

On Friday last our illustrious and beloved commander in chief left this city, attended by innumerable prayers for his health, safety, and happiness. When the citizens received the pleasing estimation of his Excellency's intentions to honour them with his presence, all business ceased, and every consideration gave way to their impatience to behold their benefactor, and the deliverer of his country. On his appearance in the streets, people of every rank and every age eagerly pressed forward to feed their eyes with gazing on the man, to whom, under Providence, and the generous aid of our great and good ally, they owed their present security, and their hopes of future liberty and peace; the courteous affability, with which he returned their salutes, lighted up ineffable joy in every countenance, and diffused the most animated gratitude through every breast.

You would have thought the very windows spoke, So many greedy looks of young and old Through casements darted their desiring eyes Upon his visage; and that all the walls, With painted imagery, had said at once, GOD SAVE THEE, WASHINGTON.

The general's arrival was announced by the discharge of cannon, and he was accompanied by his Excellency the governor's, by the honest acclamations of the whigs; a few Tories, to expiate their crimes, and shuffle off the opprobrium of their characters, feebly joined in applauding the man, whose late successes had annihilated their hopes, and whose conduct is a satire on their principles. The president of the senate, speaker of the house of delegates, members of the general assembly and council, and many respectable citizens, hastened to offer their tribute of affection, which was richly repaid by the engaging frankness and affectionate politeness of the reception. The evening was spent at the governor's elegant and hospitable board with festive joy, enlivened by good-humour, wit and beauty.

On the next day the general was so obliging as to partake of a public dinner directed by the legislature, as a mark of their respect, and to render the participation of his company as universal as possible. In the evening the city was beautifully illuminated, and an assembly prepared for the ladies, to afford them an opportunity of beholding their friend, and their protector with their smiles. His Excellency, to gratify the wishes of the fair, crowned the entertainment with his presence, and with graceful dignity and familiar ease so fram'd his looks, his gestures, and his words, that every heart overflowed with gratitude and love, and every tongue grew wanton in his praise. When he retired from the assembly, this was the universal language:

Unriv'd and unmatch'd shall be his fame, And his own laurels shade his envied name.

The following are the vote of thanks of the General Assembly, the address of the citizens of Annapolis, and his Excellency's answers.

VOTE OF THANKS.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY joyfully embrace the opportunity which your welcome arrival in this city affords them, of testifying to your Excellency in person their high sense of your signal services, and of shewing you every mark of esteem and respect. Dictated by the purest public spirit, your long and steady perseverance, and anxious unremitting vigilance, under the pressure of surrounding difficulties, to save your country, from the tyranny and oppression of a powerful nation, exhibit to the world a character of most exalted virtue, and fill the minds of all America with gratitude and veneration.

Strength of judgment, united with genius full of resources, and singularly distinguished by a constant serenity, and presence of mind, in the midst of dangers and distress, instantly discerned, and seized the decisive moments of enterprise, planned the passage of the Delaware in a wintry and tempestuous night, the consequential surprise and capture of the Hessians at Trenton, speedily followed by that masterly movement, which extricated undisciplined levies from an imminent and unequal conflict with veteran troops, eluded the vigilance of an active commander, turned retreat into victory at Prince-town, checked the enemy's rapid career, raised the drooping spirits of your country, and inspired your soldiers with confidence in their general and themselves.

Your military talents, eminent as they are, form not the most admired part of your character; your inviolate regard to the civil authority manifested on all occasions and in situations the most trying, claims the warmest acknowledgments of the guardians of the rights and liberties of the people.

Your great example has diffused its influence throughout the states, your watchful care and attention have been extended in every quarter, and the happy effects are viewed with equal admiration

and pleasure in all our military operations conducted by brave and virtuous officers, and executed by undaunted troops, patient and persevering under accumulated hardships and distress.

Accept Sir, the sincerest thanks of the legislature on behalf of this state for your eminent services; with warm and grateful hearts they entertain the highest sense of the great obligations you have laid upon them, obligations which cannot cease and can only be attempted to be discharged by endeavouring to preserve the memory of those actions by which they were created.

While we pay this just tribute to your excellency's distinguished merit, we feel a peculiar pleasure in acknowledging the powerful assistance afforded us by our generous ally, the signal proofs of skill and bravery exhibited by his officers and soldiers, and their strict discipline and exemplary behaviour in their march through this state.

We have the greatest satisfaction in congratulating you on the late most glorious success of the allied army under your immediate command; an event which reflects the highest honour upon your excellency, adds lustre to the allied arms, and affords a rational ground of belief that under the favour of Divine Providence, the freedom, independence and happiness of America will shortly be established upon the surest foundation.

THO. COCKEY DEYE, Speaker Ho. Del. GEORGE PLATER, Pres. Sen.

HIS EXCELLENCY'S ANSWER.

GENTLEMEN, I VERY sensibly feel the honour which has this day been conferred upon me by the vote of thanks of so respectable a body as that of the general assembly of the state of Maryland.

The regard which they have been pleased to express for me personally—the delicate manner in which they have recalled to view those distant events which, in some degree, led to our present happy situation—and the general approbation which they have generously bestowed upon the whole of my conduct, must ever secure to them my warmest esteem, and must at the same time operate as fresh incentives to merit their future good opinion.

It is with the highest degree of pleasure I observe that, a proper allowance has been made for the capital share which the land and sea forces of our great and good ally had in the reduction of the common enemy at York, in Virginia.—I should deem myself unpardonable, were I not upon every occasion, more especially upon such an one as the present, to declare, that the found councils and vigorous exertions of their excellencies the counts de Rochambeau and de Grasse, much, very much of our success was owing.

