

CONGRESS.

House of Representatives.

Thursday, December 19.

Mr. Marshall addressed the Chair as follows:

Mr. Speaker,

The melancholy event which was yesterday announced with doubt has been rendered too certain. Our Washington is no more! The hero, the sage, and the patriot of America—the man of whom in times of danger every eye was turned and all hopes were placed, lives now, only in his own great actions, and in the hearts of an affectionate and afflicted people.

If, sir, it had ever not been unusual openly to testify respect for the memory of those whom Heaven has selected as its instruments for dispensing good to men, yet such has been the uncommon worth, and such the extraordinary incidents with have marked the life of him who lost we all deplore, that the whole American nation, impelled by the same feelings would call with one voice for a public manifestation of that sorrow which is so deep and so universal.

More than any other individual, and as much as to one individual was possible, has he contributed to found it our wide spreading empire, and to give to the western world its independence and its freedom.

Having effected the great object for which he was placed at the head of our armies, we have seen him converting the sword into a ploughshare, and voluntarily sinking the soldier in the citizen.

When the debility of our federal system had become manifest, and the bonds which connected the parts of this vast continent were dissolving, we have seen him the chief of those patriots who formed for us a constitution, which by preserving the union, will I trust, sublimate and perpetuate those blessings our revolution had promised to bestow.

In obedience to the general voice of his country, calling on him to preside over a great people, we have seen him once more quit the retirement he loved, and in a lession more stormy and tempestuous than war itself, with calm and wise determination, pursue the true interests of the nation and contribute more than any other could contribute, to the establishment of that system of policy, which will, I trust, yet preserve our peace, our honour, and our independence.

Having been twice unanimously chosen the chief magistrate of a free people, we see him, at a time when his re-election with the universal suffrage, could not have been doubted, according to the world a rare instance of moderation, by withdrawing from his high station to the peaceful walks of private life.

However the public confidence may change, and the public affections fluctuate with respect to others, yet with respect to him they have, in war and in peace, in public and private life, been as steady as his own firm mind, and as constant as his own exalted virtues.

Let us then, Mr. Speaker, pay the last tribute of respect and affection to our departed friend—Let the grand council of the nation display those sentiments which the nation feels.

For this purpose I hold in my hand some resolutions which I will take the liberty to offer to the House.

Mr. Marshall having handed them in at the table, they were read, and unanimously agreed to by the House in the words following, to wit:

Resolved, That this House will wait on the President of the United States, in condolence of this mournful event.

Resolved, That the Speaker's chair be surrounded with black, and that the Members and Officers of the House wear black during the session.

Resolved, That a committee, in conjunction with one from the Senate, be appointed to consider on the most suitable manner of paying honor to the memory of the man, first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his country.

Resolved, That this House, when adjourned, do adjourn to Monday.

Mess. Marshall and Smith were appointed a committee to wait on the President to know at what time he would be ready to receive the house to express their condolence on the melancholy event—and having returned, reported, that the

President had appointed one o'clock for that purpose.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Shaw, his Secretary, and read, in the words following, to wit:

Gentlemen of the Senate, and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives,

The letter herewith transmitted will inform you, that it has pleased Divine Providence to remove from this life, our excellent fellow-citizen, GEORGE WASHINGTON, by the purity of his character, and a long series of services to his country, rendered illustrious throughout the world. It remains for an affectionate and grateful people, in whose hearts he can never die, to pay suitable honor to his memory.

JOHN ADAMS.

MOUNT VERNON.

Sir, Dec. 15, 1799.

It is with inexpressible grief, that I have to announce to you the death of the great and good General Washington. He died last evening between 10 and 11 o'clock, after a short illness of about twenty four hours. His disorder was an inflammatory sore throat, which proceeded from a cold, of which he made but little complaint on Friday. On Saturday morning about 3 o'clock he became ill. Dr. Craik attended him in the morning, and Dr. Dick of Alexandria, and Dr. Brown of Port Tobacco, were soon after called in.—Every medical assistance was offered, but without the desired effect. His last scene corresponded with the whole tenor of his life. Not a groan nor a complaint escaped him, in extreme distress. With perfect resignation and a full possession of his reason, he closed his well-spent life.

I have the honor to be, &c.

TOBIAS LEAR.

To the President of the }

United States.

On motion of Mr. Otis, the message of the President, and letter accompanying it, were referred to the joint committee appointed this day, in pursuance of the third resolution moved by Mr. Marshall.

The hour having arrived which the President had appointed, the House proceeded to wait on him; and having returned, Mr. Speaker read the following address of the House, and the President's reply thereto:

The House of Representatives, penetrated with a sense of the irreparable loss sustained by the nation, by the death of that great and good man, the illustrious and beloved Washington, wait on you, Sir, to express their condolence on this melancholy and distressing event. To which the President made the following reply:

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives,

I receive with great respect and affection, the condolence of the House of Representatives on the melancholy and distressing event, in the death of the most illustrious and beloved personage which this country ever produced.—I sympathize with you—with the nation, and with good men throughout the world, in this irreparable loss, sustained by us all.

JOHN ADAMS.

United States, Dec. 19, 1799.

A message from the Senate announced their concurrence to the resolution appointing a joint committee, passed this day—and that seven members were appointed on their part.

Sixteen were appointed on the part of this House.

