

Imprint No.: **1800.066**

Short Title: **The Invisible Spy.**

Author: A Republican.

Title: The Invisible Spy.

Place Issued: Virginia

Issuing Press: Uncertain

Description: 16 pgs.; 18 cm.

Notes: Imprint states: "Virginia: Published by a Republican, and supported by the Friends of Liberty. M,DCCC.," so the indeterminacy here.

Essentially a two-part imprint designed to assist that Republican campaign of 1800; first half presents a prospectus for publishing a like imprint "once every two weeks. ... [in] twenty-six numbers ... Each number is to contain a letter addressed to the people of the United States, or to some conspicuous character in the Union, upon some important political subject, under the signature of Junius" [iii], and the justification therefore, dated January 20, 1800; the second half is "Letter VII. To Alexander Hamilton, major-general in the Army of the United States; late Secretary of the Treasury" [9-16], which is signed in print: "Junius. London, September 15, 1798." That letter has been ascribed to James Thomson Callender, who was living in Petersburg in early 1800 completing his infamous *The Prospect before Us* (1800.019); that attribution suggests that this proposed periodical was a partisan production that would be issued either in Petersburg, or through the Republican press organized in Richmond by Meriwether Jones, which regularly employed Callender; however, the text and typography do not provide any further clues as to its origin or publisher.

IVP Associated Names:

Bibliographic Notations

Early American Imprints? Y Series: 1 Title No.: 37689

Evans, <i>American Bibliography</i> :	37689	Norona/Shetler, <i>West Virginia</i> :	---
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