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5. Identify three toasts that are listed in the document:

1. _____

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☐ During

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THE MASSACHUSETTS GAZETTE, MARCH 13, 1787

V I R G I N I A.

PETERSBURG, *Feb. 15.* On Saturday last a numerous and respectable company assembled at Mr. Robert Armistead's, to celebrate the birth of the illustrious GEORGE WASHINGTON, Esquire. After dinner a song composed by a citizen of Petersburg on the occasion, was sung, and (among others) the following toasts were drank, attended with discharge of cannon, and a balloon was raised by a gentleman, which equally excited curiosity and applause.

His Excellency George Washington, Esq. may his disinterested patriotism be handed down to the latest posterity as a lasting monument of his memorable achievements.

The United States of America, may they be as happy in peace as they have proved glorious in war.

His most Christian Majesty and the Queen of France, may despotism be taught a useful lesson from their benevolent interposition to support the rights of mankind.

The Marquis de la Fayette, whose illustrious exertions can only be exceeded by the goodness of his heart.

His Excellency JOHN HANCOCK, Esq.

General Knox and the late American Army.

To the memory of the heroes who have fallen in the great cause of freedom.

PHILADELPHIA, March 1.