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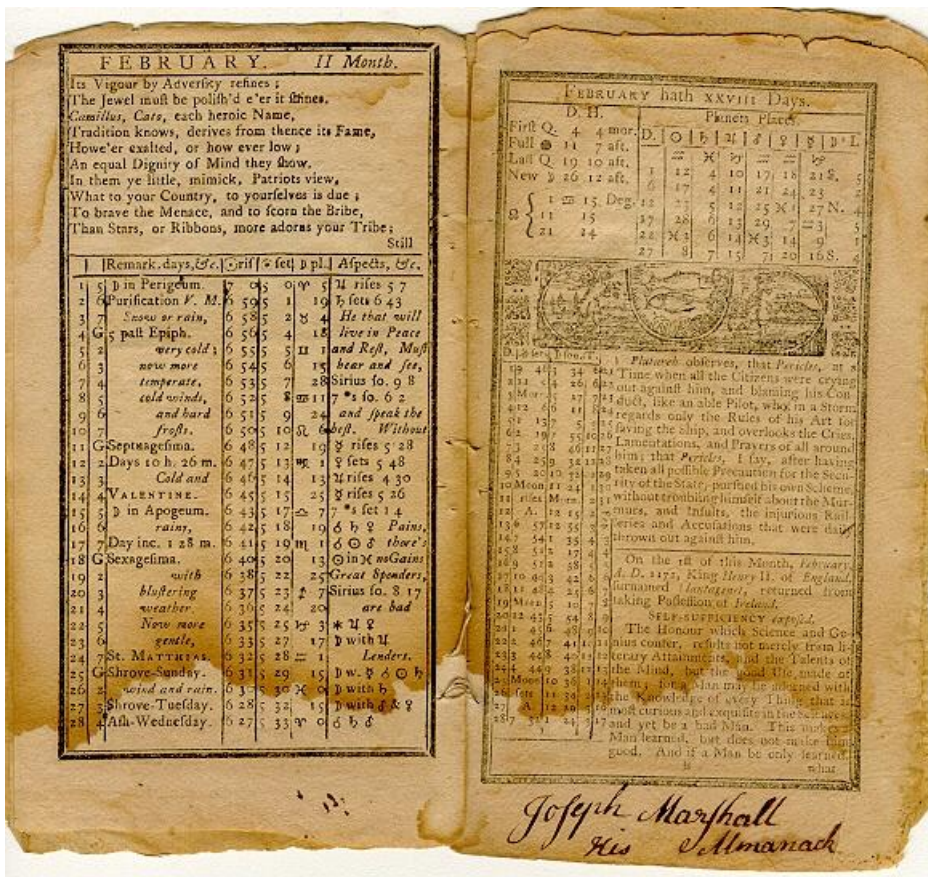
Transcript:

Its Vigour by Adversity refines;
The Jewel must be polish'd e'er it shines.
Camillus, Cato, each heroic Name,
Tradition knows, derives from thence its Fame
Howe'er exalted, or how ever low;
As equal Dignity of Mind they show
In them ye little, mimick, Patriots view,
What to your country, to yourselves is due;
To brave the Menace, and to scorn the Bribe,
Than Stars, or Ribbons, more adorns your Tribe

Plutarch observes, that Pericles, at a Time when all the Citizens were crying out against him, and blaming his Conduct, like an able Pilot, who, in a Storm regards only the Rules of his Art for saving the Ship, and overlooks the Cries, Lamentations, and Prayers of all around him; that Pericles, I say, after having taken all possible Precaution for the Security of the State, pursued his own Scheme, without troubling himself about the Murmurs, and Insults, the injurious Raileries and Accusations that were daily thrown out against him.

On the 1st of this Month, February, A.D. 1172, King Henry II of England surnamed Plantagenet, returned from taking Possession of Ireland.

Self-Sufficiency exposed
The Honour which Science and Genius confer, results not merely from literary Attainments, and the Talents of the Mind, but the good Use made of the; for a Man may be adorned with the Knowledge of every Thing that is most curious and exquisite in the Sciences, and yet be a bad Man. This makes a Man learned, but does not make him good. And if a Man be only learned,



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