satisfactory solution. There is reason for the belief that it will open the eyes of our enemies to a perception of their own interests, and thus induce them to respect our rights as indissolubly connected with their prosperity. This hope is invigorated by the undoubted fact of the value of our supplies to both France and England, as well as to their colonies, and from the equally indisputable fact, that in England the opposition to her orders of council is strenuous and severe, but, supported by the most distinguished talents of the kingdom, and by that mighty host of her subjects who have already become importunate for peace with France; and if this be impracticable, certainly with America. These events may be considered as absolutely dependent on the change of the ministry, itself rendered more probable from the advanced age and infirmity of the king.

The embargo may then most justly be considered as a temporary measure. War, we have said, would, in all probability, be of long duration.

A resort to war, on our part, would be to defend, and eventually to obtain a recognition of the great neutral rights, which have so long embroiled our peace and interrupted the pursuits of our citizens. There is every reason to believe that having once appealed to arms for this object, we should never abandon it until we had completely gained our point. There is equal reason to infer that Britain would not yield until she had exhausted every chance of success. Great as her power is, it is manifest, from the unrivalled rapidity with which ours progresses, that we must finally gain upon her, and that she must, with whatever grace, at last submit. In the mean time, however, the war would rage with the utmost fury, and, as an indemnity for her outrages on the ocean we should certainly possess ourselves of her adjacent provinces. Once possessed of them, it is almost certain that they would become an integral part of the union, not thereafter to be severed from it. How long would it be before the pride of Britain would permit her to sign a treaty that would surrender their sovereignty to us? In forcing such a treaty of peace, we should have nothing to give her in exchange, as an emollient for her wounded pride. She would consequently be compelled to sign an unconditional act of submission, an unequivocal acknowledgment of wrong. Years, many years, would undoubtedly elapse before she would submit to such an humiliation. In the mean time, it is by no means certain that we should be exempt from serious collisions with other powers. The employment of our resources against Britain would not fail to increase the vulnerability of our western frontier, and the disputed boundaries in that quarter would be but too apt to expose us to predatory incursions, or to the more serious evils of regular welfare, from a nation that, blind to her true policy, might seize a period favorable to the demonstration of her strength. And these points once submitted to the arbitration of arms, abundant causes of protracted hostilities would not be wanting; for there too, as well as to the east, there are provinces, to which we have already, to say no more, a colorate title, and which we might honestly occupy as an indemnity for aggressions committed by their nominal owners on our property on the ocean.

During this long period, absolutely illimitable by anticipation, we should be exposed, as we have seen, to greater evils than are even now felt under the embargo.

Such, indeed, was the ardent solicitude of our government to preserve the blessings of peace, that they appear to have resorted to the embargo as the last great chance within their power of averting a resort to arms. They considered it as the only important expedient remaining at all calculated to insure this desirable result. It enabled them to address one more solemn appeal to the belligerent powers, and by convincing them that we would not submit to their unjust pretensions awaken them to a sense of their own true interests. This conviction will have been carried into the bosoms of their councils by the numerous steps taken to insure its rigid enforcement, by the rise of Congress, by their adjournment, to a distant day, without raising it, and by the information of its being at last carried into full effect. The consequences felt, and apprehended from its continuance, will make a serious impression, and will either relieve us from the causes that produced it, or enable us, by ascertaining the ground which our enemies mean permanently to occupy, meet them in such a way, as ultimately the most effectually to guard our rights and secure our interests.

AN AMERICAN WHIG.

Six cents reward.

RAN away from the subscriber, living in Caroline county, on the 18th ultimo, an apprentice boy named *John Hutchinson*, about thirteen or fourteen years of age. Whoever takes up said boy and bring him home, shall receive the above reward, paid by

ISAAC FRAMPTON.

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AMERICAN SENTIMENT.

TOASTS

DRANK AT THE CELEBRATION OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE.

By Captain WILLMOTT's "*Easton Lt. Infantry Blues*," and Citizens—each accompanied by a gun, and 3 cheers. THOMAS JAMES BULLITT, Esq. presided as President, and Mr. JOHN MERIDITH, as Vice-President.

1. The Day, and all who honour it.
2. The United States—May they always preserve their Union and Independence!
3. The President of the United States.
4. The state of Maryland—May the love of country fill the bosoms of her citizens!
5. The Governor of Maryland.
6. The Army and Navy of the United States—May they be at all times ready to defend their country, but never to enslave it!
7. The Militia of the United States—May they support the laws, and protect the freedom of their country!
8. The Memory of General WASHINGTON, and those departed patriots, who fought for American Liberty—May their virtues live in their posterity!
9. Peace with Honour—War rather than disgrace!
10. The Agriculture, Manufactures and Commerce of our country.
11. The American Fair—May they always distinguish the most worthy!
12. Peace, Plenty and Happiness throughout the world!
13. All the Genuine sons of Liberty throughout the globe—Health, Peace and Prosperity to them forever!
14. The people of the United States—May every Citizen be so learned as to know his rights, and so brave as to assert and defend them!
15. The years 1492—1776 and 1787—Memorable for the discovery of America, the declaration of Independence and the establishment of our Republican Government.
16. May the Tree of Liberty take deep root in our soil, and remain unshaken by impending tempests!
17. May the Sons of America meet on every 4th of July, and enjoy in Harmony and Peace a feast like this!

