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## COUNT DE SOMBREUIL.

The following are the Letters from this unfortunate Nobleman, to which so much allusion has been made in the House of Commons.

LETTER FIRST.  
(TRANSLATION.)  
On board the John, Portsmouth Road,  
July 8, 1795.

SIR,  
THE short stay which I made at London not having permitted me the honour of seeing you more than once, and my sudden departure having prevented me from conversing with you on several points of importance to me, in my present situation, I have sufficient confidence in your sagacity to be convinced, that I shall find such instructions as will serve me for a guide, and enable me to support the responsibility attached to my conduct, as well towards you as towards the troops under my command.

A full conviction of the necessity of subordination, joined to zealous devotion to the cause in which I have embarked, induce me to fly with precipitation at the first signal I receive, and never allow me to use the smallest objection. I say nothing of the discretion which a government has a right to expect from those it employs; I have long since given sufficient proofs of mine; and I have reason to believe that they are such as will enable me to obtain at least, those marks of confidence which are due to my situation.

I have the honour to observe to you Sir, that I am going with troops, of whose destination I know nothing but by public report, neither am I acquainted with their means of subsistence nor, in the smallest degree, with the rules by which I am to regulate my conduct. What will be necessary, with regard to ammunition, with which I am not, to my knowledge, provided, and with regard to the support of those with whom I am to act; the means by which I am to carry on my correspondence with you, in a distant situation; and from whom I am, in all cases, to receive orders—these are points on which I request you to give me such instructions as will serve as a basis for my conduct.

I had the honour also to request that you would let me have an officer from the department of Inspection. If you send me such a person, pray choose a man who speaks both languages, that he may, on occasion, assist me in the translation of your letters, and that your orders may only be known to an officer chosen by government.

I have the honour to be,

With respect,

Your very humble servant,

COUNT C. DE SOMBREUIL.

## SECOND LETTER.

SIR,  
The letter which I have written to Sir John Warren will give you every information in my power to afford, as well on my present situation, as on past events; I will not remind you of the letter which I wrote to you from Portsmouth, as you doubtless feel the force of the remarks I there made; you must be sensible how much my heart has to suffer in these last moments; independently of the regret which I experience for the fate of my companions you know what sacrifices an order so prompt obliged me to make.

I request you, Sir, to be so kind as to give to the bearer, a faithful man, who has never abandoned me (and whom the losses I have sustained incapacitate me from rewarding) the sum of 500 louis, to be shared with my other servants. This request will not appear indiscreet, as I have lost several government securities to a greater amount.

I also recommend to you, Sir, the two persons about whom I spoke to you before I left London.

I have the honour to be,

Sir, Your very

humble servant,

COUNT C. DE SOMBREUIL.

To Mr. Windham, Sec'y at war.

## A C T S

Passed at the First Session of the Fourth Congress.