While I agree in sentiment with the honourable body over whom you preside, that we may entertain a rational ground of belief, that under the favour of Divine Providence the freedom—independence—and happiness of America will shortly be established upon the surest foundation.—I think it a duty incumbent upon me to observe, that those most desirable objects are not to be fully attained but by a continuance of those exertions which have already so greatly humbled the power of our inveterate enemies.—Relaxation upon our part, will give them time to recollect and recover themselves, whereas a vigorous prosecution of the war must inevitably crush their remaining force in these states, or put them to the shameful necessity of entirely withdrawing themselves.

I cannot conclude without expressing my warmest wishes for the prosperity of a state which has ever stood among the foremost in her support of the common cause.—I confess myself under particular obligations for the ready attention which I have experienced to those requisitions which, in the course of my duty, I have occasionally been under the necessity of making.

I have the honour to be, With th most profound respects, Gentlemen, Your most obedient and humble servant, G. WASHINGTON.

Hon. GEORGE PLATER, Pref. of the senate, Hon. THO. COCKEY DEYE, Speaker of the house of del. } of the State of Maryland.

CITY ADDRESS.

To his Excellency GENERAL WASHINGTON.

THE citizens of Annapolis feel themselves happy in having an opportunity personally to express their affection for, and gratitude to, your excellency. Your private character forces admiration from the foes of virtue and freedom.

We derive peculiar pleasure from the contemplation, that the successes at Trenton and Prince-town laid the corner stone of our freedom and independence, and that the capture of earl Cornwallis and his army has completed the edifice, and secured the temple of liberty to us and our posterity. These brilliant and important events are the

more agreeable to every American, from the reflection that they were planned by, and executed under, the immediate command of your excellency.

The love of your country alone, which induced you to accept the command of our armies at the expence of domestic happiness, the persevering fortitude and equanimity of soul you have displayed on every occasion, and the very important services rendered America, justify us in saluting you as the patriot, the hero, and the saviour of your country. Our prayers, with those of millions, are daily offered up to the Supreme Ruler of the universe, for your health, safety, and happiness.

JOHN BULLEN, mayor. Annapolis, November 21, 1781.

HIS EXCELLENCY'S ANSWER.

SIR,

I AM obliged by the polite and affectionate address of the citizens of Annapolis. Nothing can be more flattering to me than to know, that my general conduct has met the approbation of my countrymen—it is the most grateful reward for those services which I have ever, in the course of my command, endeavoured to render them, but which their too great partiality has oftentimes over-rated. That the state in general, and this city in particular, may long enjoy the benefits which they have a right to expect from their very spirited exertions in the prosecution of this just war, is the sincere wish of, Sir,

Your most obedient and Very humble servant, G. WASHINGTON.

The worshipful JOHN BULLEN, Esq; mayor of the city of Annapolis. Annapolis, November 21, 1781.

Office for confiscated estates, Annapolis, November 27, 1781.

TO be sold at vendue, the following property on the eastern shore, to wit: The several manors in Kent, Queen-Anne's, Dorchester, Somerset and Worcester counties; also two lots and houses two negroes, and other personal estate in the town of Oxford, in Talbot county, which belonged to Spiers, Mackie, and company, and Spiers, French and company.

The sale of Kent manor will begin at Chester town, on Monday the 7th of January next.

Queen-Anne's manor, at Church-hill, in Queen Anne's county, on Monday the 14th of January next.

The houses and lots, and other property, which belonged to Spiers, Mackie, and company, &c. of Oxford, in Talbot county, on Friday the 18th of January next.

Nanticoke manor, at Vienna, in Dorchester county, on Monday the 21st of January next.

The manor lands in Somerset and Worcester, Salisbury, on Friday the 25th of January next.

The whole sold for specie, or bills of credit emitted the 10th of May, 1781, to the actual value there of. One third of the sum bid to be paid on the first day of September next, and the residue in two equal and annual payments thereafter. The purchasers giving bond on interest with two good securities.

JO. BAXTER, clk.

Prince-George's county, November 15, 1781. To be sold at public sale, in Piscataway, on Tuesday the 18th of December next, for crop tobacco in notes of not less than 950 net, nor older than twelve months,

THE estate of Dr. Joseph Adderton, deceased consisting of sundry negroes, men, women and children, also horses, hogs, sheep, and cattle together with a variety of household furniture. Credit will be given for twelve months, on giving bond with good security, the interest to commence from the end of six months.—At the same time will be sold for ready cash, the corn, tobacco, and fine grain on the plantation.

November 28, 1781. To be sold, on Wednesday the 13th of December, to the highest bidder, at Bellair in Prince-George's county,

A VALUABLE brood mare, with a ve fine colt by her side, got by Sweeper. A very fine stone colt, rising two years old, got by Sweeper, out of a three quarter blooded mare, is equal in size and figure to any colt in the state his blood. Likewise a fine cow with calf, by a remarkable large Rhode-Island bull. There will be sold at the same time a quantity of wearing apparel all very good, and many other things, too tedious to mention, being the late property of Fester Lutenburgher, deceased. The sale to be for specie. Three months credit will be given, if required, giving bond with security.

SUSANNA LAUTENBURGER

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LOST betw... ridge, in A... (spectacles) cracke... glasses cracked... case. Whoever... the subscriber... WANTED... PIECE... given. Enquir...