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The GAZETTE

Saturday, August 16, 1817.

Arrival of the President.

On Wednesday morning, 8 o'clock, intelligence was received that the President of the United States had reached the mouth of the Detroit River, and would be within three miles of our city at 10. This sudden and unanticipated information produced an immediate assemblance of our citizens - when

The Hon WILLIAM WOODBRIDGE was called to the chair, and

CHARLES LARNED, Esq. appointed secretary.

It was then resolved that a committee, consisting of Solomon Sibly, Esq. Maj. A. Edwards, Capt. James M'Closkey, Austin E. Wing, Esq. Charles Larned, Esq. Col. Stephen Mack, Capt. Antoine Dequindre, and Oliver W. Miller, Esq. be appointed to make suitable arrangements for the reception of the President of the United States.

It was further resolved that the Committee be requested to have an interview with the military commanding Officer, to know if any and what arrangements were made for the reception of the President.

At 10 o'clock, a large number of carriages and citizens on horseback and on foot were collected at Spring Wells, three miles below town. They then proceeded to the river Ecorse [Ecorse], 9 miles below Detroit. agreeably to the order prescribed by the Marshal, Maj. Thos. Rowland, and his Assistants. Col. Henry I. Hunt and Col. Richard Smyth. - The President, accompanied by His Excel-

lency the Governor of Michigan. Major-Generals Brown and Macomb, and their respective suites. Mr. Mason, private secretary to the President, the officers of the Navy and several officers of the Army, had reached the River Ecorce [Ecorse] in barges.

Solomon Sibly, Esq. as the organ of the Committee, congratulated the President on his arrival in our territory. The President took a seat in the carriage of the Governor. Gen. Brown in that of Gen. Macomb: the procession then moved in the prescribed order to Detroit, where the President was saluted from the Fort. After passing through the principal streets. The procession returned to the Governor's House, where the President alighted.

At 8 o'clock in the evening, pursuant to a resolution of the Meeting, the City was brilliantly illuminated; the vessels in the River were tastefully decorated with lights, which, together with a display of Fireworks, under the direction of Lieut. J. Howard, of U.S. Ordnance Department, produced a highly brilliant and delightful scene.

On the following morning, the Corporation of the city waited upon the President, when the following address was read by Maj. Charles Larned.

Sir — The Corporation of the City of Detroit welcome your arrival on the borders of our territory. The American people, recently relieved from the incident calamities of a war, in which a national character has been acquired, on the ocean, in the cabinet and the field, perceive, the acrimony of party subsiding and giving place to one sentiment — common feeling for our common country. They have furnished incontestable [incontestable] evidence of the durability of republican institutions, supported by virtue and intelligence, even when struggling with foreign force & domestic difference of opinion. In a state of Peace,

they witness their worthy Chief Magistrate, with no shield but his integrity — no guard but the virtuous affections of a free people, traversing the Union and receiving spontaneous evidence of the respect, affection and approbation of a high minded and generous People. Your predecessors, by their political intelligence and political integrity, have greatly contributed to the prosperity of our country and the permanency of our government. But to you, Sir, was reserved the more arduous, and perhaps not less important duty, of personally viewing the resources, local wants, military strength and defences of the United States and its Territories. As a component part of that People over whom you are called to preside, our wants and our interests will become peculiar objects of the executive attention and care. From the events of the last war, the public eye naturally rested on [illegible]note, extended and somewhat defence as frontier. The local advantages of our country, the richness of our soil, salubrity of our climate, a rich and almost inexhaustible fishery, an extensive fur trade, and other encreasing [increasing] inland commerce, were well calculated to attract the eye of enquiry, and invite emigration. A return of peace has called into action a spirit of daring enterprise and exertion, kindled by a state of war. The Western World has become its theatre. But, accustomed to the exercise of their elective franchise, the American People will rarely select a country as their residence, in the government of which they have neither voice or participation— in the form of which they have neither will or control. A government resulting not from common will but common necessity. A law of Congress, empowering the citizens of our territory to enter upon the representative grade of government contemplated by the ordinance of '87,

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—the establishment of permanent national roads, and an exposure of our valuable public lands in market, would be productive of immediate and beneficial results to our territory. Our country would then become a welcome resort for Eastern enterprise and industry, and a permanent barrier against savage rapacity and foreign intrigue.

During your continuance among us, no exertion will be wanting to consult your personal comfort and convenience. Trusting that your future administration may as successfully subserve the public interest, and prove as honorable to yourself and country, as your public conduct in various stations hitherto has done, we have only to wish you all temporal and spiritual blessings, and have the honor to be, with assurances of high respect, Your most obt. [obedient] Servts. [servants]

ABM EDWARDS,  
CHAS. LARNED,  
STEPHEN MACK,  
ANTOINE DEQUINDRE,  
OLIVER W. MILLER.

THOS. ROWLAND, secretary.

To this the President made a short but very pertinent and comprehensive answer.— After which, Maj. Larned, in behalf of the citizens of our territory, tendered him their congratulations for his safe arrival, and their sincere wishes for his health and prosperity, to which the President returned his thanks. The utmost order has been observed, and the strongest manifestations of respect for our worthy Chief Magistrate exhibited.