

EXTRACT from the said ARTICLE.

"Whereas it is alleged by divers British Merchants and others, His Majesty's Subjects, that Debts to a considerable Amount, which were *bona fide* contracted before the Peace, still remain owing to them by Citizens or Inhabitants of the United States; and that, by the Operation of various lawful Impediments since the Peace, not only the full Recovery of the said Debts has been delayed, but also the Value and Security thereof have been in several Instances impaired and lessened; so that, by the ordinary Course of judicial Proceedings, the British Creditors cannot now obtain and actually have and receive full and adequate Compensation for the Losses and Damages which they have thereby sustained: It is agreed that in all such Cases, where full Compensation for such Losses and Damages cannot, for whatever Reason, be actually obtained, had and received by the said Creditors, in the ordinary Course of Justice, the United States will make full and complete Compensation for the same to the said Creditors; but it is distinctly understood that this Provision is to extend to such Losses only as have been occasioned by the lawful Impediments aforesaid, and is not to extend to Losses occasioned by such Insolvency of the Debtors, or other Causes, as would equally have operated to produce such Loss, if the said Impediments had not existed; nor to such Losses or Damages as have been occasioned by the manifest Delay or Negligence, or wilful Omission of the Claimant."

By Order of the Board,
Griffith Evans, Secretary.

Philadelphia, Commissioners Office,
No. 3, South - Sixth - Street,
May 29, 1797.

THE Subscriber having been appointed by the Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of His Britannic Majesty General Agent for assisting British Creditors, and such particular Agents as they may specially authorize, in prosecuting their Claims before the Commissioners for carrying into Effect the Sixth Article of the Treaty of Amity, Commerce and Navigation between His Britannic Majesty and the United States of America, hereby gives Notice, that he has opened his Office, at his House, the South-East Corner of Chestnut and Fifth Streets, Philadelphia, where he is ready to receive all Claims, or Instructions for Claims, with the Vouchers and Documents thereof, for the Purpose of bringing forward the same, agreeably to the Rules and Orders which the Board may think proper to prescribe.

And as it will be for the Interest of all concerned, that the several Claims be so stated, and supported, as to prevent the Delay which would arise from the Necessity of obtaining further Information, or additional Materials, from Persons residing at a Distance, the General Agent thinks it his Duty to add, (for the Direction chiefly of those, who, not having employed particular Agents, may leave the Prosecution of their Claims to his Charge and Management) that all such Claims ought in particular to set forth—

- 1st. The proper Description and Situation of the Creditor or Claimant, and original Debtor, respectively.
- 2d. The Date and Nature of the original Contract or Debt.
- 3d. When, in what Manner, and to what Extent, the Creditor or Claimant was prevented or impeded, by

the Provision, Operation or Defect of Law, the Decisions and Practice of Courts, or Restraint of Execution, from recovering Payment of the Debt in Question.

4th. The Loss and Damage incurred or sustained, in consequence of such Impediments, whether, the same may have arisen from the Insolvency, Change of Situation, or Death of the Debtor, the Loss of legal Remedy from Lapse of Time, or other Causes impairing the Value and Security of the Debt, which would not have so operated if such Impediments had not existed.

And 5th. The particular Grounds and Reasons on which the Claimant maintains, in the Terms of the Treaty, "that by the ordinary Course of Judicial Proceedings the Creditor cannot now obtain and actually have and receive full and adequate Compensation" for the Losses and Damages so sustained.

The General Agent thinks it his Duty further to suggest, that the several Claims ought to be accompanied and supported by the Affidavits of the Claimants duly sworn and regularly attested, both as to the Existence of the Debts claimed, and such other Circumstances as may be within their own Knowledge respectively. And wherever the Claimants, in stating the Nature of their Evidence, (which must in every Instance be the best of which the Case is capable) have occasion to refer to the Testimony of Witnesses, it will be proper to apprise the General Agent of the Names and Places of Residence of such Witnesses, and the Facts to be established by their Testimony.

Wm. Moore Smith.

Philadelphia, June 8, 1797.

Mercers Hall, London, September 21, 1797.

THE Wardens and Commonalty of the Mystery of Mercers of the City of London, in pursuance of an Act of Parliament passed in the 21st Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Second, do hereby desire their several Annuitants, or any Person duly authorized by any Writing under their Hands, to meet at Mercers Hall in London, on Wednesday the 1st of November, being the first Wednesday in the Month, at Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon, to nominate and appoint Nine or more Persons to audit and examine the Accounts of the Receipts and Payments by the said Act directed to be audited and examined.

Rob. Cawne, Clerk.

September 19, 1797.

Notice is hereby given to the Officers and Company of His Majesty's Ship *Albion*, Henry Sawage, Esq; Commander, who were actually on Board at the Capture of the *Catharina Maria* on the 9th of June, 1795, that they will be paid their respective Shares for the said Prize, at Sheerness, Ten Days from the Date hereof; and the Shares not then demanded will be recalled the first Monday in every Month, at Mess. Stow and Benthams Office, Sheerness.

Bryan Benthams and Benj. Stow, Agents for the *Albion*.

Notice is hereby given to the Officers and Company of His Majesty's Ship *Pearl*, who were actually on Board on the 14th of April last at the Capture of the French Privateer *L'Incrovable*, that they will be paid their respective Shares of the Hull and Stores on Wednesday the 27th Instant, on Board said Ship at Portsmouth; and the Shares not then demanded will be recalled at the House of Mr. Balmbrough, St. Thomas's Street, Portsmouth, for Three Years.

John Balmbrough, of Portsmouth, Agent.