

Books and Manuscripts (1706)

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Lot 93

Estimate: \$800 - \$1200 (plus Buyer's Premium)

[Presidential] Cleveland, Grover Group of 3 Autograph Letters, signed

Autograph Letter, signed

Gray Gables, Buzzards Bay, Massachusetts, July 22, 1896. One sheet folded to make 4 pp.; 6 3/4 x 4 1/2 in. (171 x 114 mm). Autograph letter, signed and initialed by Cleveland, during his second term as president and while away on a summer vacation, to his financial advisor, E.C. Benedict, Esq.: "My dear Commodore/I enclose you a check/for \$10,375 as advised/by your Letter of the 20th...I am very much pleased/to see that the banks are/taking hold of the reserve/matter in a patriotic way/and moving in a direction/that will Lead to a better/Condition of Confidence./Somehow I cannot/yield to fight and my/faith in the saving common/sense of the people will not/permit me to suppose that/our finances are to be/undermined..."; with original signed envelope. Creasing from original folds. Includes a clipped engraved portrait of Cleveland.

Together with:

Autograph Letter, signed

Westland, Princeton, New Jersey, Jan. 6, 1899. One sheet folded to make 4 pp.; 6 3/4 x 4 1/2 in. (171 x 114 mm). Autograph letter, signed twice by Cleveland, to E.C. Benedict, concerning financial matters, as well as Cleveland's playing cribbage and billiards: "The two nights I have/spent alone here, until a/pretty late bed time, been/spent playing billiards and/cribbage--an evening at each./I managed with the hardest/possible work to come out one/game ahead in each bout./It is barely possible that these/results were accomplished/through a resort to my/favorite scheme when hardly/pressed, known as the "tucker/out" game. You must be quite/familiar with it..." Cleveland adds in a lengthy postscript regarding his finances, "I hardly/can put any more eggs in the/rubber basket at this time/though I would like to very much./After what you have lately done/I have a credit with your firm/of nearly \$35,000. How do you/think it would answer to let/that remain as it is a little/while, and await developments?"; with original signed envelope. Creasing from original folds. Includes an engraved portrait of Cleveland.

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Princeton, (New Jersey), Feb. 15, 1907. One sheet folded to make 4 pp.; 6 1/2 x 5 1/2 in. (165 x 140 mm). Autograph letter, signed by Cleveland, to E.C. Benedict, concerning financial matters: "I received your letter and the rubber/stocks this morning and I here enclose my/receipt for the latter. I will put them with/your memorandum where the (sic) will be found/when they are needed. The memorandum/certainly indicates that some one has made/shrewd and profitable investments; and haply/my posthumous record of ability in that/direction will surprise some people. This is the/way of the world. Some men do; and others/are often credited with the things done."; with original signed envelope. Creasing from original folds. Includes clipped engraved portrait of Cleveland.

