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AMERICA'S FIRST MILLIONAIRE WRITES A CHECK

ASTOR, JOHN JACOB (1763–1848) Patriarch of the fabled Astor family; first millionaire in the United States. Manuscript check signed “John Jacob Astor”. 8” x 3” document. New York, December 30, 1816. Vertical folds, a few through signature, some edge tears and chips, scattered light toning and soiling, generally Very Good condition. Paid to Benjamin Wilson \$550.00. was a great deal of money at the time! Astor signs with his trademark paraph.

“Cashier of the Bank of Philadelphia Pay to the order of Mr. Benjamin Wilson Five hundred and fifty dollars. Dollars 550. John Jacob Astor”