


S U P P L E M E N T .

THE following items were received too late for insertion in the body of the work :

NEW LONDON.

THE DAY.



The first number of *The Day*, a morning paper, was issued July 2, 1881. The original publishers and proprietors were John A. Tibbits & Co. The senior member of the firm, John A. Tibbits, was the first editor, and holds the position at the present time. Mr. Tibbits has been connected with the journalism of the county for nearly fifteen years. He was the editor of *The Telegram* for a period of over eight years, and is still one of the proprietors of that paper. He has taken quite a prominent part in Connecticut politics. In 1872 he represented New London in the General Assembly, and was the author of the local option amendment to the license law which was passed in that year. He was appointed five successive times by President Grant a government director of the Union Pacific Railroad, was a member of the Republican National Convention at Cincinnati in 1876, was appointed collector of customs for the district of New London by President Hayes in May, 1877, and reappointed by President Arthur in October, 1881. During the war he served in the Fourteenth Regiment Connecticut Volunteers, enlisting as a private, and being afterwards promoted to second lieutenant, and was three times wounded, twice at Antietam and once at Gettysburg. *The Day* is the only New London paper which has ever taken the full Associated Press reports. It has a large city circulation, and also circulates more extensively than any other daily paper in the towns surrounding New London. *The Week*, published in connection with *The Day*, is issued every Thursday. It is a large and handsome sheet, and has already met with considerable success.

GROTON.

Hon. Silas Deane.—Silas Deane was no common character. He was born in the north part of the town, within the present limits of Ledyard, and we trace him step by step in his career among the rising young men of the town. He graduated at Yale College in 1758, in the class of Samuel Wyllis, so long the Secretary of State for Connecticut. He returned to his native town, and became a leader among the

citizens of Groton in favor of liberty. The Colonial Legislature elected him, with Col. Dyer, to represent Connecticut in the Continental Congress of the United American Colonies, and the Continental Congress appointed him to be ambassador to the Court of France, at the time when Louis XVI. had just ascended the throne, and the dazzling young queen, Marie Antoinette, was in the midst of her first bright career. How well he kept in view the object of his mission, engaging the services of distinguished officers both in France and Germany, and how well he enlisted the French government in the American cause, let history answer.

The writer has before him a copy of the official contract between Silas Deane and the Marquis de Lafayette, and also the compact between Deane and Baron de Kalb. The original papers or certified copies form a part of the Silas Deane collection of papers, now in the Smithsonian Institute.

The translation of the contract with Lafayette is as follows :

"The wish that the Marquis de Lafayette has shown to serve in the army of the United States of North America, and the interest that he takes in the justice of their cause, making him wish for opportunities to distinguish himself in the war, and to make himself useful to them as much as in him lies; but, not being able to obtain the consent of his family to serve in a foreign country and to cross the ocean, except on the condition that he should go as a general officer, I have believed that I could not serve my country and my superiors better than by granting to him, in the name of the very honorable Congress, the rank of major-general, which I beg the States to confirm and ratify, and to send forward his commission to enable him to take and hold rank, counting from to-day, with the general officers of the same grade. His high birth, his connections, the great dignities held by his family at this court, his considerable possessions in this kingdom, his personal merit, his reputation, his disinterestedness, and, above all, his zeal for the freedom of our colonies have alone been able to induce me to make this promise of the said rank of major-general, in the name of the said United States. In witness of which I have signed these presents, done at Paris this seventh of October, seventeen hundred and seventy-six.

"To the above conditions I agree, and promise to start when and how Mr. Deane shall judge it proper, to serve the said States with all possible zeal, with no allowance nor private salary, reserving to myself only the right to return to Europe whenever my family or my king shall recall me. Done at Paris, this seventh day of October, 1776.

[Signed] "THE MARQUIS DE LAFAYETTE.

The agreement between Deane and De Kalb was written in English, as follows :

"*Baron De Kalb's Contract.*—Le Baron de Kalb being advised by some Generals of the highest reputation and by several other Noblemen of the first rank in this realm, to serve the cause of Liberty in America, he accordingly offers his services to the most honorable Congress, on the following terms :

"1st. To be made a Major General of the American troops at the appointments of the Major Generals in that Service, with all other perqui-