

To which his Excellency was pleased to give the following answer, namely:

"Sir—I accept with singular pleasure the ensign of so worthy a fraternity as that of the Sons of St. Patrick in this city—a society distinguished for the firm adherence of its members to the glorious cause in which we are embarked.

"Give me leave to assure you, sir, that I shall never cast my eyes upon the badge with which I am honored but with graceful remembrance of the polite and affectionate manner in which it was presented. I am, with respect and esteem, sir, your most obedient servant,

GEORGE WASHINGTON.

"To George Campbell, Esq., President of the Society of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, in the City of Philadelphia."

"After which the President (by a card), having requested the honor of his Excellency's company, together with the gentlemen of his suite, at dinner, at the City Tavern, on Tuesday, the 1st January, he was pleased to accept of the invitation, and according to the order of last meeting, the Secretary sent cards to all the persons therein specified, requesting the pleasure of their company at same place and time, namely, four o'clock.

"At an extra meeting at George Evans' on Tuesday, the 1st of January, 1782, the following gentlemen were present: His Excellency, General Washington, General Lincoln, General Steuben, General Howe, General Moultrie, General Knox, General Hand, General McIntosh, His Excellency, M. Luzerne, M. Rendon, His Excellency, Mr. Hanson, His Excellency, Wm. Moore, Mr. Mullenbergh, Colonel French Tilghman, Colonel Smith, Major Washington, Count Dillon, Count de la Touche, M. Otto, M. Holler—21. Guests: George Campbell, Esq., President; Mr. Thomas Fitzsimmons, V. P.; Wm. West, Matthew Mease, John Mease, John Mitchel, S. M. Nesbit, John Nixon, Samuel Caldwell, Andrew Caldwell, Mr. James Mease, Sharp, Delany, Esq., Mr. D. H. Conyngham, Mr. George Henry, Mr. Blair, McCleachan, Mr. Alexander Nesbitt, Mr. John Donaldson, Mr. John Barclay, Mr. James Crawford, Mr. John Patton, Mr. James Caldwell, Mr. John

Dunlap, Mr. Hugh Shell, Mr. George Hughes, Mr. M. M. O'Brien, Jasper Moylan, Esq., Colonel Ephraim Blaine, Colonel Charles Stewart, Colonel Walter Stewart, Colonel Francis Johnson, Dr. John Cochran, Mr. Wm. Constable, Henry Hill, Esq., Robert Morris, Esq., Samuel Meredith, Esq.—35 members.

This brilliant entertainment, it will be seen, was graced by the presence of the bravest and most distinguished Generals of the allied army of America and France—Generals Washington, Lincoln, Howe, Moultrie, Knox, Hand, McIntosh and Baron Steuben; Colonels Washington, Smith, Tilghman, Count Dillon, a French officer of Irish descent, afterward much distinguished in the wars of the French revolution, and Count de la Touche. The French and Spanish ministers, with their Secretaries, &c., were also present. Several of the First Troop (members of the society) Colonels Charles and Walter Stewart, Colonels Blaine and Johnson, with Robert Morris, Samuel Meredith and Henry Hill, honorary members.

Often, as we learn from the same authority, when the names of members such as Barry, Moylan and Hand were called, the answer was "absent at sea," "absent with the army."

Moylan, whose home is celebrated in the letters of the men and "women of the revolution," for its hospitable elegance, volunteered with twenty-three other "Friendly Sons," at the beginning of the war. He joined the army at headquarters at Cambridge, and in Aug. '75, was appointed by Washington Muster-Master General. From his correspondence with General Reid, he appears to have been zealous for breaking utterly with England. In January, '76, he writes to Reid—"when will we declare for independence?"—an act which only took place in July following. In March, with Mr. Palfrey, he was appointed Aid-de-camp to Washington, "much of whose confidence," says Mr. Hood, "he enjoyed." He is frequently mentioned in Washington's correspondence, and always favorably. From Aid-de-camp he seems to have been appointed Commissary General, and subsequently to have commanded the Dragoons, with the rank of Colonel and brevet of Brigadier. At Bergen Neck,