

The prefect of the department, the Secretary General of the Prefecture, the Council General of the Department, the Sub-Prefects of the Circles of Franciade and Sceaux, the Mayors and Adjutants of Paris with many other official characters, assembled to the number of one hundred, at the hotel of the Prefecture of the department, repaired on foot to the palace of government.

They were presented to the First Consul by the Minister of the Interior. The Prefect of the department then began the following discourse:

"CITIZEN CONSUL,

"The Council General of the Department, the Secretary General, and the Council of Prefecture, the Sub-Prefects of the Circle, the Mayors and Adjutants of Paris, the Administrative Council of the Hospitals, the commissioners for apportioning taxes, all the Administrators of the department of the Seine, present you with the blessings and the wishes of those under their administration.

"The Preliminaries of the Peace with England have been signed, and this news has excited the greatest joy by as much as it was more unexpected, and as the English government has little accustomed Europe to hope for a return of pacific dispositions.

"Thus government uniting strength to wisdom, has been able to inspire at once, a dread of its arms, and an ambition of its alliance.

"Thus two nations made to esteem one another, will soon unite their efforts in activity and genius, to console the world for all the evils with which a too disastrous war has afflicted them.

"GENERAL CONSUL,

"The peace of the world is your work; who before you fervently wished for it? Who, perhaps, dared to hope for it? You alone, General Consul—you alone, embracing the real interests of all nations, have thought that the obstacles which opposed our happiness might be overcome. You have forced the whole world to say with us, "the greatest man among mankind, the man most entitled to respect and love, is he who, accustomed to the favours of victory, is resolutely bent on deserving the title of Pacificator."

"On this great occasion, Citizen Consul, the City of Paris chiefly owes to you its gratitude and its homage. Its population is immense, and necessarily industrious: War had confined its activity and suspended its labours: the arts, which are the children of peace, are about to restore to it all the means of prosperity; commerce and industry, freed from their fetters, will take a new spring; morality will follow from labour; the hospitals will no longer be any thing but the asylum of repose open to age, nor can you take a step without meeting some man whom you have made happy.

"The organs of the people of Paris, and of the department of the Seine, it is by transmitting you its very expressions, that we shall best express its sentiments. It is in their name, and almost in their own language, therefore, that we now say to you, Citizen Consul, repose, at length, after your long labours: enjoy all the good you have done: may your life be happy and long, and may you live an example for governments, and the glory and prosperity of the Republic."

Speech pronounced by General Mortier, commanding the first military division.

"GENERAL CONSUL,

"The general peace, the object of so many wishes, has at length reached us. To attain this august and brilliant object, the valour and constancy displayed by the children of France, in the great contest, which has been terminated, was not sufficient; firm and vigorous resolutions were wanting, which proceed unshaken to their object.

"If France cherishes in its first magistrate, the immortal benefactor of the country, the warriors sharing these gentle affections, still love to contemplate the illustrious chief who has so often led them to glory: organ of those who compose the first division, I renew the expression of their zeal and devotion for your person, which will incessantly animate them."

Speech pronounced by Citizen Sonlost, in the name of the National Office of Accounts:

"CITIZEN CONSUL,

"You have put the finishing stroke to your own glory to the happiness of France, by the signing of the Preliminaries, the forerunners of a General Peace.

"The Commissioners of National Accounts hasten to offer you the homage of those sentiments of admiration and gratitude which they share with all Europe.

"The French people, nearer to the focus of your active benevolence and its happy effects, owes you a still more ample tribute of attachment, gratitude and veneration."

Speech delivered by Citizen Heimart, President of the Criminal Tribunal of the Department of the Seine:

"CITIZEN CONSUL,

"The annunciation of the continental peace had made the French people experience the pleasure which a sailor feels at reaching his port, after having been long tossed by the tempest. This peace was your work. Hardly had France had time to enjoy this first benefit, before a new treaty arises to consolidate and to increase its prosperity, by securing to it a maritime peace.

"Commerce then is about to resume its ancient activity, and France by its position, its strength, and wisdom of its government will henceforth be invulnerable. The peaceable inhabitants, the country, the honest manufacturer, the valuable artists, the speculative merchant, all bless the hand which, promising them the return of their children, secures their prosperity and happiness.

"In this consoling situation, where the greater part of your time will no longer be absorbed by the necessity of superintending such important interests, the Criminal Tribunal of La Seine by mingling its sentiments of respect and gratitude with those of the rest of the nation, confidently offers you its wish to see those changes take place in the Criminal Legislation, which the interests of the public and of individuals equally requires. More simple forms in the promulgation of laws: punishments more proportioned to crimes; a power in the tribunals to modify punishments in proportion to circumstances; a better composition of juries; and lastly, an impossibility in the accused to escape from notice. Such are the desiderata which experience has shewn to be necessary, and which the tribunal thinks it its duty to submit to the First Magistrate of the Republic.

Speech delivered by the President of the Tribunal of the First instance of the Seine.

"Citizen Consul,

"What Hero could better than yourself, be entitled to success in arms, and to triumphs! fortune lavished them upon you. You have suddenly suspended her rapid march; you have fixed your destiny, and that of France. Another desire reigned in your heart, that of restoring calm to Europe. Multiplied obstacles, some of which appeared insurmountable, were at length to yield to your courage, your wisdom, and your genius. With the laurels of Mars, you have mixed the Olive Branch of Peace. Of Peace!—That sacred name, which is about to restore their ancient splendor to the sciences and to the arts, commerce is about to re-flourish, plenty to revive, public morals to become more pure, while an excellent system of laws will secure you new glory, and give you new claims to public gratitude."

The Minister of Finance presented the Director General, and the Administrator of Domains. Citizen Duchatel, the Director General expressed himself as follows:

"Citizen Consul,

"The Administration of Domains, to which you have been pleased to grant the favor of being admitted to express the joy with which the news of the Peace with England has inspired them, could not, at the moment when you are giving them a new organization, present themselves before you under more happy auspices, to assure you of their devotion, and of the efforts which they shall constantly and courageously make for the prosperity of the Revenues of the State.

"Citizen First Consul, the war which you have supported and maintained with so much glory, has not prevented your extending your solicitude over all parts of the civil administration. You are in the cabinet as you have been at the head of armies, an indefatigable chief. Every one may therefore say, while pouring forth his benediction, he has given repose to the world, while he himself indulges in none; he watches over, and labours for us.

"Deign, Citizen First Consul, to receive the homage of the administration, of which I am the organ, and rely on their zeal."

Speech delivered by Citizen Bergon, one of the Administrators, in the name of the rest of the Administration of Woods:

"General Consul,

"You have at length obtained the only reward which you had hoped from victory. Peace is restored to the world. Nations are permitted to close their wounds, which the arts will heal. This blessing, which the glory of the army predicted, was to be the fruit of wisdom united to great character. It is this which has sustained our courage and opened the ears of Kings to the cries of misfortune. It is this which will make posterity say to you; he consoled the people whom he conquered."

TRIFLE.—It was not a bad reply of a young lady; who was asked why she did not marry—that she did not know whom to accept, when there appeared only two orders of men now—which might pass under the denomination of HARRY HARMLESS, or JOHN BRUTE.