

Sered, squeezed the blood out of them into the wine, and drank it. An event giving rise to such enormities was not even fit to be celebrated by Christians—such a celebration was his celebration of the brutal vicissitudes of a mob, and was calculated alone to excite mirth, not by a mob, in this country. To that excited mirth, and not to his Unitarian principles, had the Doctor to attribute his subsequent sufferings; for he could desire that he did not suffer a single man at Birmingham, who made part of the mob, knew, or thought about the sin or worth of William & Mary, or any other penal statutes against the profectors of particular tenets. Religious persecution did not at present exist in this country; but in that held up for our example, it did with the greatest violence. What he was about to state he would state on the authority of the Minister of the interior of France; by his authority it appeared that so persons were now in prison at Brest for their religion—that so were driven for shelter to Jersey, & more to London. From the same authority he could also state, that, out of So. Department, into which France was divided, 42 were in a state of the most horrid by persecutions, which had ravaged and laid waste the whole land. But it might be said, this was the fault of the old religion, and he did not dare but it might be seriously imputed to the former French establishment; for in those modern times, when Gentlemen were illuminated by French lights, they had discovered new meanings for old words—they had formed a vocabulary, in which the overruling of ancient establishments was denoted by the word “Reformation,” and the opposition to it, “cruel novelties.”

“William Pritchard, Birmingham, the son of Dr. Priestly, desiring to be admitted to the bar. The Assembly decided that he should be instantly admitted. He accordingly came to the bar.

M. Francois said that Mr. Priestly wrote and spoke French with great fluency, but he had a voice extreme-

ly weak, and therefore begged to be permitted to read his address.

“William Pritchard, Birmingham, the son of Dr.

Priestly, to the Representatives of the French people.

“William Pritchard, Desirous to pay the just tribute of his respects, to the firm Magistrates of a people, who have deserved themselves so famous not only in England but in all nations who set a value on liberty, on energy and virtue. ‘Go,’ said his father to him—‘go and live among brave and hospitable people; learn from them to detest tyranny, and to love liberty.’”

“William Pritchard, it is therefore come into the custody of Frenchmen—to purpose so fix his residence there; and he desires to enjoy the rights of a French citizen, a title which he prefers on hundred times that of a King of an arbitrary State. If he becomes a member of a foreign people, who will honor him by their adoption, he shall always have present to his memory and heart, in the exercise of his duties as a citizen and a soldier, the publick spirit of the nation, the energy of its magistrates, and the lessons of his father.”

To this address the President returned the following answer.

“All freemen are brothers, and certainly it is not without pride that France will adopt the son of Dr. Priestly. The Assembly invites you to the honour of the fitting.”

The short address of Mr. Priestly was received with the most enthusiasm.

M. Francois then pronounced a speech in praise of the shining talents, virtues and sufferings of Dr. Priestly. “Let us give thanks to God,” said M. Francois, for the victory which brings us and fixes in France the son of Dr. Priestly, and let us seize this opportunity to convert into a grand act of national gratitude, that whenever the citizens and societies of the kingdom have addressed to this celebrated martyr of the French Revolution, *Vérité*, was in former times the asylum of Kings vanquished by their rivals, or expelled by their people. May the Nation Assembly be to day, as it will be forever, the asylum of persecuted virtuous. The welcome given to the son of Dr. Priestly will do more honour to France, than the reception which it formerly gave to the rebel and traitor polity of the house of Stuart, who drew out along and miserable existence at our court, and languished in despair of not being able to sacrifice their people to their church.

“I demand that letters of naturalization be granted to William Pritchard, and that the committee of legislation be directed to pass a law of the decree.”

JUNE 11. MADAME DEON.

An extract of a petition from Madame D'Eon, was read, setting forth that although she had worn the dress of a woman for fifteen years, she had never forgotten that she was formerly a soldier; that since the Revolution she feels her military ardour revive, and demands, indeed other cap and petticoats, her helmet, her sabre, her horse, and the rank in the army to which her seniority, her services, and her wounds entitle her; but give no countenance to such men who hold up and applaud those who have put a stop to all education, as the French have done, in their suppression of schools, and who, as they have destroyed all religion, are proceeding to do away all morality, by having already made marriage a civil contract, to be dissolved like all other contracts. The National Assembly having made marriage annullable in men, have lately taken a measure to subvert all decency in women; they had admitted at one of their sittings a woman to come to the bar as a mother, without being a wife, claiming for her children the rights of legitimacy; this woman instead of having been given to the Barde to be scourged from the bar for her audacity, had been applauded, and her request complied with; and thus had the Assembly given public sanction to debauchery. Soon after this the lowest class of the women went in a body to the Assembly to sue for to be armed and officered. At this request, the national guards struck back, and the assembly thought prudent to refuse the request; the women, however, had armed themselves with the most horrid weapons to fight the National Guards, and had incorporated themselves with a body of pikemen, who were to act as a check on the National guards, the guards of the Assembly itself. This body the Assembly had not thought prudent, or had not dared, to separate and dismiss; but on the contrary, they infected this banditry of scoundrels to pass through their hall with plaudits. But this was the government held out for the imitation of England—a government, in which every vice that could be named was over-topped—a government, from which every honest man must shrink with horror. He, for one, and he hoped and trusted the majority of the nation, would act in the same manner, was determined to spend his last breath, and the last drop of his blood, if necessary, to prevent such an example being imitated in this country. He was desirous of seeing civil and religious liberty maintained—he was desirous of a continuation of order—he wished to have some religion preserved—he was not desirous of having schools destroyed, and every thing tending to morality annihilated. He wished to leave to his children those blessings he had handed down to him by his ancestors—laws, religion, morality—discipline and subordination in an army, manners in men, and chastity in women—for these reasons he objected to going into the proposed Committee, at the acquisition of such men as the petitioners; on the acts themselves he should not advance a syllable; but, for the principal reason he had just now signed gave his negative to the motion.

Mr. Smith spoke in support of the motion, and entered into a general defense of the Unitarians.

[See remainder in our next.]

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF FRANCE.

JUNE 8.

The President read a note from Mr. William Pritchard.

such an extraordinary event, the inhabitants desired a black line to be drawn round the spot, wherefrom whence he fell.

CAPTURE OF SERINGAPATAM, AND PEACE WITH TIPPOO SULTAN.

BASSETTERRE, (St. Christopher,) July 10.

A vessel bound from England to Dominica, left with a ship dispatched by Lord Cornwallis, from the East Indies, with the glorious news of the defeat of Tipoo, and the surrender of his capital. The Capt. of the Indianan hailed the above vessel, and desired his commander to come on board, which he did, and found there, Lord Cornwallis's Aid de camp, who wrote a short letter to Governor Orde, and caused him the Madras Gazette with the particulars. A gentleman whose veracity may be depended on arrived here from Dominica. He saw the Gazette, which mentions, “That Lord Cornwallis passed on the first with the greatest vigour—the scarcity of the Army general, and the sterility with which the approaches were carried on by Gen. Meadows, was such, that notwithstanding every inch of ground was bravely and vigorously defended by Tipoo, who commanded in person every part of danger, the enemy were drove into their own works, and the Sultan and garrison were confined to the citadel, from whence he offered to make any terms of peace Lord Cornwallis might dictate.

Tipoo surrendered by capitulation.

It is reported that Tipoo had

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