

Spirit above will cause your hearts to listen to what I say: in the mean time, I pray in presence of you all, with an uplifted hand, and devout heart that the Great Spirit above may send down his spirit upon you all and make you like the white people.

Philadelphia, April 14. A letter from New-York, dated April 12, says: 'This day, the proposition for the assumption of the State debt, was rejected in a committee of the whole House—31 against 29. The Messrs. Muhlenbergs, Mr. Scott, and General Heister, of your State, were in the majority. Under certain conditions and limitations, an assumption might be acceptable. For instance, let the States discharge their requisitions—let the accounts be settled—and then assume the balances; but under the late doctrine of burning the books, assumption would have been political madness.'

24. Wednesday afternoon, at four o'clock, were interred the remains of the illustrious and venerable BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, F. R. S. with every mark of respectful sorrow, which an affectionate family, devoted to him—friends truly sensible of his worth—or an intelligent and grateful city could shew.

The ships in the harbour, and even those of Great Britain, hung their flags half-mast high.

The following was the order of the procession observed on the above occasion.

All the Clergy of the city, including the ministers of the Hebrew congregation, before the corpse.

The Corpse, carried by citizens. The pall supported by the President of the State, the Chief Justice, the President of the bank, Samuel Powell, William Birmingham, and David Rittenhouse, Esqrs.

Mourners, consisting of the family of the deceased; with a number of particular friends.

The Secretary and the members of the Supreme Executive Council.

The Speaker and members of the General Assembly.

Judges of the Supreme Court and other officers of government.

The gentlemen of the bar.

The Mayor and Corporation of the city of Philadelphia.

The Printers of the city, with their journeymen and apprentices.

The Philo-sophical Society—the College of Physicians—the Cincinnati.

The College of Philadelphia.

And sundry other societies, together with a numerous, and respectable body of citizens.

The concourse of spectators was greater than ever was known on the like occasion.

It is computed that not less than twenty thousand persons attended and witnessed the funeral. The order and silence which prevailed, during the procession, deeply evinced the heartfelt sense, entertained by all classes of citizens, of the unparalleled virtues, talents, and services of the deceased.

Thursday the Supreme Executive Council of this State, and also the House of Representatives of the United States, agreed to wear mourning for one month, in memory of their great and good fellow-citizen, Dr. Franklin.

DOMESTIC AFFAIRS;

Halifax, April 28.

HIS Excellency the Lieut. Governor came to the Council Chamber, and sent a Message to the Assembly requiring their attendance. His Excellency then gave his assent to all the Bills which had been agreed to by both Houses, except the Bill for limiting the duration of the Assembly to 7 years. The reason assigned by his Excellency for refusing his assent to the latter Bill, was its being contrary to his instructions—After which his Excellency was pleased to prorogue the General Assembly to the 15th of July next.

29. Last Friday a boat unfortunately overset near Prospect, by which accident Mr. Michael Meagher, and Mr. Thomas Quin were drowned.

DIED,

Feb. 28. At the Island of St. John, Phillips Callbeck, Esq; His Majesty's Attorney-General—Lieutenant Colonel of the Militia, and Speaker of the Assembly. The Assembly to shew their regard to their late Speaker, and their sense of the great public loss sustained by his death, have ordered a monument to be erected to his memory, at the public expence, and appointed a Committee of the House to prepare a suitable inscription.—All accounts from the Island agree, that considered in a public or private view, the death of Colonel Callbeck is greatly lamented.—To a handsome education, which he received in Dublin, his native place, he possessed in an eminent degree, that pleasing suavity of manners, which insensibly, yet universally attaches all ranks of people.—In the walks of private life his conduct was peculiarly amiable—and few men exceeded him in that hospitality so generally acknowledged to be characteristic of his countrymen.