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## LEGISLATURE.

### House of Representatives, Dec. 2.

Mr. Gavit presented the Petition of sundry citizens of Colleton District, praying that the practitioners of the Thompsonian System of Medicine, may be allowed to collect charges for Medical attendance; which was referred to the Committee on Grievances.

Mr. Strother presented the Petition of sundry citizens of Fairfield District, praying that persons practicing Medicine, under the Thompsonian System, may be allowed to collect by law, a reasonable compensation for their services; which was also referred to the Committee on Grievances.

Mr. E. G. Palmer presented the Memorial of the State Agricultural Society, praying Legislative aid; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. Barton presented the Petition of sundry citizens of Pendleton, praying for a simplification of the laws of this State; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Young Davis, from the Committee appointed to count the ballots given for Mr. Meetez is elected for Lexington, Mr. Creswell for Anderson, Mr. Murchison for Orangeburg, Mr. Aldrich for Barnwell, Mr. Wallace for Union, Mr. Arthur for Richland, Mr. Hemphill for Chester, Mr. Coleman for Williamsburg, and Mr. Coachman for Georgetown.

Mr. Dickinson, from the Committee appointed to count the ballots given for Commissioner in Equity for Abbeville District, Reported that H. A. Jones had received a majority, and is consequently elected.

### In Senate, Dec. 3.

The President laid before the Senate the following communication:

FOUR HILL, 26th Nov. 1842.

To the Senate: It is my intention to retire from the Senate at the close of the present Congress; and, as it is the policy of the State to fill the place of Senator in advance to guard against the contingency of a vacancy, in order that the Legislature may have the opportunity of doing so in my case, I here with resign my place of Senator in Congress, to take effect on the fourth of March next.

I avail myself of the occasion to express my profound gratitude to the Legislature and the people of the State, for the many marks of confidence I have received from them, and for their firm, unwavering support in the many trying scenes through which it has been my lot to pass, in the long period of thirty-one years in the Senate of the Union.

That the State may long retain her high standing to the Union, and that the Union itself, with our free, and happy, and glorious institutions, may be transmitted to the latest generation, shall, to my last breath, ever be my ardent prayer.

I am, &c.

J. C. CALHOUN.

On motion of Mr. Gregg, the communication was ordered to be referred to a Special Joint Committee, and a message was sent to the House of Representatives, asking the appointment of a similar committee. Messrs. Gregg, Rhet and Hanna were appointed the committee on the part of the Senate, and a message was received from the House of Representatives concurring in the message, and informing the Senate that the House had appointed Messrs. Memminger, Henry, Jamison, Caru, E. D. Wilson, Grinnall and Hibben, the committee on the part of the House.

Mr. John Douglass, from the committee to count the votes for Senator in the 77. States, for six years from the 4th of March next, reported George McDuffie duly elected.

### In House of Representatives, Dec. 2.

Mr. Perrin presented the petition of Thomas Parker and others, praying for incorporation of Trinity Church of Abbeville; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations.

Also, the petition of sundry citizens of Abbeville District, praying for the appointment of another place of Election; which was referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. Gaillard presented the petition of sundry citizens of Anderson District, and Members of Friendship Baptist Church, praying a charter of incorporation; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations.

Also, the petition of sundry citizens of Anderson District, praying a repeal of the license law respecting the sale of spirituous liquors; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The following Bills were read by their titles, and referred:

A Bill to alter and amend the Patrol Law.

A Bill to establish the office of State Reporter; and were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A Bill to amend the Constitution of this State, by limiting the power of the Legislature to contract debt, was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

### In Senate, Dec. 5.

The following Resolution, offered by Mr. DeTreville, was agreed to:

Resolved, That a committee of nine members be appointed to join a similar committee of the House, to nominate a President and Directors of the Bank of the State of South Carolina:

Messrs. DeTreville, Buchanan, Felder, Dargan, Elle, Jeter, Moses, John Douglass and Johnson were appointed the committee on the part of the Senate, and a message was ordered to be sent to House of Representatives, informing that House thereof.

