

The President's Arrival.

ON Monday, the 2d instant, at 2 o'clock P. M. the beloved and excellent George Washington, Esq. President of the United States of America, arrived in this city with his suit, to the inexpressible satisfaction as well of the citizens as of strangers. Never, it may truly be said, was joy, love, affection and esteem more universal upon any one occasion—and never did these aimable passions of the human heart emanate or more brilliantly display themselves than upon this occasion—an occasion so worthy of their indulgence and their operation.

Between 12 and one o'clock our amiable President embarked on board an elegant barge prepared for the purpose, and which anxiously waited his arrival at Haddril's point, accompanied by major-general Moultrie, brigadier gen. Pinkney, major Edward Rutledge, colonel Washington, the city recorder, in his robes, col. Dart, and Mr. John Rutledge, jun. This illustriously freighted barge was rowed across Cooper river, from the place of embarkation to Charleston, by thirteen masters of American vessels, viz. capt. Cochran, (Cockswain, as senior officer) captains Cross, Moore, Milligan, Kean, Laurence, Drinker, Swain, Conyers, Dickinson, Crowley and Conolly, which last managed the bow oar with peculiar adroitness: these gentlemen were uniformly and elegantly dressed in close short jackets of light blue silk, black florentine breeches, white silk stockings, with light blue silk bow knots in their shoes, reverse; black round hats, with a light blue wide silk sash round the crowns, bearing an elegant impression of the arms of this state, beneath which was this well adapted inscription—"Long live the President."

During the passage on the water, the gentlemen of the *Amateur Society*, assisted by Mr. Palmer, Mr. James Badger and Mr. Harris, with their several choirs performed a concert, as well vocal as instrumental, composed of pieces of music and choruses suited to the joyous occasion. Among other select and much admired pieces in the vocal strain was sung with peculiar harmony of numbers and skill of execution, the following:

He comes! he comes! the hero comes!
Sound, sound your trumpets, beat your drums
From port to port let cannons roar,
He's welcome to our friendly shore.

Prepare! prepare! your songs prepare;
Loud; loudly rend the echoing air:
From pole to pole his praise resound,
For virtue is with glory ground.

The grand *coup d'oeil* exhibited by the President, which was distinguished from the rest by its ornaments, its rowers, and the standard of the United States which was displayed at the bow upon a ground of blue silk, accompanied by upwards of forty rowing and sailing boats, filled every joyous, feeling breast ashore with sensations which we will not venture to describe, from a conviction of the impossibility of the task.

Stairs were erected at Prioleau's wharf covered with green cloth, where the President

was received on his landing by the governor, lieutenant-governor, and civil officers of the state; the intendant and wardens of the city, all dressed in black, carrying black staves headed with silver, and attended by their officers, with an innumerable concourse of citizens, who welcomed our chief magistrate with reiterated shouts; the bells of St. Michael's church rang a joyful peal; the Charles-ton battalion of artillery fired a federal salute; and the Fusileer company being drawn up at the landing, they opened their files and inclosed the following order of procession, which moved with drums beating, colors flying and fises playing, towards the exchange:

Sheriff of the city,
Messenger and Marshall,
Treasurer and Clerk,
Recorder,
Wardens,
Intendant,
PRESIDENT and suit,
Governor and lieutenant-governor,
Aids to his Excellency the governor,
Civil officers of the state,
Civil officers of the union,
President of the senate and speaker of the
house of representatives.
Clergy,
Citizens, two and two.

[The bakers particularly distinguished themselves by a rich blue flag, on which was represented various emblems of their occupation.

Officers of the militia,
Members of the Cincinnati.

'Ere we proceed further, we must observe, that there was such a concourse of all ranks on board of the several vessels hauled close to the shore, as is almost beyond all description. From superannuated old age to lisping infancy the croud was so great there was scarce room to move. On the illustrious personage's approach to the shore such a buzz of approbation—such a shout of joy took place as that one must see and hear all to have any thing like an adequate idea of it. The shores, the streets, the windows, the balconies—all were so crowded, so beset with spectators, that the most attentive observer must fail in an attempt to do justice to the general *eclat* and splendid aspect of the whole.

Being arrived at the Exchange, the President was conducted by the governor, lieutenant-governor, and civil officers of the state already mentioned, and the intendant and wardens of the city, to the platform before the grand ballustrade fronting Broad-street, where he stood to await the salutes and discharges of the field artillery disposed for that purpose, as well as to see the order of procession go by in review, when he returned all those salutations of respect which were rendered to him as it passed along.

