

APPENDIX A
CASH ACCOUNTS
FOR THE HOUSE CONSTRUCTION 1797-1799¹

Anno 1797

March 3	Paid J ^{no} Wiley for drawing deed	\$ 1 00
D ^o 27	p ^d Kensey Johns Esquire for acknowledgm ^t of Aull's deed & articles of Agreem ^t between Armstrong Aull & myself & also advanced 4/6 for Aull	1 80
D ^o 27	Paid William Aull last payment of consideration for lot of Ground purchased from lying on front next adjoining my fathers	200 00
June 13	p ^d & expended in going to Chester for ye purchase of Stone for building house	7 00
July 19	Paid Kepple Odenheimer on acco ^t of Stone for building	40 00
D ^o 20	Paid Clay Bond & Co.: for 1 q ^t of rum for ye Labourers at unlading Stone per Rec ^t 3/	40
D ^o 29	Paid John Sturgis in part of contract for cutting timber & erecting wharf	5 00
Aug ^t 1	Paid Sam ^l Shephard & James Neil, for perch ^g 2 load of Stone per, their rec ^t of this date	9 00
D ^o 2	Paid Aron Helms for William Lane for Stone delivered per Order & Rec ^t	30 00
D ^o 2	Paid John Sturgis in further of contract for building wharf	10 00
D ^o 5	p ^d John Sturgis in further part of consideration for in contract ^g to build wharf	30 00

¹Extracted from Account Book of George Read (II), 1797-1799, The Richard S. Rodney Collection, Historical Society of Delaware.

D ^o 15	Paid William Lane by the hand of Aron Helms for Stone for building in further part	50 00
D ^o 17	Paid John Vining Blacksmith on acco ^t of Iron work for my wharff	10 00
D ^o 17	Paid John Sturgis in further part for work at wharff	30 00
D ^o 18	Paid John Sturgis in further part for Wharff	5 00
D ^o 19	Paid William Gould in full for hauling logs for Wharf	61 33
D ^o 26	Paid John Sturgis in further part of his contract for erecting wharf	20 00
D ^o 26	Paid D ^o [Clay & Co.] for 3 Shovels per rec ^t	3 00
D ^o 30	Paid Aron Helms in part of 30 perch of Stone for filling wharf	20 00
D ^o 30	Paid Joseph Cloud for William Cloud for 50 Bushels of Lime delivered	19 44
Sept ^t 1	Paid Tho ^s Reynolds & Co: by ye hands of Rich ^d Grubb for 3 Mattocks & a Pick	9 00
D ^o 2	Paid Kepple Odenheimer for stone delivered in further part	30 00
D ^o 2	Paid John Sturgis in further part for wharf building	10 00
D ^o 2	Paid Aaron Helms in full for purchase & carting stone to fill in wharf & delivery	48 00
D ^o 4	Gave Rich ^d Grubb to procure rum for hands w ^{ch} he did from James Thompson	25
D ^o 9	p ^d Sherman Monro- Labourer for diging cellar in part	2 20
D ^o 13	Paid Jesse Cloud in full for work done in clearing away & digging G. Read's cellar for building	7 20
D ^o 13	Paid Joseph McDonough for 8 days work done at my Cellar in New Castle	6 94
D ^o 13	Paid Mons McKenny for 8 days work done at my Cellar in N: Castle	6 94
D ^o 13	Paid Samuel Fisher in part for 9 days work at Cellar digging for G. Read	5 00

D ^o	14	Paid Sherman Monro for 9 days Labour at digging Cellar being the balance due him per rec ^t	6 40
D ^o	14	Paid Jacob in part for 9 days work done at digging my Cellar in New Castle. Note ye last day he worked with Jackson in hauling stone & sand	6 00
D ^o	14	Paid Negro Peter in part for work done at s ^d Cellar	1 00
D ^o	14	Gave Richard Grubb to buy 1 Gallon of rum for hands on laying corner Stone of G. Read's build ^g	1 00
D ^o	15	Paid Robert Vanjoy for 4 days work done at Cellar by himself & Negro Philip Hamilton	3 47
D ^o	16	Paid Richard Grubb for service work at clearing ground and digging Cellar for G. Read	18 67
D ^o	16	Paid Richard Grubb Jun ^r for work & service as at same plan	16 67
D ^o	16	Paid John Nicholas for work at same plan in full	7 80
D ^o	16	Gave Richard Grubb to pay Fred ^k Craig for two spades bot of him hertofore for G. Read	2 00
D ^o	16	Paid Negro Richard on acco ^t of work done at my Cellar	5 00
Note 12 days ye whole time at 4/-			
D ^o	18	Paid Samuel Shephard in full of his acco ^t for work done by him at digging my Cellar in N; Castle being bal ^{ce} Due	2 80
D ^o	18	Paid William Dunn at whose house Rich ^d Grubb & other masons & workman board on the acco ^t	3 00
D ^o	20	Paid William Lane in further part for building stone delivered	20 00
D ^o	22	Paid Abraham Bond for 30 perch of Stone for filling in Wharf at 5/	20 00
D ^o	22	Paid Bryan McCormick for work done at clearing ground and digging cellar-4 days at 4/3	2 27

