

# MARYLAND GAZETTE.

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ANNAPOLIS, THURSDAY, May 8, 1806.

NEW-ORLEANS, March 26.

### SPIRIT OF THE TIMES.

WE are indebted to the politeness of an esteemed friend, for a copy of the following spirited and patriotic resolutions. We understand that they have been entered into in the Tombigby and Alabama settlements, in consequence of the Spanish order for shutting up the river Mobile. They were agreed to by all who saw them, and were expected to be generally adopted.

### WASHINGTON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI TERRITORY.

March 14, 1806.

WHEREAS, the officers of his Catholic majesty at Mobile, have by an unprecedented and arbitrary regulation interdicted all direct commercial intercourse between this country and New-Orleans, have, in palpable violation of the treaty between the king of Spain and the United States, stopped and detained vessels bound from New-Orleans to the port of Fort Stoddard, and absolutely prohibited their proceeding to any other port, and in doing so, have prevented our receiving those supplies which are necessary for our comfortable subsistence. We whose names are hereunto ascribed, have mutually, covenanted, and do solemnly bind ourselves one to the other, and to all the people of the United States—

That we will not sell or in any manner furnish to any of the subjects of his Catholic majesty, any corn, pork, beef or other provisions, whilst the said arbitrary regulations and restrictions are continued in force.

That we will not buy any merchandise or other articles of any subject of the king of Spain, or which we have reason to believe have been purchased at or brought from the town of Mobile. That we shall regard any man who holds any commercial intercourse with the subjects of the king of Spain, as indifferent to the welfare of the good people of Washington county, and as an enemy to his country. And we moreover hereby call upon our fellow-citizens seriously to reflect whether after the late open manifestation of hostility on the part of the agents and subjects of the king of Spain, any one owing allegiance to the American government, will not be guilty of a high crime in offering them aid and comfort, and justly expose himself to all the pains and penalties of high treason against the United States.

NEW-YORK, April 28.

### MURDER!

The British frigates which, on a former occasion, blockaded our port, and plundered the property of our citizens, have not been contented with the spoils which they then gathered, but have again besieged us. Having captured several outward bound American vessels, within the American jurisdiction, they have at length consummated their wickedness by the MASSACRE of a peaceable AMERICAN.

### IN COMMON COUNCIL,

April 26, 1806.

The Mayor laid before the common council two affidavits respecting the atrocious conduct of the British in murdering John Pierce, one of our fellow-citizens, while on board the sloop Richard, one of our coasting vessels, near Sandy Hook. And also in violating the jurisdictional rights of the United States.

Therefore—Resolved, That in testimony of the lively indignation which this board feels respecting the atrocious murder of a citizen of the United States, and this daring aggression upon our national rights, that the said John Pierce be interred, with the consent of his relatives, at the public expence, on Monday next at 12 o'clock; that Alderman Fairlie, Mayor, and Mr. John D. Miller, be a committee to make the necessary arrangements on this occasion; that all the captains of American vessels in the harbour be requested to hoist their colours half-mast on that day; that the bells be tolled during the solemnity, and that our fellow-citizens generally be invited to unite with us on this melancholy occasion.

The Mayor having informed the Common Council that he had immediately communicated to the President of the United States a statement of the improper conduct of the British ships of war off our coast,

Resolved, That the board approve of the Mayor's prompt attention to the interests of our city, and that he be requested to obtain such further information as may be practicable respecting illegal captures, imprisonments and detentions off our port by the said ships, and to transmit the same to the national executive,

in full confidence that proper measures will be adopted for the vindication of our national honour and interests.

By the Common Council,  
T. WORTMAN, City Clerk.

**FUNERAL PROCESSION OF JOHN PIERCE,** Who was murdered by a shot from the British ship of war Leander, Henry Whitby commander, within a quarter of a mile of Sandy-hook, on Friday, five o'clock, P. M. 25th inst.

The committee appointed by the Common Council to superintend the funeral of JOHN PIERCE, have concluded on the following arrangement:—

The masters of American vessels in port, are requested to display their flags half-mast, from sun-rise till sun-set.

The funeral procession to move from the City Hall precisely at 12 o'clock. The bells of all the churches to be tolled until the arrival of the corpse at St. Paul's Church, the place of interment.

### ORDER OF PROCESSION.

The Reverend Clergy.

PALL BEARERS. MASTERS OF Coastwise Vessels. PALL BEARERS. MASTERS OF Coastwise Vessels.

Brother of the Deceased.

Crew of the sloop Richard, to which the deceased belonged.

Seamen.

MAYOR.

Common Council.

Civil Officers.

Citizens—four deep.

The procession to move through Wall-street, Pearl-street, Whitehall-street, and Broadway to St. Paul's Church.

The Reverend Clergy are respectfully requested to attend at the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, at 11 o'clock, A. M. and our fellow-citizens are generally invited to assemble in front of the City Hall, at the same hour.

The committee feel confident that the demeanor of every citizen who attends the funeral will be such as the solemnity of the melancholy occasion demands.

James Fairley,  
Jacob Mott,  
John D. Miller, } Committee.

City Hall, April 27, 1806.

