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To the President, Senate, and House of Representatives of the United States.—

THE MEMORIAL

OF THE MERCHANTS AND TRADERS OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,

Respectfully represents,

THAT a strong confidence in the neutral position and character of their country, and in the pacific policy of its government has encouraged and induced many of your memorialists to embark their property, extensively, in foreign commerce, and to adventure a large proportion of their wealth upon a distant voyage—that recent and unexpected events so far effect the security of their enterprises, as to impel them to make known their sentiments and wishes to Congress.

Your memorialists cannot but view with extreme solicitude, the apparent state of the negotiation between their country and Great Britain, upon the events of which, the safety of their property so materially depends.—Their alarm and anxiety, increased by reports (perhaps unfounded) of the nature and extent of the demands made by the government of the U. S. cannot but be great; while they are wholly destitute of information from official sources, calculated to direct their conduct.—They mean not, however, to intimate a wish for disclosures incompatible with the due reserve of government, but candidly to present to its view their difficulties and embarrassment.

In common with their fellow citizens, your memorialists entertain the strongest sense of the necessity of supporting the honor and independence of their country—they feel that the national interest is inseparably connected with such support, and although in the event of war, as individuals, they must be deeply affected, they have not a wish that considerations of a private interest should induce a sacrifice of national honour and independence.—But from the wisdom and patriotism of the national Legislature, they conceive the expectation well founded, that the commercial interest of the United States, with which the common we fare is inseparably connected, will not be committed by an unyielding adherence to doubtful or unessential principles.—They therefore, with confidence, submit their hopes that, while essential rights, to which as an independent nation, we are indisputably entitled, will be maintained to the last extremity—matters of seeming interest, but of less importance will be referred to a more propitious, and less hazardous, moment for adjustment.

Under these impressions, your memorialists deem it an indispensable duty to themselves, and to their fellow citizens of the landed and other interests, most respectfully to suggest to congress that the act (at present suspended) entitled "An act to prohibit the importation of certain goods, wares, and merchandise, passed the 18th of April, 1806," should it go into operation, will not tend to promote the desirable results of national reparation, and amicable adjustment of our differences with Great Britain. In effect, that your memorialists consider the said act, in its application to this country, as extremely embarrassing; and in its operation on the government and people of Great Britain, as irritating and inefficient.—That the repeal of the said act would be productive of beneficial effects, inasmuch as it would relieve our own citizens from embarrassment demonstrate a disposition to treat on terms of liberality, and be considered as a pledge of candour and magnanimity in the conduct of the negotiation—while, in the event of failure to produce a fair and honourable accommodation, the evils of war, which must severely, and equally, affect the farmer, merchant, and mechanic, would be born with less regret, as being rendered inevitable.

In submitting their opinions to the national legislature, your memorialists have not they conceive, overlooked the delicacy of the subject, to which they relate—and they have anxiously endeavoured, in representing the objects of this memorial, to connect national honour and interest with their individual claims and privileges.

Relying on the exercise of a wise, just, and dignified policy, your memorialists respectfully refer the matters, herein stated, to the consideration and decision of Congress.

(Signed by the Merchants and Traders of Philadelphia.)

A TUTOR WANTED.

A decent, sober and discreet person, that can teach the Latin and Greek languages and the Mathematics, willing to engage in a private family to teach three or four youths only will meet with encouragement by applying to the subscriber at Rocky Point.

SAM'L ASHE.

Nov. 13.

State Legislature.

HOUSE OF COMMONS,

Wednesday, December 9.

Mr. Brown presented a bill to authorise the trustees of Mount Clio Academy in Robeson, and the trustees of Portsmouth Academy in Carteret, to raise certain sums by way of lottery, not exceeding four hundred pounds each, to complete the buildings of the said Academies.

Mr. Terrell, a bill to authorise the several county courts to elect officers of ordinary and probate. [This bill was rejected in the Senate.]

Mr. Pearson, a bill to amend an act, entitled an act to establish rules to be observed in solemnizing the rites of matrimony. [This bill was rejected in the Senate.]