D ^o	26	Paid William Dunn by hand of his Wife for masons board per order	2 00
D ^o	29	Paid Jacob Landcaster in further part for work done	1 00
Oct ^r	2	Paid the same in full of bal ^{ce} for D ^o	2 50
D ^o	2	Paid Richard Grubb Jun ^r in part for Mason work done at G. Read's Cellar	7 00
D ^o	4	Paid Joseph Cloud on acco ^t of lime deliver- ed	20 00
D ^o	11	Paid Peter Crouding for cash p ^d by him for me to Shallop men for transporting from Philadelphia to New Castle 18 heads & Sills for Cellar Windows of my building	3 00
D ^o	14	Paid Kepple Odenheimer in further part on acco ^t of Stone delivered	30 00
Nov ^r	13	Omitted to be entered before in this page "Oct. 28, 1797" Paid by the hand of G. Read Esquire Richard Grubb Senior on acco ^t for Stone Mason work done at the foundation of my house	10 00
D ^o	13	Paid Richard Jun ^r on like account	10 00
D ^o	14	Paid John Vining Blacksmith for Ironwork done for my wharf	20 00
D ^o	15	Paid Samuel Davis Negro in part for 4 day Labour at my foundation of his mancarts & horse at \$2	8 00
D ^o	17	Paid Negro Richard for Work done at founda ^t	40
D ^o	17	Paid Richard Grubb Jun ^r in further part for Mason's work done at foundation	10 00
Note he attended here 16th to assist in surveying the foundation---			
Dec.	26	Omitted to be ent ^d herein before "Dec Paid by ye hands of William Read Peter Crouding my Carpenter for boards scantling etc a. procured for Wind. frames per W. R.'s () of Dec ^r 11.1797 in file	164 00

Anno 1798

Jan 18	Paid by the hand of William Read & C: to Peter Crowding carpenter on acco ^t	100 00
D ^o 22	Paid John Colhoun order in his favor on me drawn by Richard Grubb/, Jun ^r Mason	42 67
D ^o 28	Paid Negro Peter for piling scantling the day before	75
D ^o 28	Paid Peter Crowding by y ^e hands of W ^m Read p ^r his letter of Jan ^{ry} 24, 1798	50 00
Feb ^{ry} 9	Paid Kepple Odenheimer p ^r Rec ^t	20 00
March 9	Paid Samuel Davis on acco ^t of hauling stone	5 00
D ^o 24	Paid William Aull in part further for the purchase of a Lot of ground purchased by him theretofore from Jos. Tatlow	300 00
April 7	Paid William Lane in further part for building stone delivered last fall	20 00
D ^o 25	Paid William Cloud in full for bal ^{ce} due on acco ^t of 200 bushels of lime drawn to me at N: Castle last fall for my buil- ding	38 32
D ^o 30	Paid John Vining Blacksmith his acco ^t in full p ^r rec ^t	6 19
May 3	Paid Peter Crowding by y ^e hands of W. Read & Co. by his rec ^t transmitted in a letter of April 12, 1798	200 00
June 4	Paid James Clayton of Daggsborough by ye hands of John Tunnel Skipper of the Schooner for boards & Scantling delivered out of her p ^r his rec ^t & John Aull inspector's bill	411 67
See file of Receipts		
D ^o 4	Paid to John Aull his Bill for inspecting said boards	3 87
D ^o 4	Paid said for a days labour of his man Note I paid John Aull 2/6 over - such he is to carry to my credit -	75
D ^o 15	Omitted to be ent ^d herein before "June 13, 1798" Paid Negro London for 1 day & halves work at piling boards	1 10

