

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 4.

On Tuesday the 2nd instant William C. C. Claiborne, Governor of the Territory of Orleans, took the oaths of office, which were administered in the Hall of the Municipality, by James Pitot, Esq, Mayor of this city, in presence of the officers civil and military, the Clergy, and of a large concourse of respectable citizens: Previous to taking the oaths the Governor delivered the following address, which was afterwards read in French by Mr. Derbigny:

FELLOW-CITIZENS,

The President of the United States having been pleased to appoint me Governor of that part of Louisiana, which is constituted "The Territory of Orleans," I have attended in this Hall, fellow-citizens, to take in your presence the Oaths of office required by law.

In this additional and distinguished proof of confidence from the chief magistrate of our common country, I find the strongest inducements to merit by my conduct, a continuance of his approbation; to deserve yours also, fellow-citizens, is my sincere desire, and shall be the fondest object of my cares.

All the felicity which a recent domestic calamity has left for me to seek

or enjoy, is in contributing to the happiness of those over whom I am called to preside. The importance of the trust committed, and the high responsibility attached thereto, are forcibly impressed upon my mind, and have excited the most anxious solicitude. On entering however upon my arduous duties, I anticipate with pleasure the powerful aid which I shall receive from the judicial and legislative authorities, and the kind indulgence and support which a generous people always extend to the honest efforts of a public officer. Past events, fellow citizens, guarantee the fulfilment of these expectations. In the course of my late administration, which from a variety of circumstances, was accompanied with peculiar difficulties, I received from the officers, civil and military, a zealous and able co-operation in all measures for the public good, and from the people in general an indulgence and support which encouraged harmony, and insured the supremacy of the law.

I am now ready to take & subscribe the oaths of office required: and I pray Almighty God to visit with his favor the magistrates and legislators of this territory; to enable them to preserve to her citizens and their posterity, the blessings of peace, liberty, laws; and thus to soften those evils which a wise Providence has annexed in this world to the condition of man.

WM. C. C. CLAIBORNE:

New-Orleans, Oct. 2nd, 1804.

* On the 26th ult. death deprived the governor of his wife and only child. The affecting manner in which this calamity was introduced drew tears from many of the audience.

New-York, November 3: