

to legal study, without which the duties of the station can be but indifferently performed.

In the science of free government responsibility to the people should be a standing ordinance. It should pervade alike every part of the political compact. It protects a government against itself, and is the bulwark in which human rights are to find their strongest defence. The spirit of the age inculcates uniformity in the application of the great principles of responsibility and obedience to the popular will. And whether there has or has not been any thing in the past history and experience of the people of this State under their constitution, to render obnoxious that feature of it relating to the Judiciary, which places this Department in a state, next to that of entire independence of popular suffrages; the apprehensions of future possibilities and a regard for consistency in the provisions of our Constitution may of themselves be sufficient considerations, to warrant the Legislature in submitting to the people, such a proposition for a change of the Judicial tenure, as will enable them to express fully their wishes upon the subject. It is but appealing to the true source of all political power, and to a tribunal that never ought to be regarded with distrust by an American citizen.

The subject of the North Eastern Boundary of the State, which for several years past has been rendered deeply interesting to our constituents from the claim set up in relation to it by the British Government, remains yet unsettled; and I regret to say, that I have received no information to warrant the opinion, that a speedy adjustment is expected.