



The CHARLOTTE MUSEUM *of* HISTORY

Use the included scans of William Alexander's Memorandum Book to help answer these questions.

Want to know more?
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entire book thanks to
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TEST YOUR SKILLS

William Alexander made the
journey from Mecklenburg County
to Philadelphia once a year. It
took him 1 month to get there, 2
weeks to shop for everything he
needed, and 1 month to get back.
How long was he gone?

William wrote a long list
before his journey in
1774. Who is he buying
things for?

Do you recognize anything on
this list that you might buy today?

SCROLL TO READ THE FIRST PAGES



Memorandum

Be it remembered to call at Fred-
rick town Doctor Thompsons —
at York town Dutch Doctors 100 y.
North west the court house —
at Lancaster Doctor Adams
left hand side the street west from
the court house; Henry Stuber
Apothecary North the court house.

- Memorandum of things to
fetch for the family
- o Blue Saggaty for one Suit of clothes
 - o 1 peice of A. Linnen
 - o 3 pair of Silver Buckles
 - o 1 rain good writing paper
 - o 4 doz. Linnen handkercheifs
 - o White perrian red lining & Bonnets
 - o Black tafety with trimings
 - o 1 y. Gambriek-
 - o 1/2 y. Lawn
 - o 2 Calf skin
 - o check Silk trimt.
- made at
Travelled and brot
back

1 case bottles full rum 1/2 gallon each
1 red durant for 2 petocoats

3 bibles
2 pair mens stockings & thread & cotton
3 dozen knives and forks
1 pair black silk mitts
1 lb pepper & 1 lb Alopic. & 1 lb ginger
2 oz. Nutmeg. & 1 lb Coffee

for Sally Johnson 3 yds pale blue Calim-
inco. 1/2 yd Gambriek Brown Sattin bone
white lining and trimmings made at
uncle Sam's - 1/2 yd fine hall and
womens riding whip horn handle silves
1 fashionable pair mouted

for M. Avery } for Nancy Graham
farmers letter } & bacelona handkerchief
& calf skin } black

~~New Voyage Round the World by Capt
Cook Doctor Banks & Dancer 2 Vol.~~

for a Jean Sennep's } received
1/2 yd Grape black and blue } one pound
1/2 yd black ill wide peazian } eight
3 yd black ferritan & 1/2 yd canvas
3 knives and forks & pair black gloves

for w.^m Alexander Smith
20 lb ground red wood received
in cash & dollar

for Isaac Alexander one wide mouth
bottle holding 1/2 quart - and some tin
foil