By Capt. MARTIN's "*Mechanical Company*"—Infantry.

1. This fortunate! this glorious day! the nativity of American Freedom—may prosperity attend all who honor it— 1 *gun*, 3 *cheers*.
2. The memory of gen. George Washington, and all those heroes throughout the world who have fallen in defence of Freedom— 1 *gun*, 3 *cheers*.
3. The President of the United States—may his conduct towards the belligerent nations of Europe produce undeniable proof that extreme patience and long forbearance are by no means incompatible with unshaken firmness and decisive fortitude— 3 *guns*, 9 *cheers*.
4. Health happiness and popularity to all those members of Congress, whose actions have flowed from the pure fountain of Patriotism and Integrity and may infamy brand the characters of those who have been governed by sordid motives— 2 *guns*, 6 *cheers*.
5. All true Republicans throughout the world—May all Tyrants and despots be compelled by them to respect the Rights of Man— 3 *guns*, 9 *cheers*.
6. As the wheel of Time revolves this Day; May gratitude ever tell of the Heroes who died in defence of America, and may the Tear of Rememberance often fall on their too much neglected graves— 2 *guns*, 6 *cheers*.
7. All true Americans—May we become a great and happy nation, be bound by principles of mutual regard, actuated as by one soul, and may our prosperity as a band of Brothers, last till the end of Time— 3 *guns*, 9 *cheers*.
8. Unanimity among our Citizens in maintaining our honor Dignity and Independence as a nation—May all who attempt to blow the coals of discord be burn'd by the sparks— 4 *guns*, 12 *cheers*.
9. Commerce—May our citizens be able peaceably to explore every inlet of the habitable Globe; may all their courses be shaped by honor and integrity; may justice, mercy and wisdom be formed in every invoice; and may its net proceeds be good order at home, and respect abroad. 2 *guns* 6 *cheers*.
10. Agriculture—May the implements of war be necessary only as implements of husbandry—may the seeds of good government, quickly spring up without tares, and may each revolving harvest bring us an increase of political happiness. 2 *guns* 6 *cheers*.
11. Manufactures—May they speedily render us independent as a nation; and may our industry, domestic economy, and public spirit be the themes of admiration among all those nations who vainly expected to injure us by their commercial restrictions. 2 *guns* 6 *cheers*.
12. The American standard—May the genius of America grant it may never want defenders. 3 *guns* 9 *cheers*.
13. When honor beats the long roll, may every man be found at his post ready to defend his country. 3 *guns* 9 *cheers*.
14. Peace before war, but war before dishonor. 2 *guns* 6 *cheers*.
15. May justice and honor; not love, hatred, or prejudice, direct the councils of our nation. 2 *guns* 6 *cheers*.
16. The militia of the United States—Good spirits, harmony, happiness and prosperity to them all. 2 *guns* 6 *cheers*.
17. The American fair—may they remember their mothers of 76—who clothed their Fathers by the industry of their hands—rather than be inslaved by British tyrants. 2 *guns* 6 *cheers*.

VOLUNTEERS.

1. *Captain Martin*—The citizens of the United States, enjoying peace, happiness, liberty and security, flowing from a free government, we smile with contempt at the crow of the *Gallic Cock*, and hear with disdain the howl of the *British Lion*.
2. *Samuel Stevens, Adjutant*—The Mechanic company of Easton, if necessity demands—and a foreign foe invades our peaceful shores, may *they* with alacrity convert their respective implements of industry into implements of war. 2 *guns* 6 *cheers*.
3. *William Berridge*—May the Leviathan of the seas, and the mammoth of the land, suffer for food, until they become willing to make a complete satisfaction for the unwarrantable depredations committed against the rights and liberties of America.
4. *William G. Garey*—The soaring Eagle, may it like agitated peals of tremendous thunder descend from the etherial regions, to pull crowns from Emperors and Kings, and all men rejoice.
5. *William Madrey*—The companies of Easton, may their commanders be like fixed planets, and all their men like stars, revolving around harmoniously.
6. *William Dawson*—May the Eagle of America, never rest contented, till she subdues all foreign enemies.

