

POETRY

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For INDEPENDENCE, JULY 4, 1789.

By DANIEL GEORGE

THIS done!—the edict past by Heaven decreed,
And Hercules' name confirms the glorious deed,
On this auspicious morn,
Was INDEPENDENCE born,

CHORUS

Fly swift wing'd Fame,
The news proclaim,
From shore to shore,
Let our notes roar,
And joyful voices shout Columbia's name.

See haughty Britain, sending hosts of foes,
With vengeance arm'd, our freedom to oppose;
But WASHINGTON the Great,
Dispell'd impending fate,
And sav'd each plan—
Americans, combine to hail the godlike man!

Let Saratoga's crimson plains declare
The deeds of GAVIN, that "thunderbolt of war!"
His trophies grac'd the field,
He made whole armies yield,
A veteran band—
In vain did Burgoyne strive his valour to withstand.

New York's lights and heights attract your wondering eyes,
Where loud artillery
There WASHINGTON commands,
With Callin's chosen bands,
A warlike train—
Like Homer's conqu'ring Gods, they thunder o'er the plain.

He marches on with solemn stride,
On walls of ramble, Britain's boasted pride:
He, and his armed host,
Surrender at their post,
To WASHINGTON—
The friend of Liberty—Columbia's chosen son.

Women's peaceful bands again
In thousands in his train;
WASHINGTON the Great,
The law of State,

His name re-echoes through
The wind'd Fame, &c.

Now shall the arts of peace prevail,
And discord's war, favour'd by each gale:
Discord never ceases,
Local liberty and peace,
And justice reign—
For WASHINGTON protects the scientific train.

Portland, (Massachusetts) June, 1789.

IMPOST LAW OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

An ACT for laying a DUTY on GOODS, WARES, and MERCHANDISE, imported into the UNITED STATES.

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the support of government, for the discharge of the debts of the United States, and for the encouragement and protection of manufactures, that duties be laid on goods, wares, and merchandize imported:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That from and after the first day of August next ensuing, the several duties herein after mentioned, shall be laid on the following goods, wares, and merchan-

size imported into the United States, from any foreign port or place—that is to say:

Table listing various goods and their duties in cents. Includes items like distilled spirits, wines, sugars, teas, and various manufactured goods.

On all looking glasses... On all China, stone and earthen ware... On all gun powder... On all paints ground in oil... On all gold and silver lace, and gold and silver less... On all playing cards... On all other goods, wares, and merchandize...

On every barrel of pickled fish... On every barrel of salted fish... On all goods, wares and merchandize, other than teas imported from China or India... On all goods, wares and merchandize, other than teas imported from any other country...

Approved—July 4, 1789. GEORGE WASHINGTON, President of the United States. JOHN ADAMS, Vice-President of the United States. Speaker of the House of Representatives.