

*COPY of a letter from the Commissioners extraordinary and plenipotentiary, of the United States, for treating of peace with Great Britain, to the Secretary of State, dated*

Ghent, 12th August, 1814.

SIR,

WE have the honor to inform you that the British commissioners, lord Gambier, Henry Goulbourn, esq. and William Adams, esq. arrived in this city on Saturday evening the sixth instant. The day after their arrival, Mr. Baker, their secretary, called upon us to give us notice of the fact, and to propose a meeting, at a certain hour, on the ensuing day. The place having been agreed upon, we accordingly met at one o'clock, on Monday the 8th instant.

We inclose herewith a copy of the full powers exhibited by the British commissioners at that conference; which was opened on their part by an expression of the sincere and earnest desire of their government, that the negotiation might result in a solid peace, honorable to both parties. They, at the same time, declared, that no events which had occurred since the first proposal for this negotiation, had altered the pacific disposition of their government, or varied its views, as to the terms upon which it was willing to conclude the peace.

We answered that we heard these declarations with great satisfaction, and that our government had acceded to the proposal of negotiation, with the most sincere desire to put an end to the differences which divided the two countries; and to lay upon just and liberal grounds, the foundation of a peace, which, securing the rights and interests of both nations, should unite them by lasting bonds of amity.