

NEW-BRUNSWICK, December 1.

Saturday night about eleven o'clock, a shock of an earthquake was felt in this city: it lasted near a minute, and the noise was like a carriage passing over a wooden bridge. The inhabitants were greatly alarmed, most of them being asleep at the time, the shock awoke them.

ANNAPOLIS, December 25.

On Friday evening last his EXCELLENCY GENERAL WASHINGTON, with his suite, arrived here on his way to Mount Vernon. His Excellency was met, a few miles from this city, by the honourable generals Gates and Smallwood, and several of the principal inhabitants, who attended him to Mr. Mann's, where apartments had been prepared for his reception. His Excellency's arrival was announced by the discharge of cannon. After receiving the heart felt welcome of all who had the honour of knowing him—his Excellency waited on the President of Congress, with whom he and the members of that body, together with the principal civil and military officers of this state, dined on Saturday. On Sunday morning his Excellency returned the visits of the citizens and others who had waited on him, after which he dined, with a number of other gentlemen, with Mr. Harford.

On Monday Congress gave his Excellency a public dinner at the Ball-room, where upwards of two hundred persons of distinction were present; every thing being provided by Mr. Mann in the most elegant and profuse style. After dinner the following toasts were drank, under the discharge of the artillery.

1. The United States.
2. The Army.
3. His Most Christian Majesty.
4. The United Netherlands.
5. The King of Sweden.
6. Our Commissioners abroad.
7. The Minister of France.
8. The Minister of the United Netherlands.
9. Harmony and a flourishing commerce throughout the union.
10. May virtue and wisdom influence the councils of the United States, and may their conduct merit the blessings of Peace and Independence.
11. The virtuous daughters of America.
12. The Governor and state of Maryland.
13. Long health and happiness to our illustrious general.

At night the stadthouse was beautifully illuminated, where a Ball was given by the General Assembly, at which a very numerous and brilliant appearance of ladies were present.

The following are the Addresses of the honourable the Governor and the Council, the General Assembly, and the Corporation, to his Excellency, with his Answers.

Annapolis, December 20, 1783.

IN COUNCIL.

SIR,

AMIDST the general joy on the happy and honourable termination of the war, we beg leave to welcome your Excellency's return to this city, with hearts full of gratitude and affection.

As long, Sir, as mankind shall retain a proper sense of the blessings of PEACE, LIBERTY, and SAFETY, your character, in every country and in every age, will be honoured, admired, and revered; but to a mind elevated as yours, the consciousness of having done great and illustrious deeds, from the purest principles of patriotism, of having, by your wisdom and magnanimity, arrested the arm of tyranny, saved a dear country and millions of fellow-citizens, and millions yet unborn, from slavery and all the horrors and calamities of slavery, and placed their rights and liberties on a permanent foundation, must yield a satisfaction infinitely superior to all the pomp and eclat of applauding ages and admiring worlds.

Attached to your Excellency by the strongest obligations; and feeling the most lively impressions of your unequalled worth and public usefulness; we beg you to accept of our warmest wishes, that your life may be prolonged to a far distant period; and that it may be as happy in your retirement as it has been glorious in the field.

With every sentiment of respect and regard,
We have the honour to be,
Your Excellency's most obedient,
And most humble servants.

W. P. A. C. A.

His Excellency General WASHINGTON.

HIS EXCELLENCY'S ANSWER.

SIR,

I SHALL ever cherish a pleasing remembrance of the welcome reception I have experienced from your Excellency and the Council, on my return to this city, after the happy and honourable termination of the war.

The flattering sentiments you entertain of my exertions in defence of our country, and the favourable point of light in which you place my character, too strongly demonstrate your friendship, not to claim the most grateful return from me.

Convinced from experience, of the wisdom and decision which have signalised the government of Maryland, I cannot form a better wish for the future prosperity of the state, than that the same spirit of justice and patriotism, which actuated its councils during a long and eventful war, may continue to dictate its measures through a durable and happy peace.

With the most perfect consideration,
I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your Excellency's most obedient,
And most humble servant,

G. WASHINGTON.

Annapolis, December 1783.

By the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of MARYLAND,
December 22, 1783.

