

FRIDAY, May 18.

Mr. Gilman informed the House, that yesterday the joint committee of both houses presented to the President of the United States, an act for the encouragement of learning by securing the copies of maps, charts, and books to the authors and proprietors of such topics, during the times therein mentioned.

Also several resolution respecting arrays of pay due to officers and soldiers of the Virginia and N. Carolina lines of the late army.

The following motion of Mr. Gerry, in substance, was adopted. That whenever the ayes and noes are called on a particular question, the subject matter of such question shall be entered on the journals of the House.

Mr. Bodinot moved that the resolutions respecting the assumption of the state debts, which he laid on the table yesterday should now be taken into consideration by the House.

This motion was negatived—*2* to *19*.

Mr. Gerry then moved that they should be taken up on Monday next in the committee of the whole; Mr. Parker opposed this motion, after several observations in opposition to the assumption, moved that the subject should be referred to a committee of the whole, on the first Monday in December next; a long debate ensued, Mr. Lee moved next Monday week, and Mr. Livermore next Monday fortnight.

The first Monday in December, and next Monday fortnight were put and negatived. Next Monday week was finally agreed upon, when the resolutions are to be taken up by the committee of the whole House.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill for adjusting, and satisfying the claims of Frederick William de Steuben, were read. Mr. Goodloe moved that the consideration thereof should be postponed to the next session. This motion was opposed by Mr. Gerry, Mr. Vining, Mr. Smith, (S. C.) Mr. Page, Mr. Carroll and Mr. Livermore, and being put was negatived.

The several amendments were agreed to. That which proposes, after striking out the 7000 dollars, to add 500 dollars, to the annuity, was on motion of Mr. Thatcher, determined by ayes and noes.

Ayes.—Messrs. Ames, Benson, Bodinot, Burke, Cadwallader, Carroll, Clymer, Coles, Conice, Fitzsimons, Elroy, Gale, Gerry, Hartley, Heister, Huger, Huntington, Lawrence, Lt. Livermore, Moore, Muhlenbergh, Page, Parker, Scott, Sylvester, Smith, (M.) Trumbull, Tucker, Vining, White, Wynkoop.—*32*.

Nos.—Messrs. Ashe, Baldwin, Bloodworth, Brown, Fitter, Gilman, Goodloe, Griffin, Grout, Hathorne, Jackson, Leonard, Partridge, Radcliffe, Schureman, Seney, Sherman, Sinsckson, Smith, (M.) Steele, Stone, Sturges, Sumpter, Thatcher, Williamson.—*25*.

BRUSSELS, April 7.

Declaration of the Sovereign Congress of the United Provinces.

The Sovereign Congress of the United Provinces, having been informed that a public rumour is in circulation, of the Congress having entered into certain treaties and negotiations with foreign powers, contrary to the rights and liberties of the Republic, and Confederated Provinces, do hereby make this public declaration: That they have entered into no treaty or engagements of any sort with any foreign power, and that they neither have taken, nor intend to take, any steps with any foreign power tending in the most direct degree to affect the independence, the commerce, the finances, or the rights of the republic at large, or of any one province in particular. They therefore earnestly entreat all citizens to be on their guard against any impositions of that kind, which can only be made by ill-minded persons, whose aim it is to diminish the patriotic feelings of the citizens, to foment dissensions, and to alter the affections of the nation towards its Representatives.

Done in Congress, April 6, 1790.

(Signed)

Le R. de HAVEKERKE, President.
H. C. N. VANDER NGOT.

P. S. VAN EUPEN, Secretary.

April 9.

Yesterday the states of Brabant made public a plan of more equal representation of the people and professed an intention of redressing many grievances which have hitherto existed, and they lamented that reports should ever have gone abroad attributing to them any other sentiments.