1. An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1796.
2. An act further extending the time for receiving on loan the domestic debt of the United States.
3. An act for the relief of Benjamin Strother.
4. An act for the relief of Israel Loring.
5. An act for allowing compensation to the members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, and to certain officers of both Houses.
6. An act providing relief for a limited time, in certain cases of invaled registers.
7. An act making a partial appropriation for the military establishment for the year 1796.
8. An act for the relief of Jose Rois Silva.
9. An act for the relief of certain officers and soldiers, who have been wounded or disabled in the actual service of the United States.
10. An act to continue in force an act "to ascertain the fees in admiralty proceedings in the district courts of the United States, and for other purposes."
11. An act making certain provisions in regard to the circuit court for the district of North Carolina.
12. An act authorizing the erecting of a light-house on Barker's Island, in the state of Massachusetts.
13. An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes.
14. A resolve, directing further returns in the cases of claimants for invalid pensions.
15. An act supplementary to an act, entitled, "an act to provide a naval armament."
16. An act authorizing and directing the Secretary at war to place certain persons, therein named, on the pension list.
17. An act in addition to an act, entitled "an act making further provision for the support of public credit and for the redemption of the public debt."
18. An act making further provision relative to revenue cutters.
19. An act to continue in force, for a limited time, an act, entitled, "an act declaring the consent of Congress to an act of the state of Maryland, passed the 28th day of December, 1793, for the appointment of a health-officer."
20. An act authorizing a loan for the use of the City of Washington, in the district of Columbia, and for other purposes therein mentioned.
21. An act for making appropriations for defraying the expenses which may arise in carrying into effect a treaty made between the United States and certain India tribes north west of the river Ohio.
22. An act making an appropriation for defraying the expenses which may arise in carrying into effect the treaty made between the United States and the Dey and Regency of Algiers.
23. An act making an appropriation towards defraying the expenses which may arise in carrying into effect the treaty of amity, commerce and navigation, made between the United States and Great Britain.
24. An act for making appropriations for defraying the expenses which may arise in carrying into effect the treaty made between the United States and the King of Spain.
25. An act declaring the consent of Congress to a certain act of the State of Maryland; and to continue and declaring the consent of Congress to certain acts of the States of Maryland, Georgia, and Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, so far as the same respects the States of Georgia, and Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations.
26. An act allowing compensation for horses killed in battle, belonging to officers of the army of the United States.

27. An act to repeal so much of an act, entitled, "an act to establish the judicial courts of the United States," as directs that alternate sessions of the circuit court for the district of Pennsylvania shall be holden at York-town; and for other purposes.

28. An act providing for the sale of the lands of the United States, in the territory north-west of the river Ohio, and above the mouth of Kentucky river.

29. An act authorizing the erection of a light house on Cape Cod, in the State of Massachusetts.

30. An act authorizing Ebenezer Zane to locate certain lands in the territory of the United States north west of the river Ohio.

31. An act to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes; and to preserve peace on the frontiers.

32. An act altering the compensation of the accountant of the War Department.

33. An act laying duties on carriages for the conveyance of persons; and repealing the former act for that purpose.

34. An act in addition to an act, entitled, "an act supplementary to an act, entitled, "an act to provide more effectually for the collection of the duties on goods, wares and merchandize imported into the United States, and on the tonnage of ships or vessels."

35. An act for the relief and protection of American seamen.

36. An act respecting the mint.

37. An act to alter the sessions of the circuit courts in the district of Vermont and Rhode-Island; and for other purposes.

38. An act relative to quarantine.

39. An act for the relief of persons imprisoned for debt.

40. An act making further provision for the expenses attending the intercourse of the United States with foreign nations; and to continue in force the act, entitled, "an act providing the means of intercourse between the United States and foreign nations."

41. An act for the relief of Sylvanus Bourne.

42. An act to continue in force, for a limited time, the acts therein mentioned.

43. An act to ascertain and fix the military establishment of the United States.

44. An act to regulate the compensation of clerks.

45. An act making provision for the payment of certain debts, of the United States.

46. An act providing passports for the ships and vessels of the United States.

47. An act to suspend, in part, the act, entitled, "an act to alter and amend the act, entitled, "an act laying certain duties upon snuff and refined sugar."

48. An act making appropriation to satisfy certain demands attending the late insurrection, and to increase the compensation to jurors and witnesses in the courts of the United States.

49. An act limiting the time for the allowance of drawback on the exportation of domestic distilled spirits, and allowing a drawback upon such spirits exported in vessels of less than thirty tons by the Mississippi.

50. An act providing relief to the owners of mills within the United States, for a limited time, in certain cases.

51. An act regulating the grants of land appropriated for military services, and for the Society of the United Brethren for propagating the gospel among the heathen.

52. An act for the admission of the State of Tennessee into the union.

53. An act making appropriations for the support of the military and naval establishments for the year 1796.

54. An act making further appropriations for the year 1796.

55. An act to indemnify the estate of the late Major General Nathaniel Greene, for a certain bond entered into by him during the late war.

56. An act providing relief to the owners of mills within the United States for a limited time, in certain cases.