

who has so generously offered it, but that it is the response of each and every member, and speaks the sincere sentiments of the heart, I am truly gratified in the assurance of some measure of success; or, at least, in the hope of having partially fulfilled your expectations. To reap the recompense of success, and an approving conscience has been my most anxious desire. Much of my success has resulted from the constant and liberal aid you have granted me, both by avoiding personalities in your debates, and cheerfully complying with the decision of the Chair.

In all your debates and conduct, you have been governed by strict parliamentary rules; nor has it been necessary, in any instance, that the Chair should exercise official authority.

Though we differ on political subjects, (it is an honest difference,) you call to the Chair was unanimous and with the same cordiality have I received your assistance, and now receive your approbation. It is, indeed more grateful to me as he, who is the organ of this approbation differs from me in his political belief. It places me under additional obligations to you all, because I am induced to believe that the duties of the Chair have been discharged, in some degree, with honesty and impartiality.

Various and widely differing in their character have been the subjects of our legislation; of these subjects our views have been different, and from like premises have we arrived at different conclusions. After a full and free investigation, the minority has yielded to the majority; this being the genius of our government, and having always in view the greatest good of the greatest number, with the welfare of our rising State, of the present and future generations before us, we have disposed of all subjects on the strictest principles of integrity and equal justice, so as to meet the approval of our own consciences, and we hope, the approbation of our constituents, which is the highest reward of public servants.