

Imprint No.: **1798.018**

Short Title: **Infalible Cure for Political Blindness, 2nd ed.**

Author: Addison, Alexander (1759-1807).

Title: An infalible cure, for political blindness, if administered [*sic*] to patients possessing sound minds, honest hearts, and independent circumstances.

Place Issued: Richmond

Issuing Press: Augustine Davis

Description: 24 pgs.; 17 cm. (4to).

Notes: Addison was a Scottish immigrant who became in 1791 presiding justice of the Fifth Judicial District in western Pennsylvania; a determined and vocal Federalist, he was impeached and removed from office in 1803 for politically-biased behavior on the bench. This work was a transcription of a speech Addison delivered on June 17, 1798, defending the approach taken by the Adams administration in relation to France at the start of the Quasi-War.

The Virginia editions were presented to the public by William Heth, then collector of customs at Bermuda Hundred on the James River, with a title-page dated October 1798. A first edition was issued previously in July (1798.017); the more formal presentation of this edition (4to vs. 8vo) suggests an imprint aimed at influencing the coming Assembly session (December 3rd).

Imprint lacks any printer or place identification; Evans attributed both titles to the Richmond press of Thomas Nicolson; however, the typography seen herein is inconsistent with that of his press; yet that typography is consistent with the press of Augustine Davis, who was the principal Federalist printer in Virginia at this time, so the attribution here.

Evans duplicated his entry for this item (nos. 33271 & 33874); this record reports the number that was employed by the Early American Imprints Series in filming this imprint.

IVP Associated Names: Augustine Davis (119)

Bibliographic Notations

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