



My dear Friend,

Essex, Mar. 18. 1753.

My Nephew, Mr. Willison, will have the honour of delivering you this Line. It is to request from you a List of a few good Books to the Value of about Twenty-five Pounds, such as are most proper to inculcate Principles of sound Religion & just Government. A new Town in the State of Massachusetts, having done me the honour of naming itself after me, and proposing to build a Steeple to their Meeting House if I would give them a Bell, I have advis'd the sparing themselves the Expence of a Steeple at present, and that they would accept of Books instead of a Bell. Sense being preferable to Sound. These are therefore intended as the commencement of a little Parochial Library, for the Use of a Society of intelligent respectable Farmers, such as our Country People generally consist of. Besides your own Works I would only mention, on the Recommendation of my Sister, Stennet's Discourses on personal Religion, which may be one Book of the Number, if you know it and approve of it. — With the highest Esteem & Respect I am ever, my dear Friend,

Yours most affectionately

Rev^d Dr Price

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The letter from Benjamin Franklin to Doctor Richard Price, March 18, 1785.

