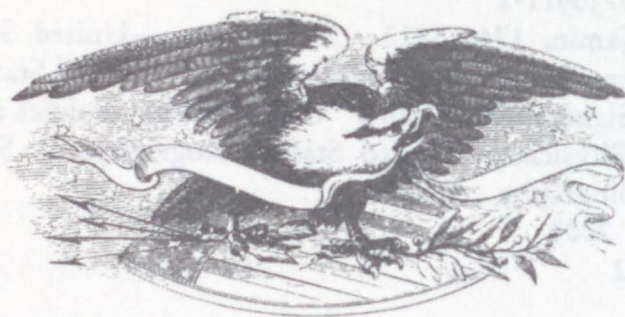


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Common Sense

Why was ~~he~~ he removed
from Congress?

* American belonged in
5 classes according to
Rush p 174

1. Rank Tories
2. Moderate men
3. Timid Whigs
4. Furious Whigs
5. Staunch Whigs

come to hate - Dr. Shippen
above all men.

What was the Conway Cabal?

Rush's resolution p 191
When did he begin to criticize
Gen. Wash. to Adams -

Shippen was married to the
sister of Richard Henry Lee
a member of Congress

* The charges of Rush on
page 201

1774 - pop. 2.5 mil. | John Adams - 39 Sam Adams 52
ush played significant
le but remains a footnote.

b. Dec 24 1746 4th of 7 children

Chap 6 Scheduled to marry Sarah Eve - she died 3 weeks before
of TB - Rush submitted a bill to her father (he paid)
married Richard Stockton's daughter - named Julia - she was 16 or 17
he would have been close to 30 -
first met her when he picked up as a child when grad. from Princeton
Stockton and Rush both signed Dec. of Indep.
had 13 children - 4 died
son Richard - most famous p105. served 6 Pres.

Chap 2

William Shippen

John Morgan

alleging - not abandoned the theory - Dr. Vampire
Dr. John Redman - Rush under his tutelage for 6 years

Religion p 35

Stamp Act - at 19 Rush felt antagonism toward England

his dominated his soul - admitted to his friend Bapand

that he bedded a married woman.

his autobiography - what year

from 18 to 40 TB mild - his diet - didn't write about this

req 166 - sailed for Liverpool -

his only love "Polly" Fisher - she married Tom Bradford
publisher of PA Journal.

Chap 11 - two personality flaws p194

① impetuosity

② proclivity for indiscipline

Shippen and Morgan were patrician class - enjoyed p195
advantages of birth / position and wealth -
were arrogant Prima Donnas

5000 Army men fell victim to Small Pox. 1 Apr. 8 Aug.

Shippen's court martial 3/17 yrs later

11 Apr. 77 - Shippen became Army's no. 1 medical officer

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3 types of colonies

Proprietary PA / MD / DEL
Corporate RI / Conn.
Royal Ga / NC / SC / VA
New Jer. / NY / MA
N.H.

BENJAMIN RUSH

Crusader Founding Father -
Member of PA committee - most not for
independence from England - Rush for independence
when he found out that King George III was sending
mercenaries to America.

Rush elected to Congress July 22, 1776
Signed Dec. of Ind 2 Aug. 1776
Quote from Benj. Harrison p 150 *

^{21 yrs.} old / Rush was originally angered over the Stamp Act
went to Edinburgh - met David Hume
Slavery opponent - age 23 - 1st writing p 86

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more religion & time - Episcopal / Presb. / Unitarian
his celebrated piety

mesmerizing manner when he lectured

he wrote on prison reform

② opposition to capital punishment for felons

③ better education for women

④ evils of slavery / liquor / tobacco

⑤ need to abolish loyalty oaths

⑥ obligation to extend charity to the less fortunate

he was self-righteous

wife had 9th living child named after William (deaf son)

first born John (incarcerated - insane)

Rush - health should be included in school curricula
Christianity - only true and perfect religion

Beginning of correspondence between Rush and Adams. Sept

Aug 1809 - Rush moves to rector, Adams / Jeff. friendship p353

Feb 1812 - Convers. between Adams and Jeff revived

Outraged immediately after Rush's death - his penchant
for bloodletting in treating madness

Chap 18

Wanted Capital in Phillis. p315

Letter to Adams - would accept no position in govt.

Washington would never put him in the govt.

didn't like Adams attachment to monarchy - Rush - a
Republican who believed like Jefferson

he lectured / had more children / suffered loss
of friends like Franklin, etc. / left Episcopal church

As he had Presbyterian church

Medicine became everything - the most influential
physician through the Civil War.

Chap 19

Yellow fever

p328 - 4,044 died - 10% of pop.

Rush's diagnosis was wrong - it was caused
by infected mosquitoes

Rush a piece in American Daily Observer

100 persons buried every

Rush became symptomatic

his solution - excessive purging

bloodletting

heavy dosages of mercury

4 Oct - Rush collapsed

Critics thought he was
all wrong

he insisted that yellow fever was local in origin

noxious miasma generated by mounds and foul gutters

Chap 19 cont.

lost most of his patients -
got friend to nominate him to teach medicine at Columbia
Hamilton blocked it because Rush was a republican
Appointed Treas. of Mint \$1200 - Adams backed lifetime appointment
in spite of Rush's support of republicanism P336

Rush sues Dr. William Cobbett for libel
after 2 yr. wait he wins \$500 - Cob. move to N.Y.
Money paid in 1801 (\$4000) after settlement. Money went charity
Because of Cobbett he was bitter

Chap 15 Propagandist P259

Fend between Shippen and Rush and Morgan.

Rush resigns from University, with Shippen joins
faculty. famed lectures

Morgan dies 10 yrs. later devotaled.

1782 - Rush writes 9 essays for Penn. Journal
pseudonyms - "Retaliation" and "Leonidas"
4th article about need for strong navy (like Adams)

P282 - Dickinson College - 1782 - seeking a charter

the City Presbyterians vs. rural Pres.

State passed charter - board not to exceed 40 at Carlisle Sept 9 1783

Outspoken "feminist"

Father American ~~Pho~~ Psychiatry 290 - should treat mental
illness the way we treat physical illness.

He opposed all facts

Rush's
mantra

"All will end well" 275

PA - 1st medical
school in America.

1779-12 -

2872 student in
Rush's class

1807 - became father
of Vet. medicine

* Rush's most famous
remark p 296

he would have
mandated Christian education

* played no role in Constitutional
but played major role in
PA. ratifying convention

He wanted Adams as
first President