Pursuant to notice, Mr. Dargan introduced a Bill to increase the penalties against the illicit traffic with slaves, for cotton, corn, and rice; and, also, a Bill to abolish the provisions of law for the sale of persons convicted of Bastardy and Vagrancy, and to provide other remedies in substitution thereof; the bills received one reading, and were referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

### In House of Representatives, Dec. 5.

Mr. Sheppard presented the petition of citizens of Edgefield District, praying a new Judicial District, which was referred to the committee on Grievances.

Mr. Perrin presented the petition of sundry citizens of Abbeville District, praying for an alteration of the Law, so as to permit the Polls to be kept open at all the places of Election, both Monday and Tuesday, in Abbeville District; which was referred to the committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. Sheppard presented the petition of sundry citizens of Edgefield District, praying a reduction of salaries and fees of Public Officers; which was referred to the special committee on Retrenchment; also, the petition of sundry citizens of Anderson District, praying a relief law, which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Perrin, from the committee on Claims, made the following reports which were ordered for consideration to-morrow: On the petition of the Commissioners of Free Schools, for Kingston Election District, praying for \$300 25, which was carried to the credit of the State by an Act of the Legislature, passed in December, 1828; On the petition of William Scott, praying compensation for a slave executed; and, on the petition of Samuel Jordan, of Abbeville District, praying compensation for a slave executed.

Mr. Sheppard submitted the following Resolution, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow:

Resolved, That the Judiciary Committee be instructed to enquire into the expediency of amending, and if they deem it expedient, to report a Bill to amend the Foreign Attachment Law, so as to authorize a Magistrate to take a Bond of a Plaintiff in attachment as he is now authorized in cases of domestic attachment.

Mr. Boswell presented the petition of sundry citizens of Hamburg, praying an alteration in the charter of said town; which was referred to the committee on Incorporations.

In House of Representatives, Dec. 6.

Pursuant to notice, Mr. John Smith introduced the following Bills, which were read the first time and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow: a Bill to alter the rates of interest from seven per cent. to six per cent; and to alter the Law in relation to Usury; a Bill to exempt the Sheriff from liability, for not serving any writ or process not lodged in his office, at least, one week before return day, provided, the same be served before the Court next succeeding such return day.

Mr. Middleton submitted the following Resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, be instructed to enquire into the expediency of reviving, and re-enacting, the 21st Section of "An act to reduce all Acts and clauses of Acts of the General Assembly of this State, relating to the powers and duties of the Commissioners of the Roads into one Act," passed on the 20th day of December, 1825.

Mr. Frost, from the committee on the Judiciary, made the following Reports, which were ordered for consideration to-morrow:

On the petition of sundry citizens of Anderson District, praying a repeal of the License Law, respecting the sale of Spirituous Liquors; on a resolution of enquiry, into the expediency of giving to defendants in all cases, prosecuted by indictment, the same process against witnesses, as is provided for the State; on a resolution enquiring, respecting the expediency of establishing in each District, a Court of Enquiry, in criminal cases; on a Bill to exempt Real Estate to a certain extent

from levy and sale, under execution, and for other purposes.

Mr. Harrison, from the committee appointed to count the votes for Surveyor General, on the third ballot, reported that Thomas Frean, received 80 votes, W. F. Arthur received 76, scattering 1, that Thos. Frean, having received a majority, is therefore duly elected.

A Resolution submitted yesterday by Mr. Sheppard, directing the committee on the Judiciary to enquire into the expediency of amending the Foreign Attachment Law, was considered and agreed to.

### In Senate, Dec. 7.

Mr. Young presented the Report of the committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts, on the petition of sundry citizens of Pendleton, praying for the incorporation of a Baptist Church in that village.

Mr. Gregg presented the Report of the committee on the Judiciary, on a Bill to prescribe the Districts in which suits in the Court of Equity may be brought against persons residing without the limits of this State recommending the passage of the Bill; and a Bill to alter and amend the law in relation to recording mortgages, and to regulate the lien thereof, with sundry amendments; and a bill to alter the time of the sitting of the Courts of Law for the South Western Circuit recommending the passage of the Bill, with sundry amendments; a Bill to give the Ordinary in certain cases, the power to pay over to an Executor or Administrator the proceeds of the sale of Real Estate, recommending its passage with certain amendments; all of which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

The unfavorable Report of the committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements, on the Memorial of the Agricultural Society of South Carolina, and the Memorial of the Wateree Agricultural Society, praying for an Agricultural survey of this State was agreed to.

