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September 27: [JAMES FRANKLIN](#) had brought a Ramage press and a small quantity of type over from England and had established himself in Boston, with as apprentice his younger half-brother Benjamin Franklin. He had, however, made some criticisms of the conduct of public affairs that had brought him into disfavor with the Massachusetts authorities, and young Ben had run away to Philadelphia. Finally, in constant fear of arrest, James had allowed himself to be persuaded by another Franklin brother, John, a resident of [NEWPORT](#), [RHODE ISLAND](#), to remove thither. He had been publishing books and pamphlets. On this day the first issue of his new newspaper appeared, the [Rhode Island Gazette](#), 4th newspaper in New England but the 1st in Rhode Island. It was on 8 1/2 by 12 inch sheets and the logo stated that it was “Newport, Rhode-Island: Printed and sold by James Franklin at his Printing-House under the Town-School-House, where Advertisements and Letters to the Author are taken in.” The last issue would be dated May 24, 1733, and there would be interruptions within that seven months.



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