

Should the council approve of this decision, a copy thereof shall be sent to the Citizen Genet, certified by the secretary of the council, as well as the ministers of the interior, of war, of the marine, and of foreign affairs.

Paris, the 2d January 1793.—the 2d year of the Republic.

The present *memoire* has been read and approved in the provisory executive council, the 4th of January, 1793;—in the 2d year of the Republic.

The Secretary of the Council,

GROUVELLE.

(Signed) Le BRUN;

Minister for Foreign Affairs.

I hereby certify, that the foregoing is a true copy from the original in my possession.—Philadelphia, 22d May, 1793;—in the second year of the Republic.

The Minister of the French Republic,

GENET.

TRANSLATION.

Extract from the registers of the deliberations of the provisory executive council, of the 4th January, 1793, in the second year of the Republic.

THE minister for foreign affairs, having informed that the citizen Genet, appointed Minister plenipotentiary, from the French Republic to the Congress of the United States of America, and that it would be necessary for the council, to decide definitively on his instructions for the fulfillment of his mission.

The draft of the same was accordingly read—the council in adopting it, declares that the copy thereof for citizen Genet shall be signed by the President, and counter-signed by the Minister for foreign affairs.

After which the executive council, wishing to determine the form in which the full powers given to citizen Genet, shall be exercised relatively to the general direction of consular business, according to the present ideas of the Minister of the marine and of foreign affairs, who have observed the necessity of a new organization of the consulates and vice-consulates in America, has considered and resolved on the following, which shall serve as instructions to Citizen Genet, for whatever may concern this part of his mission, and of which also a copy signed by the President of the council and counter-signed by the minister of the marine, shall be given him. Here follows the instruction concerning the general affairs of the consulates and vice consulates of North-America.*

The executive council then took into consideration the particular mission of Citizen Genet, Minister plenipotentiary from the Republic of France to the Congress of the United States, on the subject of negotiation relative to the reimbursement of the sums due or that may become due of the debt due by the United States to the French Republic. An account was given of the different dispositions and steps already taken for this purpose. It was observed that considering the utility of applying the product of the reimbursements which may be effected through Congress, to the purchase of war-like stores and provisions, which it may be convenient to the Republic to procure in the different markets of the United States; that the Citizen Genet, had concerted on this head with the ministers of the interior, of war, of the marine, and of foreign affairs, in order to determine the mass of the funds, confided to him for these purchases—but that several points occurred, which required to be definitively settled by the council, either as to the forms of *compatibility*, or the supplying of any deficiency in those funds, in case the Ame-

* This instruction is deposited in the office of the Minister for foreign affairs, and a certified copy thereof has been delivered to Citizen Genet.