

rendered it necessary for him to require a speedy consideration of the whole business in order to do away with the prejudices which had probably taken place in the minds of many of the citizens of the United States. For these reasons he moved, that the said report should be referred to a committee of the whole. Seconded by Mr. Clarke, ordered that it be taken up accordingly next Wednesday.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a letter from Mr. Meredithe, Treasurer of the United States, inclosing several accounts of the receipt and expenditure of the public money. Ordered to be printed (100 copies) for the use of the members.

Mr. Goodhue moved for a committee, to bring in a bill for regulating ships and vessels, and those employed in the coasting trade. Ordered, that Mells, Goodhue, Thimbleton, and Parker, be the committee on this subject.

Mr. White presented a memorial from Joseph Barns, attorney for James Rumsey, praying the House to take up his former petition, respecting the enacting another law for the encouragement of useful arts, & complaining that the law now in force is altogether insufficient for the purpose of securing authors and inventors of machinery, &c. from the piracy and frauds of pretended importers. Read and ordered to lie on the table.

The order of the day being called for, Mr. Lawrence in the Chair, the speech of the President, delivered yesterday to Congress, was taken up, and on motion of Mr. Smith, S. C. the following resolve was agreed to—"That a committee be appointed to prepare and report a respectful address to the residents of the United States, in answer to his speech delivered to both Houses of Congress at the opening of the present session; with assurances, that they would take into consideration the important matters therein contained." An amendment was moved for, striking out the word "important"; but it was negatived, as being a word of too much importance to be neglected. The resolution therefore was carried in substance as above, and the committee so appointed by the Speaker to prepare the answer in conformity with the said resolve.

A message was delivered by Mr. Lear from the President of the United States, communicating to the House, sundry documents referred to by him in his address to both Houses yesterday, viz. a statement of the appropriation of the funds, certified by the proper officers. A representation from the chief justice and associate justices of the courts of the United States, complaining of the great severity of the duties imposed on them in being obliged to attend the circuit courts which occasioned them to spend a large portion of their lives in the act of travelling, which ought not to be expected from men far advanced in years, unless in case of necessity. That they were almost constantly forced to be absent from their families, and their health daily impaired by the fatigues and burthen of their office. And, further, that a modification may speedily take place in the judiciary system.

Another memorial was also amongst the papers sent with the President's message from the judges of North-Carolina containing a detail of the inconveniences to which they were subjected by the law respecting the claim of widows, orphans, and invalid pensioners. Both those communications request that Congress may afford a modification of the judiciary system of the United States, which in some instances, they affirm, to be not only burdensome and unmercifully severe, but absolutely impossible in the execution.

The next document was the constitution of the state of Kentucky.

The clerk of the House proceeded to read some of the abovementioned papers—and finished that respecting the appropriation of the funds, as ordered by law, in the department of state. These were what had been communicated to the President by Mr. Jefferson, and contained details of monies paid to the persons employed at foreign courts, &c. up to the 3d of November 1792, amounting in the whole to 1,43,500 dollars.

These sums have been paid principally to Colonel Henry Phillips, Portugal; Governor Morris, Paris; Mr. Short, in the Hague; Mr. Carmichael at Madrid; &c. &c. Mr. Secretary Jefferson's communication further contains an analysis of the expenses of the Department of state from the 1st July 1790, to the 1st July 1791, and from thence to the first July 1792. During the former period the amount was 21,075 dollars 15 cents. The latter is about 23,000 dollars. These papers were referred to a committee, and then the House proceeded to the other parts of the President's message, some of which being of a confidential nature, the galleries were ordered to be cleared.

PHILADELPHIA Nov. 6.

A gentleman arrived on Tuesday from Cape-François, informs us, that the colony, at the time of his departure, which was the 21st of last month, was in a more disaffected state than it had been at any period since the rebellion of the negroes. Discord and confusion seemed to have erected their standard at the Cape—Party spirit is wound up to a pitch that the soldiers are equal, even in the most violent and dastardly revolts.—The common and inveterate enemy of the white people (the rebel negroes) is nearly forgotten—and the colonies are totally absorbed in animosity against each other.

