

Mr. FOX said his Right Hon. friend could hardly be said to be out of order. He considers it, no doubt, as a day of privilege, on which every gentleman may indulge his antipathy to any particular species of government, and vent his bile, by abusing in the grossest terms what ever system of laws he thinks proper. My honorable friend has selected, as the victim of his rage, the constitution of France; another Gentleman may think fit to abuse the government of Turkey; a third may rail at Confucius; a fourth may vilify the constituents of the Hindoos; and a fifth may pour forth a torrent of indignation on the political doctrines of Zoroaster. Each of those gentlemen may say, how did I know whether the law of Zoroaster, or Confucius, or Hindoo, &c. might not be proposed as a model of imitation in forming the government of Canada? I therefore of opinion, that my Hon. Friend is perfectly in order.

Mr. Burke complained of Mr. Fox, who he said was charging him with grosses of abuse against the French government, had grossly abused him. He was as much in error as Mr. Fox had been on the same subject, when he bestowed so many encomiums on it. He said the present debate resembled the National Assembly, for Mr. Cæsar could never speak without a roar.

Mr. Taylor called Mr. B. to order—on which Mr. B. spoke to order, and complained that gentlemen had stepped in between his alteration and his proof.—He had altered it naked terms, that “the French government was the offspring of the most abhorred, mad, and wicked democracy that ever disgraced the annals of the human race”—and he meant to prove it such.—But gentlemen, to make him a rater, were determined to prevent him.

(To the expostion of the English paper,) the house was in great uproar—six or eight members calling to order—but]

Mr. Burke proceeded by saying, that some gentlemen appeared to touch on the merits of France, but that in his opinion there was more danger in supporting than in agitating the question. I am convinced, that no man here wills to alter the constitution of this country, but there are men abroad who will to involve the nation in confusion. There are men who have conceived the internal project of overturning fundamentally the constitution of this country. The schemes of democracy are rising into—(here some Members cried out Where?) Where? yes, I could say where, continued Mr. Burke, and perhaps the day is not far off, when coercive measures may be necessary. (A cry of Chair! Chair!) I believe sincerely, that the leaders of the party in this house, and that the great body of the people, are firmly attached to the constitution; that it is rooted in their bosoms, and embosomed in their affections; but we ought to remember, that even a small minority have sometimes overthrown the government of the majority. I would not mention the subject at all, if I did not know that the French democrates are as anxious to stifle protestants to their pernicious principles, and to extend the empire of democracy, as ever Louis the Fourteenth was ambitious of making conquests. I would not mention the subject, did I not know that the French carry on a correspondence with certain persons here; did I not know that they had their pensioners in this country. Their designs are evident enough, from the manner in which the National Assembly received the address of a correspondent, or rather an acquaintance of mine, who took upon himself the character of AMBASSADOR TO THE HUMAN RACE (according to the Berlin Croquet de Val de Grace, under the Spurster to the Department of foreign nations at Paris.)

[Mr. Anstruther here called Mr. R. to order—and demanded of him, if he knew of any conspiracy against the Government of Great Britain, to come forward with a specific motion for the purpose of crushing the various contrivances of such a design.—Much applause increased.]

Mr. Burke said that he knew that but few persons were as yet justified with the FRENCH MALADES, [a loud laugh]—and before he should think of bringing forward a serious proposition on the subject of conspiracy, it would be prudent to try whether the growing indignity may not be discouraged and frowned down, as was by the rebuffing of this house. He would, he said, endeavour to discuss the tumour before he attacked it with the knife.

Here several motions of order were made.—Mr. Pitt was for having a free discussion and comparison of any governments.—Lord Sheffield, Mr. Gray, Mr. Fox, Mr. Sheridan, and others said, that narratives of the French Revolution had no connection with the Bill for regulating the government of Canada: And that this last sentiment should be a rule in the debate was moved by Lord Sheffield, and seconded by Mr. Fox.

Mr. Fox expressed a great degree of concern in being obliged to support the motion before the Committee as he considered the government and situation of France to be wholly unconcerned with the establishment of a Constitution for Canada.—Whenever it was proposed to give them a Government assimilating in any degree, or drawn from that now forming in France, it would be the proper time, no doubt, for offering opinions on that subject. Such a proposition had not yet been made, and he thought it rather unlikely in Mr. Burke to have chosen that as the time for delivering his opinions, when he must be aware that the Minister had, on that subject misinterpreted the speech of his, his nearest and dearest friend. He professed to hold no opinions of any kind which he was at any time solicitous to conceal; and if the minister wished to draw from him any public declaration, he might easily accomplish it without risking Mr. Burke's infamy through which that was to be obtained. He had no ob-

jection to a public avowal of his sentiments, but he detested, and revolted at the idea of being catalogued on any political subject, much more did he dislike them, they might affect them as they thought proper.