TOASTS drank on the 4th of July, by the members of the "*Talbot Patriot Troop*."

1. The 4th of July, '76—Grateful be its memory, welcome its return, and sacred the principle it commemorates.
2. The memory of general George Washington.
3. The President of the United States—May the dignity and happiness of his country, continue the objects of his unrelaxing exertions.
4. The Vice-President of the United States—The Patriot and Soldier.
5. Peace and amity with all the world—We regret the awful crisis at which we are arrived, but we will steadily maintain the sovereignty of our nation and valiantly defend its just rights.—6 *cheers*.
6. The laws of nations, and the faith of treaties neither innovated, nor violated by Orders of Council or Decrees.
7. Prosperity to Agriculture and Freedom to Trade—May we always have *plenty* for those who want, and *power* to carry it wherever we please. 6 *cheers*.
8. Compleat Protection to *American Seamen*—Ever jealous of the wrongs inflicted on our countrymen, let their safety become the object of our undivided care—6 *cheers*.
9. The next President of the United States—Wisdom in all his councils, Energy in all his conduct and exalted Impartiality in his administration, both at home and abroad.
10. The union and sovereignty of the United States—The best security of our liberty, the only preservation of our excellent constitution, the sheet anchor of our hopes—17 *cheers*.
11. The Sovereignty of the People, 21 *cheers*.
12. The Mechanic and Manufacturing interests of our country—May they by their progressive improvements become substitutes for non-importation acts.
13. The friends of freedom throughout the world.
14. The Fair Daughters of our country—May their caresses be the rich reward of the Soldier's valor—17 *cheers*.
15. The battle of Bunker's Hill, the early presage of American Prowess.
16. The Memory of those who fell in defence of American Independence.
17. The militia of the United States—The safe and proper defence of our government and country, the ready force to check invasion.

By Capt. THOMAS's "*Talbot Volunteer Artillery Company*."

1. The day we celebrate—May it serve to keep alive the flame of Liberty till time shall be no more.
2. Waskington, hero of the American Revolution—Let the enemies of our country know, though he is called from us, he has left a spark of independence.
3. The sovereign people of America—May the flame of resentment burst forth from the breast of every citizen like a two and thirty pounder, well charged, and level the tyrants of the ocean.
4. Thomas Jefferson, the man of the people: When he retires, may Madison take his seat.
5. The Embargo law: May it be recorded with ink, and not with blood.
6. The "Talbot Volunteer Artillery," the "Talbot Patriot Troop," the "Easton Blues," and the "MECHANIC Company,"—may they be united as brothers and act as brave soldiers.
7. The American tars: MAY they never want rhino, grog nor biscuit.
8. The American flag: MAY it never be disgraced for want of courage.
9. The oppressed of all nations: MAY they find in our country peace, equality and friendship, when their political principles shall be correspondent with our form of government.
10. American manufactories: MAY they be so encouraged as soon to be equivalent to the wants of our citizens.
11. Agriculture and commerce:—Twin-Sisters.
12. The honorable Governor and Council of the state of Maryland: MAY every man take his trick at the helm, and steer for the object intended, and act as the Hero, WASHINGTON.
13. The American Stars: MAY they enlighten the Eagle, that she may give us timely notice of an approaching danger.
14. The Talbot Volunteer Artillery: MAY they emulate the virtues of the brave.
15. The citizens of our country—May the hand of providence strengthen their arms, that they may slay the tyrannical foes, that wish to intrude on our liberties, as Sampson slew the Philistines with the jaw-bone of the ass.
16. Humphreys, the cowardly lion of Great Britain—May the American Eagle pluck his eyes out, and fill the holes with his litter.
17. The Fair Daughters of America—May they only smile on the friends of their country.

At a meeting of the Mechanic's company of Militia, at St. Michael's, on the 4th inst. after performing the usual Military duties, the following toasts were given, each succeeded by a discharge of artillery.

1. The day we celebrate—May the commemoration of this glorious Anniversary be commensurate with time.
2. The memory of General Washington, who lives in the affection of his country.
3. Thomas Jefferson, whom experience (the surest test) has proved to be the people's friend.
4. The venerable patriot George Clinton—May he in the evening of his days preserve his well earned fame.
5. James Madison—The able advocate of his country's rights.
6. John Quincy Adams—The honest Statesman, may his country appreciate his merits.
7. The constitution of the United States—May it remain sacred.
8. The Embargo—May it have its desired effect.
9. The American tars—May their rights never be sacrificed at the Shrine of British usurpation.
10. Union to the people of the United States—Not as a rope of sand but as a chair of Adamant.
11. Maturity to the Manufactories of the United States.
12. The Commerce of the United States—That slumbers may it awaken with redoubled vigour, having its rights, respected by the usurping despots of Europe.
13. The people of the United States—Peaceable, but determined, prefering war to national degradation.
14. The militia of the United States—Defenders of their country's rights.
15. The State of Maryland—Tolerant, peaceable and magnanimous.
16. The Governor of the State of Maryland.
17. The Fair Daughters of Columbia—May patriots only share their smiles.