**Patriotic Resolution.**—In General Committee of Republican Citizens, Saturday, April 26, 1806.

WHEREAS it is represented to this committee, that the British ship Leander has wantonly fired upon one of our coasting vessels, and thereby inhumanly taken the life of one of our fellow-citizens; and that the corporation of this city, taking the subject under their consideration, have requested the relations of the deceased to permit them to inter the body at the public charge: And whereas this committee view the aforesaid assault upon our neutrality with the most pointed indignation, and highly approve of the aforesaid patriotic and humane act of the corporation:— Therefore, RESOLVED, That this Committee do invite their REPUBLICAN FELLOW-CITIZENS to attend with this committee, the funeral of the deceased, not only as a mark of their approbation of the laudable conduct of the corporation in this particular; but as an evidence of their detestation of the conduct of the British ships of war that infest our coasts.

APD. DRAKE, Chairman.  
G. GILBERT, Sec'y.

### FEDERAL PROCEEDINGS.

At a meeting of the Federal Republicans at the Tontine Coffee-House, called on Saturday to take into consideration the defenceless state of our harbour, Cornelius Ray, Esq; in the Chair.

On motion, Resolved, That Rufus King, Ebenezer Stevens, Oliver Wolcott, William W. Woolfey, and William Henderson, be a committee to prepare and report to this meeting, as to the subjects on which they were convened; which committee reported the following:

Resolved, That the citizens of the United States are of right, and according to the constitution and laws of the land, entitled to the enjoyment of life, liberty and property, and that it is the primary and most important duty of government to defend, preserve and protect the same.

Resolved, That upon the strength and resources of the U. States that we can alone, under Providence, rely for national safety, and the maintenance of national rights.

Resolved, That the repeated outrages committed by foreign ships of war at the mouths of our harbours merit the resentment and indignation of every friend to his country.

Resolved, That an administration which consents to pay money to avoid foreign insolence, to prevent the violation of national rights, while it sells and dismantles its naval force, instead of increasing and preserving it for the defence of our ports and commerce, prostrates the national honour, endangers the public safety, and invites both injustice and insult.

Resolved, That the suffering of foreign armed vessels to station themselves off our harbour, and there to stop, search, and capture our vessels, to impress, wound, and murder our citizens, is a gross and criminal neglect of the highest duties of government, and that an administration which patiently permits the same, is not entitled to the confidence of a brave and free people.

Resolved, That the body of merchants who foresaw the impending danger, and petitioned congress and the state legislature to afford protection to this city and its lawful commerce, have merited the approbation of their fellow-citizens.

Resolved, That the memorials of the merchants and citizens to Congress have been neglected, and that we have not perceived on the part of the members of the senate and assembly from this city, such exertions and zeal as were expected of them to engage the interposition and influence of the state legislature.

Resolved, That so long as the British ships of war which have assumed a station at the entrance of this port are suffered to remain there, it is earnestly recommended that no supplies, provisions or succours of any kind, should be afforded them from our markets, nor any intercourse held with them in any shape whatever, and that our pilot-boats should abstain from visiting them.

Resolved, That the murder of John Pierce, one of our fellow-citizens, by a shot from a British ship of war, at the entrance of our harbour, and within half a mile of the shore, while he was engaged in peaceably navigating a coasting vessel, laden with provisions for our market, was an act that excites our detestation and abhorrence, and calls upon our government for the adoption of prompt and vigorous measures to prevent a repetition of such wanton and inhuman conduct, and so flagrant a violation of our national sovereignty.

Resolved, That this meeting approve the conduct of those persons who intercepted the supplies which were sent from this city to those vessels who now blockade our harbour, and who have murdered our fellow-citizen, John Pierce.

Resolved, That we will attend the funeral of the deceased, and that it be recommended to the ships in the harbour to display the customary signs of mourning.

Resolved, That John B. Coles, Ebenezer Stevens, Samuel Mansfield, Robert Bogardus, and Samuel Gedney, be a committee to confer with the friends of the deceased, and make the necessary arrangements in behalf of this meeting relative to his funeral.

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be published. CORNELIUS RAY, Chairman.  
SAMUEL BOYD, Sec'y.

\* \* \* The subscribers being the committee appointed at the meeting of the Federal Republicans, on Saturday evening last, to make the necessary arrangements in behalf of that meeting, for the funeral of J. Pierce, murdered by a British ship of war at the mouth of our harbour, give notice, that they have waited on a committee of the corporation, in whose hands they found the corpse of the deceased, and were informed that the corporation had directed the same to be interred at the expence of the city, this day at 12 o'clock. The services of the committee for this purpose, have therefore become unnecessary; but they earnestly recommend to all classes of their fellow-citizens to unite in performing the last offices of humanity towards the deceased, not only for the purpose of manifesting the public sorrow, but as a solemn and impressive testimony against that system of administration, which, regardless of humble petitions, withholds all adequate protection from our city and sea-faring brethren, and thereby leaves us and them defenceless and exposed to the violence and depredations of the Free-booters of the ocean.

EBENEZER STEVENS.  
SAMUEL MANSFIELD.  
SAMUEL GEDNEY.  
ROBERT BOGARDUS.

April 28th, 1806.

A pilot-boat, full of men, well armed, sailed on Saturday afternoon in quest of the vessels which had been captured at the entrance off Sandy-Hook by the British frigates who have commenced an actual blockade without any formal declaration of war. This expedition is undertaken at the expence of several commercial gentlemen, who have also volunteered their services on the occasion.