SIR,

THE General Assembly of Maryland embrace this opportunity, of expressing the grateful sense which they and their constituents entertain of your distinguished services; services which, under the smiles of Divine Providence, have secured the peace, liberty, and independence, of these States! Your retirement to private

life is a full evidence of that true patriotism which induced you to draw your sword in defence of your injured country, and made you persevere to the end of the arduous struggle, in which you have surmounted difficulties, that with prudence less than yours could not have been surmounted. Having, by your conduct in the field, gloriously terminated the war, you have taught us, by your last circular letter, how to value, how to preserve, and to improve that liberty, for which we have been contending. We are convinced that public liberty cannot be long preserved, but by wisdom, integrity, and a strict adherence to public justice and public engagements. This justice and these engagements, as far as the influence and example of one state can extend, we are determined to promote and fulfil; and if the powers given to Congress by the confederation, should be found to be incompetent to the purposes of the union, we doubt not our constituents will readily consent to enlarge them. In expressing these sentiments, and by thus engaging to comply with the dictates of public faith and justice, and to satisfy the just demands of a meritorious army, we make the most acceptable returns for all those cares which you have felt, and all the toils you have undergone, during your command. Permit us, in addressing you for the last time in your public character, to express our warmest wishes that you may long enjoy the sweets of domestic ease and retirement, and that cordial satisfaction which must arise from a consciousness of having merited and gained the universal love of your countrymen.

DANIEL CARROLL, Pref. Sen.
THO. C. DEYE, Sp. Ho. Del.

HIS EXCELLENCY'S ANSWER.

GENTLEMEN,

I FEEL myself particularly happy in receiving the approbation of the General Assembly of Maryland, for those services which my country had a right to demand, and which it was my duty to render in defence of it.

Having happily attained the object for which we had drawn the sword, I felicitated myself on my approaching return to private life, and I must acknowledge, I anticipated an unusual degree of self gratification, in that retirement, which you are pleased to consider as an evidence of patriotism.

You have rightly judged, Gentlemen, that public liberty cannot be long preserved, without the influence of those public virtues, which you have enumerated. May the example you have exhibited, and the disposition you have manifested, prevail extensively, and have the most salutary operation! For I am well assured, it is only by a general adoption of wise and equitable measures, that I can derive any personal satisfaction, or the public any permanent advantages, from the successful issue of the contest.

I am deeply penetrated with the liberal sentiments and wishes contained in your last address to me as a public character; and while I am bidding you a final farewell in that capacity, be assured, Gentlemen, that it will be my study in retirement not to forfeit the favourable opinion of my fellow-citizens.

G. WASHINGTON.

December.

To his Excellency GENERAL WASHINGTON.

THE mayor, recorder, aldermen, and common council, of the city of Annapolis, congratulate your Excellency on the restoration of peace, and the establishment of the freedom and independence of the United States of America. The citizens feel themselves particularly happy, in this opportunity afforded them, of expressing their sincere approbation of your most disinterested and unexampled conduct through every stage of the war, and the high sense they entertain of your excellent virtues, fortitude, and unremitting perseverance, under the pressure of the greatest difficulties. To you they esteem themselves principally indebted, under the favour and smiles of Providence, for the inestimable blessings of peace and freedom. This acknowledgment flows from hearts filled with gratitude, and the most perfect respect and veneration for your person and character.

In your retirement to the peaceful and pleasing scenes of domestic tranquillity, may America long experience the benign influence of your example, and benefit by the salutary suggestions of your wisdom; and may you, Sir, long enjoy your health, and the heavenly benedictions arising from a consciousness of having done every thing for your country, and wrested her from the oppressive hand of unrelenting tyranny, without the hope of any reward, but the approbation of a free people.

We are,

With every sentiment of esteem and respect,
Your Excellency's most obedient servants,
Signed per order and on behalf of the Corporation,
J. T. CHASE, Mayor.

HIS EXCELLENCY'S ANSWER.

To the worshipful the MAYOR, RECORDER, ALDERMEN, and COMMON-COUNCIL, of the City of Annapolis.

PERMIT me, Gentlemen, to offer to you my sincere thanks for your congratulations on the happy events of peace, and the establishment of our independence.

If my conduct throughout the war has merited the confidence of my fellow citizens, and has been instrumental in obtaining for my country the blessings of peace and freedom—I owe it to that Supreme Being, who guides the hearts of all—who has so signally interposed his aid in every stage of the contest, and who has graciously been pleased to bestow on me the greatest of earthly rewards—the approbation and affections of a free people.

Though I retire from the employments of public life, I shall never cease to entertain the most anxious care for the welfare of my country. May the Almighty dispose the heart of every citizen of the United States to improve the great prospect of happiness before us! And may you, Gentlemen, and the inhabitants of this city, long enjoy every felicity this world can afford!

