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"A Society distinguished for the firm adherence of its members to the glorious  
cause in which we are embarked."—*Extract from Gen. Washington's*  
*Letter to the President of the Society.*—*Post*, p. 47.  
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TO THE  
MEMBERS OF "THE HIBERNIAN SOCIETY  
FOR THE  
RELIEF OF EMIGRANTS FROM IRELAND."

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THE Committee appointed at the meeting of the 17th of June, 1843, "to prepare and publish extracts from the rules, minutes, &c., of "The Society of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick," with an account "of the Society and its Members," beg to present to you the result of their labours. They also ask leave to dedicate the same to "*The Hibernian Society*," the immediate successor and lineal descendant of the glorious Society of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick. Though they feel how imperfectly they have performed their agreeable task, they can assure you they have availed themselves of every means within their power, to render the account of the Society and its Members as complete as possible. They cannot omit to acknowledge their great obligations to the gentlemen who have so kindly aided them in their researches, particularly to Dr. James Mease,

who furnished them with much valuable information relative to the personal history of the members.

Very respectfully,

SAMUEL HOOD,  
GEORGE CAMPBELL,  
JOSEPH JONES.

Philadelphia, March 17th, 1844.

Philadelphia, May 9th, 1843.

DEAR SIR,—

Among a number of old papers handed to me by the late Mr. David Caldwell, I find a minute book of the Society of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, commencing in September, 1771, and continued till March, 1796.

It contains the rules of the Society, with the autographs of many worthy and distinguished citizens whose memory is at this day most dearly cherished by the Sons of Ireland, and among them, that of General Washington, who was, on the 18th December, 1781, *unanimously adopted* a member of the Society.

It occurred to me that this book would be acceptable to the Hibernian Society, many of whose members are found on the roll of the old society. I have consulted Mrs. Caldwell, who cheerfully consents to this disposition of it.

Be good enough to communicate this note to your associates of the Hibernian Society, and say that the book which is at my office, will be delivered to such persons as they may authorize to receive it.

Very truly yours,

FRANCIS HOPKINSON.

SAMUEL HOOD, Esq.