

FRANCE.

COMMUNICATED TO CONGRESS, DECEMBER 5, 1799.

UNITED STATES, *December 5, 1799.**Gentlemen of the Senate and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:*

I transmit to Congress certain documents which have relation to the communications made on Tuesday, on the subject of the renewal of commerce with St. Domingo, and the mission to the French republic.

JOHN ADAMS.

Renewal of Commerce with St. Domingo.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas, by an act of the Congress of the United States, passed the 9th day of February last, entitled "An act further to suspend the commercial intercourse between the United States and France, and the dependencies thereof," it is provided, That, at any time after the passing of this act, it shall be lawful for the President of the United States, if he shall deem it expedient and consistent with the interests of the United States, by his order, to remit and discontinue for the time being, the restraints and prohibitions by the said act imposed, either with respect to the French republic, or to any island, port, or place, belonging to the said republic, with which a commercial intercourse may safely be renewed; and also to revoke such order whenever, in his opinion, the interest of the United States shall require; and he is authorized to make proclamation thereof accordingly:

And, whereas, the arrangements which have been made at St. Domingo, for the safety of the commerce of the United States, and for the admission of American vessels into certain ports of that island, do, in my opinion, render it expedient, and for the interest of the United States, to renew a commercial intercourse with such ports: