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Newport, Aug. 23.

ON Tuesday last, at 10 o'Clock A. M. the President of the United States arrived in the Town, attended by his Excellency George Clinton, Esq; Governor of the State of New-York.

Hon. Mr. Jefferson, Secretary of the United States for the Department of State.

Hon. Mr. Blair, one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of the United States.

Hon. Mr. Foster, a Senator in Congress from the State of Rhode Island.

Hon. Mr. Smith, one of the Representatives in Congress from the State of South Carolina.

Hon. Mr. Gilman, one of the Representatives in Congress from the State of New-Hampshire.

Col. Humphry, Majr Jackson, Mr. Nelson.

Upon the packet heaving in sight, the standard of the State was hoisted at Fort Washington, the Bells rang, and the Shipping displayed their Colours; when the Packet came abreast the Fort 13 Cannon were discharged; and at the President's landing 13 more, which was returned from several Vessels in the Harbour.—A large and respectable Committee from the Town, and Rev. Clergy, received the President on the Wharf, and with the Citizens, in Procession, escorted him to his Lodgings: the Committee, in Behalf of the Citizens, then gave an Invitation to the President and the Gentlemen who accompanied him, to partake of a public Dinner, which he was pleased to accept.—At 4 o'Clock, P.M. the Committee waited upon the President and escorted him to the State-House, where he was received by the Managers of the Ceremony, who conducted him to the Council Chamber, where the Clergy and other Citizens were convened.—at five o'Clock they were ushered into the Representatives' Chamber, where was provided a very elegant Dinner—the Room was emblematically decorated.

After Dinner the following TOASTS were drank—13 Cannon were discharged at the, 1st and 13th Toasts, and one to each other.

1. The United States.
2. The State we are in and Prosperity to it.
This was given by the President.
3. Our great and good Ally.

4. Prosperity to the Constitution of America.
5. May Wisdom guide, and may the general Good be the great Object of the Council of the United States.
6. May the Virtues of her Citizens equal their Valor and Wisdom.
7. May they be as zealous in support of the present Government, as they were in Defence of their Liberties.
8. May the Last be the First.
9. The Memory of the deceased Patriots and Heroes of our Country.
10. The fair Daughters of America.
11. Agriculture, Arts, Manufactures, and Commerce.
12. The Cause of Liberty.

After the 12th Toast the President with-drew, when the Gentlemen arose and drank as the

13th. THE MAN WE LOVE.

The greatest Decency was observed, and the highest Harmony prevailed.

The President in the Morning and after Dinner, walked in several Parts of the Town, to the great Satisfaction of the People, who looked with unceasing Pleasure on THE MAN.

On Wednesday Morning the Committee from the Town, the Rev. Clergy, and the Society of Free Masons, respectively presented Addresses to the President.

Local newspapers throughout the East Coast published detailed accounts of Washington's trips and often transcripts of legislation and congressional resolutions. This article from the *Newport Mercury*, dated 23 August 1790, provides an hour-by-hour description of the ceremonies and celebrations that greeted the president in Newport. In September, 1790, the newspaper printed the full text of both the Seixas and Washington letters.

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