D ^o	16	Paid Kepple Odenheimer on acco ^t of White building Stone delivered last Summer and Fall	20 00
D ^o	23	Paid William Lane in further part on acco ^t for building Stone	20 00
July	17	Paid John January for 122 feet of boards	2 44
Oct ^r	15	Paid John Janvier in full for boards	33 00
Anno 1799			
Jan ^y	4	Paid Kepple Odenheimer on acco ^t of Stone deliivered me for building in y ^e latter end of y ^e Summer and begin ^g of y ^e fall of 1797	20 00
March	26	Paid William Aull in full discharge of the Princ. and Int. due yesterday on my Bond to him for \$ dated March 27, 1797	336 00
April	30	Paid Kepple Odenheimer bal ^{ce} of his acco ^t in full	30 67
May	4	Paid Richard Grubb Stone Mason on acco ^t of work	3 00
June	4	Paid Richard Grubb a few days preceed ^g in further part for Stone work at foundation of my house by order on Will: Young who hath credit on his acceptance in part for Sheep sold him	20 00
This order paid to R. Grubb said Sept. 1799		W. Young	
Sept	3	Paid James Caldwell y ^e amo ^t of his acco ^t ag ^t me to the 31 ^d of Aug ^t last in elusive in which was stated as an Item of charge John Sturgis for bal ^{ce} of his acco ^t amount ^g to 10\$ in full for his charge of build ^g wharf t ^s Vid: acco ^t order & Rec ^t in file of rec	11 00
Nov ^r	14	Paid Richard Grubb further on acco ^t of Mason's work done at my new building	13 39
Dec ^r	3	Paid Robert Pennell & Dill Pennell in part for scantling for my new building heretofore delivered	150 00
Note same day gave promissory note for residue			

D ^o	3	Paid John Dixon & other labourers for piling scantling	9 33
D ^o	17	Omitted to be entered herein before - viz. Nov ^r 18, 1799 Pd. Joseph Israel by y ^e hands of Evan Thomas by order of s ^d Israel - so much on acco ^t of a Bill of Scantling delivered at New Castle for G. Read thro y ^e agency of Geo: Pierce Carpenter	45 00

APPENDIX B

BILL FOR EXTERIOR STONEMWORK¹

M ^r Ge ^o Read To James Traquair D ^r		£	Sh	P
To 4 Moulded Marble Window frames Sill and Ba[] holes Included		24	0	0
To 4 plain Siller Window Heads 8 Window Silles & 2 Venitian Silles in all 107 feet 11 In ^s at 4/9		24	15	11
To Jambes Sill and Head for a Siller door A Kitchen Mantill 2 Heads for the venetian and Key 59 feet 3 In ^s at 4/		14	1	5 1/2
To 8 Window heads at 45/		18	1	0
To Three Window Siller &c 58 feet at 3 ^d		0	14	6
To Lead for the Siller door Hookes		0	2	8
		£	81:14:	6 1/2

Philadelphia June 19th 1798

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APPENDIX C

AGREEMENT WITH BRICKLAYER¹

Articles of Agreement made and concluded on this [] day of March in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and one Between Thomas Spikeman of the Borough of Wilmington in New Castle County in the State of Delaware Bricklayer of the one Part and George Read of the Town of New Castle in the same County of the other Part Whereas George Read party hereto proposes to erect in the present Year in the Town of New Castle a Brick dwelling house on the North West side of the Front Street and North Eastern side of the house at present occupied by M^{rs} G Read on the stone foundation already in part erected and made there and on such other foundations of Stone as may be there erected & made there under the said G. Read's direction and also back buildings and outhouses Therefore it is Witnessed by these presents That the said Thomas Spikeman for and in consideration of the Covenants to pay monies as hereinafter mentioned for himself his Executors & Administrators [illegible] covenants and agrees to and with the said George Read his heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns that he the said Thomas will build and erect a Brick dwelling house back buildings & Outhouses on the foundations already in part built & erected & that shall hereafter be built & erected on the lot and in the Site & plan herein before recited and described in such manner & state of architecture and of such proportions di-

