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RARE FIRST NEWSPAPER PRINTING OF THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER ACHIEVES \$325,000

WITH PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE AMERICAN ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY'S COLLECTION ACQUISITION FUND

NEW WORLD AUCTION RECORD FOR A NINETEENTH CENTURY NEWSPAPER



THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER— *Baltimore Patriot & Evening Advertiser*. Baltimore: Munroe & French, No. 54 South Street, 21 September 1814
Estimate: \$300,000-500,000

New York – Christie's is pleased to report that the first dated printing of "[The Star-Spangled Banner](#)" achieved a total of **\$325,000** on Christie's online sale platform. This rare newspaper printing was the first to appear at auction and was available for online bidding from June 2-18, 2020, as part of *The Open Book: Fine Travel, Americana, Literature and History in Print and Manuscript* auction during the Classic Week series of sales. The sale set a world auction record for a nineteenth century newspaper.

Peter Klarnet, Senior Specialist, Books & Manuscripts remarks: "*This extremely rare issue of The Baltimore Patriot & Evening Advertiser is one of three copies confirmed in existence—two of which are held by the American Antiquarian Society. We're thrilled with the result of the sale of this duplicate*

issue from the Society's extensive holdings, especially knowing that the hammer proceeds will benefit their collections acquisitions fund critically important collecting mission."

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To learn more about this copy of the Star Spangled Banner, please visit our [content feature](#).

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