

JEFFERSON FESTIVAL.—We may see by the following extracts from the *Pennsylvania Enquirer*, that Judge Clayton has found personal and political friends in that State; and that even in Philadelphia there is a democracy who are not in awe of the aristocracy of the Bank.

JEFFERSON FESTIVAL.

A respectable number of citizens of Philadelphia convened at the Napoleon House, on the evening of the 13th instant, to celebrate the anniversary of the birth of the illustrious author of the Declaration of Independence.

FREDERICK STOEVER, Esq. presided, assisted by J. A. M'CLISTOCK and J. M. BENSTED, Esqrs.

The Declaration of Independence was appropriately and impressively read, after which regular toasts were drank:

TOASTS OMITTED.

The Committee appointed to invite the members of the Congressional Bank Committee, reported the following correspondence:

PHILADELPHIA, April 12th, 1832.

Sir: A number of citizens of this place intend partaking together on the evening of the 13th inst. in a public festival, in commemoration of the birth of Thomas Jefferson—the sage whose memory they delight to honour, because of his eminent public services—his strict devotion to the principles of representative democracy—his hostility to the assumption of extensive powers, by implication, for the general government—his enlightened zeal for the abolition of an order of OFFICERS FOR LIFE, invested with large authority, and liable to the temptation to assume more than the people have granted them, and because of his disposition to perpetuate our national union, by adhering to the same spirit of mutual compromise and respect for the interests and feelings of every section of the country, through which it was originally formed.

In their behalf, we respectfully invite you to join them on the above mentioned occasion. Be pleased to accept the assurance of our esteem and consideration.

THOMAS EARLE,
CHEYNEY HICKMAN,
J. SAUNDERS,
THOMAS G. BIGNELL,
Committee.

Col. Johnson answered, that his public duties prevented his attendance. After reading his letter the following toast was drank:

By the Company.—Col. Richard M. Johnson. He has ever been true, he remains true, and will continue to be true, to the cause of the people. 9 cheers.

The following is the answer of Judge Clayton.

PHILADELPHIA, April 13, 1832.

Thomas Earle, Cheyney Hickman, Jeremiah Saunders, Thomas G. Bignell, Committee.

GENTLEMEN:—I have had the pleasure of receiving your polite invitation to partake in a festival prepared by a number of your citizens, in the commemoration of the birth of Thomas Jefferson. I regret to say that an arrangement made by the Committee to which I belong, to decline all the civilities offered by this hospitable city, because of the fear that they would interfere with the urgent object of our mission, and which, thus far, has been strictly adhered to, will prevent me from accepting your very kind request. And this regret is greatly increased, when I reflect that it compels me to deny myself the very great satisfaction of mingling my recollections, with those of the patriotic citizens that will surround your board, on a subject and in relation to a character that can never be forgotten, till democratic principles cease to be cherished by the advocates of free government. When that era arrives, may Thomas Jefferson no longer be remembered; but until it does, may his birth day be greeted by the same warm and generous feelings, which will doubtless flow from the celebration, in which I have been so kindly invited to join.

With sentiments of the very highest regard for yourselves, as well as the citizens you represent,

I am, gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

A. S. CLAYTON.

Toast by the Company.—Hon. Aug. S. Clayton. His sound principles and eminent talents have won the confidence of his native State. His engaging manners and private virtues have won the esteem of the citizens of Philadelphia. 9 cheers.