

THE ROCHAMBEAU STATUE.

Unveiled at Vendome in Presence of
Many Americans—Speech by
Ambassador Porter.;

VENDOME, France, June 4.—The statue erected by subscriptions opened in France and in the United States in honor of Gen. Rochambeau (the French officer, born here, who in 1780 was sent with 6,000 men to the United States to take part in the Revolutionary War,) was unveiled here this afternoon with great ceremony. The city was richly decorated and the houses were festooned with French and American flags. United States Ambassador Porter arrived yesterday, and was a guest of Comte de Rochambeau.

Gen. Porter's passage through the streets was made the occasion for friendly manifestations. Religious services were held this morning in memory of the soldiers who fell in America.

The unveiling exercises consisted of a speech donating the statue to the city, another by the Mayor of Vendome, and of speeches by Gen. Porter and the Prefect of Loir-et-Cher, the department in which Vendome is situated. Gen. Porter said, in part:

"It gives me great pleasure to represent my country in the chief republic of the Old World on such an occasion, and to be the interpreter of the good wishes and messages of friendship which the citizens of the United States convey to the citizens of France.

"The sight of this statue will serve to awaken our sense of gratitude and revive our recollection of the treaty of alliance contracted between these two nations when the American Republic was in its infancy. Permit me to express the wish and belief that the ties of friendship so early established between these two great republics by the services and sacrifices of Rochambeau and his brothers in arms may never be broken."

At the conclusion of the ceremony those who participated in it visited the tomb of Rochambeau.

The statue is the work of Hamar, a Vendome sculptor. Many Americans attended the ceremony.

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