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The ADDRESS of the MERCHANTS of CHARLESTON To the President of the United States.

S I R,
THE merchants of Charleston, entertaining a just sense of the high honor conferred on this city by your presence, take the earliest opportunity of congratulating you on your arrival. The obligations which are due to you from every member of the republic, are acknowledged by all;—to enter into a detail of them, would be to produce the history of your life, and to repeat what is re-echoed from one end of the continent to the other. Were it possible, Sir, for your fellow-citizens to omit doing justice to your merits, the testimony of other nations would evince their neglect or ingratitude—the whole world concurring in the same opinion of you.

Convinced as we are of your constant solicitude for the general welfare, it must afford you particular satisfaction to find the progressive effects of the federal government in this State; and that the inhabitants are fast emerging from the heavy calamities to which they were subjected by the late war.

Sensible of the numerous blessings our country has derived from your wise and judicious administration—we feel animated with the most lively sentiments of gratitude towards you: Suffer us, then, on the present occasion, to represent to you the affectionate sensibility with which we are impressed, by assuring you that we yield to none in sincere respect and attachment to your person; and we earnestly implore the Almighty Father of the universe, long to preserve a life so valuable and dear to the people over whom you preside.

In behalf of the merchants of Charleston.
May 3, 1791. E. DARRELL, Chairman.

To which the President returned the following answer:

To the MERCHANTS of CHARLESTON.
GENTLEMEN,
YOUR congratulations on my arrival in South-Carolina, enhanced by the affectionate manner in which they are offered, are received with the most grateful sensibility.

Flattered by the favorable sentiments you express of my endeavors to be useful to our country, I desire to assure you of my constant solicitude for its welfare, and of my particular satisfaction in observing the advantages which accrue to the highly-deserving citizens of this State, from the operations of the general government.

I am not less indebted to your expressions of personal attachment and respect—they receive my best thanks, and induce my most sincere wishes for your professional prosperity, and your individual happiness.
GEORGE WASHINGTON.

The ADDRESS of the GRAND-MASTER of the Fraternity of ANCIENT YORK MASONS, of CHARLESTON, To the President of the United States.

S I R,
INDUCED by respect for your public and private character, as well as the relation in which you stand with the brethren of this society, we, the Grand-Lodge of the State of South-Carolina Ancient York Masons, beg leave to offer our sincere congratulations on your arrival in this State.

We felicitate you upon the establishment and exercise of permanent government, whose foundation was laid, under your auspices, by military achievements, upon which have been progressively reared the pillars of the free republic over which you preside, supported by wisdom, strength, and beauty, unrivalled amongst the nations of the world.

The fabric, thus raised and committed to your superintendance, we earnestly wish may continue to produce order and harmony, to succeeding ages, and be the asylum of virtue to the oppressed of all parts of the universe.

When we contemplate the distresses of war—the instances of humanity, displayed by the Craft, afford some relief to the feeling mind; and it gives us the most pleasing sensations to recollect, that, amidst the difficulties attendant on your late military stations, you still associated with, and patronised, the Ancient Fraternity.

Distinguished always by your virtues, more than the exalted stations in which you have moved, we exult in the opportunity you now give us of hailing you brother of our Order, and trust, from your knowledge of our institution, to merit your countenance and support.

With fervent zeal for your happiness, we pray that a life so dear to the bosom of this society, and to mankind in general, may be long, very long, preserved; and, when you leave the temporal symbolic lodges of this world, you may be received into the celestial lodge of light and perfection, where the Grand-Master, Architect of the Universe, presides.

Done in behalf of the grand-lodge,
Charleston, 2d May, 1791. M. GIST, G. M.

To which the President returned this Answer: To the GRAND LODGE of SOUTH-CAROLINA ANCIENT YORK MASONS.

GENTLEMEN,
I AM much obliged by the respect which you are so good as to declare for my public and private character. I recognize with pleasure my relation to the brethren of your society; and I accept, with gratitude, your congratulations on my arrival in South-Carolina.

Your sentiments on the establishment and exercise of our equal government, are worthy of an association whose principles lead to purity of morals, and beneficence of action.

The fabric of our freedom is placed on the enduring basis of public virtue, and will, I fondly hope, long continue to protect the prosperity of the architects who raised it.

I shall be happy, on every occasion, to evince my regard for the fraternity. For your prosperity individually, I offer my best wishes.
G. WASHINGTON.

The Grand-Master then introduced his deputy, who had the honor of presenting the other attending brethren to the President.

CHARLESTON, May 10, 1791.

ON Saturday the 17th instant, a sumptuous entertainment was given by the MERCHANTS of this city, to the President of the United States, in the Exchange; at which were present by invitation his Excellency the Govern-

or, the Senators and Representatives of this State in Congress; his honor the Intendant, the Wardens with the Federal, State, and city Officers; all the Members of both Houses of Assembly for Charleston district, who were in town; the Clergy of every denomination, and many respectable strangers.—They assembled to the number of upwards of three hundred, in the City Hall. On the President's arrival, the ship *America*, of this place, (being moored off the exchange,) fired a federal salute: About half past four, the company sat down at an elegant dinner, which was furnished with every delicacy which the country and season could afford. The wines were excellent and in great variety; after dinner the following toasts were drank.

The United States of America—may they long enjoy freedom in peace.

The federal constitution, its friends and supporters,

The Vice-President and members of the senate. (By the President,) The commercial interest of Charleston.

The late members of both houses of Congress—may their successors inherit their wisdom and patriotism.

Louis XVIth, and National Assembly of France, a speedy and successful termination of their labours.

Agriculture and commerce—may their dependence on each other be properly understood.