The President, with deep regret, announces to the Army, the death of its beloved Chief, General George Washington. Sharing in the grief, which every heart must feel for so heavy and afflictive a public loss, and desirous to express his high sense of the vast debt of gratitude, which is due to the Virtues, Talents, and every memorable Services of the Illustrious Deceased, he directs that funeral honors be paid to him at all the military stations, and that the Officers of the Army and of the several corps of Volunteers wear crepe on the left arm by way of mourning for six months.

Major General Hamilton will give the necessary orders for carrying into effect the foregoing directions.

GIVEN at the War Office of the United States in Philadelphia, this nineteenth day of December, A. D. 1799.

By command of the President,

JAMES HENRY,

Secretary of War.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 22.

The Foreign News.

Received by Capt. Chase in the severance, is in every respect interesting. An extensive period of the files of London prints, down to the 24th October, received by no other Editor in Baltimore, enables me to acquaint my readers, unconditionally, that the British and Anglo-Saxons have entered into an agreement with the Bastian Republic, to evacuate Holland. The convention was signed on the 18th October, allowing six weeks for the complete embarkation of the invaders. Several transports had arrived in England, with the sick and wounded, which seemed to be the first object of removal; a fleet of transports were getting out of Rangoon, (on the 23d) as fast as possible, to proceed in the level, to take off the remainder of the troops.

NORFOLK, Dec. 23.

On Saturday the 14th inst. ended

the Trial of Dr. Rush against Cobbett, for Slander, in the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. The Jury, after an absence of two hours, brought in a verdict in favour of the Doctor for five thousand dollars!!! Peter, you find the Doctor cannot bleed. [On Monday the counsel for Cobbett moved for a new trial, on the ground of excessive damages, which the court unanimously refused; so that the verdict is confirmed in the most decisive manner.

BRITISH CONSUL'S OFFICE, Norfolk, Virginia, Dec. 21, 1799.

Be pleased to insert in the Herald, for the information of Merchants and others concerned, the enclosed copies of certain Resolutions passed by the Honourable the Privy Council of Jamaica, which have been forwarded to me by the Right Honorable Earl Balcarres, His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor of the Island, to be made public within my district.

I remain Gentlemen,

Your most obedient servant,

JNO. HAMILTON,

Messrs. Willatt & O'Connor.

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JAMAICA.

In Privy Council, 5th Oct. 1799.

His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor laid before the Board a circular letter from His Grace the Duke of Portland, one of his majesty's principal Secretaries of State, stating, that in consequence of naming the ports of his Majesty's West India Islands, to foreign vessels, for the importation of Provisions, Muscovado Sugar had been permitted, in several of the islands, to be exported in America, bottoms in return for the provisions brought in those vessels, which is not only contrary to the laws of Navigation, but very detrimental to the Commerce, Navigation and Revenue of Great-Britain; especially as Sugar, now pays no duty on such exportation—and submitted to the Board the propriety of amending their resolution of the 28th of August, 1798, in regard to such return cargoes:

The Board having taken the same into their most serious consideration,

Resolved, That the said Resolution be amended.

Resolved, That His Honor the Lieutenant Governor be advised to recommend to the several officers of his Majesty's customs at the several ports in this Island, to permit the same importation of sheep, pigs, poultry, small live stock of all kinds, and all sorts of fruit, salted, and all other provisions, and lumber of every description, as well in British as in all other vessels belonging to Neutral, and other States in amity with Great-Britain, from the day of the date hereof, until the 1st day of March next, and until six months notice shall be given to the contrary upon the like terms, charges and conditions, and subject to the same rules, regulations, visitations, and searches, as are observed with respect to vessels importing provisions to this Island.

Resolved, That from and after the first day of January next, all neutral vessels importing the foregoing articles under the authority of the above resolution, be permitted to export from any port or ports, place or places of this Island, articles (sugar, coconuts, coffee, ginger, and pimento excepted) as may be exported to foreign ports, upon the like terms, stipulations, charges and conditions, as are observed with respect to British vessels in the like cases.

John Martin, Treas'r.

January 9.

Resolved, That it be recommended to his Honor the Lieutenant Governor to transmit copies of the foregoing resolutions, to his Majesty's Consuls in the United States of America, and to have the same published in the Saint Jago de la Vega, and Royal Gazettes.

Fri Extract.

(signed)

M. ATKINSON, Cl. Conc.

WILMINGTON, January 9.

The Inhabitants of Wilmington are requested to meet to-morrow forenoon, at the Court-House, at 11 o'clock, for the purpose of taking into consideration the best mode of arranging the Funeral Ceremony in honor of the memory of our illustrious deceased General Washington.

January 8, 1800.

Extract of a letter from St. Sebastian dated the 18th October, 1799, received by a gentleman of respects abiding in New-York.

We have intelligence this moment of the arrival of General Buonaparte in France; and that he has concluded a peace for twenty years with the Ottoman Empire, and a treaty offensive and defensive between the two powers.

Extra of a letter from John Morton, Esq. American consul at Havana, dated Nov. 14, 1799.

The Goverr. has just issued a proclamation, requiring all strangers to depart hence in two months,

The President of the United States has nominated to the Senate, Alfred Moore, Esq. to supply the place of James Iredell, Esq. as an Associate Judge of the Supreme Court of the United States.

The Legislature of Virginia has elected Mr. Moore the Goverr. of that state.

Port of Wilmington.

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