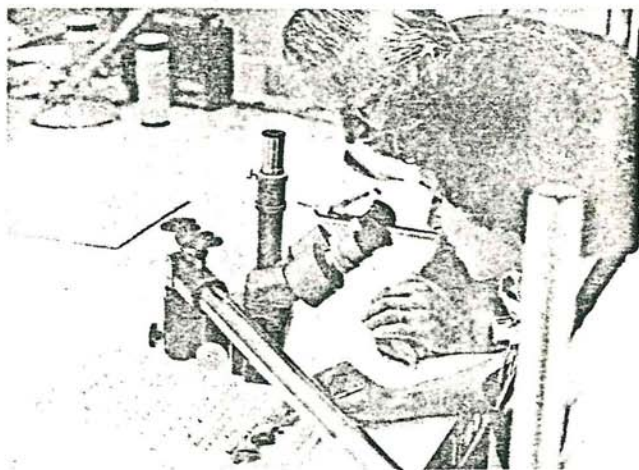


Treaty of Paris Undergoes Conservation Treatment at LC

The Treaty of Paris, the document signed by Great Britain and the United States in 1783 that officially ended the Revolutionary War, is undergoing conservation treatment in the Conservation Office of the Library of Congress. The bicentennial anniversary of the document, which belongs to the National Archives and Records Service, occurred on September 3. The conservation work is being done under contract



Peter Waters observes the work being done by Lois Olcott Price to conserve the Treaty of Paris.

at the Library by Lois Olcott Price of the Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts, Philadelphia, Pa., under the supervision of Peter Waters, the Library's conservation officer.

In the years before the document came to the National Archives, it had been reinforced with silk that has since become weak and brittle, and it was later mended with an adhesive that has become severely discolored. During conservation treatment, the silk and discolored adhesive are being removed, the tears mended, and the personal wax seals of the signers—John Adams, John Jay, Benjamin Franklin, and David Hartley—are being consolidated. Following this work at the Library, the Treaty of Paris will be returned to the National Archives for exhibition and loan during its bicentennial year.

In commemoration of this bicentennial anniversary, the Library of Congress has prepared a bibliography on the Treaty of Paris. This list of primary and secondary sources appears on pp. 301–8 of this issue of the *LC Information Bulletin*.