The Report of Joint Committee on Public Printing, which recommended the adoption of the proposals of A. H. Pemberton, as Public Printer, being before the Senate for consideration; Mr. DeTreville moved that the Report be recommitted.

Mr. McWillie moved the following amendment to the motion to recommit, viz: "with instructions to report whether or not Messrs. Dubose & Johnston are prepared to do the public Printing in a manner satisfactory to the Senate." The question being put on the amendment, it was rejected.

The question was then taken on the motion to recommit, and the motion was lost. The question was then ordered to be taken on agreeing to the Report, and the Yeas and Nays being ordered, they were taken and are as follows:

Ayes—The Hon. A. Patterson, President, Messrs. Aiken, Allison, Buchanan, Cain, Clowney, Felder, Fickling, Grinnall, Gregg, Gordin, W. M. Murray, Rhett, Rivers, Smart, C. R. Thomson, Walker, Ward, and Wilson—19.

Nays—Messrs. Boozor, Boyce, Buford, Dargan, David, DeTreville, D. Douglass, Elle, Evans, Frampton, Gause, Hannah, Higgins, Jeter, Johnson, McKenna, McWillie, Moses, J. S. Murray, Rhame, Sessions, H. H. Thomson, Witherspoon, and Young—25.

The Senate therefore disagreed to the Report.

On motion of Mr. H. H. Thomson, the Senate reconsidered the Vote on agreeing to the Report, and the following resolution was offered by Mr. H. H. Thomson:

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the House of Representatives, asking of that body to recommit the Joint Report on Printing, for the purpose of enquiring if the Public Printing cannot be done on better terms than that reported by the said committee. Mr. DeTreville moved the insertion of the words "either in Columbia or Charleston." The resolution was so amended, and was agreed to, and the Message was sent to the House of Representatives accordingly.

In House of Representatives, Dec. 7.

The Senate sent to this House, a Bill to authorize copies of certain deeds, leases, and plats, deposited in the office of Secretary of State, to be used in evidence in the Courts of this State; which was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Perrin, presented the account of William M. Calhoun, for powder furnished at Regimental Review and Brigade Encampment; which was referred to the committee on Claims; also, the petition of sundry citizens of Abbeville District, praying for a change of the place of election; which was referred to the committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. Bouham, a Member elect from Edgefield District, appeared, was sworn, and took his seat.

Mr. Caru, from the committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, made a Report on the resolution directing an enquiry into the expediency of repealing the 21st section of an Act to establish certain Roads, Bridges and Ferries; also, to enquire into the expediency of allowing the Commissioners of Roads payment for necessary expenditures during their meetings; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. Perrin, from the committee on Claims, made the following Reports: which were ordered for consideration to-morrow: upon the petition of Thomas J. McLeod, praying compensation for services rendered the State; upon the petition of Mrs. S. J. C. Moore, praying compensation for a slave executed; upon the petition of Thomas P. Cooper, for payment of Engineering account, upon the petition

praying compensation as Secretary of State. The committee on the following Reports: on the petition of sundry citizens of Pendleton, praying for the memorial of sundry citizens of Edgefield District, praying on behalf of the State, the privilege of employing as the Solicitor in certain cases, directing an enquiry of abolishing imprisonment, and a Bill to prevent sales to bail in civil suits; and for consideration to-morrow.

### In Senate, Dec. 8.

Mr. Jeter, from the committee on the Bill to provide for the Free Schools, heing amendment: that from and after the date of the passage of the Bill, all appropriations for the several Districts in this State, so be appropriate to the several Districts, at each session.

Representatives sent to the House, a Bill to amend the law in relation to Liquors without a license; the bill received one reading, and was referred to the committee on the Judiciary; and also, a Bill to alter and amend the fifth section of an Act to amend all Acts and clauses of Acts in relation to the Patrol of this State, into one Act, and alter and amend the same; the bill received one reading, and was referred to the committee on the Military and Pensions.

