

rican government should not realize its reimbursements in proportion to the purchases made on account of the Republic.

Whereupon the provisory executive council, after having heard and discussed the reports and measures presented by the minister of contributions, agree upon the following :

1st. The Citizen Genet shall be authorized to employ, agreeably to the orders of the minister of the interior, of war, of the marine and foreign affairs, the sums which may be paid to him on account of the debt due by the United States, to France, or the whole reimbursement thereof.

2nd. In order to facilitate these reimbursements, the Citizen Genet, in case he shall not be able to obtain them in specie, may accept them in such state-notes as shall be remitted to him by the American government, and received as ready money, by the persons to whom Citizen Genet may have payments to make on account of the Republic.

3d. The orders which the Citizen Genet shall furnish upon the treasury of the United States, in exchange for their value, shall indicate the department on account of which they may be drawn. The treasury of the United States after discharging these orders, shall transmit them to the treasury of the French Republic, where they shall be considered as so much money, in discharge of the debt of the United States, and as making a part of the sums placed by the National Convention, to the disposition of the ministerial departments designated in the orders.

4th. In case the reimbursements of the United States, should not be effected in time, or a sum sufficient obtained—the Citizen Genet shall be authorized to furnish on the general banker of the national treasury, bills of exchange, at two months sight, to the amount of the sums directed to be employed by him in the payment of provisions, war-like stores and other expenses ordered by the said ministers. These *bills of exchange*, as well as the *orders*, shall be stamped with the name of the ministerial department, on account of which they shall have been furnished, in order that the national treasury may debit each, with the sum expended on its account.

5th. The Citizen Genet shall furnish each minister with a proper statement, accompanied with vouchers in support of it, as well of the application of the funds, conformably to his orders, as of the manner in which he shall have obtained them.

6th. In case the Citizen Genet shall have received from the American government, bills or state securities, (*bons d'état*) in reimbursement of the debt of the United States, which he could not pass without some sacrifice, the loss in that case shall be considered as part of the expenses of purchases, transportation or payments confided to him.

7th. A certified extract of this deliberation, shall be given to the committee of the national treasury, to enable them to concur in expediting the above mentioned arrangements ; and in order thereto, to furnish the Citizen Genet with declarations and powers sufficient to ensure the success of the important operations with which he is charged.

*Duplicate conformable to the register,*

(Signed) GROUVELLE,

*Secretary of the Council.*

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy from the original in my possession.

*The Minister from the French Republic, to the United States of America.*

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