The 19th ult. witnessed a scene as unjust as it was bloody. At some future time perhaps we may have it in our power to relate every minute preceding circumstance that gave birth to the fatal transaction of the 19th. At present we must content ourselves with relating the leading occurrences of that day—conclusive that, however disagreeable the account may be, it is of importance to make respectable inhabitants of this state. The morning of the 19th was ushered in by the heat of the general, at 4 o'clock the drummers were preceded by fifty soldiers, and followed by as many of the rabble, who called themselves patriotic troops. There was then assembled, on the Place d'Armes, and had been under arms the whole night, to the number of about 800. This created an alarm among all the citi-

zens; but, however, few of them joined the party of the Place d'Armes. Those already under arms, during the resistance of the citizens to join them, beat the general a second time, about 7; threatening at the same time to break into the houses of such as did not join them. This had the desired effect; for, at 10 o'clock, there numbered above 2000 horse and foot at the Place d'Armes, all completely armed.

The first fire they took, was to send a strong detachment to the artillery park, to seize all the field pieces that were fit for service. This was accordingly immediately executed; for the cannoneers, or artillerymen, as soon as the patriots presented themselves, only delivered up the field pieces, but joined them, and accompanied the troops to the Place d'Armes. Emboldened by this first success, they sent a deputation to the commissary es-nationaux-civils, acquainting them that the citizens had taken arms, not with any intention of disturbing the peace of the colony, or rendering the law, but solely with the determined purpose of sending prisoners to Europe, such of their chums as they now were clandestinely supplying the rebel army with arms, ammunition, &c. of whom they had 1,600. Among these were Mells, Cambefort, Towne, most of the officers of the Regiment of the Capoë, Ponet, Roche, Fontaine, &c. &c. to the number of 44—all persons to whom the colony was under a multitude of obligations. The commissioners returned however, that whatever was the will of the people, they would endeavor to satisfy; but at the same time requested they would take no precipitate or illegal measures; and asked for three days to deliberate on the measure proposed to them. The patriots, different with the answer, replied that, they would only seize them one half hour, and then, if their conduct was not complied with they would themselves take full arms as would rid them of those persons that were obnoxious to them. Whilst all this was carrying on by the patriots, M. d'Esparbes, the General, had called out all the regular troops on the Champ de Mars, and also the battalions de Lénaix, a patriotic corps. When he received the intelligence that the ardent had been forced by the patriots, and the field pieces carried off, he made a short harangue to his troops, acquainting them with what had happened, adding, that as that should be entrusted to their care, it was their duty to treat them; he said, he would head them in the struggle, if they would follow him. To this they answered, Oui, ouï, vive le Général! At this moment a requisition was sent by the commissaries, setting on his ordering the troops back to their quarters. His answer was, that the safety of the Cape did not permit him to take such a step, whilst the citizens remained under arms in such numbers, and that, till the cause were returned to the arsenals, he positively would do it. The commissioners sent a second requisition, with as little effect. By this time the patriots were fatigued of the proceedings at the Champ de Mars, for which they were exasperated, that they were still obliged to march and attack them. However, they were gratified upon a wait some time longer, and exacted the issue of the endevours of the commissioners to the governor despatched the regular troops to their quarters.