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mensions & extent in every respect as the said George Read shall direct and order at any time or times and so complete and finish the same in the best most substantial and workmanlike manner Stile and fashion with the bricks that shall be furnished by the said George Read and well tempered mortar and begin the Work of the same as soon as part of the materials shall be ready and diligently to work at the same with a competent number of journeymen Hands & Labourers until it shall be completed finished and shall & will introduce and place in the said brick walls of the same while carrying up such stone blocks of Wood and pieces of Timber as and in such place & places as the said George Read or his Carpenter Peter Crowding shall and may from time to time direct and order And especially that the said Thomas Spikeman shall and will lay the bricks in the front of the said building on front Street afs^d and work and carry up in the whole extent of the said front of the same in the best manners according to the mode fashion and Stile of working & finishing the front Walls of the best Buildings in the City of Philadelphia and the South Western Wall or front of the back buildings in like manner and lay the whole Brick Work of the said Buildings in well tempered Mortar and lay a course of brick across the Walls of the same buildings in their whole width and length for or upon every three courses, at least, of brick laid length wise on the same extent of those Walls in carrying up the same and shall and will select and pick out the best smoothest & least defective of the said bricks to form and make the said fronts of the said buildings of and shall and will attend and work with the Stone masons who may be employed to complete the said foundations so far and when the same may become necessary in forming arches and & in completing, to the junction thereof the Stone work and Brick work of the said Buildings and commence and carry on at such time & times in the course of the present Spring as

the s^d George Read may require the Building and erection of the Brick house back buildings and Outhouses afs^d and in all respects and every manner receive conform to all and every the instructions and orders of the said George Read touching & concerning the commencement carrying on and completion of the said buildings - And the said George Read for himself his Executors Administrators & Assigns thereupon covenants to and with the said Thomas Spikeman his Executors and Administrators to pay him Two Dollars & fifty Cents for each thousand bricks that shall be laid and placed as afs^d in the walls of the same Building the quantity of bricks laid the said walls to be ascertained by the deduction of any quantity thereof remaining on hand after the completion of said buildings, from the Brickmaker's account of the quantity delivered for the s^d buildings and the payment of the monies shall, at and according to the Rate per thousand bricks afs^d be paid in the following installments and proportions that is to say One hundred fifty dollars on laying the first story Two hundred Dollars more when the second Story of the front and third Story of the back buildings shall be completed and raised - the further sum of One hundred fifty Dollars when the said Brick work shall be completed and finished and residue on the first day of January in Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and two. In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals the day and Year afs^d

Tho^s Spackman

G. Read

Signed Sealed & Delivered

in presence of

Will Aull

APPENDIX D

BILL FOR COMPOSITION ORNAMENTS ON MANTELS¹

Copy

Philad^a August 23rd 1803

M^r George Read

Dr

to Rob^t Welford No 42. South 3rd Street

For Composition Ornaments for six Mantles fix'd compleat

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For 1 <u>Tablet</u> of the triumph of <u>Mars</u> re- turning from Battle --	1	10	"--"
1 pair of bold festoons of flowers with fruit baskets ----	"--"	15	"--"
1 pair of Music & Contemplation figures fix'd on pedestals	"--"	8	"--"
For Fixing of ditto ornaments -----	"--"	11	3
<u>2 tablets</u> of <u>Diana</u> giving command to her hounds at 26/3 each	2	12	6
2 pair of festoons of Oak leaves with acorns etc. for friezes at 15/	1	10	"--"
2 pair of figures fix'd on pedestals, for the Trusses at 8/	"--"	16	"--"
For fixing of ditto Ornaments on these 2 Mantles at 11/3 -----	1	2	6
1 <u>Tablet</u> of a <u>large Country dance</u> & Tree ---	1	6	3
1 pair of Rich flower friezes -----	"--"	15	"--"
1 pair of figures fix'd on Pedestals -----	"--"	8	"--"
for fixing of ditto -----	"--"	11	3

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of Mrs. Philip D. Laird, New Castle, Del.

1 Tablet of an offering to Ceres & festoons of Drapery -----	1	2	6
1 pair of Grape festoons for the friezes ---	"-	15	"-
1 pair of Harvest boys for the Trusses -----	"-	6	"-
for fixing of ditto Ornaments -----	"-	11	3
1 <u>Tablet of an offering of the temple of fame to Study</u>	1	2	6
1 pair of bold grape friezes -----	"-	15	"-
1 pair of heads of Milton & Shakespeare on pedestals	"-	6	"-
for fixing of ditto Ornaments -----	"-	11	3
1 fancy tablet of the Goddess of Liberty	"-	18	9
For the Man's expences going to New Castle & back	1	17	6
(True Copy)			
		\$54. ⁸⁷ / ₁₀₀	£ 20 11 6
	deduct	<u>4.87</u>	
by agreement		\$50.00	

Philadelphia February 15th 1804 receiv'd
from George Read Esq. of New Castle by the
hands of his brother John Read Jun: Fifty
Dollars in full of the above and all ac-
counts --

\$50

Rob^t Wellford