

True—Banks of the Dee.

THE beauties of Flora delightfully blooming,
The ladies of Britain, arrançage display'd,
More splendid in beauty from glory, arising;
When arches triumph'd, with them were array'd;
The Mero's illustrious had lately arrived.
Who all the pell-mell dangers of War had survived:
From whom all the blessings of Peace are derived,
Ca who the whole burden of Empire is laid.

The brilliant assembly of beauties advancing,
With harmony soothing, and scenery grand;
While fairies were for dispensing graces were placing,
The Hero himself condescended to stand.

Before him young virgin-gly flowers were flowing,
And all their rich fragrance delightfully blooming;
While musical strains were melodiously flowing;
Sensations of rapture that breath could withstand;

An ACT to regulate the time and manner
of administering certain oaths.

BE it enacted by the Senate and Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,—That the oath or affirmation required by the 6th article of the Constitution of the United States, shall be administered in the form following, viz.: "I A. B. do solemnly swear or affirm (as the case may be) that I will support the constitution of the United States."

The said oath or affirmation shall be administered within seven days after the passing of this act, by any one member of the Senate to the President of the Senate, and by him to all the members, and to the Secretary; and by the Speaker of the House of Representatives to all the members who have not taken a similar oath, by virtue of a particular resolution of the said House, and to the Clerk: And in case of the absence of any member from the service of either House, at the time prescribed for taking the said oath or affirmation, the same shall be administered to such member when he shall appear to take his seat.

And be it further enacted, That at the first session of Congress after every general election of representatives, the oath or affirmation aforesaid shall be administered by any one member of the House of Representatives to the speaker, and by him to all the members present, and to the Clerk, previous to entering on any other business; and all members who shall afterwards appear, previous to taking their seat. The President of the Senate being then also to administer the said oath or affirmation to each Senator, who shall hereafter be elected previous to his taking his seat. And in any future case of a President of the Senate, who shall not have taken the said oath or affirmation, the same shall be administered to him by any one of the members of the Senate.

And be it further enacted, That the members of the several state legislatures, at the next sessions of the said legislatures respectively, and all executive and judicial officers of the several states, who have been heretofore chosen or appointed, or who shall be chosen or appointed before the first day of August next, and who shall then be in office, shall within one month thereafter, take the said oath or affirmation, except where they shall have taken it before; which may be administered by any person authorized by the law of the state in which such office shall be held, to administer oaths.

And the members of the several state legislatures, and all executive and judicial officers of the several states who shall be chosen or appointed after the said first day of August, shall, before they proceed to execute the duties of their respective offices, take the foregoing oath or affirmation, which shall be administered by the person or persons who by the law of the state shall be authorized to administer the oath of office, and the person or persons so administering the oath hereby required to be taken, shall cause a record or certificate thereof to be made, in the same manner as by law of the state he or they shall be directed to record or certify the oath of office.

And be it further enacted, That all officers appointed or heretofore to be appointed, under the authority of the United States, shall, before they sit in their respective places, take the same oath or affirmation, which shall be administered by the person or persons who shall be authorized by law, to administer to such officers their respective oaths of office; and such officers shall incur the same penalties in the case of failure, as shall be imposed by law in case of failure in taking their respective oaths of office.

And be it further enacted, That the Secretary of the Senate, and the Clerk of the House of Representatives, for the time being, shall, at the time of taking the oath or affirmation aforesaid, each take an oath or affirmation in the words following, viz.: "I A. B. Secretary of the Senate, or Clerk of the House of Representatives (as the case may be) of the United States of America, do solemnly swear or affirm, that I will truly and faithfully discharge the duties of my said office, to the best of my knowledge and ability."

FREDERICK AUGUSTUS MUELENBERG,
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
JOHN ADAMS, Vice-President of the United States,
and President of the Senate,

Approved—June 16, 1789.

GEORGE WASHINGTON,
President of the United States.The ADDRESS of the BISHOPS of the Methodist Episcopal Church,
To THE PRESIDENT of the UNITED STATES.

WE, the Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, humbly beg leave, in the name of our society, collectively in these United States, to express to you the warm feelings of our hearts, and our sincere congratulations on your appointment to the Presidency of these states. We are confident, from the signal proofs you have already given, that you are a friend of mankind, and under this established idea, place as full a confidence in your wisdom and integrity, for the preservation of those civil and religious liberties which have been transmitted to us by the Providence of God and the glorious Revolution, as we believe, ought to be reposed in man.

We have received the most grateful satisfaction from the humble and entire dependence on the great governor of the Universe, which you have repeatedly expressed, acknowledging him the source of every blessing, and particularly of the most excellent Constitution of these states, which is at present the admiration of the world, and may in future become its great exemplar for imitation: And hence we enjoy a holy expectation that you will always prove a faithful and impartial patron of genuine vital religion—the grand end of our creation and present probationary existence. And we promise you our fervent prayers to the throne of grace, that God Almighty may endue you with all the graces and gifts of his holy spirit, that may enable you to fill up your important station, to his glory, the good of his church, the happiness and prosperity of the United States, and the welfare of mankind.

Signed in behalf of the Methodist Episcopal Church,
THOMAS COKE,
FRANCIS ASBURY.

New-York, May 29, 1789.

To which THE PRESIDENT was pleased to give the following answer.

To the BISHOPS of the METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
of the UNITED STATES of AMERICA.

GENTLEMEN,

I RETURN to you individually and through you, to your Society collectively, in the United States, my thanks for the demonstration of affection, and the expression of joy, offered in their behalf, on my late appearance. It shall be my endeavour to manifest the purity of my intentions, for promoting the happiness of mankind; as well as the sincerity of my desire to contribute what may be in my power towards the preservation of the civil and religious liberties of the American people. In pursuing this line of conduct, I hope by the assistance of Divine Providence, not altogether to disappoint the confidence which you have been pleased to repose in me.

It always affords me satisfaction, when I find a current of sentiment and practice between all conscientious men, in acknowledgment of homage to the great Governor of the Universe, and in professions of support to a just civil government. After mentioning the name of a President of the Senate, who shall not have taken the said oath or affirmation, the same shall be administered to him by any one of the members of the Senate.

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