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in reply then to Mr. Hand

ning of a very wicked heart—where this compound with Mr. Beckley, clerk of the house of representa- decorum and right. exists, it is to be cautiously guarded against—it ope- tives, a certificate of Mr. Hawkins, a senator from hell ungeachters the uninformed into a belief, that there was at least a son who informed him may have been incorrect, yet from congress and sent it to him with a letter, which des in diesem loubt whether I had not made such assertions—and at the authority was sufficient justification of my belief. I request him now to publish subjointed to this. loubt whether I had not made such assertions—and at the authority was sufficient justification of my belief I request him now to publish subjoined to this. hat time no documents were deposited to correct the and consequent conduct, and Mr. Hamilton will not imposition? And could such a charge of imposition affert, that his opinion on my election was withheld in bests of the exceptionable suggestions on my part, and that papers in the hands of Mr. Angell, which I request to him even unopened, should they not require it. there is not one of them that is not subolly or substantially him to publish. As to the other subjects, that the ad- Sunday, 29th Dec. 1792. infounded. I had before declared, that I would enter ministration of Mr. Hamilton was unfriendly to the no no farther epistolary explanation with him, as I interests of the southern states—that his funding sysconsidered the question as to facts to have ceased—But tem was founded on false and ruinous principles of it is now necessary that this matter should be so far public credit, and admitted of dangerous interferences inderstood at least, that if there has been a departure to raise and depress the value of that property, and safrom veracity, the public, to whom the affertion has crificed occasionally and unjustly other property to the been thus committed, may be enabled to decide with interest of stockholders-That he had engrossed the whom and on whom that departure rests. If there has legislative functions of government—They were all been any fuch general denial before, it has escaped me, matters of opinion, on which I had a right, nay, was but a general denial is always admitted to be here and facredly bound to form my judgment, from a great daily. wer to a specific charge—the papers must speak for complexity of views, that from their nature will ad-

this controversy, the whole of which I pledge myself There is one other point, respecting a preference will be found to be unequivocally established by the shewn by Mr. Hamilton to Mr. Duer, which I really elumony lodged with Mr. Angell, in Baltimore. - considered as the only remaining subject of discussion The original foundation of Mr. Hamilton's first letter reserved by that gentleman in his letter to me of to me, and that to major Ross, which was published March 2d-With regard to any pecuniary connexion in hand bills during my election, was grounded foldly, between these two persons, I have always disavowed as it will appear, on this single fact, "That I had ac- having suggested such in or out of this district—I didtuled Mr. Hamilton, to the confequent preference as and selling flock on bis private account." This affertion, the result of intimate and long established habits of inretting altogether on the verscity or comprehension of tercourse and friendship—as such I consider my sugmajor Rols, which thus became the balis of so excep- gestion essentially a matter of opinion—but as it is a tionable a procedure, was fully and unequivocally dif- fole object, it will admit of a direct reference to thole proved by the certificates of fix as respectable charac- facts on which that opinion was founded—I hold myters as any in the union, both with regard to my pub- self therefore justified in that opinion by the suppleuc address at the time and place specified, as well as mentary report of the committee of inquiry, which my private and confidential communications—they in this instance, states facts fully before the committee were Mr. Craufurd, Mr. Bowie and Mr. Hill, as to fay at their first session; by that it will appear, that the public address; Mr. Paca and the two Mr. Chases as transfer of the contract from Fowler to Duer, on o my private conversation—and as far as I can recol- which transfer Mr. Hamilton rests and justifies the lect, not one of the numerous certificates procured by connexion of the public with Duer, was notified to major Rols from the most virulent of my opponents, him and lodged in his office long posterior to an officipurnishes the flightest evidence of the fact which he' al correspondence with Mr. Duer as contractor, and it had allerted, and which, as it was the ground-work of was also long posterior to a consultation between Mr. one procedure he was called on to authenticate in the Hamilton, the secretary at war, general St. Clair, and most peculiar and pressing manner, could it have been Mr. Duer as contractor, and that no correspondence

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what I faid in which two facts buly were afferted- attend to a much neglected farm in a feeluded part of AJOR Rols, refilefs to display the The one, that of the public money laid out in the purchase the country, it must be a wanton attack that will in-I splendour of his literary accomplish- of flock, on account of the finking fund, more bad been terrupt pursuits, which, as a citizen, in the recess from ments beyond the limits of Maryland, given than others had purchased for, at the open market, public duties, I have some right to enjoy - Let it be has purfued me tomy farm in a retired at the same time. In making this affertion, I quoted at also remembered, that captain Campbell commenced part of Virginia, with more of his the time, (as my fole authority) the public news-pa- an opposition of my re-election, grounded in a great works, republished from the Baltimore pers of Philadelphia and New-York, from which I measure, as appears from his own certificate, on the paper, in one of the Gazettes of that state.—No jaded stated that I had read extracts in my place in congress part I took in congress against the measures of Mr. horse ever returned to a beaten track and endless to that effect, and I added, that the fact was not then Hamilton-that my defence of that conduct, when journey, with more reluctance than I do, to this tire- controverted or denied in congress, nor had it been called before the citizens of the district, was confined fince, to my knowledge, although my speech to that to a reiteration of those reasons which I had given in A found heart is feldom united with an unfound effect had long appeared in print. The other fact - my place in congress, and long published to the world mind—and the perversion of the understanding almost that when three parcels of stock were offered under sealed. —That Mr. Hamilton commenced an attack on me invariably deranges the morality of a man; hence it is proposals, at three different prices, that part was taken of during my election, grounded on an unfounded afferthat we frequently observe the folly of a weak and vain each, and part returned of each, by which means the tion of major Ross-and that all these parties persist in head blended with the apparent malice and low cun- public gave more than they were offered at-I have lodged pursuing the most malevolent objects against all sules