The navigation of the United States—protected by the strong arms of the federal government, may it increase and flourish.

The useful arts of peace.

May the merchants of the United States continue to merit the flattering compliment paid them by the President, at the opening of the last session of Congress.

The national bank—a general diffusion of its happy effects throughout the United States.

The defenders of the rights and liberties of the people throughout the world.

The fair daughters of America.

The secretary of state—may the important services he has rendered to the commercial interests of his country, endear him to every merchant.

The secretary of the treasury—may his fame increase with the rising credit of his country.

May the mantle of peace and friendship cover the world.

And when the President retired.

The illustrious President of the United States, long may he live to enjoy the praises of a grateful people.

The Lady of the President.

At each of which the America fired thirteen guns.

At eight o'clock the President retired to the City Hall, from whence he had a view of the fireworks displayed on board the ship, which was illuminated with lanthorns; amidst them the letters V. W. (Vivat Washington) were strikingly conspicuous.

The walls of the Exchange were beautifully decorated with flowers, shrubs; wreaths of laurel encircling the arches: over the President's seat was exhibited an emblematical painting, representing commerce distributing plenty over the globe. Opposite, under the center arch, was suspended a ship in miniature, handsomely decorated, and furnished with lamps to the number of one hundred and thirty-six, which, in the evening, were lighted up; this at once discovered a beautiful emblematical figure, and formed a most happy substitute for a brilliant chandelier; on her stern was painted "COMMERCE of CHARLESTON," and the repeated acclamations of the company testified their wishes for her success.

The harmony and hilarity which prevailed throughout, were strongly demonstrative of the general gratitude and joy; and it must have afforded the highest gratification to every true patriot, to have observed the man whom we most venerate generated by all.

On Sunday the President of the United States attended divine service at St. Philip's, in the forenoon; dined, in a private manner with General Moultrie, and went to St. Michael's in the afternoon: and yesterday morning, at 6 o'clock, set out on the continuance of his tour to Savannah, escorted out of town by a number of the Cincinnati and other gentlemen.

SAVANNAH, (Georgia) May 19.

HAVING announced in our last paper the expected arrival of the President of the United States, we shall now lay before the public an account of his reception in this city.

On Thursday morning the President arrived at Puryburgh, where he was received by the Committee who had been deputed by a number of the citizens of Savannah and its vicinity for that purpose, and to conduct him to the city in a boat which had been equipped and neatly ornamented for the occasion. The President, with the Committee, his Secretary Major Jackson, Major Butler, Gen. Wayne, and Mr. Baillie, embarked at Puryburg between 10 and 11 o'clock, and was rowed down the river by nine American Captains, viz. Cpts. Putnam, Courter, Rice, Fisher, Huntingdon, Kershaw, Swaine, McIntire, and Morrison, who were dressed in light blue silk jackets, black satin breeches, white silk stockings, and round hats with black ribbons having the words "LONG LIVE THE PRESIDENT" in letters of gold. Within ten miles of the city they were met by a number of gentlemen in several boats, and as the President passed by them, a band of music played the celebrated song, "He comes, the Hero comes," accompanied with several voices. On his approach to the city, the concourse on the Bluff, and the crowds which had pressed into the vessels, evinced the general joy which had been inspired by the visit of this most beloved of men, and the ardent desire of all ranks and conditions of people to be gratified by his presence. Upon arriving at the upper part of the harbor he was saluted from the wharves and by the shipping, and particularly by the ship Thomas Wilson, Capt. White, which was beautifully decorated with the colours of various nations. At the foot of the stairs where the President landed he was received by Col. Gunn and Gen. Jackson, who introduced to him the Mayor and Aldermen of the city. The Artillery company saluted him with 26 discharges from their field pieces, and he was then conducted to a house prepared by the Corporation for his accommodation, in St. James's Square, in the following order of procession: Light Infantry Company. Field Officers and other Officers of the Militia. Marshal of the City. Treasurer and Clerk. Recorder. Aldermen. Mayor. President and Suite. Committee of citizens. Members of the Cincinnati. Citizens two and two. Artillery Company.

The President and Suite were conducted to Brown's Coffee-house by the Mayor of the city and President of the Cincinnati, and dined with the Corporation at six o'clock the same day. The following gentlemen were invited to partake of the entertainment prepared: The Judges of the Superior Courts of the state and Inferior Courts of this county, Clergy, Members of the Legislature, Members of the Cincinnati, Field Officers of the Militia, President of the Union Society, the Recorder and Treasurer of city; when the following toasts were drank, each succeeded by discharges from the field pieces of the Artillery Company: 1. The United States. 2. The State of Georgia; may she increase in population and wealth, [By the President.] 3. The happy Occasion. 4. The Governor of the state. 5. The Vice President. 6. Louis XVIth. 7. The National Assembly. 8. The Congress of the United States. 9. Agriculture and Commerce. 10. Arts and Sciences. 11. The fair Daughters of America. 12. The Sons of Freedom in every part of the globe. 13. The Marquis de la Fayette. 14. The Memory of Gen. Greene. 15. The Memory of those brave Men who fell in defence of American Liberty. The President then retired, and a 16th toast was given, viz. THE PRESIDENT of the UNITED STATES. In the evening the city was beautifully illuminated, and the ship Thomas Wilson, with a great number of lanthorns with lights made a fine appearance.

(Account to be continued.)

AN E C D O T E.

WHEN King JOHN was shewn where a nobleman, that had rebelliously borne arms against him, lay very honorably entombed, and was advised to deface the monument, he said—"No, no; but I would all the rest of mine enemies were as honorably buried."