

We have since been honoured with more special Powers and Authority to concert with your Excellency and the People of Corsica, and finally to conclude, on His Majesty's Behalf, the particular Form and Mode of Relation which shall take Place between the Two Nations.

It is with the most lively Satisfaction we acquaint your Excellency, that we have it in Command from His Majesty to assent, on his Part, to such a System as will cement the Union of our Two Nations under a Common Sovereign, and, at the same Time, secure for ever the Independence of Corsica, and the Preservation of her ancient Constitution, Laws and Religion.

With whatever Satisfaction His Majesty has graciously assented to Propositions, which promise, perhaps for the first Time, not only to afford to this Island the present Blessings of Tranquillity and Peace, and a sudden Increase of Prosperity and Wealth, but also to establish it's National Independence and Happiness on a secure and lasting Foundation; His Majesty is, however, determined to conclude nothing without the general and free Consent of the People of Corsica.

We therefore request your Excellency to take the proper Steps for submitting these important Matters to their Judgment; and as the small Number of the Enemy, at present invested by the British and Corsican Troops, and which must soon either be destroyed or yield to superior Force, can no longer give any Uneasiness to this Country, but the Freedom and Deliverance of Corsica is in Effect accomplished, we beg Leave to submit to your Excellency, whether it may not be desirable to take the earliest Measures for terminating these interesting Concerns, and for adding a formal Sanction to that Union, which is already established in the Hearts of all our Countrymen.

We have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) HOOD.
GILBERT ELLIOT.

*His Excellency General Paoli,
&c. &c.*

TRANSLATION.

The General Council charged with the Provisional Government of Corsica, to the Municipal Officers, Curates of Parishes, and their Fellow Countrymen.

Beloved Countrymen,

THE God of Armies, Protector of the most just Cause, has favoured your Efforts.

The audacious Army, whose Fury and Violence was excited by the impious Faction which proposed to itself to abolish all Order, Customs and Religion in Europe, will shortly be removed from our Territories.

To secure a more speedy Success, Providence has given you the Support of a powerful Nation, accustomed to respect Laws, and a legitimate Power, which has generously assisted you to extricate yourselves from the tyrannical Anarchy of the present Republic of France.

That Nation, and it's King, offer you the Advantages of a lasting Union and constant Protection.

The happy Influence of our glorious Countryman, General de Paoli, added to the Resources of his Genius, and excited by the Dangers of his own Country, have accelerated this happy Event; in short, brave Corsicans, *We are free.*

By our Constancy, Firmness, and Courage, we have acquired the Enjoyment of the Advantages we inherit from our Ancestors, *Liberty and Religion.*

However, it would be but little to have regained this noble Succession, if our Efforts and Prudence were unable to secure it for ever.

To insure the Success of those Efforts, and to direct our Prudence, a perfect Union is necessary; our general Resolutions must be formed with a View to our present Situation and our future Expectations.

The Corsicans must therefore prescribe the Form of Administration and Government they chuse to adopt, enunciate, or approve of; and the Principles on which it is to be established, or on which their Legislation is to be fixed.

Finally, Beloved Countrymen, the most important Object is, a speedy Union of the People, and the last Act of the Provisional Administration you adopted, ordains us to support the paternal and patriotic Intentions of General de Paoli.

In this Invitation we can give you but a faint Idea of the important Functions you will confide to your Representatives in the next Assembly; however, you no Doubt know the indispensable Necessity of adopting Measures for the Maintenance of internal Tranquillity and of a Form of Government adapted to our Customs, Powers, and Situation, and finally to the various Relations that will hereafter be established between Corsicans; the English Nation and their King feel, even more than others, the Necessity that such Deputies should be appointed among our Countrymen as shall have given evident Proofs of their Patriotism, and of their Desire to act with a Zeal adequate to the Nature and Importance of their Mission, for establishing and securing by the new Order of Things, not only for the present, but in future, public Felicity. This last Consideration, in case you are sensible of it, will, we are in Hopes, determine you to prefer one of the most respectable Heads of Family in each of your respective Communities, as a Representative on such solemn and important Occasions in Council.

In this Union, which will form the most memorable Crisis of our Annals, the Objects must be treated with that Form and Order due to the Dignity of the Representatives of a Free People.

The ancient Assemblies of our Nation, at the Time of the glorious Government of it's deserving General, were only composed of One Deputy from each Community. Finding it necessary to avoid the Inconvenience of repeated Elections, we have thought it expedient in this Circumstance to invite you to adopt this ancient Custom, chiefly on reflecting, that as Harvest is approaching, the Absence of Chiefs from their Families, added to the Expences of the Journey, and Time spent in the Election, would be of Prejudice to their Affairs and Domestic Interests; the People will therefore establish Constitutionally the Number of it's Representatives for the successive Reunions.

The zealous and good Citizens will, however, be enabled to lay before the Council their Knowledge of all important Subjects, which will be taken into Consideration and discussed accordingly, but they will have no Part in it's Deliberations.

The General Council therefore invites all Communities of Corsica to assemble on Sunday the First of June, each to appoint, according to the Form of Election hereunto annexed, it's Representative at the General Council, and the General Assembly of the Clergy to take Place on the Sunday following, the 8th of June.

The Municipal Officers and Parishes of the respective Communities, are charged with the Publication and Distribution of both General Paoli's Circular and this.

Corté, May 9, 1794.

For the General Council of the Government.

Signed,

[*A great Number of Names.*]

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