

stream ran trickling down the furrows of his age worn cheek, as he offered up his prayers to heaven, for the preservation and protection of his son, his child of whom he was taking his lasting adieu, from whom he was about to part forever, to meet no more; but on the untried banks of the eternal world. Go view the disconsolate children, bereaved of a fond father, bathed in tears, wringing their hands around the heart rending mother, who with looks of destruction, with locks desheveled, and her tender infant in her arms, was following along the shore, descrying the fatal bark that was bearing away the last fond object of her hopes, darting her watery eyes along the sky-bound sea, to take a long, a last farewell, of the departing hostage!

These are some of the scenes, that America had to witness during her late direful conflict with Great Britain. But firm as the everlasting Andes, whose cloud-capt summits, towering through the ethereal world in awful grandeur, defying the elemental conflicts that rage below, Columbia stood unshaken amidst the wreck.

Unmoved amidst the dire alarm, Defy'd the foe, and bray'd the storm.

With nerve-strung hearts, and firm of soul

Saw yielding nature, rending roll.

Saw strugling worlds with fate contend,

Saw empires tottering to an end;

And taught proud Albion's boasting band,

To dread the sons of freedom's land.

Again proud Britain was forced to yield, again taught to acknowledge, to dread and to reverence, the inviolable rights of freemen. Again her boasted banner was lowered, again her honored Lion driven to his native shores, whilst the victorious Eagle of America, was soaring triumphantly aloft, high in air on her extended pinions, that swept the stary vault. Again the dark veil that obscured the front of heaven, was rent in twain, and the resplendent orb of day, was riding in all his majesty, along the confines of a fairer sky, to set unclouded in the west.

Thus the gallant sons of freedom, who but lately offered their bosoms as a battery, to the shafts of battle, evinced to a scrutinizing world, that they still retained the noble blood, heroism and bravery, of their illustrious sires. Let us then be found ever ready, to vindicate and support, that character, that we now bear as a national people. Already has our name reached the different bounds of the earth, and kings and subjects have in a small degree, imbibed the principles of republicanism, and are struggling to follow our example. Already have the powers of Europe witnessed what Americans are able to achieve, both by land and by sea. Boasting England, no longer reigns mistress of the ocean, but with an envious eye, beholds the unfurled banner of freedom's clime as it waves its glittering stars over the briny deep.

Though two of the brightest luminaries, that ever gilded the western hemisphere, have run their ample rounds, and taken their eternal flight, to shed their lustres on other regions, they have left other satellites, subservient to their circuits, to follow their shining orbits, and light the American fleet through their trackless bounds. Not only the civilized nations, but also the pirates of old Afric's shores,

have seen the sulphureous blazes flash from their brazen tubes, and felt the rending bolts of their thundering cannon, that rocked the barbarian coast. Algiers and Tripoli, the dens of pirates and robbers, so terrifying to the wayward mariner, beheld the diabolic display, that made their Bashaws and Deys tremble with horrid consternation. They were the first who dared approach the inhospitable bounds to demand of an infidel race, the unfortunate victims who were then lingering out their miserable days in the most wretched and abject slavery.

Let us then be ever ready to follow their example; & should your country's cause, again demand your assistance; go dip your sail in Trafalgar's wave, go steep your trident in the urn of a Decatur, and a Perry, go whet your avenging sword on the tomb of a Washington, and teach the stubborn foes to freedom's cause, to bow and tremble in the field.

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The procession being again formed, moved down to Mr. John Pugh's and partook of an

elegant dinner prepared for the occasion. After dinner was over, gen. Hendricks was chosen president of the day, and Jer. Sullivan, Esq. vice president; when the following toasts were drunk, accompanied with cheers, firing and martial music.

TOASTS.

1 The day we celebrate—May its political importance be commensurate with time.

2 The memory of Washington and his compatriots in arms.

3 The President of the U. S.

4 The General Government—May it perpetuate the rights of the states and the integrity of the Union.

5 The state of Indiana—May her forests be the nursery of agriculture, and her firesides the home of domestic manufactures.

6 Our sister states—May a wise and magnanimous policy dictate their political intercourse.

7 The rising republics of the South—May the wisdom of their councils equal their valor in the field.

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May the genius of liberty,

ever sway her sceptre over the

demons of despotism.

By Wm. Powell.

The genius of liberty; May the thrones of tyrants tremble at her nod, and foes to freedom bow to her sceptre.

By N. D. Grover.

Commodores Decatur & Perry—Peace to their departed spirits; though they are dead yet their names emblazoned on the

the rolls of naval fame, shall live

while the ocean continues to

carry a sail.

By Jer. Sullivan.

National Gratitude. May the

heart of every American, cease

to beat, when gratitude toward

the heroes of his country for

sakes his bosom.

By James Cochran.

The present governor, Jonathan Jennings.

By P. Hemphill.

The love of liberty and sup-

port of freedom; the downfall of

tyranny and the abolition of

slavery.

By Robert Brantham.

The American fair, the only

object for which life and liberty

are worth preserving.

By N. B. Palmer.

The reader of the Declara-

tion of Independence.

By R. Dearborn.

Doct. L. C. Downey the ora-

tor of the day—May his mo-

esty check criticism, and his

eloquence excite applause.

COMMUNICATED.

VERNON CELEBRATION.

The anniversary of American

Independence was celebrated at

Vernon, Jennings county Ia.

on Thuesday the 4th inst. by the

citizens of Vernon and its vicin-

ity. A procession was formed

at 12 o'clock by Maj. Bramwell,

marshal of the day. It proceed-

ed to a pleasant grove on the

bank of the Muscackett river,

where a stage and table had pre-

viously been erected. After a

few prefatory remarks by Col.

Vawter, president of the day,

the Declaration of Independence

was read by Alexander Holton

Esqr. and an oration pronounced

by William A. Bullock Esqr.

The company then sat down to

an excellent dinner. After din-

ner, the following toasts were

drunk. The greatest order and

harmony prevailed during the

day.

TOASTS.

1 The Independence of the

United States—May the people

ever possess wisdom and virtue

to appreciate, and valor to de-

fend it.

2 United States—Palsied be

the hand that would divide

them.

3 The president of the U.

States—His services entitle him

to the renewed confidence and

respect of his fellow citizens.

4 The state of Indiana—May

the luxuriant foliage of her for-

ests soon give place to the wav-

ing corn and the golden harvest,

her towns become populous

marts, and her rivers the ave-

nues of commerce.

5 The gov. of the state of In-

diana—Honest and capable.

6 The surviving soldiers of

the revolution—May the even-