

ty-five thousand dollars a year, with the petty parade of his birthday, with the importance of his name sticking in every other page of the statute book. Alas! he is not an object of envy, but of compassion and of horror. With Connecticut more than half undeceived, with Pennsylvania disgusted, with Virginia alarmed, with Kentucky holding him in defiance, having renounced all his original principles, and affronted all his honest friends, he cannot enjoy the sweet slumbers of innocence, he cannot hope to feel the most exquisitely delightful sensation that ever warmed a human breast, the consciousness of being universally and deservedly beloved.—It is happy for Mr. Adams himself, as well as for his country, that he asserted an untruth. In the midst of such a scene of profligacy and of usury the President has persisted as long as he durst, in making his utmost efforts for provoking a French war. For although Mr. Adams were to make a treaty with France, yet such is the grossness of his prejudice, and so great is the violence of his passions, that under his administration America would be in constant danger of a second quarrel. When a chief magistrate, both in his speeches and newspapers, is constantly reviling France he can neither expect or desire to live long in peace with her. Take your choice then between Adams, war and beggary, and Jefferson, peace and competency.”

The prisoner pleaded *not guilty*.

Hugh Nelson,⁴ United States District Attorney, for the United States.

Philip N. Nicholas,⁵ *George Hay*⁶ and *William Wirt*,⁷ for the prisoner.

⁴ NELSON, HUGH. (1768-1836.) Born in Virginia; Speaker House of Delegates; Judge General Court; Presidential elector; Representative in Congress, 1811-1823; Minister to Spain. Died Albermarle County, Virginia.

⁵ NICHOLAS, PHILIP NORBORN. (1773-1849.) Born in Williamsburg; was admitted to the Bar at an early age and at 21 was Attorney General of Virginia; President Farmers Bank for many years; Judge of Virginia General Court, 1823-1849.

⁶ HAY, GEORGE. Member Virginia Legislature; United States District Attorney; United States District Judge; married a daughter of President Monroe and was the author of "Treatise on the Usury Laws," "Life of John Thompson," "Treatise on Expatriation." Died Richmond, Va., 1830.

⁷ WIRT, WILLIAM. (1772-1834.) Born Bladensburg, Md. Chancellor Eastern District of Virginia, 1802; United States District Attorney, 1816; Attorney General of the United States, 1817-1829. Removed to Baltimore and engaged in literature; author of "The British Spy," "The Old Bachelor," "Life of Patrick Henry." Died in Washington.