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Pennsylvania Gazette, Philadelphia

The *Pennsylvania Gazette* was published in Philadelphia on Wednesdays by David and William Hall and William Sellers. Owned, in part or in whole, by Benjamin Franklin from 1729 to 1766, the *Gazette* was one of the oldest newspapers in America and among the best known. Before and during the early meetings of the Constitutional Convention, the *Gazette* printed original articles supporting a strengthened central government, but it was not until early August that it began publishing such articles in large numbers. On 8 August—two days after the Convention received the first draft of a new constitution—the *Gazette* began the systematic publication of brief, original articles that advocated a powerful central government, and praised the work of the Convention. After the Convention adjourned, the *Gazette* continued to print Federalist essays to the virtual exclusion of Antifederalist material. It also printed a multitude of squibs praising the Constitution and its supporters. The popularity and prominence of the *Gazette*, in combination with the large quantity of Federalist essays and squibs that it printed, made it the most widely reprinted newspaper in the United States.

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