Mr. Cotton, a bill extending the jurisdiction of a single magistrate out of court, to fifty pounds—read and rejected.

Mr. James, a bill to regulate the inspection of ton timber in the town of Wilmington.

Mr. Forsyth, a bill to authorise the Treasurer of this state to empower some person to collect certain arrears due the state.

Mr. Boon, a bill to compel the several county court clerks to keep their offices at or near their court-houses.

The resolution of Mr. Terrell, for calling a convention, was taken up this day, read and rejected.

YEAS—Messrs. Abernathy, Barringer, Cotton, Dowd, Forsyth, Huston, Horn, Hulme, E. Jones, Leatherman, M'Lennon, Pickins, Porter, Pearson, Richardson, Shaw, Salmon, Tate, Theams, Terrell and R. Williams—21.

NAYS—Messrs. Arnold, Atkinson, Bryan, Bell, Burton, Boon, Bunn, J. C. Bryan, J. H. Bryan, Blackman, Boazman, Brown, Baker, Ballard, Bynum, Collins, Caldwell, Carter, Credle, Cochran, Cameron, Cooke, Carter, Cherry, Davidson, Deans, Daniel, Eason, Fraser, Farrell, Grist, Gillespie, Glisson, Griffin, Goodwin, Gaston, Headen, Hoskins, Huggins, Hanner, J. Harris, Harrison, Hoyle, Hatch, Hamilton, Harden, Howell, Henderson, E. Harris, W. W. Jones, C. Jones, W. R. Johnson, W. Johnson, James, Lindsay, Love, Leonard, T. Lanier, S. Lanier, C. Lanier, Mebane, M'Gimpsey, Moore, McIntire, Moody, Mason, Moring, May, Norcum, Norwood, Perkins, Perry, Roberts, Russel, Ruffin, Rowland, Sheppard, Scott, Speed, Skinner, W. Smith, J. Smith, D. Scott, Toole, Thompson, Townsend, Vanhook, J. Williams, Walters, Jonas Williams, Wm. Williams, Wooton, R. White, E. Williams, J. B. White, Wade, Wynne, H. Yancey and J. Yancey—22.

The bill for erecting a distinct county out of the west part of Buncombe, and another county out of part of Bladen and Brunswick, was amended by striking out that part relating to a new county to be formed from Bladen and Brunswick—yeas 91, nays 27. The bill as amended was then taken up, read and rejected.

YEAS—Messrs. Abernathy, Arnold, Atkinson, Burton, Brown, Ballard, Bynum, Barringer, Collins, Caldwell, Cochran, Cameron, Davidson, Dowd, Forsyth, Goodwin, Headen, Houston, Hanner, J. Harris, Hoyle, Horn, Harden, Hulme, Howell, E. Jones, W. Johnson, Love, S. Lanier, Mebane, M'Gimpsey, Moore, M'Lennon, Pickins, Porter, Pearson, Shaw, Salmon, Speed, J. Smith, D. Scott, Tate, Thompson, Terrell, Vanhook, R. Williams, Wade and J. Yancey—50.

NAYS—Messrs. J. H. Bryan, Bell, Boon, Bunn, J. Bryan, Boazman, Baker, Cotten, Credle, Cooke, Cator, Cherry, Deans, Daniel, Eason, Fraser, Farrell, Grist, Gillespie, Glisson, Griffin, Gaston, Hoskins, Huggins, Harrison, Hatch, Hamilton, Henderson, E. Harris, W. W. Jones, C. Jones, W. R. Johnson, James, Lindsay, Leonard, T. Lanier, MacIntire, Moody, Mason, Moring, May, Norcum, Norwood, Perkins, Perry, Roberts, Richardson, Ruffin, Riddick, Sheppard, M. Scott, Skinner, W. Smith, Toole, Townsend, J. Williams, Walters, Jonas Williams, Wm. Williams, Wooton, R. White, E. Williams, J. B. White, Wynne and H. Yancey—65.

Thursday, December 10.

