

States, by Mr. Malcom, his Secretary, who delivered in the same, together with the documents referred to therein. And then he withdrew.

The said message was read, and is as followeth :

*Gentlemen of the Senate and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :*

In compliance with the request of the House of Representatives, expressed in their resolution of the second of this month, I transmit to both Houses those instructions to, and despatches from, the Envoys Extraordinary to the French Republic, which were mentioned in my message of the nineteenth of March last, omitting only some names, and a few expressions, descriptive of the persons.

I request that they may be considered in confidence, until the members of Congress are fully possessed of their contents, and shall have had opportunity to deliberate on the consequences of their publication ; after which time, I submit them to your wisdom.

JOHN ADAMS.

UNITED STATES, April 3, 1798.

The lobby and galleries were then cleared of all persons except the members and clerk : Whereupon,

The House proceeded to the reading of the documents referred to in the said message, and went through the same.

The lobby and galleries being then opened,

An adjournment was called for : Whereupon,

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 1798.

An engrossed bill authorizing an expenditure, and making an appropriation for the reimbursement of moneys advanced by the Consuls of the United States, in certain cases, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act authorizing an expenditure, and making an appropriation for the reimbursement of moneys advanced by the Consuls of the United States, in certain cases."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of John Vaughan, of the city of Philadelphia, merchant, was presented to the House and read, praying relief, in the case of the loss of a certain sum of money which the petitioner has sustained on the deposit of a considerable quantity of silver bullion at the Mint of the United States, between the first of January, and the twenty-first of November, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five;—the value of which bullion has been calculated at the rate of nine parts fine to one part of alloy, instead of the rate of one thousand four hundred and eighty-five parts fine to one hundred seventy-nine parts alloy, as required by the thirteenth section of the act, entitled "An act establishing a Mint, and regulating the coins of the United States;" as, also, by a delay in the payment of the proceeds of the bullion aforesaid to the petitioner.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Livingston, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented, according to order, a bill declaring the consent of Congress to two acts of the State of North Carolina, therein mentioned ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the twenty-eighth ultimo, the petition of Josiah Greene, made a report ; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to lay before this House a statement, exhibiting the tonnage of shipping belonging to the several districts of the United States, at the last period for which an account can be prepared—distinguishing the registered from the enrolled and licensed tonnage ; also, a comparative statement of the tonnage of vessels employed in the trade between the United States and foreign countries, from the first of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, to the latest period at which an account can be made up, distinguishing the foreign from the domestic tonnage.