

*AUGUSTA, August 27.*

*At the arrival of the President of the United States at Newbern, N. C. the following sublime address was presented him by St. John's Lodge, No. 2.*

To GEORGE WASHINGTON, Esquire,  
President of the United States.

S I R,

**W**E, the Master, Officers and Members of St. John's Lodge of Newbern, No. 2, beg leave to hail you welcome by the mystic numbers.

We approach you, not with the language of adulation, but sincere fraternal affection, your works having proved you to be "the true and faithful brother, the skilful and expert craftsman, the just and upright man."

But the powers of eloquence, are too weak to express with sufficient energy, the cordial warmth with which our bosoms glow towards you.

We therefore most ardently wish, most ardently and most devoutly pray, that the Providence of the Most High may strengthen, establish, and protect you, in your walk through this life; and when you are called from your terrestrial labours, by command of our Divine Grand Master, and your operations sealed with the mark of his approbation, may your soul be everlastingly refreshed with the streams of living water which flow at the right hand of God.

And when the Supreme Architect of all worlds, shall collect his most precious jewels, as ornaments of the celestial Jerusalem, may you everlastingly shine among those of the brightest lustre.

ISAAC GUION, Master.

SAMUEL CHAPMAN, S. W.

WILLIAM JOHNSTON, J. W.

St. John's Lodge, No. 2, April 21st, 1791.

To which the President returned the following answer.

*To the Master, Officers and Members of St. John's Lodge of Newbern, No 2.*

GENTLEMEN,

**I** RECEIVE the cordial welcome which you are pleased to give me, with sincere gratitude.

My best ambition having ever aimed at the unbiassed approbation of my fellow citizens, it is peculiarly pleasing to find my conduct so affectionately approved by a fraternity whose association is founded in justice and benevolence.

In reciprocating the kind wishes contained in your address, be assured that I offer a sincere prayer for your present and future happiness.

GEORGE WASHINGTON.