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RHODE ISLAND CONSTITUTIONAL HISTORY

1786-1861

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PREFACE

This annotated bibliography is designed as a guide to a compilation of speeches, reports, statutes and other documents relating to the Rhode Island Constitution of 1843 known as "The Potter Collection." The seven volume set consists of documents collected by Elisha R. Potter from 1786 to 1861 involving the constitutional development of Rhode Island during this time period.

The seven volume collection is in chronological order from 1786 to 1861 with a "Table of Contents" prepared by Elisha R. Potter at the beginning of each volume. To preserve both the authenticity of Potter's work and make it easier to locate the various documents, Mr. Potter's "Table of Contents" is used as a reference citation in the annotated bibliography.

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Rhode Island General Assembly, House Committee, Report of the Committee on the Subject of an Extension of Suffrage, prepared by B. Hazard, June sess., 1829, 26 p.

Review of a petition to extend the right of suffrage to all white male residents over twenty-one, who pay taxes or train in the militia.

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Seth Luther, An Address to the Working-Men of New England, on The State of Education, and on the Condition of the Producing Classes in Europe and America. (Boston, Published by Author, 1832), 39 p.

An address on the benefit of education for the working classes with reference to the effect of manufacturing on the health and happiness of the poor working classes.

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Seth Luther, An Address on the Origin and Progress of Avarice, and its Deleterious Effects on Human Happiness with a Proposed Remedy for the Countless Evils Resulting from an Inordinate Desire for Wealth (Boston, printed by James B. Dow, 1834), 43 p.

An address against the evils of avarice, as the father of all crime and the remedy for this evil, universal equal education for all children.

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Address to the People of Rhode Island, from the Convention Assembled at Providence in 1834 to Promote the Establishment of a State Constitution, prepared by Thomas W. Dorr and others. Providence: Cranston and Hammond, Printers, 1834, 60 p.

An address calling for a constitutional convention for the drafting of a permanent constitution for Rhode Island to replace the 1663 Charter of King Charles and a review of the defects under the present system of government under the Charter.

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Address to the Citizens of Rhode Island who are Denied the Right of Suffrage, Periodical No. 3, published by First Social Reform Society of New York, 1840, 8 p.

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A harsh criticism of the present "property qualification" for voting in Rhode Island with an 11 article constitution of by-laws for the R.I. Suffrage Association.

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Book of 25 songs prepared for a band of singers of the Rhode Island Suffrage Association.

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Popular Liberty and Equal Rights, an Oration delivered before the Mass Convention of the Rhode Island Suffrage Association on July 5, 1841, by Wm. S. Balch. Providence: B.F. Moore, Printer, 1841, 23 p.

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13. Report of Committee March 1842

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Report of all the important facts on the newly proposed constitution and whether any legislation on said subject is necessary.

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A prospectus soliciting interest in the publication of a two volume text on the Dorr rebellion.

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3. Articles of Confederation

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Turner and Burges, Report of the Trial of Thomas Wilson Dorr for Treason, March term, 1844 (Providence: Moore Printer, 1844) 115p.

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