CENTREVILLE, JULY 7.

The Anniversary of American Independence was celebrated by the citizens of Centreville and its vicinity, on the 4th instant, with much spirit and pleasure.

The day was ushered in by a discharge of artillery; at an early hour, captain William H. Nicholson's company of infantry were under arms, and went through a variety of evolutions and firings in a soldier-like manner, to the great satisfaction of the spectators.—

At the usual hour of dinner, the company under the command of captain Nicholson adjourned to the Court House, where an elegant entertainment was prepared for them, of which they partook, in company with a number of their fellow-citizens.

A party of citizens also assembled at the market house, where a plentiful board was spread for them; Stephen Lowery esq. was appointed president for the day, and Richard T. Earle esq. vice-president, after dinner the following toasts were drank by the company assembled at the market house:—

1. The day we celebrate—Ever memorable in the annals of Liberty, it will generate pleasant recollections until time shall be no more.
2. The memory of the illustrious Washington—His example will inspire prodigies of valour, when the day of need comes.
3. The President of the United States—The glorious career of his political *life*, will end with the applause of his country—his successor cannot have before him a more finished prototype.
4. The Vice-President of the United States—The Soldier and the Patriot—May he never become the instrument of disunion amongst Republicans
5. The Administration of the United States—In the most tempestuous seas, the vessel of state has been managed with judgment and skill, the helmsman and his messmates merit our highest Eulogium.
6. The military genius of America—It will not slumber when occasion calls it forth, generals will not be wanting to lead on Freemen to victory.
7. The Embargo, preferable to War—The inconvenience it produces will be patiently borne by all patriotic citizens, their country's good demands the sacrifice.
8. The Plough & the Spinning-Wheel—The surest instruments of national independence, Agriculturists and Manufacturers, are honorable epithets.
9. The state of Maryland—Her brave militia will be seen in the foremost ranks, repelling British or Gallic Invaders.
10. Madison—The patriot and statesman—By his aid, British diplomacy has been humbled in the dust.
11. General Armstrong, our minister at Paris—To the greatest Potentate on the earth, he has talked like an American.
12. The protection of seamen is the duty of government, is the salvation of commerce—Better thoughts to the Politician, who would subject American sailors to impressment, because they look and speak like Britons.
13. May every American able to bear arms, become a soldier—The United Host would resist the United World, let our rulers arm us, we ask no more.
14. May Democratic schism teach Democrats wisdom—Let them look to their elections.
15. Burr and his partisans—Public sentiment has consigned them to infamy, future traitors will meet the same punishment.
16. May Agriculture and Manufactures be assisted by the improvement of Roads and Canals.
17. The American Fair.

CHESTER-TOWN, JULY 4.

The following Toasts were drank in this town, at the celebration of our National Festival, by a company of Democratic Republicans.

1. The Day, and all who celebrate it, in the same spirit that gave birth to it.
2. The United States—their existence depends upon their union and may that union be perpetual.
3. The militia of our country—the best defenders of the rights and liberties of a free People.
4. The President of the United States—the author of the declaration of Independence, he is a real Patriot, and the friend of mankind.
5. The Vice President of the United States—we earnestly hope he will not tarnish his well earned fame by encouraging divisions among his Republican Brethren.
6. The Congress of the United States—may their deliberations continue to be "for the safety honor and welfare of their Constituents."
7. The State of Maryland.
8. The memory of Washington and Franklin.
9. The Judiciary of the United States—may it prove to be what the Constitution intended it for, the pure Fountain of Justice.
10. The memory of Montgomery and other Heroes, who fell in the struggle for American Independence.
11. The Officers and Soldiers of our revolutionary army, who still survive their arduous labor and remain faithful to the cause of the People.
12. The Embargo—in the last effort to preserve *peace* we evince our determination to bear if necessary the greater privations of *war*.
13. The freedom of the Seas and the security of our mariners—they ought never to be lost sight of in any negociation.
14. James Madison, the steady Patriot and able Statesman—his services, his virtues, and his talents justify entitle him to the first office in the gift of the American People.
15. The nineteen Repulicans who voted for the expulsion of John Smith, from the Senate of the United States. May their future efforts to purge that Body be more successful than the past, in the mean time they deserve well of their country.
16. Aaron Burr, and his associates in and out of Congress, as good citizens, we acquiesce in the Judicial and legislative decisions that have acquitted these men, but in our estimation they are equally Traitors whether their