Pursuant to Messages interchanged between the (two) Houses of the Legislature, the Senate, at 1 o'clock, joined the House of Representatives in balloting for Governor of the State of South Carolina.

Messrs. Wm. M. Murray and Rhame, were appointed the committee on the part of the Senate to count the votes. Mr. Murray, from the committee, reported that James H. Hammond received eighty-three votes, and R. W. Allison received seventy-six votes, scattering two votes; eighty-one being a majority, James H. Hammond is therefore elected Governor of South Carolina.

On motion of Mr. Boyce, a committee was appointed to wait on the Governor elect, and inform him of his election.

Mr. Murray and H. H. Thomson, were appointed the committee.

Immediately after the election for Governor, the Senate joined the House of Representatives in balloting for Lieutenant Governor. Messrs. Rhett and Rivers were appointed a committee on the part of the Senate to count the votes.

In House of Representatives, Dec. 8.

Mr. Long, from the committee appointed to count the votes cast for Secretary of State on the 6th ballot, reported, that R. Q. Pinkney received 80 votes; B. K. Henegan received 78, and 1 blank; and that eighty being a majority, R. Q. Pinkney is elected.

Mr. Davie, from the committee on Public Printing, on whom was recommitted the report of said committee, made the following report, which was read, and ordered to be considered immediately.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of the Public Printing, have had under their consideration the following proposals:

Messrs. D. B. B. & Johnson offer to execute the Public Printing at the following rates: the Bills at \$2 20 per page; the Documents and Reports \$2 25 per page; the Daily Journals \$2 50 per page; 2,000 copies of the regular Journals, Reports, and Resolutions at \$4 per page; the Calendar at \$2 50 per page.

A. H. Pemberton proposes to execute the Public Printing at the following rates: Bills \$2 183; Documents and Reports \$2 20; Daily Journal \$2 45; Journals, Reports, and Resolutions \$3 64; the Acts \$3 95; Calendar \$2 45 per page.

As the Proposals of A. H. Pemberton are lowest, the committee recommend that A. H. Pemberton be continued Public Printer.

On the question being put—will the House agree to the Report? It passed in the affirmative.—Yeas 60.—Nays 54.

The Yeas and Nays were requested, and are as follows: Those who voted in the affirmative, are Hon. Wm. F. Colcock, Speaker, and Messrs. Allison, J. A. Alston, Arthur, Ashby, Belin, Blake, Bowker, Boswell, Brown, Bull, Cook, Crockett, Darby, Davis, Dawkins, DeSaussure, Dickson, Dunbar, Eckhard, Ervin, Gist, Grinnall, Grinnall, Harrison, Hay, Henry, Hunt, Jamison, King, Littlejohn, Long, McLure, McElroy, Mortimer, Mouzon, Myers, Nicholson, John Palmer, W. D. Porter, Poyas, Presley, Raysor, Albert Rhett, Edmund Rhett, Sebring, Seymour, Simons, Sigreaves, H. J. Smith, Joel Smith, Walker, Whaley, James J. Wilson, and Yates.

Those who voted in the negative are, Messrs. W. J. Alston, Barton, John B. Black, J. A. Black, William C. Black, Blakeney, Bonham, Broyles, Cannon, Carnes, Carson, Chesnut, Henry Davis, Young Davis, Evans, English, Ervin, Gaillard, Gavin, Gowin, Guignard, Hardin, Harvey, Hibben, Irby, Jackson, Jolly, Lartigue, McLure, McElroy, Manning, Mayes, John C. Miller, J. Pinckney Miller, Northrup, O'Bryan, E. G. Palmer, Perrin, Phillips, Rodgers, Roper, Rowell, Sheppard, Simons, H. Smith, Jno. Smith, Sparkman, Strother, Sullivan, Sumter, and Woodward.

The Report was then ordered to be sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The Senate attended, and joined the House in a ballot for Lieutenant Governor.

Mr. Manning, from the committee appointed to count the ballots given for Governor, reported that General Hammond received a majority of the votes given, and is therefore elected Governor of the State of South Carolina.