JOHN F. MERCER. rates like a masked battery—it is dangerous because it North-Carolina, with respect to two parcels at differ- P. S. Some notice should be taken of an indecent ent prices, parts of each of which were taken, and accuration of major Rofs, respecting my not leaving a Major Rols accuses me of a design to missead the part of each returned, and the name of the witness, piece with the Printer, which I had stated in my anpublic, by some inference that may be drawn from (who was in Philadelphia when I mentioned the fact swer to his publication to be left there. The real fact my last publication in Mr. Angell's paper. When in congress) -Mr. Hawkins will also (I have no is, that the answer alluded to, was written, as the every document relative to the transaction had been doubt) add, that he gave me fully the information I printer and my physician can testify, when I was very previously deposited with the Printer, who could have have above stated with regard to three parcels of stock, ill, and published in detached parts as fast as it was supposed that I meant to create an impression not war- at three different prices, although, when he gave me written, so that the part which mentioned this piece ranted by those papers, and thus to expose myself to the certificate, as he could not recollect the authority to be left with the printer, was printed and dispersed the contempt of every ingenuous mind that should for this latter case, he did not then insert it .- Mr. about the district, not only before the latter part of the make the examination? He did not surely see in my Hamilton has no where, I affert, denied these specific answer was written, but before it was in fact conbublication a mirror that reflected back so disordered a facts—the latter was admitted and justified by one of ceived—The entire answer, as it was printed, in a mind and half witted a policy!-None but a man my opponents, as may also be proved from good au- great measure rendered any thing sarther on the subject who was conscious of an intended equivocation and thority. These were all the fasts that I had afferted— unnecessary—and as the hurry of the election immeimposition in his own publication, could have suspect afterwards, by the disclosure of a private conversation, diately succeeded, the thing for some time escaped me d another of what he had himself done without hesi- major Ross introduced another sact into discussion - when attended to, the piece itself appeared to be ation-but major Ross should restect, that he may be that I had asserted, that Mr. Hamilton had interfered written in the violence of the moment, and with an n unique in the moral as well as the intellectual world in my election previous to the letter. At the time I asperity that could only tend uselessly to prolong the for what other purpose could he have displayed a mentioned this as sact, I also stated to major Ross my au- unexampled virulence of the party that had prevailed; ong lift of difayowals, for the most part of things on thority—that authority is well known in this part of I thought it best, therefore, not to fend the piece alwhich no question had arisen, and in part of which the district, it was not confined to the gentleman who luded to, unless called for-As soon as Mr. Green his statements certainly were not true, but to deceive was my immediate informant; and although the per- wrote me that it had been called for, I came down

MR. MERCER's complements to Mr. Green; the rest against me, when I submitted the entire docu- this district previous to his letter. There is still ano- enclosed was written at a period when the heat of the ments that must detect and expose any equivocation? ther fact that has grown out of this discussion, that contest added asperity to its language—It was not the But major Ross's publication alone would not have Mr. Hamilton offered me money to vote for the as, wish of Mr. Mercer, as he had never communicated dragged me again into the news-papers, had I not sumption. As this is a delicate subject, I will not hat it beyond the circle of a few friends, to give it farther both written and published that matter of opinion only, zard any thing respecting it, but the statement of the circulation, more especially now, when it ought to be and not matter of fact, were now at iffue between Mr. transaction, authenticated by unexceptionable testime- the wish of well disposed persons to let the heats and Hamilton and myfelf, posterior to which I have received ny, together with a letter relative thereto from Mr. animosities of that day sublide-It is therefore his wish letter from that gentleman, wherein he afferts, that Hamilton, admitting fully the fact as I stated it, and not to let it be farther known than the adverse party there has been a general denial of the facts that are the my reply to his letter, all of which are among the shall render it so, and wishes that it may be returned

BRUSSELS, Rebruary 7.

ENERAL DUMOURIER has visited all the T coast of Flanders, from Nieuport to Ostend, to put them in a state of defence, in case the English attempt to make a descent. He is at present preparing to make an attack. A confiderable body of troops are assembling at Antwerp, and great quanties of ammunition, provisions, and artillery, pals by Brusiels

LEYDEN, February 11.

I'wo mails are this moment due. It seems the rench stop all the letters and papers at Tegelen and Maescyck, which are directed for this country. From what we can learn the French have not evacuated Ruremonde, as was reported, but are fortifying that town, and affembling fresh forces in those quarters. The Prussians on their side, are advancing, and Guelderland seems, the place of rendezvous. Duke Frederick of Brunfwick, who commands them, has only left two battalions in garrison at Wesel- General Lamorliere has the command of the troops in the Low-Countries, and the proximity of the two armies has occasioned frequent skirmishes, in which the French, at first repulsed, have afterwards, in confequence of reinforcements, had the better of it.

> LONDON, February 12. HOUSELOF COMMONS, Monday, February, 11.

MESSAGE from the KING. WAR WITH FRANCE.

Mr. Secretary Dundas, presented the following message from his majesty, which was immediately read by the speaker:

GEORGER. effected with the least regard to truth—but on the was produced to the committee between the public ofcontrary, they entirely corroborate the certificates of fices and Fowler as contractor, although Fowler's of commons, that the affembly now exercising the gentlemen above named as to that fact-and the contract sublisted above fix months before the notifica- powers of government in France, have, without any previous notice, directed acts of hostility to be commajor Rols was entirely without foundation.

Let my anxiety to retain any confidence that may mitted against the persons and property of his majesty's where which as it, have been repoled in me, justify this tedious detail. - Subjects, in breach of the law of nations, and of the