€123,077	\$100,000 – 150,000	Private
Jefferson, Thomas. Autograph letter signed as President, to "Brother Handsome Lake," the Seneca Indian religious leader. Washington, 3 November 1802.			
25	\$114,000 £65,517/€97,436	\$100,000-150,000	US Trade
Adams, John. Autograph letter signed (J. Adams) to Benjamin Rush. April 18, 1808. Calling for national unity.			
19	\$102,000 £58,620/€87,179	\$80,000-120,000	US Trade
Washington, George. Autograph letter signed (G. Washington) to Theodorick Bland (1742-1790), Newburgh, NY. April 4, 1783. Appealing on behalf of his unpaid army.			
27	\$96,000 £55,172/€82,051	\$80,000-120,000	US Private
Adams, John. Autograph letter signed (John Adams) to Benjamin Rush in Philadelphia. July 18, 1812. "I have sacrificed everything to the Union."			