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DONALSONVILLE, July 5, 1825.

On yesterday the recurrence of our national birth day, was welcomed here with those demonstrations of joy and festivity, which evidence hearts truly grateful for the political blessings which they derive from it.

The morning was ushered in by a salute of 24 rounds of cannon; and at noon-day, a like number was fired. Notwithstanding the torrents of rain, which fell in the early part of the day, an unusual number of our citizens assembled, and after having heard the Declaration of Independence read in English by D. A. Randall, Esq and in French by the Rev. H. BRASSAC, at 4 o'clock, P. M. sat down to an abundant and well arranged Dinner, prepared by Madam V. Bourdier;—the Hon. C. D'OUTREMER, officiating as president, and Col. R. C. NICHOLAS, as vice-president. The company was gratified by the presence of his excellency the Governor. After dinner, the following toasts were drank:

1. *The day we Celebrate*—An era, second only to Christianity; like it, proclaiming the triumph of principle and man's regeneration.

2. *The Constitution of the United States*—Unlike the leaves of the Sybil; its value consists in its integrity.

3. *The President of the United States*—The organ of the people's will; may the will of the people be his polar star.

4. *The Army of the United States*—No where to be found, till at the call of its country, it springs into existence, as Minerva armed for fight.

5. *The Navy of United States*—*A lusus naturæ*, laurels shooting from a live-oak stock

6. *The memory of GEORGE WASHINGTON.*

7. *LA FAYETTE*—France claims him by birth America by adoption; the world has a better title than either.

8. *The heroes of the Revolution*—The living honoured, and the dead embalmed.

9. *The State of Louisiana*—Young as she is, she also has her fasti.

10. *South America and Greece*—The one seated on freedom's temple, the other entering at the threshold.

11. *The Governor of the State of Louisiana.*

12. *The State House*—Founded 4th July, 1825, —May the day communicate a portion of its vitality to our embryo Capitol.

13. *The Fair Sex*—The only tyrants freemen can tolerate.

VOLUNTEERS.

By Hon. C. D'OUTREMER—*The memory of the heroes, Americans and French, who shed their blood to secure to us the blessings of the individuals which we this day celebrate.*

Col. R. C. NICHOLAS, Esq.—*E. Livingston, our Representative in Congress: His splendid talents and zealous devotion to our service, give him the strongest claim to the most grateful reward that can be offered to a virtuous and enlightened representative—the thanks of his constituents.*

His Ex^{ty} Gov. JOHNSON—*The people: The only legitimate source of power.*

Rev. H. BRASSAC—*The Hon. Trasmus Landry, Representative of Ascension: By the firmness, zeal and independence of his conduct, he has justified the choice of the people.*

THOS. C. NICHOLAS, Esq.—*The Law of Sacrilege, or the Sacrilegious Laws of France; May His supporters prove by their Real Presence, and "Propria Persone," the wisdom and efficacy of its provisions.*

LARQUE TURGEAU, Esq.—*Louisiana settled by the French—A happy epoch, which terminated by procuring to the United States the advantage of possessing this state, now so flourishing under the standard of Liberty, under which we are united to celebrate the day forever memorable—the fourth of July.*

M. J. GRO. H. HUNTER—*Citizens of the States of this Union—Infamy to the individual who would attempt to produce discord among them.*

ROBERT LAWES, Esq.—*The President of the United States—His constituents need no foreign alliance; we have a country, let us protect and improve it.*

D. C. RANDALL—*Political and Religious Intolerance—the one the necessary consequence of the other—combined, the Gorgon head which petrifies love of country and Christian charity.*

JOHN C. TURNER, Esq.—*The Ex Presidents—four brilliant constellations in the political firmament.*

MR. TREILLE—*The Boston folks and their improved method of making Tea.*

MR. A. W. M'DANIEL—*Andrew Jackson—the distinguished hero and statesman of the West.*

MR. P. T. MARTIN—*Bolivar and the Liberator of every country.*

MR. PLUMART DE RITUX—*The Congress of the United States—may a like assembly of representatives of all the nations of Europe, be established upon the ruins of the Holy Alliance.*

MR. MORRISON—*May the Tree of Liberty never bear another Burr.*

MR. LACQUE—*The upright Judge of our Parish—as a father, he knows how to govern by his wisdom; and as a friend, how to preside with goodness at our amusements.*

JUDAS QUEROZ—*Gentlemen: Hardly had Louisiana sprung into existence, when, after being cast aside by a dissolute prince, the arrival of the execrable Orçilly was marked by the precious blood of her most distinguished and devoted citizens—since, languishing in ignorance, the natural consequence of despotism and intolerance, till the end of the 18th century—behold her at the commencement of the 19th, under shade of the Tree of Liberty; she rises from abjection, and already may glory in the immense increase of her commerce, the amelioration of her laws, the emancipation of her mind, and the number of young citizens born upon her soil, who shine both by their civic virtues and their talents. I propose the following toast:—To Louisiana of the 19th century.*