

# BIBLIOGRAPHY

PHILIP VICKERS FITHIAN JOURNAL, AND LETTERS 1767-1774. Student at Princeton College, 1770-72; tutor at Nomini Hall in Virginia, 1773-74. Edited for the Princeton Historical Association by John Rogers Williams. Princeton, N. J. The University Library, 1900. 8vo, cloth, XXI-320 p., 8 full page illustrations, 500 copies printed.

Philip Vickers Fithian was born in Cumberland County, New Jersey, December 29th, 1747; entered Princeton College in 1770; became private tutor at Nomini Hall in Virginia in 1773; was a missionary in Western Pennsylvania, 1774-5; became chaplain in the Revolutionary Army, and died near Fort Washington, October 8th, 1776.

The volume of Fithian's papers now published covers the period—exercises, speeches, letters, and journal, so far as they have any bearing on historical persons or places, and also a few representative papers illustrating merely his own character and circumstances. Only college exercises and unimportant letters have been omitted, and everything that is included is represented *verbatim et literatim*.

Among the men in college at the same time with Fithian were James Madison, Henry Lee ("Light Horse Harry"), Philip Freneau, Aaron Burr, Henry Brockholst Livingston, and many others who played a conspicuous part in the life of their times. Among the Princeton alumni mentioned more or less often by him in these pages, are, Henry Lee, Brockholst Livingston, Gen. John Beatty, Col. William Churchill Houston, James Lyon,

Charles Clinton Beatty, Andrew Hunter, Sr., Andrew Hunter, Jr., Moses Allen, Andrew Bryan, John De Bow, Israel Evans, Lewis Fuielleteau Wilson, John Duffield, Samuel Leake, and Jonathan Baldwin.

Other New Jersey and Pennsylvania names mentioned are, Elmer, Green, Ewing, Beatty, Hollingshead, Patterson, Reeve, Howel, Willing, Shippen, Armitage, Webster, Pratt, Donnell, Furguson, Cook, Leake, Galloway, Greenman, and Morgan.

The story of Fithian's life in Virginia, as tutor in the household of Robert Carter of Nomini Hall during that most interesting period prior to the Revolution, is delightfully and graphically told, and forms one of the most vivid, and from the historical standpoint, most useful pictures of the place and time in existence. He lived here a neighbor to and a frequent guest of the Lees of Stratford and Lee Hall, the Turbervilles, Washingtons, Tayloes, and other families of the Northern Neck. His wide acquaintance is shown by the fact that he mentions no less than fourteen different Carters and twenty Lees; and besides the families above mentioned, and others less famous, the following well known Maryland and Virginia names: Corbin, Smith, Campbell, Fauntleroy, Jones, Waddell, Ritchie, Christian, Chelton, Lane, Steptoe, Randolph, Harrison, Marshall, Blain, Digges, West, Ballantine, Cunningham, Blackwell, Brockenbrough, Cox, Hamilton, Jennings, Giberne, Beal,