The Clergy and Nobles have hitherto been exempted from paying duties upon wine, provisions of divers sorts, and other articles due to the city, &c. yesterday the Assembly of Civil Doyens, whose department those affairs belong to, signified that in future all ranks of people should be subject to the same impositions; happy would it have been for many who have proved the victims of the distinctions of the times, had these dawnings of justice and patriotism been manifested a little earlier. But since the grievous accusations preferred against General Vander Meisch arrived here last night with his Adjutant Mefenacker, insomuch reports of a dreadful contest having taken place between him and the army dispatched to his pursuit at Namur under General Schoenfeldt, have been circulated, but the truth appears to be, that M. Vander Meisch being apprised of the coming of about 4000 men in order of battle, towards Namur, put himself at the head of his men, amounting to near the same number, and marched out of the town in the same order; the two armies advanced in sight of each other, and M. Vander Meisch then advanced and met General Schoenfeldt, accompanied by deputies from the Sovereign Congress, a party entered, and the event was, that both armies marched amicably into Namur together; the horrors

of civil war were thus upon the point of breaking out with the greatest ferocity, but happily they were averted; some people affirm that Vander Meisch was captured by air upon his return to Namur, and obliged to give his parole to surrender himself here to the War-Office department, in which they attribute his arrival last night at eight o'clock.

The Count de Roziere, Governor of Namur has been in custody here since Wednesday, and it is said that the Comte de la Marck is guarded in view by 50 men at Namur. The moment is very precarious, and to add to the distress of the time, some fanaticism is to the very great prejudice of the town, have frightened away almost all the refugee Patriot Hollander who had taken their residence here, and whose annual expenditures always amounted to near two millions of florins; they struck up a handbill denouncing in thundering terms the vengeance which ought to be wreaked on Hollander, whom they accused of being traitor and fomenter of division in the country, and of fabricating base calumnies against the immortal Vander Nooit, adding, "it is time my countrymen to prescribe them three days to quit the city, and six days to leave the Belgian Province." Several of them alarmed at these threats, waited upon Mr. Vander Nooit to know whether the hard will was done with his privacy; he answered that it was not; they then requested that he would take them under his protection and answer for their safety in a public placard; this, he said, he was unable to do; however a placard was published by the states yesterday, intimating that they had seen with indignation the abuse made of the press, in the handbill above alluded to, and declared that it met with their hearty and severe disapprobation; the Hollander's were however mentioned, and this ambiguity was not favourable to their alarms, so that they are all departing with great precipitation, they take the road to Lille, and some men to establish themselves at Geneva.

The advanced posts of the army, at Namur, are reinforced by 300 men of M. Loche's Legion, 250 from Mons, and 250 other troops; the enemy are only at an hour's distance; and it is to be apprehended that an expedition into this country is resolved upon, for a Courier arrived here two days ago with a manifesto from Leopold, and further propositions, which he gives Congress only ten days to deliberate upon them. It has recalled Count Cobenzel and Traas and sent to Vienna, that his measures seem decided upon.

P. S. A letter from General Vander Meisch this moment come from the post, addressed to the states; "my lords," says he, "I am come here in pursuance of your command; & critics of the blackest nature are imputed to me; if I am guilty my death ought to fall; if I am innocent, as my concie nec iuris, I ought to be exculpated—death or reparation is then hard demand." This does not leave the language or conduct of guilt.

LONDON, April 1.

The revolution threatened in New Spain will make the court of Madrid, &c. very anxious to ingratiate itself with Great Britain, in abetting sedatives to revolt. About the year 1800, the Mexicans, tired of slavery, and groaning under the galling yoke of ecclesiastical hierarchy, employing the Marquis de Alvarado to offer Lord Shelburne, then minister of state, a large territory, and subsidy of three hundred thousand pounds a year for the assistance of two English frigates, and a regiment of infantry, and the expense of this fleet armament was to be paid by the colonists; but this proposal, though very advantageous, was refused by the cabinet, as it tended to promote rebellion.

The Prince de Conis, having returned to Paris, will probably induce several others of the French fugitive Princes to follow his example. The absence of many of the French nobility from their own country, is one cause of the great scarcity of ready money.

The diffusion of the family compact will be one of the advantages arising to Spain, from the revolution in France. The government of Madrid has already begun to shew its disposition towards the French revolutionists, by having laid a new additional duty of five per cent. on all French goods imported into Spain, and it is even said this regulation is to have a retrospective effect.

Spain was long ago weary of the family compact, can be little doubted. It involved Spain in war, from which she reaped nothing but loss and disgrace. Yet, until now, Spain had no pretence to break off the alliance from the first settlement in this city. Among other exigent usurpations, are a number of old Dutch pieces of brass, somewhat different from those in use at the present day, and more clumsy made; also the remains of a brass bell, and fragment of the Sophia of the last century, which in its better days might possibly have made a part of the warlike furniture of some honest Batavian, or might even have been in honour to have graced the side of the Commandant of L. Amsterdam.—Before the above, a few pieces of brass have been found—the most curious is a piece of brass about the body of the Right Honorable Lady Elizabeth Grey, wife of Geo. Hunter, who died the 8th of August 1716. This brass was always lately decayed.

