

The company at the Cheves' spring continued the toasts, as follows:

10. *The American Navy.* The pride and boast of our land; gallant and invincible; confusion to those who sacrificed Porter, one of its distinguished ornaments.

11. *The Army of the United States.* Often tried and always to be trusted; may a nation's gratitude be the rich reward that will ever crown the soldier's toils.

12. *Agriculture, Commerce and Manufactures.* Conjoined, the great source of national wealth and national prosperity; separated, they may blast the fairest prospects of our country.

13. *Woman.* A fascination that combines all that is lovely.

"Volunteers" were given by the following gentlemen: Samuel Humes, Sr., William Jenkins, Henry Hibshman, John Light, Jacob Rathfon, John Longenecker, N. Lightner, George Louis Mayer, William Norris, B. Champneys, Henry Carpenter, John Reynolds, James Johnston, Dr. Bier, Adam Metzgar, G. Rodman, George Withers, H. Heffer, Reah Frazer, Samuel C. Stambaugh, Edward Hutchinson, Henry Eicholtz, E. H. Brien, William T. Brown, Mathew McKelly, William Michael, M. Kelly, John Upperman, P. McConomy, Bernard Moss, H. W. Villee, G. J. Ewing, John E. Scott, Stacy Swem, Hugh Dougherty, Mr. Keffer, H. M. Leonard, W. B. Fahnestock, Peter McGrath, Michael Wimer, David N. Jones, John Maglaughlin, Patrick O'Donnell, Barney Lappen, G. B. Kerfoot, Clarkson Freeman, Jr., John Rupley, Ira Clark, William Russel, B. Grimler, Jacob Weaver, J. Briggs, Dr. Miller and J. Kelly, Jr.

General [George B.] Porter, in a letter to James Buchanan, Esq., which was received from Philadelphia by mail on Wednesday evening, requested a sentiment to be given in his name. Unfortunately, the letter was received too late for Mr. Buchanan to comply with his wishes.

¹ Lancaster Journal, Friday, July 6th, 1827.

Lancaster Volunteer Companies Assist in Reception to Lafayette in Philadelphia

By WILLIAM FREDERIC WORNER

ON Saturday, September 18th. 1824, the Lancaster Phalanx, commanded by Captain Frederick Hambright, and the City Guards, commanded by Captain John Reynolds, arrived in Philadelphia for the purpose of assisting in the reception to the Marquis De Lafayette, the nation's guest.

The Lancaster Journal, of Friday, September 24th, 1824, contained a news item relative to the Lancaster soldiers copied from the Philadelphia Daily Advertiser, of Thursday, September 23rd, which was as follows:

"Their appearance, deportment and military movements inspired a strong feeling of respect.

"On Tuesday [September 21st] the Second Regiment of Volunteers, under command of Col. Watmough, paraded pursuant to order, and having escorted the Lancaster troops into the city, they were joined in Arch street by the corps of marines. After a passing salute to the Major General, the whole body was reviewed by the Governor [John Andrew Shulze] in line, and again in the column of march.

"The column then marched to the boundaries of Southwark, and the marines having been detached, with the usual compliments, the Lancaster corps were escorted through the city to the ground of their first reception.

"We beg leave particularly to remark, in addition to our general gratification with the cleanly and orderly appearance of the troops, on the high military subordination of the Lancaster corps, who have visited us. There was no talking among them, and the orders were given in a low, quick tone, and a clear expression, and promptly and silently obeyed."

General Lafayette arrived in Philadelphia on Monday, September 27th, and a fitting celebration in his honor was held the following day.

On Wednesday afternoon, September 29th, the two volunteer companies from Lancaster left Philadelphia, escorted by Capt. Roderfield's company of citizen volunteers. They arrived in Lancaster on Saturday, October 2nd. They were met at Witmer's bridge [on the present Lincoln highway, east of the city] by the mayor, recorder, aldermen and magistrates, and the select and common councils of the city, accompanied by the members of the city band, and a great number of inhabitants, who cheered their return with marked demonstrations of gladness and approbation. They were escorted to the house of Mr. Ross Simpson, where, at one o'clock, they sat down to a plentiful repast prepared in their honor.

The troops, however, were anxious to rejoin their families, and did not desire to prolong the pleasures of the table. In less than an hour the signal was given and the men were ready for marching. They proceeded to the court house where they were dismissed.

The Lancaster Journal, of Friday, October 8th, 1824, stated: "The martial air of the troops, the strict discipline observed, and the masterly manner in which every order was executed, were

highly creditable to officers and men, and did not fail to excite a feeling of honest pride in the spectators that these were their representatives, their brethren and friends, the men distinguished among the thousands composing the grand procession at Philadelphia, on the last great occasion, for soldierly appearance and conduct."

On Wednesday morning, September 29th, Lafayette was waited upon by a deputation of citizens from Lancaster. He desired them to present his most affectionate respects to the people of Lancaster and to assure them that he would, if possible, most certainly comply with their request and visit them after fulfilling his engagements in the South.

In the Lancaster Journal, of Friday, October 8th, 1824, Captains Hambright and Reynolds thanked the following persons for kindness shown to the troops under their command.

From Philadelphia: Col. Swift, Frederick Gaul, Curtis and Mrs. Grubb, Jacob Souder, William Esher, Jacob Lex, Charles Lex, Henry Witmer, B. J. Schipper, Capt. Wetherill, Mr. Montelius, Col. G. W. Riter, Lieut. Col. Smith, Major Peale, Col. Browne and Adjutant Sims.

From Chester county: Charles Miner, Tobias Rudolph, Gen. Evans and Mr. Black.

From Lancaster: George B. Porter, Molton C. Rogers, George Hambright, George Louis Mayer, T. B. Coleman, Jacob Kauffman, Robert Spence, Leonard Eicholtz, Joseph Hubley, Philip W. Reigart, David Miller, Jacob Huber, Evan R. Evans, C. Hager, John R. Montgomery, Henry Eicholtz, Michael Graeff, F. A. Muhlenberg, Thomas Jefferies, John Bachman, Joseph Jefferies, James Humes, Nathaniel W. Sample, Henry Keffer, Samuel D. Jacobs, Andrew B. Kauffman and J. Slaymaker.

Having been able to secure the names of the subscribers to a dinner given to the Lancaster troops at Bush Hill on Saturday, September 25th, Captains Hambright and Reynolds felt it to be a gracious privilege on their part to return most heartfelt thanks to the following:

John Swift, Dr. Benjamin Kughler, James J. Skerrett, Edward Yorke, Henry Simpson, Isaac Lehman, Joel Z. Reynolds, David P. Bierson, Samuel P. Wetherill, John P. Wetherill, Charles Wetherill, Josiah Lockert, John Siter, John I. Wheeler, Lewis Mayer, John B. Mayer and George Louis Mayer.

The Lancaster Journal, of Friday, October 22nd, 1824, contained the following:

"An illuminated painting, by Mr. James Henry of this city, representing the 'Encampment of the Lancaster Volunteers on Bush Hill' may be seen in front of Mr. Ross Simpson's inn, in East King street, this evening and tomorrow evening."

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