### In Senate, Dec. 9.

The following Resolution, offered by Mr. Jeter, was agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence:

Resolved, That Daniel Holland be, and is hereby appointed Coroner for Edgefield District, in the place of George A. Addison, resigned.

Mr. Rivers, from the Committee on the part of the Senate, to count the votes for Lieutenant Governor, reported that Mr. J. D. Witherspoon had received a majority of votes, and was therefore duly elected.

Mr. Boyce, from the Committee to wait on his Excellency, the Governor. Reported that the Committee had discharged the duty assigned to them, and that his Excellency would be ready to take the oath of Office, at the hour of 1 o'clock, to-morrow, in the Hall of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Jeter, presented the Petition of sundry citizens of Edgefield, praying compensation to John Crawford, for the arrest of a fugitive from justice; which was referred to the same Committee.

Mr. Gregg, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted Reports, on a Bill to change the times for holding the Courts of Law in the Northern and Eastern Circuits, and to make alteration in the same; and a Bill to exempt Real Estate, to a certain extent, from levy and sale under execution, and for other purposes; recommending that the Bills do not pass; and also, on a Bill further to prevent retailing Spirituous Liquors without a license, recommending the passage of the Bill without amendment. The reports were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. Gregg called up from the table, a Bill to alter and amend the law in relation to Recording Mortgages, and to regulate the lien thereof; and the bill received the second reading in the Senate, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Felder, from the Committee to arrange the Congressional Districts of this State, reported a Bill to arrange this State into Districts for the Election of Representatives in the Congress of the United States, and for other purposes; which was read the first time, and was ordered for a second reading to-morrow, and to be printed.

In House of Representatives, Dec. 9.

The Speaker announced, that Mr. Bonham is added to the Committee on the Military, Mr. Belin to the Committee of Ways and Means, Mr. John Palmer to the Committee on Internal Improvements, and Mr. S. Jackson, to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

Mr. Harrison presented the Petition of sundry citizens of Edgefield, praying for a new place of Election; which was referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. Perrin presented the Account of Dr. L. Yarrowborough, for a post mortem examination of a slave; which was referred to the Medical Committee.

Mr. Hunt, from the Committee on Federal Relations, to whom was referred "a Bill to amend an Act entitled an Act to prevent the citizens of New York from carrying slaves or persons held to service out of this State, and to prevent the escape of persons charged with the commission of any crime," made a Report; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Walker, Resolved, That the Committee on District Offices and Officers be instructed to enquire into the expediency of so amending the 8th Section of an Act entitled "An Act concerning the office and duties of Magistrates," ratified on the 21st December, 1839, as to allow a reasonable per diem to persons detained and imprisoned as witnesses in behalf of the State, and with leave to report by Bill or otherwise; which was agreed to.

Mr. Cox submitted the following Resolution, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow: Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to enquire into the expediency of raising the sum of five hundred thousand dollars, or other large sum, on bonds of the State, bearing six per cent. interest, to be loaned to the citizens of the State, on real and personal security by a Board of Commissioners for each District, reference being had in the apportionment of the fund according to the Representatives in each District.

On motion of Mr. Memminger, the Report of the Special Joint Committee on the resignation of the Hon. John C. Calhoun, was taken from the General Orders of the Day, and made the Special Order of the Day for Monday next, at 1 o'clock, P. M.

Mr. Hunt submitted a motion, that a Message be sent to the Senate, proposing to go in a election, on Monday next, at 2 o'clock, P. M., for a United States Senator, to serve from the 4th day of March next, for the unexpired term for which the Hon. John C. Calhoun was elected, and which he has resigned.

Mr. Lartigue moved to postpone the

motion indefinitely, which was decided in the negative.

Yeas, 31.—Nays 79.

