

"P. S. The ship Liberty, Bray, for your port will sail in a few days, and the ship Nestor, Rogers, of Portland, for the same place on the 15th of April"

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Extract of a letter from Rufus King, Esq; to the secretary of state, dated London, February 26, 1798.

"Annexed you have copies of three notes which I have lately received from lord Grenville; the first is an answer to my note respecting the proceedings of the vice-admiralty court at St. Domingo—As this court was not legally authorized, its proceedings are void, and those who have suffered from its acts are referred to the high court of admiralty for redress."

Copy of lord Grenville's note.

"Downing street, February 20, 1798.

"Lord Grenville presents his compliments to Mr. King, and has the honour to inform him, in answer to his note of the 3d instant, that he does not find on inquiry, that any regular authority has been given for the institution of the vice-admiralty court at St. Domingo, mentioned in that note: It does not belong to lord Grenville to anticipate the decisions of the regular courts here in any individual cases. The proper resort of such parties as may conceive themselves to be aggrieved by the proceedings had in St. Domingo is the high court of admiralty in this kingdom, where claims must be given, and the consequent legal steps taken thereupon; and there is no doubt that the judgment of the court will be guided by the same principles as have already been acted upon in cases of a similar nature."

BALTIMORE, May 19.

Extract of a letter from an American gentleman in London, dated March 14th, 1798, to his friend in Philadelphia.

"Denmark and Sweden have resolved to arm a part of their naval forces for the protection of their commerce; and, with Prussia, have ordered their envoys at Paris, to remonstrate against the late laws affecting the commerce of neutral nations."

Annapolis, May 24.

Extract of a letter from a gentleman high in the confidence of the United States to his friend in this city, dated London, February 21, 1798.

"You calculate upon a peace for the rise of the value of land I am afraid this calculation will fail you. The United States cannot be much longer at peace with France. Our commissioners are not yet received, and no likelihood of it. The Directory have reached the pinnacle of arrogance, and will not easily descend from it. The French law of the last month, (the particulars of which you will be apprised of without my assistance,) completely shuts out all hope of honourable accommodation. We might buy the forbearance of the Great Nation, (for so France now calls herself,) but this does not suit either our character or interest. We have past injuries to seek redress for, and future injuries to prevent. The latter we might buy discreetly; but the former will not admit of even that remedy. I trust the American people will feel one common sentiment of indignation against the rapacious ambition and corrupt views of this proud republic; and that they will unite to a man in vindicating American independence, and sustaining their rank among nations. I have no doubt it will be so. If war becomes necessary, we are able to support it; and rather than yield the rights of our sovereignty, the interests of our citizens, and the honour of our country, to gratify any power upon earth, whether democratical or monarchical, we ought to stake them all upon our spirit and resources. All Europe, (except Great-Britain,) seems to be sinking beneath the weight of France. America cannot keep her station by humiliating concession. She must do it by firmness."

"Your conjectures in America about the instability of this government are erroneous. The accounts you receive are from prejudiced sources, principally from opposition news-papers. Setting aside the frightful mass of debt under which it labours, it never was more prosperous, and certainly never half so strong. Its resources are yet great, and equal to any probable exigence. The people are quiet, and apparently attached, not only to the constitution, but to the measures of administration. Its navy gives it security from without; and the late brilliant successes of that navy have gratified the national pride, and raised the spirits of the country. The threat of invasion has only served to give new energy to the government, by producing general union. France will find in Great-Britain an unconquerable enemy. Mr. Pitt has lately trebled and quadrupled the assessed taxes, for the purpose of relieving, or rather sparing, the funding system, by raising part of the supplies within the year; and even this strong measure excites no considerable discontent. In aid of this, a voluntary contribution is now going on, for the defence of the kingdom, which will produce a large sum. It would produce more, but that the vapouring about a descent is not thought to be serious. Ireland has long been in a dreadful state, and is, I believe, only kept down by the military. If a French invasion is at all projected, Ireland is probably the destined point of attack; but it cannot succeed, even in that view, while Great-Britain maintains the undisputed empire of the ocean, and has on foot so powerful a force in every available part of the three kingdoms. It is almost impossible to learn the true situation of Ireland, (accounts are so contradictory,) or the causes which have led to it. It is extremely certain, however, that England and Scotland are in perfect tranquillity, and likely to continue so. The minority in parliament is unusually small, and their influence out of doors less than you would attribute to them. If they had any such influence, the rupture