The order of procession was then reversed, and the president was escorted up Broad-street, while he with the greatest politeness and attention bowed uncovered to the brilliant assemblage of spectators of both sexes to the right and to the left as he went along (a conduct equally observed by him in the procession from the landing place) till he arrived in the elegant habitation destined for his reception in Church-street, which was ornamented in front by lamps, festoons, and over the portal with a triumphal arch, decorated with laurels, flowers, &c. He there received the

warm congratulations of several of the most respectable characters in the state, and was individually introduced to the members of the Cincinnati and officers of the Charleston battalion of artillery.

At five o'clock he dined with his excellency the Governor, where were present a small party of select gentlemen.

At 3 o'clock yesterday the intendant and wardens of this city, attended by their proper officers, waited upon the president of the united states, at his house, and presented him a congratulatory address, to which a suitable answer was returned: and at half past three the merchants went in a body, and delivered the following address.

The Address of the Merchants of Charleston to the President of the United States.

S I R,

The merchants of Charleston, entertaining a just sense of the high honor conferred on this city by your presence, take the earliest opportunity of congratulating you on your arrival.

The obligations which are due to you from every member of the republic, are acknowledged by all;—to enter into a detail of them, would be to produce the history of your life, and to repeat what is re-echoed from one end of the continent to the other. Were it possible, Sir, for your fellow citizens to omit doing justice to your merits, the testimony of other nations would evince their neglect or ingratitude—the whole world concurring in the same opinion of you.

Convinced as we are of your constant solicitude for the general welfare, it must afford you particular satisfaction to find the progressive effects of the federal government in this state; and that the inhabitants are fast emerging from the heavy calamities, to which they were subjected by the late war.

Sensible of the numerous blessings our country has derived from your wise and judicious administration,—we feel animated with the most lively sentiments of gratitude towards you: Suffer us, then, on the present occasion, to represent to you the affectionate sensibility with which we are impressed, by assuring you that we yield to none in sincere respect and attachment to your person; and, we earnestly implore the Almighty Father of the Universe, long to preserve a life so valuable and dear to the people over whom you preside.

In behalf of the merchants of Charleston,

E. DARRELL, Chairman.

May 3, 1791.

To which the President returned the following answer:

To the Merchants of Charleston.

Gentlemen,

Your congratulations on my arrival in South-Carolina, enhanced by the affectionate manner in which they are offered, are received with the most grateful sensibility.

Flattered by the favorable sentiments you express of my endeavours to be useful to my country, I desire to assure you of my constant solicitude for its welfare, and of my particular satisfaction in observing the advantages, which accrue to the highly deserving citizens of this state, from the operations of the general government.

I am not less indebted to your expressions of personal attachment and respect—they re-

ceive my best thanks, and induce my most sincere wishes for your professional prosperity, and your individual happiness.

GEORGE WASHINGTON.

At 4 o'clock the city corporation gave an elegant entertainment to the President of the United States in the Exchange, which has been recently fitted up and decorated in a very sumptuous style, to which were invited the governor, lieutenant governor, and civil officers of the state, officers of the union and city, consuls of foreign powers, officers of the militia, the reverend clergy, members of the Cincinnati, gentlemen strangers, and a number of respectable citizens.

After dinner the following toasts were drank, each attended by a discharge of cannon:

1. United States.
2. (*By the President*) The state of South-Carolina.
3. Vice President.
4. Memorable 4th of July, 1776.
5. Federal Constitution.
6. Congress.
7. Judiciary of the united states.
8. Diplomatic officers of the united states at foreign courts.
9. Memory of the heroes and patriots who have defended the rights of the united states in field or cabinet.
10. Patriotic Ladies of the united states.
11. Defenders of the rights of mankind throughout the world.
12. Louis the XVI. and the foreign powers in friendship with the united states.
13. May agriculture, manufactures and commerce flourish.
14. Arts and sciences.
15. Oblivion to all former prejudices.

Over the President's head was fabricated in very ingenious workmanship a beautiful triumphal arch. It is almost unnecessary to add, that the day and evening were spent with all that hilarity, harmony and happy festivity which was suited to the occasion.

The Charleston battalion of artillery performed military duty during the entertainment—the shipping in the harbour displayed all their colours throughout the day—and St. Michael's bells echoed forth their joyous peals.

We hear that the president of the united states will receive visits from two to four every day after this day.

AUGUSTA, May 14.

Tuesday evening last, Major Gordon with a detachment of the Augusta volunteer light horse set out for Savannah, to escort the President of the United States to this town—they cut a very superb appearance—their uniform being blue, faced with red and laced with silver, their caps and other accoutrements equal to their uniforms, and the horses nearly of a colour and in good order. The second detachment, it is expected, will set out on Tuesday next, so that we have every reason to expect the beloved man of the people in the course of next week.

† Want of room obliges us to postpone *Curtis*, and the letters from *Z. Cox, Esq.* &c. until our next.