

THE CONSPIRACY OF KINGS.

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(CONCLUDED.)

AND didst thou hope, by thy infuriate quill To rouse mankind the blood of realms to spill? Then to restore, on death devoted plains, Their scourge to tyrants, and to man his chains? To swell their souls with thy own bigot rage, And blot the glories of so bright an age? First stretch thy arm, and, with less impious might, Wipe out the stars, and quench the solar light: "For heav'n and earth," the voice of God ordains, "Shall pass and perish, but my word remains." Th' eternal WORD, which gave, in spite of thee, REASON to man, that bids the man be free. Thou couldst not hope: 'twas Heav'n's returning grace, In kind compassion to our injur'd race, Which stript that soul, ere it should flee from hence, Of the last garb of decency or sense, Left thee its own foul horrors to display, In all the blackness of its native day, To sink at last, from earth's glad surface hurl'd, The sordid sov'reign of the letter'd world.

In some sad hour, ere death's dim terrors spread, Ere seas of dark oblivion whelm thy head, Reflect, lost man,—If those, thy kindred knaves, O'er the broad Rhine whose flag rebellious waves, Once draw the sword; its burning point shall bring To thy quick nerves a never-ending sting; The blood they shed thy weight of woe shall swell, And their grim ghosts for ever with thee dwell. Learn hence, ye tyrants, ere ye learn too late, Of all your craft th' inevitable fate. The hour is come, the world's unclosing eyes Discern with rapture where its wisdom lies; From western heav'n's th' inverted Orient springs, The morn of man, the dreadful night of kings. Dim, like the day-struck owl, ye grope in light, No arm for combat, no resource in flight; If on your guards your lingering hopes repose, Your guards are men, and men you've made your foes; If to your rocky ramparts ye repair, De Launay's fate can tell your fortune there. No turn, no shift, no courtly arts avail, Each mask is broken, all illusions fail; Driv'n to your last retreat of shame and fear, One counsel waits you, one relief is near: By worth internal, rise to self-wrought fame, Your equal rank, your human kindred claim; 'Tis Reason's choice, 'tis Wisdom's final plan, To drop the monarch and assume the man.

Hail MAN, exalted title! first and best, On God's own image by his hand imprest; To which at last the reas'ning race is driv'n, And seeks anew what first it gain'd from Heav'n. O MAN, my brother, how the cordial flame Of all endearments kindles at the name! In every clime, thy visage greets my eyes, In every tongue, thy kindred accents rise; The thought expanding swells my heart with glee, It finds a friend, and loves itself in thee.

Say then, fraternal family divine, Whom mutual wants and mutual aids combine, Say from what source the dire delusion rose, That souls like ours were ever made for foes; Why earth's maternal bosom, where we tread, To rear our mansions and receive our bread, Should blush so often for the race the bore, So long be drench'd with floods of filial gore; Why to small realms for ever rest confin'd Our great affections, meant for all mankind? Though climes divide us, shall the stream or sea That forms a barrier 'twixt my friend and me, Inspire the wish his peaceful state to mar, And meet his falchion in the ranks of war?

Not seas, nor climes, nor wild ambition's fire In nations minds could e'er the wish inspire; Where equal rights each sober voice should guide, No blood would stain them, and no war divide. 'Tis dark deception, 'tis the glare of state, Man sunk in titles, lost in Small and Great; 'Tis Rank, Distinction, all the hell that springs From those prolific monsters, Courts and Kings. These are the vampires nurs'd on nature's spoils; For these with pangs the starving peasant toils, For these the earth's broad surface teems with grain, Theirs the dread labours of the devious main; And when the wasted world but dares retute The gifts oppressive and extorted dues, They bid wild slaughter spread the gory plains, The life-blood gushing from a thousand veins, Erect their thrones amid the sanguine flood, And dip their purple in the nation's blood.

The gazing crowd, of glittering State afraid, Adore the Power their coward meanness made; In war's short intervals, while regal shows Still blind their reason and insult their woes.

