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Collection of Washington's Birth Day at Paris.

The last anniversary of the birth of Washington was celebrated at Paris, by a public dinner, at which Isaac Cox Parrot, Esq. United States Consul at Paris, presided, assisted by Samuel J. Fisher, Esq. of Philadelphia, as Vice President. Among the distinguished persons present we observe, were General La Fayette, Messrs. G. W. Lafayette, Loysseau, and Jules Latorrie, (the General's grandson) and our Minister Mr. Brown. Many patriotic toasts were given, and several addresses made from which we select the following:

General Lafayette: The early and constant friend of our country, he has beheld our progress from infancy to manhood, with the eye of a benevolent heart, our children shall rise up and call him blessed.

General Lafayette: You will better feel than can be expressed the emotions which are recording an anniversary, when I, the only survivor of the Revolutionary Generals, have been allowed to honor the birth of a man, who, by his generous philanthropy, has been like a heavenly light, to enlighten the benighted and ignorant, and to give to the people of America, the rights of man.

You have been pleased to attend to the double felicity I hold to be associated, as a young soldier in glorious and laudable revolution, and to be made a witness to the blessed results of those principles of liberty, equality, and public order, which have marked the American era of political civilization, wonders in which, as an American citizen, as a faithful disciple of the American system, as a lover of the rights of the people, so perfectly, so affectionately blended up, may I could not fail to every sentiment of delight.

Of our great and beloved Washington what could I say, that is not engraved in every American's breast. So shall his memory, his example, his virtues, be forever cherished, in common with that constitutional bond of union, which is his farewell address, he has declared to be the palladium of public safety and prosperity. Permit me gentlemen, his adopted son, to second that sentiment, by introducing the following toast:

"The American Confederacy, and may Washington's birth day be forever celebrated under the full sanction of his united State."

Gideon Tomlinson has been re-elected Governor of Connecticut.

Halifax, April 16. At a meeting of the citizens of this town, on Monday last, it was resolved to invite the Hon. John H. Smith, Secretary of the Navy, to dine with them previous to his departure for the Federal City. Committees of arrangements, &c. were appointed, and the following correspondence took place:

April 12th, 1859. Sir—We, the undersigned, in token of our respect to the citizens of Halifax, and in honor of your feelings, beg to say that we have the honor to congratulate you on your present location in the Republic. With every wish for your happiness, which you are so much entitled to, we at the same time respectfully invite you to dine with us, at the Mansion House Hotel, on Thursday next.

Your obedient servant, WM. L. LONG, A. S. H. MURGES, E. H. EURE.

To Hon. James Buchanan, England, N. C.

Enfield, April