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Executive Mansion
December 15, 1869.

To the Honorable
Robert C. Grier,
Sir,

Your letter dated December 11, 1869, containing the tender of the resignation of your office of Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, to take effect on the first day of February next, has been received by me to-day, and your resignation is accordingly accepted to take effect on that date.

I sincerely regret the increasing physical infirmities which induce you
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to retire from the bench, and with the assurance of my personal sympathy and respect desire also to express my sense of the ability and uprightness with which your judicial duties have been performed. In looking upon your long and honorable career in the public service, it must be especially gratifying, ^{to yourself} to remember, as it is my agreeable duty and privilege on this occasion thus distinctly to recognize, the great service which you were able to render to your country in the darkest hours of her history by the vigor and patriotic firmness with which you upheld the just powers of the Government, and vindicated the right of the nation under the Constitution to maintain its own existence.

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