G. WASHINGTON.

December 1783.

THE UNITED STATES IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED.

December 23, 1783.

ACCORDING to order, his Excellency the Commander in Chief was admitted to a public audience, and being seated, the President, after a pause,

informed him, that the United States in Congress assembled were prepared to receive his communications; whereupon he arose and addressed Congress as follows:

MR. PRESIDENT,

THE great events on which my resignation depended having at length taken place, I have now the honour of offering my sincere congratulations to Congress, and of presenting myself before them, to surrender into their hands the trust committed to me, and to claim the indulgence of retiring from the service of my country.

Happy in the confirmation of our Independence and Sovereignty, and pleased with the opportunity offered the United States, of becoming a respectable nation, I resign with satisfaction the appointment I accepted with diffidence—a diffidence in my abilities to accomplish so arduous a task; which however was superceded by a confidence in the rectitude of our cause, the support of the supreme power of the union, and the patronage of Heaven.

The successful termination of the war has verified the most sanguine expectations; and my gratitude for the interposition of Providence, and the assistance I have received from my countrymen, increases with every review of the momentous contest.

While I repeat my obligations to the army in general, I should do injustice to my own feelings not to acknowledge, in this place, the peculiar services and distinguished merits of the gentlemen who have been attached to my person during the war. It was impossible the choice of confidential officers to compose my family should have been more fortunate. Permit me, Sir, to recommend, in particular, those who have continued in the service to the present moment, as worthy of the favourable notice and patronage of Congress.

I consider it as an indispensable duty to close this last act of my official life, by commending the interests of our dearest country to the protection of Almighty God, and those who have the superintendance of them to his Holy Keeping.

Having now finished the work assigned me, I retire from the great theatre of action, and bidding an affectionate farewell to this august body, under whose orders I have so long acted, I here offer my commission, and take my leave of all the employments of public life.

He then advanced and delivered to the president his commission, with a copy of his address, and having received his place, the president returned him the following answer:

SIR,

THE United States in Congress assembled receive, with emotions too affecting for utterance, the solemn resignation of the authorities under which you have led their troops with success through a perilous and doubtful war. Called upon by your country to defend its invaded rights, you accepted the sacred charge, before it had formed alliances, and whilst it was without funds or a government to support you. You have conducted the great military contest with wisdom and fortitude, invariably regarding the rights of the civil powers through all disasters and changes. You have, by the love and confidence of your fellow-citizens, enabled them to display their martial genius, and transmit their fame to posterity. You have persevered, till these United States, aided by a magnanimous King and Nation, have been enabled, under a just Providence, to close the war in freedom, safety and independence; on which happy event we sincerely join you in congratulations.

Having defended the standard of liberty in this new world: having taught a lesson useful to those who inflict and to those who feel oppression, you retire from the great theatre of action, with the blessings of your fellow-citizens—but the glory of your virtues will not terminate with your military command—it will continue to animate remotest ages.

We feel with you our obligations to the army in general, and will particularly charge ourselves with the interests of those confidential officers, who have attended your person to this affecting moment.

We join with you in commending the interests of our dearest country to the protection of Almighty God, beseeching him to dispose the hearts and minds of its citizens to improve the opportunity afforded them, of becoming a happy and respectable nation. And for you we address to him our warmest prayers, that a life so beloved may be fostered with all his care; that your days may be happy as they have been illustrious; and that he will finally give you that reward which this world cannot give.

Extract from the minutes.

CHARLES THOMSON, Secy.

Here we must let fall the scene—few tragedies ever drew more tears from so many beautiful eyes, as were affected by the moving manner in which his Excellency took his final leave of Congress. After which he immediately set out for Virginia, accompanied to South-river by his Excellency our Governor, with the warmest wishes of the city for his repose, health, and happiness. Long, long may he enjoy them!

The honourable William Perry, Esq; is elected a member of the senate, in the room of the honourable John Cadwalader, Esq; resigned.

OUR customers are requested to take notice, that their accounts will be severally made out to the last of the present month, inclusive; and that the year will, in future, commence the first day of January: They are once more earnestly requested to pay off their respective arrears, which alone will enable the Publishers to furnish themselves with such materials as are absolutely necessary for the prosecution of their business.

Annapolis, December 22, 1783.

WAS stolen out of a chariot, on this evening, a large chariot cushion of stone coloured cloth, almost new, Any person returning it shall be handsomely rewarded, by

J. H. STONE.