To this end, (they the commissioners) sent a reinforcement to the troops, by which such did not return the barracks, were declared rebels, and infliction of the law. This immediately induced the national assembly to go to the Champ de Mars—but instead of going quietly to their barracks, they joined the Patriotic Regiment du Cap, seeing themselves abandoned by their troops, acquainted the General, that they had been informed, that the ferment among the citizens had been caused by the usurping they had of a correspondence between their Colonels, their officers, and the rebel Negroes; and rather than spill the blood of the citizens who would accompany their officers to Europe. The Governor immediately went to the Commissioners, and acquainted them with the resolution of the soldiers of the regiment du Cap. This was immediately communicated to the Patriots, accompanied with a sufficient assurance, that their people should be spared the course of three days. But they still insisted on their being sent off that very day. With the Commissioners at last agreed to comply. In consequence of this, one of them, accompanied by M. d'Esparbes went to the barracks and acquainted M. de Cambefort and his officers, that they might march to go on board a ship in the afternoon. The soldiers were then sent to their quarters, and laid down their arms. A body of volunteers on horseback, called the Gardes Nationales, composed of the most wealthy respectable inhabitants of the Cape, who had joined Mons. Cambefort, till refused to consent to his being shipped off. They in consequence seized a field piece that was in the barracks, which they pointed more & more to the place where the patriots were assembled, and bid them defiance during two hours. However, the moment the Commissioners commanded them in the name of the law and the nation, they quitted the field-piece, and surrendered themselves; but the moment they arrived among the rebels, several of them cried out—la lanterne!—la lanterne! Upon which, a captain laid hold of the shoulder of the commanding officer of the Gardes Nationales, M. de Cambefort, seized one of his pistols, with which he struck thro' the head. —The rest of the troops were beaten by the patriots; six of them were killed, and seven wounded. The others saved themselves by flight. We must not forget to mention that Mons. Gruet was mangled in a most inhuman manner: his head cut off, thrown up in the air, and the critics of *les amis* / and afterwards kicked about like a football! The soldier then hit his cloak in pieces, dipped them in blood, tied them to their forefingers, and thus exultingly paraded the streets with these bloody trophies. In the afternoon Mons. Cambefort, his lady, Mme. Focard and their infant, were on board a ship of war (*L'América*) under a gun. The next day the Governor, Mells, Roche, Fontaine, Roget, and several others were also sent on board a

ship. Be pleased to inform them, that in exchange for their freedom, they will be apprised of our ports with oils and wines, besides other articles and commodities which may suit their wants. Inform them, that the citizens of Marcellin will do every thing in their power to encourage the American trade, and that in this instance, in particular, they will consider a compliance with their wishes, as proof of the fraternal friendship that exists between the two nations.

It is worthy of your character, to cherish such sentiments, the dissemination of which will contribute the happiness of your nation. You have toiled for the liberty of your country, and by securing the universal rights of man, you have gained that, in particular, the mayor, municipal officers, and public attorney for the community of Marcellin.

(Signed)

MAURAILLE, mayor.

[Here follow the signatures of the other officers of the municipality of Marcellin.]

BOSTON Nov. 4.
From a CORRESPONDENT, CONCORD.

Extract of a letter from Mr. Carleton, vice consul of the United States, at Marcellin, to the Secretary of State, dated Marcellin, Aug. 2, 1792.

I defer your consideration a very interesting matter, explained in full in a memoir which I have prepared in the municipality of Marcellin, of which I send you here enclosed a copy, dated the 10th instant, to the subject of wheat and flour, to which I beg leave to refer to you. We are in the greatest apprehension of being in great need of these, so necessary commodities, and of seeing prices gradually rise from \$4 per barrel of 180 lbs. Marcellin wheat (from the same place per barrel) which they would now obtain, ready money, on the wharf, to \$6, before next month of December, and \$10 before March, on the actual cost of transport, charge and specie, rising again until next crop in July next.

This measure was well received by the municipality, that they would determine to write a letter to Gen. George Washington, President of the United States of America, dated this day, which I have the pleasure of inclosing, begging you, Sir, to present it to him in the name of the town of Marcellin. I hope that American merchants, on his arrival, will contribute all in their power to support this town abundantly.

You may assure them, that brandies will be at moderate prices, about \$1.40 a gallon gross of gold, English, they will make an advantageous remittance. For my part, in the consular line, as well as in the commercial one, they may rely on all my endeavours to obviate any difficulty, and to render as beneficial as possible.

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