What strange events for proud processions call! See kingdoms crowding to a Birthnight Ball! See the long pomp in gorgeous glare display'd, The tinseled guards, the squadron'd horse parade; See herald's gay, with emblems on their vest, In tinsel'd robes, tall, beauteous pages dress'd; Amid superior ranks of splendid slaves, Lords, Dukes and Princes, titulary knaves, Conspicuously shine their crosses, gems and stars, Sceptres and globes and crowns and spoils of wars. On gilded orbs see thundering chariots roll'd, Steeds, snorting fire, and champion bits of gold, Prance to the trumpeter's voice, while each assumes A lottier gait, and lifts his neck of plumes. High on a moving throne, and near the van, The tyrant rides, the chosen scourge of man; Clarions and flutes and drums his way prepare, And shouting millions rend the troubled air; Millions, whose ceaseless toils the pomp sustain, Whose hour of stupid joy repays an age of pain.

Of these no more. From Orders, Slaves and Kings, To thee, O MAN! my heart rebounding springs. Behold th' ascending bliss that waits your call, Heav'n's own bequest, the heritage of all. Awake to wisdom, seize the proffer'd prize; From shade to light, from grief to glory rise. Freedom at last, with Reason in her train, Extends o'er earth her everlasting reign; See Gallia's sons, so late the tyrant's sport, Machines in war and scyphants at court, Start into men, expand their well-taught mind, Lords of themselves and leaders of mankind. On equal rights their base of empire lies, On walls of wisdom see the structure rise; Wide o'er the gazing world it towers sublime, A modell'd form for each surrounding clime. To useful toils they bend their noblest aim, Make patriot views and moral views the same,

Renounce the wish of war, bid conquest cease, Invite all men to happiness and peace, To faith and justice rear the youthful race, With strength exalt them and with science grace, Till Truth's blest banners, o'er the regions hurl'd, Shake tyrants from their thrones, and cheer the waking world.

In northern climes, where feudal shades of late Chill'd every heart and pallid every State, Behold, illum'd by th' instructive age, That great phenomenon, a Sceptred Sage. There Stanislaus unfolds his prudent plan, Tears the strong bandage from the eyes of man, Points the progressive march, and shapes the way That leads a realm from darkness into day.

And deign, for once, to turn a transient eye To that wide world that skirts the western sky; Hail the mild morning, where the dawn began, The full fruition of the hopes of man; Where sage Experience seals the sacred cause, And that rare union, Liberty and Laws, Speaks to the reas'ning race, "to freedom rise, Like them be equal, and like them be wise."

PETERSBURGH, April 6.

HER Majesty the Empress has never enjoyed so good a state of health as she does at present. Tranquility and content now reign throughout the Russian Empire, and the glorious peace concluded with the Ottoman Porte has occasioned an universal joy.

Her Majesty has decorated Major-General Ribas with the Order of St. Alexander, and Lieutenant Generals Prince de Wolkenkoi, and M. de Kutuschow, with that of St. George of the second class—All the officers who distinguished themselves at the taking of Maczin have been promoted, or have obtained other marks of distinction. The officers who exerted themselves at the capture of Ismail will also shortly be recompensed by their sovereign. The successful negotiations of Major-General de Pahlen at the court of Stockholm have been rewarded with the government of Riga. M. de Subow, who was Aid-de-Camp to the Empress, has been created Aid-de-Camp General, with the rank of Lieutenant General. M. de Trofizinsky, who acted as Secretary to Count Besborodko, has been created a knight of St. Woldimir of the third class. As to foreign affairs, our Court, without doubt, has a private interest in the state of affairs, both of France and Poland, but has not yet evinced a disposition to take an active part in them, except by a supply of money, of which the French Princes at Coblenz have been furnished with the several considerable sums from Banking houses at Amsterdam.

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WHEREAS by the third section of the ordinance entitled, "An ordinance for securing the punctual payment of the monies due on the subscriptions to the society for establishing useful manufactures," it is ordained, that if any subscriber or his assigns, shall neglect to pay the second, third or fourth payment of his, her or their respective subscriptions, for the space of three days after the expiration of the time limited by the law of incorporation for the said payments, that is to say, the second payment, on the 13th day of July, 1792: that then and in that case, all and every share or shares, of such person or persons, so neglecting to make such payments as aforesaid, and the monies by them previously paid, shall be forfeited, and forever thereafter vested in the said directors and their successors for the common benefit of the said society.

And whereas circumstances render it inexpedient to exact full payment of the second installment on the said thirteenth day of July next, or within three days thereafter.

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A. MERCER, Dep. Gov. Extract from the minutes, JAMES GRIFFITHS, Clerk.

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