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discourse pronounced in a particular Society, and addressed to Paul Jones.

E cannot better begin your eulogium, than by naming you. We may even say, that we have finished when we have named you.

Ancient chivalry draws her origin from ancient initiations, seeing Hercules, Iheus, and to many other heroes were initiated in the mysteries of Glaucus, before they entered on the labours which has rendered them so famous; the received with as much joy as preparation, him, thought her worthies, and who had just accomplished some great adventure.

What then would she not have done for you? You, who cease not to combat, after having been victorious; you, for whom every new enterprise is the signal of a new triumph! your actions are famous even amongst your enemies. All Europe speaks of you with enthusiasm; and I am, at this moment, but the feeble echo of their praise.

One of our most famous poets has said: "To conquer without danger, is to triumph without glory."

It was ours to say, heretofore, that nothing was wanting to yours. You have always combated; have always been victorious, with unequal force: you have proved that we may calculate means, but never courage; which prevails over all, which subdues all. You did not make preparations for your first exploits: you accomplished them, more daring in your conduct than Caesar was in his, when he defied Neptune and the winds; you defied, also, Britain; the having dispatched against you a force which, with good reason, might appear to be sufficient to overcome you: What was the event? She sent a new force against you; the assault was taken; and that which she employed, with a view to destroy you, served only to render you more formidable. From this moment your name became the terror of the British seas; your very appearance showed terror on the coasts of England, Scotland, and Ireland; and the bravest British mariners, thought less of fighting you than of flying from you.

We never shall forget, victory shall consign to her most brilliant annals, that memorable action; when, going on board a vessel already worn by time, by long voyages, by so many other engagements, you fell with the impetuosity of an eagle on the Serapis; a vessel of the line, a new vessel, and of intrinsic force, sufficient to engage two such as yours. Pearson, considering in this visible superiority, and in the effect of his artillery, emboldened, without doubt, also, by his own courage, Pearson called out to you, imperiously, to strike; you answered only by new broadsides; your crew, partly slain, surrounded you no longer but in a weak manner; you became, at the same time, helmsman, gunner, mariner, without ceasing for one moment to be captain. It was impossible to resist such efforts; the enemy amazed, astonished, yielded to you, they strike; and you, the conqueror, go on board their vessel at the very instant that the sea swallowed up your own.

This trait brings to our mind that of a hero, who, commanding a band of warriors, whose cloathings, campaigns had reduced to rags, and having to engage an enemy, whose exterior displayed all the trappings of luxury, spoke to them only these few words: "My friends, let us go and dress ourselves." A few moments afterwards, their troops were well clothed.

Shall I represent you, besieged in the Texel, by a whole Squadron, which was fitted out solely for the purpose of taking you, and which, by so precious a capture, might hope to console England for all the losses which you have caused her to experience? This menacing preparation did not restrain you: you intrepidly left the harbour, and this barrier opened for you, or disappeared. It would seem, that the sails of your vessel have become the wings of Pegasus.—Nothing hinders you, nothing detains you. You divide the empire of the waves with the same rapidity, with which the messenger of the gods divides the empire of the air. The other day Spain complimented us, in receiving you. This day, France possesses you: France is about to speak of you to Spain, who believes, that perhaps, she may yet possess you.

How great is the happiness of those republics, the United States of America, who have peculiarly a right to reckon you their own. From their continent you first embarked upon the sea, to act against the enemy; under their auspices you first fought, and for their cause, which is now the cause of her majesty, have your victories been obtained. When America gives the catalogue of her worthies, a Washington, a Wayne, &c. she adds that of Paul Jones.