of lord Malmesbury's negotiation, the late manifestations of French animosity on the continent, the menace or a descent, and the declared animosity of the Directory, have much decreased it. The partisans of reform are not numerous. If peace were re-established, it is likely they would become so; but moderate men recollect, that this is not the moment for trying experiments on the constitution."

At a meeting of the people of Charles county, in the State of Maryland, at the court-house, in the town of Port-Tobacco, on Monday the 21st of May, 1798, in consequence of previous notice, Doctor John Parnham, the Revd. Mr. Hatch Dent, Doctor Gustavus Richard Brown, Doctor John M. Daniel, and Francis Digges, Esquire, being appointed a committee, drew up the following resolutions and address, which were unanimously approved, and ordered to be forwarded to George Dent, Esquire, their representative in congress.

RESOLVED, That we do entirely approve of the conduct of the executive of the United States in endeavouring to preserve their neutrality with the belligerent powers of Europe, and more especially do we approve the late conduct of the executive with relation to France.

RESOLVED, That as we have once fought and bled to obtain liberty and independence from one European power, are determined to support them at every risk.

RESOLVED, That we are of opinion that the most ready way to avert the calamities of war is to be prepared for it.

RESOLVED, That we think our commerce ought to be defended, and that the measures now proposed for a naval armament will be attended with good effects, and we are ready and willing to aid and support all defensive measures with our lives and fortunes.

RESOLVED, That our envoys extraordinary to the French republic, and through them these United States, have been treated so ignominiously as to call loudly for the resentment of the people.

To the PRESIDENT of the UNITED STATES.

THE people of Charles county, within the state of Maryland, having met in common with their fellow-citizens throughout the union, to take into consideration the present alarming and critical situation of our country relative to the French republic, and disclosed to us by the publication of the late dispatches from our envoys, see, with great pleasure, that on the part of the executive every effort has been essayed compatible with dignity, honour and justice, to effect a treaty, founded on equal principles, with the French republic.

We view with horror and indignation the conduct of the Directory of France, as disclosed by the overtures of their agents to our ministers, demanding a sum of money, and other abject concessions, as preliminaries to the reception of our ministers, and calculating upon a party and disunion of our people as their support. We cannot, Sir, sufficiently express our abhorrence of these measures; and having full confidence in your administration of the government, and the constituted authorities of the country, we pledge ourselves to support the same with our lives and fortunes.

Accept, Sir, our thanks for your wise, constitutional and impartial administration of the duties of your arduous and dignified station, and our cordial and ardent prayers for the personal safety, prosperity and happiness of yourself and family, in time and eternity.

In behalf of the people of Charles county.

JOHN PARNHAM, Chairman.
HATCH DENT, Sen.
JOHN MONCEUR DANIEL,
G. R. BROWN,
FRANCIS DIGGES.

Attest. JNO. BARNES, Sec'y.

SONG of MOUNT VERNON,

As sung at the theatre by Mrs. Douglas with universal applause.

Tune.—The humours of Glynn.

The words by Mr. McGrath.

LET Europe be proud of its seats so imperial,
Its kingdoms, its cities, its palaces fair,
And boast that all Nature her treasures doth there fill,
To cherish the senses of man, scarce so rare.
As thus each vain traveller his home makes the most of,
In praising Mount Vernon I'm sure I'm not wrong,
Mount Vernon containing what thrones cannot boast of,
Dear liberty's guardian—the theme of my song.

Be aristocrats vain of their high founding titles,
Their dukedoms, their lordships, their marquises grand,
All rais'd by devouring the honest man's vitals,
By fraud and oppression thro' slavery's land;
For me truly blest with republican spirit,
I'll sing of Mount Vernon, for there doth belong
One matchless in glory and each god-like merit,
I mean the great Washington!—theme of my song.