[To be continued.]

LONDON, May 18.  
The person employed by the Committee appointed to inquire into the temperature of the air in the House of Commons, finished the work he had undertaken, of conveying hot and cold air into the body of the House, on Saturday night last. The pipes that convey the hot air are made of clay, and those through which the cold air is brought, are of cast iron.

The principal part of the work is constructed under the tall hall leading into Westminster-hall from Old Palace-yard, in a room known by the name of Burgis Court, through the ceiling of which the pipes are carried, and from thence under part of the floor of the House, within two feet of the Clerk's table. Two thermometers to be hung up in different parts of the House, by applying to which, the temperature of the air may always be known.

May 19.—Outlooks of a general peace do not arise from any intelligence from the north. The Turks are now desirous of making peace on the terms proposed by the Empress—viz That Ossakow and its dependencies shall be ceded to Russia—and we have the best reason to believe that this measure has lately been recommended to the Turks by our court, rather than proceed hancememt. The Empress, on the other hand, exacts in her late answer, that she is ready to accept of these terms, notwithstanding all the advantages the has gained since her first declaration of them.

An American fleet arrived at Cadiz the beginning of this month, and forty we are to see that their success may more satisfactory from their commerce with any other country than Great-Britain.

The government of Spain looks with anxiety upon the effects the revolution is a part of the House of Bourbon is likely to produce in the dominions of its own country. The removal of the Count de Champanne, president of the county of Castile, to make way for Cifuentes, a nobleman whose sentiments are known to be opposite to those of his predecessor, has occasioned some political speculation.

About two months ago, the unnatural father of a girl near ten years old, who had been previously in a bad state of health, took her to a celebrated apothecary, and offered her to him for seven guineas, and to keep till the dead, adding that he understood he could not live many days. Shocked at the inhuman bargain, the gentleman had him immediately secured, and sent for magistrate. The law, however, not reaching an act of this kind, they were obliged reluctantly to discharge him; but the girl was kept, and by the humane attention of the above gentleman, in whose family she now is, has been perfectly restored to health and vigour.

The papers have a story of an unnatural father, who sold his daughter to an anatomist.—We recollect a case of a woman who sold her husband just as he expired, for two guineas: but then she had some excuse—for she said, it was the “only money he earned, which he did not drink.”

PHILADELPHIA, July 27.  
Extract of a letter from Brigadier General Charles Scott, to the Secretary for the Department of War, dated Lexington, the 20th of June, 1791—received by Lieut. Belli, who arrived in town yesterday afternoon from the Western Country.

“IN protection of the enterprise, I marched four miles from the banks of the Ohio on the 2d of May, and on the 4th I resumed my march, and pushed forward with the utmost industry, directing my route to Quillanian, in the best manner my guides and information enabled me, though I found myself greatly deficient in both.

“By the 5th, I had marched one hundred and thirty-five miles, over a country cut by four large branches of White river, and many smaller streams, with steep muddy banks: During this march, I traversed a country alternately interspersed with the most luxuriant foil and deep clayey bog, from one to five miles wide, rendered almost impervious by brush and briars. Rain fell in torrents every day, with frequent blasts of wind and thunder storms. These obstacles impeded my progress, wore down my horses, and destroyed my provisions.

“On the morning of the 11th, as the army entered an extensive prairie, I perceived an Indian on horseback, a few miles to the right: I immediately made a detachment to intercept him, but he escaped. Finding myself discovered, I determined, in advance with the rapidity my circumstances would permit, rather with the hope than an expectation of reaching the object sought that day, for my guides were strangers to the country, which I occupied. At 1 o'clock, having marched by computation one hundred and fifty miles from the Ohio, I penetrated a grove, which bordered on an extensive prairie. I discovered two small villages to my left, at two and four miles distance.

“My guides now recognized the ground, and informed me that the main town was four or five miles in my front, behind a point of wood which jutted into the prairie. I immediately detached Col. John Hardin, with fifty mounted infantry, and a troop of light horse under Capt. M' Coy, to attack the villages to the left, and moved on briskly, with my main body, in order of battle, towards the town, the smoke from which was discernible. My guides were deceived with respect to the situation of the town, for instead of standing at the edge of the plain, through which I marched, I found it in the low ground bordering on the Wabash, on turning the point of wood, one house presented in my front. Captain Price was oc-

cupied to attack that with forty men: He exerted the command with great gallantry, and killed two warriors. When I gained the summit of the eminence which overlooks the villages on the banks of the Wabash, I observed the enemy in great confusion, endeavouring to make their escape over the river, in canoes. I instantly ordered Lieutenant Colonel Commandant Wilkinson, to rush forward with the full battalion: the order was executed with promptitude, and this detachment gained the bank of the river just as the rear of the enemy had embarked, and regardless of a brisk fire kept up from a Kickapoo Town, on the opposite bank, they in a few minutes, by a well directed fire from their rifles, destroyed all the Savages with which five canoes were crowded.

