

The PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES arrived in this city at 6 o'clock on Saturday evening last, accompanied by Mr. Calhoun, Secretary at War, Major Gen. Gains and Staff, his private Secretary, Mr. Gouverneur, and Lieutenant Monroe. He was rowed from the Carolina shore in 20 minutes, and when he reached the Georgia waters, was saluted with 21 guns from the Revenue Cutter Dallas, which was repeated when the barge reached the wharf, the Chatham Light Artillery, at the same time opening a Federal Salute on the bluff. He was received at the wharf by the Mayor and receiving Committee of Aldermen, who conducted him up the bank. Nearly the whole population of Savannah thronged the bank, and every voice and every heart welcomed him to Georgia. The Military consisting of the Georgia Hussars, the Chatham Light Artillery, and the Republican Blues, the Fencibles, and the Savannah Volunteer Guards, were drawn out on a verdant plain, parallel with the river and exhibited an appearance to the President which must have excited his admiration. Colonel Marshall, with his Staff Officers occupied their proper stations in front of this splendid line, elegantly mounted and caparisoned. It is not uninteresting to state that the company of Light Artillery is the same that received General Washington, on his visit to this city in 1790 and that the two brass pieces with which it saluted President Monroe, were presented to it by the Father of our country, as a compliment for the merits which it displayed on that occasion. The President having reviewed on foot, with great attention, their whole front, mounted a horse which he preferred to a superb barouche, which was also in waiting for his accommodation, and rode to the new and elegant house of Mr. Scarborough, escorted by the Mayor, the different Committees and Military companies. On his way to his lodgings, down Broughton street, the president was preceded by half the Hussars and followed by the other half with all the military companies, and we do not hesitate to declare, that with regard to precision of movement, and elegance of appearance, they have never been surpassed by any in the United States. Those companies were soon displayed in front of his house and fired *feu de joie*, by platoons companies and divisions. The following day (Sunday) the President attended Divine Service, at the New Presbyterian Church, and witnessed the Dedication of that magnificent building by the Rev. Dr. Kollock.

On Tuesday a Public Dinner will be given in honor of our distinguished guest. We are informed that he will leave this city for Augusta, on Thursday morning, in one of the Steam-Boats.

May 11.

The citizens assembled at the exchange at one o'clock yesterday, and marched in procession to the President's house, preceded by the municipal officers, accompanied by the officers of the army and navy

of the United States, and by the military companies, and at 2 o'clock the Mayor delivered the following address to our honored visitor.

MR. PRESIDENT.—The Corporation and citizens of Savannah present to you the assurances of the respect which they have for your public services, and their sincere regard and admiration of those virtues and attainments, which have placed you among the best and most eminent of our countrymen. In the present state of our country, to have attained the exalted station which you now hold, is to the world and will be to posterity, a sufficient proof of your fitness for it, however much experience may show the elevation of persons to dignities and offices to be but an equivocal testimonial of worth and merit.

In this regard, the practice of our government is, in some measure, at variance with experience; for since the adoption of our present constitution, the first office under it, has been so uniformly illustrated by talent and dignified by virtue, that the United States, is enabled to challenge the history of every nation to produce as many successive chief magistrates, equally distinguished for intelligence, love of country, and capacity for office.

To you, sir, it belongs for some time to come, to sustain this honorable character; and a life devoted to the service of your country, is our best assurance that it will be preserved, during the progress of your administration. It would be as improper upon this occasion, as it would be unpleasant to your own feelings, to particularize those services which form the foundation of our confidence, and which have identified your name with some of the most interesting events of our history; but we cannot be unmindful, that at the eventful period, when calamity hung over our country, rendering the politician uncertain of the course to be pursued, and doubtful of the ability of the nation to accomplish such efforts as the crisis demanded, you assumed the arduous and responsible task of directing the energies of our people, against a foe who seemed to seek for the consummation of his glory, in the extinguishment of our liberty.

Amid the many blessings bestowed upon men by the Almighty, it is seldom given to an individual to experience the delightful gratification arising from the consciousness of having been permitted to be so useful, as to have acquired the love and confidence of a free and virtuous people. May you long live, sir, to enjoy this happiness, and we sincerely hope that the termination of your political career may be as gratifying to yourself, as your life and administration have been hitherto beneficial to your country.

JAMES M. WAYNE.

To which the President replied as follows.
To the Mayor, Alderman and Citizens of Savannah.

The favourable sentiments entertained of my conduct in the public service, by the corporation and citizens of Savannah affords me great satisfaction. To be a citizen of this flourishing and happy republic, is itself no small cause of exultation. To support its principles, and promote its welfare, have been the objects of my unwearied exertions. To have been honoured by my fellow-citizens with so many important trusts, and finally, with the highest known to the constitution, is the strongest evidence of their good opinion, which they could confer. Feeling profoundly the obligation, which a confidence, so long continued, and signally exemplified, has imposed, you may rest assured, that I shall derive from it, new zeal, in support of the great cause, to which my whole life has been devoted.

In the example of my illustrious predecessors, I see a conclusive proof of the success and stability of our republican institutions. In their lives, we read the great events of a nation, struggling for and maintaining its independence. Our whole union bears unequivocal testimony to their extraordinary services, and very exalted merit, three of whom, by the favor of providence are still spared to their country. The simplicity of their lives, in retirement, like that of him, who was deservedly, first called to this high station, fully evinces, the purity of the public conduct, while it increases the strength, and sheds a new lustre on the perfection and beauty of our system.

Aspiring to be useful to my country, I seek no other distinction than what may arise from a faithful recital of my conduct, in the events, in which I bear a part. To its approbation, thus impartially conferred, I shall look, in my future retirement, as the highest consolation, which a mind, conscious of its rectitude, can enjoy.

I beg you to accept my best thanks, for your kind reception, and best wishes, for the prosperity and welfare, of the town and citizens of Savannah.

JAMES MONROE.

Savannah, May 10, 1819.