BOSTON, May 25.

AUTHENTIC.

Consular Office of the United States of America, Amsterdam, March 20, 1798.

Mr. BENJAMIN RUSSELL, Boston.

SIR,

I avail myself of the first opportunity to acquaint you, that the ship America, captain Henshaw, from New-York, lately brought in here by a French cruiser, has been immediately detained by the consul of that nation; and am happy to add, that every thing will be done here to support and protect the intercourse with the United States.

My letters by the last mail from Paris mention, that our envoys had lately had several conferences with the minister of foreign affairs—result not known.

I am, your obedient servant,

SYLVANUS BOYD.

Another letter from the above gentleman says, that Mr. Gerry had informed him, that the envoys had had three conferences with the minister for foreign affairs, and that the negotiation appeared to be in a good train.

OBSERVATION.

The above release was, probably, in consequence of proceedings of the government, respecting captures made by French privateers on the coast, and in the ports of Holland. The America, captain Henshaw, was, we learn, bound to Amsterdam, and carried in there; so that her release may not be an indication of a "general" amelioration of French conduct towards our commerce. The information respecting our envoys is pleasing, and appears direct.

BY AUTHORITY.

THEATRE.

On FRIDAY EVENING, May 25th, 1798,

Will be acted a celebrated play, never performed here, called The

CARMELITE:

Or, The Eventful Shipwreck.

After the play Mr. Helmhold will deliver a comedy, called,

M'GRATH'S DRUNKEN MAN.

Sung by Mrs. Douglas.

To which will be added Garrick's comedy of two acts, called, The

LYING VALET.

Box TICKETS at One Dollar, PIT TICKETS, in Three Quarters of a Dollar, to be had at Mr. Cral's Hotel, the Ticket office, and at the Printing-office. No money taken at the doors or admissions, nor any persons allowed behind the scenes.

The curtain to be raised at seven o'clock.

CH. C. M'GRATH.

A MEETING of the SOCIETY of the CINCINNATI will be held at Mr. Evans's tavern, in the Indian Queen, in Baltimore, on Wednesday the 10th of July next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon; the members of said society are requested to give their attendance.

By order of the president,

ROBERT DENNY, Sec.

May 21, 1798.

NOTICE,

THAT the COMMISSIONERS of the TAX for Anne-Arundel county will meet in the city of Annapolis to hear appeals, and will continue sitting for twenty days from the date hereof.

By order,

NICH. HARWOOD, Cl. Co. Tax, A. A. Co.

In CHANCERY, May 22, 1798.

ON application to the chancellor, by petition in writing, of SAMUEL MAYNARD, of Anne-Arundel county, praying the benefit of the act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors, passed at the last session, on the terms therein mentioned, and a schedule of his property, and a list of his creditors, so far as he can ascertain the same, on oath, being annexed to his petition, and the chancellor being satisfied, by competent testimony, that the said Samuel Maynard is, and at the time of passing the said act was, a citizen of the United States, and of this state, and the said Samuel Maynard, at the time of presenting his petition, having produced to the chancellor the assets in writing of so many of his creditors as have due to them, according to the list aforesaid, the amount of two thirds of the debts due by him at the time of passing the said act; it is therefore adjudged and ordered, that the said Samuel Maynard, by causing a copy of this order to be inserted once in each of three successive weeks in the Maryland Gazette before the fifteenth day of June next, give notice to his creditors to appear in the chancery-office, at eleven o'clock, on the twenty-second day of June next, for the purpose of recommending some person to be trustee for their benefit, on the said Samuel Maynard's then and then taking the oath prescribed for delivering up his property.

Attest. SAMUEL HARVEY HOWARD,
Reg. Cur. Can.

FOR SALE,

Taylor's Landing Warehouses,

On Patuxent river, near Queen-Anne.

For terms apply to DANIEL CLARK, of Prince-George's county, or

DANIEL CLARK, jun.

of Frederick-town.

May 8, 1798.

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TO BE SOLD,

A pair of stout bay HORSES,

They are well broke, well matched in strength and spirit, and perfectly gentle.

DAVID LYNN.

West river, May 5, 1798.

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