To my great mortification the Wabash was many feet beyond fording at this place. I therefore detached Col. Wilkinson to a ford two miles above, which my guides informed me, was more practicable.

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Colonel Wilkinson marched with this detachment half after five in the evening, and returned to my camp the next day at one o'clock, having marched thirty six miles in twelve hours, and destroyed the most important settlement of the enemy in that quarter of the federal territory. In No. 3, you will find the colonel's report respecting the enterprise.

“Many of the inhabitants of this village were French, and lived in a state of civilization: by the books, letters and other documents found there, it is evident that place was in close connection with, and dependent on Detroit; a large quantity of corn, a variety of household goods, petry and other articles were learned with this village, which consisted of about 70 houses, many of them well finished.

“Misunderstanding the object of a white flag, which appeared on an eminence opposite to me in the afternoon of the 11th, I liberated an aged squaw and sent with her a message to the savages, that if they would come in and surrender, their town should be spared and they should receive good treatment.

“After the cloud made its first appearance, at about two o'clock, it arose and moved on, with unusual quickness, from the westward. As it approached, it was remarkably black and angry. In about half an hour after its first appearance, it poured forth its contents in a tremendous manner. The most violent gale of wind came first, which, on account of the dryness of the ground, carried along dirt and gravel stones, which made a perfect tempest of wind and sand: This was soon followed with rain, which served to lay the dusty flower. The ringing of the wind still continued, and the water poured from the clouds, to appearance more like a flood than a shower, in a few minutes the rain was mixed with hail of an unusual size. The violence of the wind, water and hail, was attended with injurious consequences. The wind took off part of the roofs from several dwelling houses, and levelled some other buildings with the ground. The apple trees, which in this place have scattered the farms with hopes of more years than for many years past, were very much shaken by their apples, some were torn up by the roots; others rent and split to pieces.—And even many sturdy oaks were overthrown and shattered to pieces. Board fences in some places are carried off to a distance: And stone walls, for several rods together, was blown almost down to the ground. And fences in general were more overthrown, than they usually are in the spring of the year. The enormous size and injurious effects of the wind added to the horror of the scene: Some of it was found of the biggest of an orange ball: Others were of a flat elongated form. Some persons of veracity have asserted, that an hour after the shower was over, when their bark, which was much leached, they measured some pieces of ice that came down, and found them to be three inches in circumference each. And the effects of the hail give credit to what they say. The impressions made on the sides of buildings and fences by my provisions, were irreparable obstructions, to my own intentions, and the wishes of all.

“It is with much pride and pleasure I mention, that as of inhumanity, has marked the conduct of the volunteers of Kentucky on this occasion, even the inextinguished habit of scalping the dead, ceased to influence their objects will justify my conduct, and secure the approbation of my country.

“On the same day, after having burned the town and adjacent villages, and destroyed the growing corn and maize, I began my march for the rapids of Ohio, where I arrived the 14th instant, without loss of a single man by the enemy, and five only wounded, killing thirty two, two, chiefly warriors of size and figure, and taking fifty eight prisoners.

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“I have delivered forty one prisoners to Capt. Achenbach of the first United States regiment at Fort Grafton.

“I sincerely lament, that the weather and the con-

sequences it produced, rendered it impossible for me to

carry terror and desolation to the head of the Wabash.

“The corps I had the honor to command, was equal to

the object, but the condition of my horses and state

of my provisions, were irreparable obstructions, to my

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“It would be ridiculous to make objection in corps

which appears to be animated with one soul, and

where a competition for danger snobbishly inspired all ranks.

“I however consider it my duty to mention Col.

John Lardin, who, in the character of a volunteer,

“It shall appear in our next.

with out command had command of my advance party, and the direction of my guides from the Ohio River, for the disinterment, courage and activity with which he performed the task I required in him. And I cannot close this letter in justice to the merits of general Wilkinson, who went out his Lieutenant Colonel Commandant, without acknowledging my obligations for the faithful discharge of the several duties devolving on him and the able support which gave me in every exigency.”

General WILKINSON's Report.  
Camp, Ossakow, June 3d, 1791.  
One O'Clock, P.M.

SIR,

The detachment under my command, defined to attack the village of Ketheridge, was put in motion at half past five o'clock last evening. Knowing that an enemy who chose dependence in its diversity, as a marksmen, and alighted in covering himself behind trees, stumps, and other impediments to fair fight, would not hazard an action in the light, determined to push on until I approached the vicinity of the village, where I knew the country to be champaign. I gained my point without shaft, 20 minutes before one o'clock, by some arms until one o'clock, and half an hour after assaulted the town at quarters.

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