The Yeas and Nays were requested by seven Members, and are as follows: Those who voted in the Affirmative, are Messrs. Arthur, Barton, Belin, Blake, Bowker, Carson, Young Davis, Dickinson, English, Frost, Gaillard, Graham, Grinnall, Guignard, Harrison, Hay, Jamison, Lartigue, Manning, Mouzon, Pickens, Poyas, Quattlebaum, Reynolds, Rowell, H. J. Smith, Strother, Walker, Whaley, James J. Wilson, and Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative, are Hon. William F. Colcock, Speaker, and Messrs. Allison, J. A. Alston, W. J. Alston, Ashby, William C. Black, Blakeney, Bonham, Boswell, Brown, Broyles, Cannon, Carn, Chesnut, Cook, Cox, Crockett, Darby, Henry Davis, Dawkins, DeSaussure, Dickson, Dunbar, Earle, Eaves, Eckhard, Ervin, Gavin, Gist, Gowin, Gregorie, C. B. Griffin, R. C. Griffin, Hardin, Harvey, Hunt, Irby, Jackson, Jolly, King, Littlejohn, Long, McLure, McElroy, Massey, Myler, Memminger, Middleton, John C. Miller, J. Pinckney Miller, Myers, Nicholson, Northrup, O'Bryan, E. G. Palmer, Perrin, Porter, Presley, Raysor, Albert Rhett, Edmund Rhett, Rodgers, Roper, Sebring, Sheppard, Simons, Sigreaves, Henry Smith, Joel Smith, John Smith, Sparkman, Sullivan, Sumter, Torre, Williams, Isaac D. Wilson, and Yates.

The motion was then agreed to, and a message sent accordingly.

Mr. Albert Rhett, from the Special Joint Committee charged with the arrangement of new Congressional Districts, reported a Bill to arrange this State into Districts for the election of Representatives in the Congress of the United States, and for other purposes; which was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Quattlebaum, the General Orders were suspended, and on his motion, Ordered, that a Special Committee be appointed to make arrangements for the inauguration of the Governor to-morrow; of which the Speaker appointed the following gentlemen: Messrs. Quattlebaum, Jamison, and Joseph-A. Black.

FAREWELL ADDRESS OF GOV. RICHARDSON.

Fellow Citizens of the Senate and House of Representatives.

In returning the trust reposed, in retiring from the stage of public life, I cannot but express a word of gratitude, for the honor which your confidence conferred—and in testimony of the generous support, which my efforts to serve the State, have received from your wisdom and liberality.

When two years since I stood on this spot to receive the obligations of the office, which I am now about to surrender, I was actuated in the discharge of my duty, and in the exercise of my right of Heaven and of you, by feelings of sincerity and devotion, far exceeding the ordinary bounds of official deportment.

Apprized of the peculiar and particular considerations which then induced you to overlook the much higher claims of merit, of talent, and of services, to numerous other instances, to cherish and to honor by this mark of distinction, the humblest of a minority party—whom temporary, (and I trust unnecessary) causes and misconceptions had alienated from your confidence, I felt that the force of a great truth, as well as a political obligation had thereby been developed on me. And now when the events of the intervening time have been divested of all the illusions of passion or of prejudice—when the trappings of authority are exchanged for the humility of the citizen—when, in this moment of retirement, your judgment both as my witnesses and my peers, may be pronounced as the sentence of an impartial posterity, I trust that in standing here again to receive that sentence, I may be permitted to ask without arrogance, if there has been ought in the vows, or the pledges of that occasion, which in the motives of my official conduct, have either been violated or left unredem'd.

Thus impressed with the weight of those responsibilities, which considerations of a high morality as well as a disinterested patriotism had devolved on me, I now return them to you, gentlemen, with a gratitude as fresh as if as fervent, and a pleasure as sincere, as that with which they were received, and with the pleasing consciousness, that they are about to be reposed in abler and stronger hands.

The anxieties of official life being now over, my duties and responsibilities discharged, my part and services to the State performed to the best of my ability—the last act in the drama of my official life enacted, and the curtain of time, (and perhaps of oblivion) to close for ever the scenes of my political career, I now depart, satisfied and thankful, to the retirement and occupations of a private citizen, to draw consolation for the future, from the recollections of the past, and to endeavor to improve the errors and experience of a varied life, into useful admonitions, for cultivating the virtues of a peaceful and quiet old age.

Having once enjoyed the confidence of the State, I trust that no portion of my after life, will ever dishonor or profane the character of one who had been officially consecrated at her altars.

And now, Gentlemen, in this moment of our official separation, when the duty remains to me to perform, I earnestly wish to my Countrymen, to bid you adieu in the name of truth.

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