

**THE DIARY OF GEORGE WASHINGTON,
FROM 1789 TO 1791; EMBRACING THE
OPENING OF THE
FIRST CONGRESS, AND HIS TOURS
THROUGH NEW ENGLAND, LONG
ISLAND, AND THE SOUTHERN STATES**

Published @ 2017 Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd

ISBN 9780649098538

The diary of George Washington, from 1789 to 1791; embracing the opening of the first Congress, and his tours through New England, Long Island, and the southern states by George Washington & Benson J. Lossing

Except for use in any review, the reproduction or utilisation of this work in whole or in part in any form by any electronic, mechanical or other means, now known or hereafter invented, including xerography, photocopying and recording, or in any information storage or retrieval system, is forbidden without the permission of the publisher, Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd, PO Box 1576 Collingwood, Victoria 3066 Australia.

All rights reserved.

Edited by Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd.
Cover @ 2017

This book is sold subject to the condition that it shall not, by way of trade or otherwise, be lent, re-sold, hired out, or otherwise circulated without the publisher's prior consent in any form or binding or cover other than that in which it is published and without a similar condition including this condition being imposed on the subsequent purchaser.

www.triestepublishing.com

GEORGE WASHINGTON & BENSON J. LOSSING

**THE DIARY OF GEORGE WASHINGTON,
FROM 1789 TO 1791; EMBRACING THE
OPENING OF THE
FIRST CONGRESS, AND HIS TOURS
THROUGH NEW ENGLAND, LONG
ISLAND, AND THE SOUTHERN STATES**



THE
D I A R Y
OF
GEORGE WASHINGTON,

FROM 1789 TO 1791;

EMBRACING

THE OPENING OF THE FIRST CONGRESS,

AND

HIS TOURS THROUGH NEW ENGLAND, LONG ISLAND,
AND THE SOUTHERN STATES,

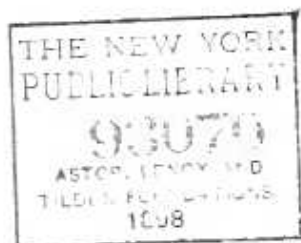
TOGETHER WITH

HIS JOURNAL OF A TOUR TO THE OHIO,
IN 1753.

EDITED BY BENSON J. LOSSING.

NEW YORK:
CHARLES B. RICHARDSON & CO.,

MDCCCLX.



Entered according to Act of Congress, in the year 1860,
By CHARLES E. RICHARDSON & CO.,
In the Clerk's Office of the District Court of the United States for the
Southern District of New York.



DUPLICATE

RENNIE, SHEA & LINDSAY,
STEREOTYPERS AND ELECTROTYPERS,
81, 83 & 85 Centre-street,
New York.

R. CRAIGHEAD,
Printer,
81, 83 & 85 CENTRE-ST.

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS.

It has been truthfully said that posterity loves details. When we contemplate the men who have lived before us, and left impressions of their acts upon the social aspect of the generation in which they moved, we feel a great desire to become acquainted with the details of their daily lives,—how they spent their time not devoted to those public duties which have given them a title to a place in history, what were their recreations in times of leisure, and who were their family associates and their chosen companions in private. Historic men really form a part of our own being, for the man of to-day is only the more complete man of a thousand years ago, made so by the intervening experiences. In this unity, felt, even though not comprehended by us all, doubtless lies the secret spring of our yearnings for knowledge respecting the past life of the race which render History and Biography specially attractive.

Of all the records of men's doings, none possess so lively an interest, because so evidently truthful, as DIARIES—the current history of the common every-day life of the men who made the chronicles of moving events, even while the majestic procession of the hours was passing by. In these, Posterity finds those details it so much loves. The general historian must necessarily omit many of them; and the biographer too often leaves them unnoticed while unfolding to view the public acts of his subject. And so the world loses the best elements of history,

by which one age may judge philosophically of the character of another, as revealed by the knowledge of their common life.

There is a continual and rapidly growing desire in the hearts of Americans to know more and more of the life and character of Washington, in all its minute details. We listen with the most eager attention to the words of revered men (now so few) who have seen the FATHER OF HIS COUNTRY; and the memory receives these narratives so perfectly, that, amid the thousand other impressions, they are never effaced. Fortunately for posterity, Washington was eminently a man of method. He was careful about small things as well as great; and it was his custom, from early years, to make a record of the events of his daily life, for future reference. This habit he continued until the close of his life; and these notes, kept in books of convenient size for carrying in the pocket, furnish some of the most interesting pictures of the habits and modes of thinking of the beloved Hero and Sage, that have come down to us. Many of them have disappeared, and are doubtless lost forever. Like the Sibylline leaves, they are becoming more precious as their numbers decrease; and we ought to take special care that the contents of those that remain shall not be lost. To do this, the agency of the printing-press must be evoked in multiplying copies, in numbers sufficient to guarantee the preservation of the precious words.

The Diaries printed in the following pages, constitute some of the most important of Washington's private records, being made while he and his compatriots were arranging and putting in motion the machinery of our federal government. They are comprised in two little volumes, numbered respectively, 13, and 14. They are oblong in form, about four inches in width, and six inches in length, and contain from sixty to eighty leaves.

All of Washington's earlier diaries were kept on the blank

leaves of the *Virginia Almanac*, "Printed and sold by Purdie and Dixon, Williamsburg." Later ones were kept in other pocket almanacs. The greater portion of his diaries are in the office of the rolls, State Department, Washington City. Those printed in this volume, are in private hands. A few illustrative and explanatory notes have been inserted to render some observations clearer to the reader.

B. J. L.

NEW YORK, July, 1860.

