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April 25. On Thursday about two o'clock, arrived in town, the most illustrious George Washington, president of the united states. His excellency slept at at Woodbridge on Wednesday night, and on Thursday morning arrived at mr. Boudinot's, where he breakfasted, along with the gentlemen composing the committee, appointed by congress, &c. &c. About twelve o'clock he was conducted on board of the barge prepared for his reception, the beauty of which met with his highest approbation; he was rowed across the bay by thirteen skilful pilots, Thomas Randall, esq. acting as cockswain. His excellency's barge was accompanied by a barge containing the heads of the great departments of the united states, viz. the honourable board of treasury, the minister for foreign affairs, and the secretary at war.

There never, perhaps, was a scene in which more universal pleasure appeared than on his approaching the battery and Murray's wharf. The Spanish packet, which lay with her colours only displayed to salute him as he passed, on firing of a gun, displayed, in a moment, every flag known in foreign nations. The ship North Carolina, belonging to Arnold H. Dohrman, esq. was decorated in like manner, and all the vessels in the harbour had their flags flying. On the barge's passing the packet, she fired a salute of thirteen guns, which was returned by the same number from the battery. After which she advanced to the stairs erected and decorated at the bottom of Wall-street, for his excellency's reception. His landing, without doubt, was beyond description; universal joy diffused itself through every order of the beholders; there was no contest in rank—the only thing in which they tried to succeed, was, who could appear the most pleased. It was remarked of a venerable old gentleman nigh the place of landing, that, on approach of the barge, he expressed himself nearly as follows: "I beheld him when he commanded the American army; I saw him at the conclusion of the peace, retiring to his primeval habitation; and now I behold him returning to take the chair of presidency. I have now no other wish, but that he may die as he lived, *the beloved of his country.*"