MAY 6.
WAR between England and Spain.
HOUSE OF LORDS—MAY 5.
The Duke of Leeds informed the House that he had a Message from his Majesty to deliver to their Lordships, which Message was as follows:

THE KING'S MESSAGE.

His Majesty having received information that two ships under the British flag, and navigated by British sailors, and also that two other ships that have not yet been sufficiently ascertained, were captured in the Nootka Sound, on the Western coast of North America, by two ships commanded by Spanish Officers, the names of which were seized, and the sailors taken prisoners, and sent into a Spanish Port.

"That before this official information was received it was known that one ship belonging to this country had been captured, an application for which had been made to the Court of Spain by the British Ambassador at Madrid, to have her and her cargo released.—In this order were accordingly given by that Court for this purpose, but that before this, the Vice-Roy of Mexico had restored this ship, under the idea that the Spaniards were ignorant of the rights of Spain, and because he had received orders from his Court to treat every regard to the British nation.—That the Spaniard claimed an exclusive privilege to the trade, navigation, and fisheries of those coasts.—That the capture of these British ships which had not been released had been mentioned to the Spanish Ambassador to State to his Court. That the same ships had been laid before the Court of Spain by our Ambassador of Madrid, but that no satisfaction of restitution had been made by that Court. That his Britannick Majesty was extremely anxious that the same harmony and friendship should subsist between the two Courts as on former occasions; at the same time being informed that several armaments were now equipping in the ports of Spain—he recommended it to his faithful Commons to take into consideration the increase of the armaments of this country, so as to enable him to support and maintain the honour and dignity of his crown, and the real interest of his people."

GENERAL PRESS.

The consequences naturally resulting from this behaviour of the Court of Spain, have been, a message from his Majesty, and an exertion on the part of the Members of Administration, to make proper preparations for reducing the insult offered to the British flag by the capture of those vessels. Accordingly Pres. Warre was called on Tuesday at two o'clock, and at one o'clock yesterday morning, a very smart and general press took place on the River, and in the course of several hours, almost every merchant ship between London and Gravesend was stripped of its crew.

By the returns made to the Admiralty yesterday, the number of men secured in the River on Tuesday night amounts to near 2000. No doubt this number is considerably increased by a general press throughout every seaport in the kingdom.

NAVAL ARMAMENT.

On Tuesday morning, an express arrived at Admiral Rudderham's, at Portsmouth, ordering the Southampton, Peguis, Nautilus, Fermeant, Flirt, and Drake to sail on that night, on special services. The captain of the Guardships were likewise ordered to sleep on board, and the Hebe was directed to follow the Peguis, &c. the next morning.

Besides these orders, the Admiralty Board thought proper yesterday, to order the following ships to be immediately put in commission:

Royal Sovereign 100. Victory 100. Foudroyant 74. Prince Regent 74. Royal Sovereign 74. Robust 74. Alexander 74. Alfred 74. Conqueror 74. Canada 74. Ariosto 36. Minerva 36. La Nymphe 36. La Prudente 36. Delimont 36. Isabella 32. Wimborne 32. Hinde 28. Tiger 28. Cyclops 28. Boras 28. Dido 20. Zephyrus, fire-ship 12.

A frigate has already been despatched to Gibraltar—and it is supposed that a squadron will immediately follow it.

NEW-YORK, June 19.

APPOINTMENTS—By Authority.

Edward Church, of Georgia, formerly of Massachusetts, of the United States of America, for the port of Bilbao.

Thomas Auldey, Vice Consul for the port of Cozze.

The Rev. Etienne Cathalan, Vice Consul for the port of Marseilles.

John Parry, Vice Consul for the port of Hamburg.

A letter from Paris of April 25, says, that all was quiet in that kingdom—and all fears of a counter revolution at an end.

Dublin newspapers mention, that "the Royal Academy of Arts and Sciences, in that kingdom, have elected JAMES BOWDISH, Esq. late Governor of Massachusetts, to be an honorary member of that Society."

Thomas Auldey, Vice Consul for the port of Cozze.

Common Stick Fans.

Quality & Shoe Binding.

Cotton and Silk Flags.

Handkerchiefs.

Bandingdo.

Rosaldo.

Barclay.

Mulini.

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