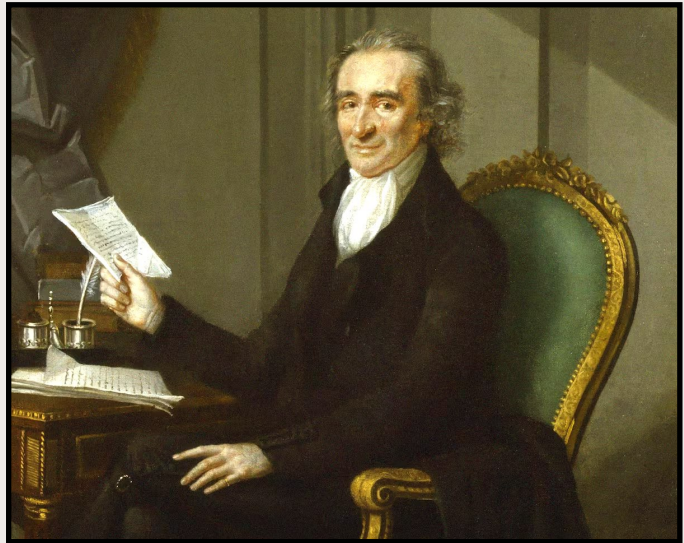
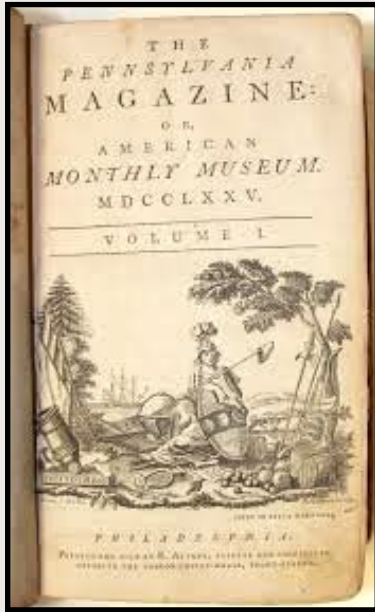


Paine: Editor and Writer for the *The Pennsylvania Magazine* (6 months, 1774-1775)



"The same day, [in July 1775, with Rev. Jacob Duche's sermon on "Standing fast as the Guardians of Liberty"] still ringing in his ears, Paine set about clarifying his thoughts on whether violent means could legitimately be used to defend ... the highest earthly goal: human liberty. It was clear to him that those who take up the sword risk perishing by the sword. Yet it was equally clear that those who refuse the sword risk perishing on the cross. How was this dilemma to be resolved? Paine left no doubts:

"I am thus far a Quaker, that I would gladly agree with all the world to lay aside the use of arms, and settle matters by negotiation; but unless the whole will [lay aside arms], the matter ends, and I take up my musket and thank heaven he has put it in my power."

(July 1775)

~John Keane, *Tom Paine: A Political Life*