

The Secretary of State came in and laid upon the table the titles of 218 Acts, and 17 Resolves, which had been approved by the Governor, being all that had been presented to him the present session, and informed the Senate that the Governor had no further communication to make.

Mr Benson of Tennessee rose in his place and addressed the Senate as follows:—

Mr. President.

I rise to address this Board for the last time. Our labors here are soon to cease and the hour of separation is at hand.

By one of our first votes, you Sir, with entire unanimity were called to the arduous duties of the Chair, and I trust we shall be equally united now in adopting a Resolution, which I propose to offer, as a testimonial of your kindness and courtesy as a man, and your honesty and ability as a presiding Officer.

It is a wholesome feature in our happy form of Government, that public servants, clothed for a little time with power for making Laws, are obliged, at limited periods, to surrender the delegated trust, submit their acts to public scrutiny, and themselves to their common operation. Party spirit and private interest may for a time mislead; but in an enlightened community, it is not safe for Legislators to disregard the public welfare; nor is it easy for them to silence the voice of conscience, and forget the All Seeing Eye.