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To the President of the United States

Sir

Next to the pleasure which arises from  
the consciousness of doing good, - is that which flows  
from the justly merited applause of mankind: -  
next to the inexhaustible delight and self-gratification  
which you must feel from the retrospect of a life  
devoted to the service of your country, - are the  
grateful acknowledgments of that country for  
services unparalleled in the pages of history, -  
for the exercise of virtues unexampled in the  
annals of mankind. -

Permit us therefore Sir, in common  
with our fellow citizens throughout the Union,  
to embrace, perhaps the last opportunity we  
shall have of publicly testifying to you,  
the deep and grateful sense we entertain, - of  
that profound wisdom in council, and those  
eminent exertions in the field, which, aided  
by

by the bravery and virtue of Americans, led  
your Country victorious through an  
arduous and bloody war, to liberty,  
and independence; — For your disinter-  
-ted patriotism in the administration of  
the general government, — for your  
perseverance in the system of neutrality,  
Second, <sup>by firm & consistent measures preserving our own dignity & doing justice</sup>  
to all nations — for your promptness in suppressing  
domestic insurrections, — for your  
firmness in defeating the exertions of  
foreign influence, — for your steady  
adherence to the principles of the Consti-  
-tution, — and lastly, for the most  
-valuable legacy you have left us,  
in your late paternal address to the  
people of the United States: — a legacy  
so replete with wisdom and sound  
policy, as to merit not only a dis-  
-tinguished place in the archives of  
the respective States, — but also to be  
engraved on the hearts and minds of

every

every American, affectionately to be remembered  
and gratefully to be transmitted by them, to  
~~the~~ posterity, as their political creed;—  
as the last gift of him, to whom  
under God we are principally indebted  
for our greatest political blessings.—

Permit us also Sir, to accompany  
you with our best and most ardent wishes  
in your contemplated retirement;— may  
the choicest blessings of domestic ease and  
bliss pervade the evening of your days:

— may you enjoy from the serene  
and peaceful walks of private life, the  
glorious prospect of a free and enlightened  
Country, progressing with rapid strides  
to the consummation of every public  
and private virtue — a country which  
by your assistance already holds  
a distinguished ~~and~~ rank among the  
nations of the world.—

original  
added to  
Cyril Washington  
on his return  
from the  
Prisoner.

To the President of the United States

Sir

Next to the pleasure which arises from the consciousness of doing good, - is that which flows from the justly merited applause of mankind: - next to the inexhaustible delight and self-gratulation which you must feel from the retrospect of a life devoted to the service of your country, - are the grateful acknowledgements of that country for services unparralelled in the pages of history, for the exercise of virtues unexamples in the annals of mankind. -

Permit us therefore Sir, in concurrence with our fellow citizens throughout the union, to embrace, perhaps the last opportunity we shall have of publically testifying to you, the deep and grateful sense we entertain, - of that profound wisdom in council and those eminent exertions in the field which aided by the bravery and virtue of americans, led your Country victorious through our arduous and bloody war, to liberty and independence: - for your disinterested (?) patriotism in the administration of the general government, for your perseverance in the system of neutrality, - secured by firm and ( ) measures ( ) over your dignity of doing justice to all nations, - for your promptness in suppressing domestic insurrections, - for your firmness in defeating the exertions of foreign influence. - for your steady adherence to the principles of the Constitution. - and lastly for the inestimable legacy you have left us, in your late fraternal address to the people of the United States: a legacy so replete with wisdom and sound policy as to merit not only a distinguished place in the archives of the respective states, but also to be

engraven on the hearts and minds of every American, affectionately to be remembered and gratefully to be transmitted by them to posterity, as their political creed: - as the last gift of him to whom under God we are principally indebted for our greatest political blessings. -

Permit us also sir, to accompany you with our best and most ardent wishes in your contemplated retirement; may the choicest blessings of domestic ease and bliss pervade the evening of your days: = may you enjoy from the serene and peaceful walks of private life, the glorious prospect of a free and enlightened country, progressing with rapid strides to the consummation of every public and private virtue - a country which by your assistance already holds a distinguished rank among the nations of the world.