

their loss—and let it mourn for three days."

The speech was applauded, and a decree passed, "That the National Assembly wear mourning three days, in honour of the late Dr. FRANKLIN."

"And that a letter of condolence be sent by the president to the Congress of America."

## AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE.

BOSTON, SEPTEMBER 4.

**T**HOUGH the Spaniards have avowed their determination to prevent the English from participating in the very advantageous trade on that North-west coast of America—we are happy to learn, that a perfect goodly understanding subsists between them and the citizens of the United States—which was exemplified by their having joined the officers of the *Columbia* and *Washington* of this port, in celebrating the anniversary of the Independence of the United States the last year.

The parliament of Great-Britain, has granted to the PENN family, late of *Pennsylvania*, the sum of 4000*l.* per annum, as a compensation for their losses sustained in America.

### POPULATION.

The number of persons in this town, taken in conformity to the act of the legislature of the United States, at this period exceeds *eighteen thousand*. Three or four years since, the whole was but *fourteen thousand two hundred*.

His excellency the governor has issued a proclamation calling on the general assembly of this commonwealth to meet on the 15th of the present month, at the state house in this town, on business of importance.

### Western Posts.

In 1784, congress deputed general HULL, to demand of general HALDIMAND, the governor of Canada, the surrender of the Posts within the United States, then and now garrisoned by British troops. And this demand Great-Britain has refused to comply with, notwithstanding the solemn stipulations of treaty; and notwithstanding every *alleged* cause for their retention has been removed in the adoption of the federal constitution. If a war should break out between England and the house of Bourbon, and if by accident, or otherwise, Great Britain should gain any material advantage over its enemies, perhaps the disadvantage of their holding our frontier posts may be more apparent, than it now appears to be.

In the city of New-Haven, in 60 families, there have been raised the present season, no less than *four hundred and forty-two thousand* silk worms. In the family of Mr. Abraham Thompson, 60,000 of the above number were raised; and it is with much satisfaction, in perusing the names of the persons who raised these valuable and industrious animals, we saw, that several young ladies had turned their attention thereto—one of whom, Miss Betsey Sherman, actually raised this season twelve thousand—and that one young lady, from 1200 cocoons, or silk balls, reeled eight ounces of the best of silk.

### Visit of the President to Rhode-Island.

On Saturday, 14th ult. the President of the United States sailed from New-York, on a visit to the state of Rhode-Island, accompanied by his excellency Governor Clinton, the secretary of state, judge Blair, the honourable Mr. Foster, the honourable Mr. Smith, of South-Carolina, and the honourable Mr. Gilman, of New-Hampshire, Col. Humphreys, Major Jackson, and Mr. Nelson, and arrived at Newport on the Tuesday following. There he was welcomed by a salute of 13 cannon, on the packet's passing fort Washington, and 13 more on his landing; and a like number from the shipping in the harbour. The citizens of the town received the President with every mark of respect, and in procession, escorted him to his residence. At 4 o'clock, a committee of the town waited on him to the state-house, where he partook of an elegant dinner, provided for the occasion. After dinner a federal compliment of federal toasts were drank; the second of which was given by the President, viz. "*The state we are in, and prosperity to it.*" On Wednesday morning he was addressed by the town; the Clergy, and the society of Free-Masons—and having visited the several parts of the town, sailed for Providence, accompanied as before; and was received by the assembled citizens, in procession, consisting of the military of the town—the officers of the state, town, and various corporations—the Clergy, Bar, and Faculty—Merchants, Traders, and the association of Mechanics, with their officers—the society of Cincinnati—Gentlemen strangers, and masters of vessels, &c.—and escorted the eby to his lodgings. Reiterated discharges of artillery, the ringing of bells, the universal attendance of the citizens of all ranks in procession, the bevy of ladies which adorned the windows and doors of the houses, the perfect decorum and urbanity which prevailed, all testified the affection the citizens of Providence have for our beloved President, and the sensible manner

they were affected by the honour conferred in the visit. In the evening the college edifice was beautifully illuminated.

The English paragraphists speak very positively that treaties of commerce and alliance are now on the tapis between the United States and Great Britain:—On what foundation we are unable to say.

STOCKBRIDGE, AUGUST 24.

### Progress of Manufactures.

Mr. Moses Barnum, of this town, has, since the month of August, 1789, fulled no less than *five thousand three hundred and ten yards* of cloth—and of thin cloth, dressed *three thousand two hundred—in all, eight thousand five hundred and ten yards*.—The foregoing affords a pleasing specimen of the progress of manufactures in this part of the country.

NEW-YORK, AUGUST 31.

The Secretary of the Treasury will issue proposals, in a few days, for purchasing in the public debt: Those who will engage, in the several states, to furnish a given sum, at the lowest price, will have the preference.

The Connecticut State society of the Cincinnati have subscribed their fund on the books of the Secretary of the Treasury, on the term of the funding act.

The sloop experiment, captain Boyd, from Albany, has brought to this port *forty hogheads* of maple sugar, made at Cooper's town, on Otsego Lake: Mr. William Cooper is the proprietor of this valuable specimen—which by a certificate in the Albany Register, signed by a number of the most respectable characters, in that quarter, ladies and gentlemen, who had used it, is declared to be superior to the best muscovado sugar.

Maple sugar has been made in this country upwards of thirty years; but from inexperience, and the badness of the apparatus used in manufacturing it, it was never contemplated that it could be brought to its present excellent quality. There is no doubt that it will attain to a much greater degree of perfection.

## FAYETTEVILLE.

CONGRESS in a late act, have appropriated forty thousand dollars for the payment of Pickering's notes, issued after 1782. They have also appropriated thirty-eight thousand dollars for the payment of the people on Long-Island, who have claims for subsisting American prisoners during the late war. Persons who have such claims, or who hold Pickering's notes, may therefore obtain their money on application to the treasury.