You have received in this capital those honours, that applause, which a nation, conscious to herself of courage, so readily decrees to a man of valour, and it is with equal joy, that she sees you return, this day, to her bosom; you return with titles of more than one kind: that of a brave warrior, would suffice you, but you join to it others; you courted Apollo, before you ranged yourself under the standard of Mars; you have demonstrated the falsity of an assertion thrown out by a celebrated writer, and against an art, to which he was indebted for all his glory. Agreeable to him, letters do not only corrupt the manners, but they also enervate courage. He did not remember, that the poet Tyrtæus resorted to the Spartans the courage they had lost, and after having enflamed them by his verse, he taught them to conquer by his example. He did not remember, that Alexander possessed all the knowledge of Aristotle, and carried the liad constantly with him. He did not remember, that Hannibal was a man of letters, that Scipio was the friend and the rival of Terence; that Cæsar was his own historian, and would have celebrated worthily all the heroes of ancient Rome. He did not remember, that the conqueror of the Vatteline (for I omit a crowd of other examples, to come nearer to our own age); I say, he did not remember, that the conqueror of the Vatteline, who, in one day only, gained two battles, and dispersed two armies, the least of which was much more numerous than his own, has translated and commented on Cæsar. He did not remember, that the brave count de Illelo, who, at the head of 1500 French, dared to attack 60,000 men, as well Prussians, as Austrians, and Saxons, strongly entrenched, and who perished voluntarily in this attack, is the author of the best Idillium, which is extant in our language. Secondly, He did not at that time remember, that the number of the literary productions of Frederick, equalled almost that of his victories. He could not foresee, that the courage of Conedic (I mention this name with confidence, valour esteems, and cherishes valour;) I say, he could not foresee, that Conedic, an amiable poet, would, one day, sustain with so much

glory and firmness, the honour of the French standard: finally, he could not foresee, that the intrepid Jones, after having signalized his genius and abilities in the peaceful cultivation of letters, would display with so much lustre his courage, and other talents in the terrible art of engagements. Enjoy then a double crown, so rightfully acquired and return, after the conclusion of a peace, which philology desires, a peace, of which humanity has need, return to enjoy amongst us your glory, and to brighten us by your labours. We shall not forget that you join to a genius, capable of suggesting great actions, a merit still more rare, that of achieving them.

L O N D O N, July 21.

Lord George Gordon is to be indicted next term for constructive treason, under the clause in the act "of levying war against the king." The council for the crown maintain, that to the establishment of such a charge, it is not necessary to prove that the prisoner made use of the arms, instruments, array and operations common in war; but in the language of lord Loughborough that "numbers supplied the want of arms."

Intelligence from Lloyd's list.

June 13. The Diana, Webber, from Lisbon to Newfoundland, is taken by the Nymph, French frigate of 40 guns, coming from Cape François, who burnt the Diana, and carried the captain and crew into Brett.

The Achilles privateer of Folkitone, captain Yawkins, hasient into Portmouth the De Vrow Anna, from Bayonne to Ferrol, with 1234 barrels of pork, 433 barrels of flour, and some wine, &c.

The George, Thomas, from London to Dublin, was taken off the Lizard the 29th ult. by the Black Prince's privateer of Boston, and ransomed for 1000l. The privateer took captain Thomas as hostage, and the vessel is arrived in Fish-gard road. Taken and ransomed by the duc d'Estissac.

The Swift of Peterhead, for 150 guineas; the Succell of Kincordine, 300 ditto; the Charming Nelly of Sunderland, 150 ditto; the Elizabeth of Aberdeen, 115 ditto; the Swan of Campleton, 300 ditto; the ransomers arrived at Dunkirk. Taken and ransomed by the Jackall.

The Elizabeth of Aberdeen, for 80 guineas.

June 16. The Hannah, Hinchinough, from Fyal to New-York, was taken the 29th of March by an American privateer, and sent for New-London.

The Bataver, from Amsterdam to Brest, is taken and sent into Plymouth, by the Lightnor privateer.

La Fortune, from Cape François for Bourdeaux, laden with sugar, coffee, indigo, &c. is taken and sent into Dartmouth by the Friendship privateer of that port, captain Abrahams.

The Hope, Potter, sailed from Liverpool for Africa in February last, and was taken by the French fleet and carried into Martinico.

The Elizabeth Gunsey, White, from London to Quebec, is retaken by the May and Greyhound privateers and sent into Mountsbay.

Portsmouth, July, 7. The Sally and Rachel privateer, captain Hayes, of London, has taken and sent into Falmouth, the Emanuel, from Riga to Marseilles, with wheat, cordage, &c. She has also taken and sent into Weymouth, the Friendship, from Petersburg to Bourdeaux, of 250 tons, laden with hemp and iron.

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