Mr. Porter presented a bill for the relief of purchasers at execution sales in certain cases.

Mr. Hamilton, a bill to alter the time of holding the county court of Pasquotank.

A message to the Senate, proposing to ballot on the morrow, for a Major-General and Brigadier-General for the 1st division and a brigadier for the 14th brigade, and nominating for major-general of the 1st division, Thomas Wynne and Charles Spruill, for brigadier, Kedar Ballard and John Hamilton, and for brigadier-general of the 14th brigade of the 2d division,

Benjamin Lee of Robeson and Thomas Threadgill of Anson.

Mr. W. R. Jonison, from the balloting for a major-general for the 6th division, reported that Benjamin Smith of Brunswick was elected.

A message from the Senate, informing of their having rejected the bill to limit the time of bringing actions on penal acts of the General Assembly. The bill authorising the county courts to appoint separate elections. The bill to amend the act of 1784, empowering county courts to order the laying out roads, establishing ferries and bridges, &c. &c. The bill to amend the several laws compelling a division of real estate by petition. The bill to alter the time of the future meetings of the General Assembly. And the bill to establish courts of errors and appeals.

Received from the Senate, directing that the estimates of allowances to the members, clerks and door-keepers of the Assembly be made up to include Wednesday next at the same rate of pay as last year.

The bill appointing commissioners to fix on a central and suitable place in Guilford for erecting the court-house and other public buildings, passed the third and last reading.

Received from the Senate, a bill to expedite the organization of the quota of militia required from this state by the general government and to provide for the uniformity and dispatch in making and receiving returns in future. Also a bill to amend the militia laws of last session; severally read and returned.

Friday, December 11.

Mr. Cherry presented a bill to prevent if possible, intercourse between free white women and black men, either free or slaves.—[This bill was rejected in the Senate.]

Mr. Goodwin presented the representation of E. T. Dupont, of Nemours & Co. manufacturers of gun-powder in Wilmington, Delaware, proposing to furnish this state with gun-powder at 38 dollars per hundred weight.

Mr. Harden presented a bill to alter the county court of Rockingham.

Mr. Gaston, a bill to amend the act of 1791, relative to the inspection of flour, &c.

The House having resolved to address the President of the United States, Mr. Hamilton presented the following:

To Thomas Jefferson, President of the United States.

SIR—The General Assembly of the state of North-Carolina, convened at a moment when the independence of their country, in whose welfare they rest, and are on all occasions ready to manifest the liveliest solicitude, is attacked; when their rights are invaded, their citizens seized, their property plundered, and their remonstrances disregarded, by a nation uniformly and notoriously hostile, and who appeals only to power to justify her conduct: When the union of these states, which they sincerely desire may be perpetual, is endangered by the machinations of a disappointed man and his adherents, who have sought to subvert, because they could not direct the measures of government; and feel it their duty to assure you sir, of their entire approbation of those measures which have been pursued for the defence and interest of their common country.

We will not sir, recount the many benefits which you have borne to your country from foreign courts, whilst engaged in the cause of freedom: We will not review the eminent advantages derived from your talents and virtues whilst employed in high and responsible offices at home; nor will the limits of an address permit us to enumerate the blessings which have flowed from the administration of our public affairs since the memorable period of 1801. We will only say, that in whatever point of view we regard you, whether in private or public life, we perceive such uniformity of conduct, such firmness of character, such an entire resignation on the one hand, and so great ability to act on the other, that we have abundant reason to rejoice that in a person called to preside in the councils of his country, the statesman, philosopher and patriot are so happily and conspicuously united.

Although we are sensible that to you, Sir, whose time and talents have been entirely devoted to your country's good, the pleasures of domestic ease and retirement from the busy scenes of life, would now be particularly inviting; yet when we reflect that the period is probably near at hand, when the exercise of your patriotic virtues will be particularly important to your country, perhaps essential to its preservation, we cannot forbear most earnestly to solicit that at the next presidential election, you will not deny your countrymen the pleasure of again selecting you for the discharge of these important duties, for the per-

formance of which you appear so eminently qualified. And may that Being who regulates the affairs of men below, when the period of our final separation shall arrive, receive you into those mansions of bliss, reserved for those who have deserved well.

