

The Alexander Hamilton Collection of John E. Herzog (1716)

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Lot 7

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[Hamilton, Alexander] Lear, Tobias Autograph letter, signed

Tobias Lear writes to Alexander Hamilton on behalf of President George Washington

(Philadelphia, ca. 1789-92). One sheet folded to make four pages, 9 x 7 in. (229 x 178 mm). Autograph letter, signed by Lear, as Secretary to President George Washington, written to Alexander Hamilton, as first Secretary of the Treasury: "The President sees no objection to com-/plying with the wish of the Supervisor of/Massachusetts to come to Philadelphia on/his private business, if there is no proba-/bility of the public service being injured/by his absence from his district..." Addressed on verso to "Col. Hamilton"; docketed on verso, possibly in Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Tench Coxe's hand: "Tobias Lear Esq/Sec, to the President/For Mr Coxe." Separated along center fold; creasing from original folds; some edges chipping; separations along creases; three small separations along left side, possibly from a previous mount; small later printed portrait of Hamilton mounted to letter, not affecting MS.

Spink-Smythe, Nov 2, 1999, lot 386