After much debating, this address was adopted.

YEAS—Messrs. Arnold, Atkinson, J. H. Bryan, Bell, Burton, Bunn, J. C. Bryan, J. Bryan, Boazman, Baker, Ballard, Collins, Caldwell, Carter, Cotton, Credle, Cochran, Cator, Cherry, Davidson, Daniel, Eason, Forsythe, Fraser, Gillespie, Glisson, Griffin, Headen, Hoskins, Huggins, Hannah, Harrison, Hoyle, Hamilton, Horn, Harden, Hulme, Howell, E. Jones, W. R. Johnson, James, Lindsay, Love, T. Lanier, S. Lanier, Leatherman, C. Lanier, Mebane, M'Gimpsey, McIntire, Moody, Mason, Norcum, Perkins, Pickens, Porter, Perry, Roberts, Russel, Richardson, Ruffin, Riddick, Rowland, Sheppard, M. Scott, Salmon, J. Smith, D. Scott, Tate, Theams, Toole, Thompson, Townsend, Terrell, Vanhook, R. Williams, Walters, W. Williams, Wooton, Wade, Wynne, H. Yancey, J. Yancey—83.

NAYS—Messrs. Abernathy, Blackman, Brown, Barringer, Cameron, Cooke, Dowd, Deans, Farrell, Grist, Gaston, Houston, J. Harris, Hatch, Henderson, E. Harris, W. W. Jones, C. Jones, W. Johnson, Leonard, Moore, Moring, May, M'Lennon, Norwood, Pearson, Shaw, Speed, Skinner, W. Smith, J. Williams, Jonas Williams, R. White, E. Williams, and J. B. White—35.

Before this address was adopted, Mr. Edward Harris of Craven, moved that the following should be substituted instead of the above:

The General Assembly of the state of North Carolina, deeply impressed with a sense of your long and useful labours in the service of your country, take this opportunity of expressing their approbation of your administration as President of the United States of America, and particularly their approbation of your official conduct in relation to our late unhappy misunderstanding with the government of Great Britain. We feel confident that your best exertions to avert the calamities of war from our highly favored country, will be unremittingly used. During the hostilities which have harassed the fairest portion of Europe, the United States, by observing an honest neutrality, have flourished in an unexampled manner. We ardently hope that this happy state will continue; but if peace cannot be preserved on just and honorable terms, we declare for ourselves, and the freemen whom we represent, that we will exhaust our blood and treasure in support and defence of our rights and liberties. It is our sincere wish that providence may spare your life many years, that your country may have the benefit of your illustrious talents on all occasions which may call for the exercise of them.

YEAS—Messrs. Abernathy, Arnold, Atkinson, J. C. Bryan, J. Bryan, Blackman, Brown, Bynum, Barringer, Caldwell, Cochran, Cameron, Cooke, Davidson, Deans, Farnell, Grist, Gillespie, Glisson, Gaston, Hoskins, Houston, Hanner, J. Harris, Hatch, Henderson, E. Harris, W. W. Jones, E. Jones, C. Jones, Wm. Johnson, James, Leonard, C. Lanier, Moore, Moring, May, M'Lennon, Norwood, Porter, Pearson, Perry, Shaw, Skinner, W. Smith, Thompson, Vanhook, J. Williams, L. Walters, Jonas Williams, Wooton, R. White, E. Williams, J. B. White, Wade and H. Yancey—56.

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Saturday, December 12.

Mr. Pearson presented the following resolution:

Resolved, that a committee consisting of two members from each house, be appointed to contract with one of the printers on the lowest terms to print copies of the militia law of Congress, the militia law of this state, with the amendments thereto, and also so much of the Baron Steuben's Guide as is contained from the 3d to the 13th chapter inclusive, and the whole of the 25th chapter, one copy for each captain of the militia of this state. [This resolution was rejected in the Senate at the instance of General Well-