

I thank you for the kind and patriotic expressions with which you have received me. For the first time I address, within their own borders, the citizens of the Empire city, now beyond all controversy, the commercial metropolis of our blessed Union. The rapidly, sir, with which New York has arisen to so commanding a position as one of the most important cities upon the globe, has no parallel in history. Already the enterprise of your merchants, the genius of your ship builders, the daring spirit of your vast trading marine, are beginning to make you first in the markets of the world. Here, my countrymen—here, in New York, will the ledger of commerce keep the accounts of the nations of the earth. Near the spot on which we stand there are striking points which mark the amazing rapidity of your growth as a city. On the opposite side of Bowling Green, if I am not mistaken, stands one of the comparatively few edifices erected prior to 1770. It is, I believe, the only one remaining originally built of German brick. It is a reversion relic of a past age. How surprised, possibly, even the young men of the present day would be, if they were fully to realize that six years after its erection the waters of the North river flowed almost to its foundations, and that far north of where three great parallel streets now team with activity and enterprise was the sandy landing of boats upon that then free and unincircumscribed river. How difficult it is, at this period, to realize that the limits of the city at that date extended not beyond Murray street, and that there were even within that boundary many vacant lots, and that the population hardly exceeded twenty thousand. Shall we speak of the future? How can we, when we revert to the calculations of really wise men of the past, who, I am not misinformed, built the north wall of City Hall of brick, because, as it was to be presented alone to the unsettled district, the exterior aspect on that side was of slight consequences. How far is at this moment the centre of population, wealth, and enterprise! In 1826 your city hardly numbered 140,000; now you number more than half a million of souls. In that year I remember to have heard my father, on his return from New York after his first visit here, subsequent to the close of the revolution, express his amazement at its growth and change of the city. Still that time Brooklyn, which now numbers more than 100,000 souls, was comparatively a village; and riding on horseback with old Gen. Moreton, he found straggling a portion of the building on Brooklyn Heights, on which he had run up to the American ensign upon the evacuation of the city in 1783. From the first date we have named, 1770, to this hour, the history of the city has been the history of patriotic devotion to popular rights and popular liberty. That for a time during the revolutionary struggle another ensign than yours floated here is no cause of mortification: it was the fortune of war, and the weak and embarrassed condition unalterable. But the sun of the 28th of November, 1789, rose here for the last time under the rule of a foreign power, and the anniversary of that day is remembered by your "sons of liberty" with the same patriotic feeling that the great national anniversary of July 4th is regarded by people of our common country. How you, men of New York, to show your gratitude for the past? How are you to make the most of the present? How are you to secure all the noble promises of your future? You will keep high your standard of intelligence and morals, because all present advancement will prove fallacious and weakness will be substituted for strength whenever as a people we depart with reverence and humble dependence to look to the source of all power and wisdom. You will educate your children in the belief and conviction that you are neither power, nor perseverance, nor purity, nor liberty, except as you continue one of the members of this vast and now universally respected confederation. You will foster everywhere the living, efficient sentiment, that under the providence of God these great blessings may only be enjoyed under the present constitution. You remember yourselves, and remind others, that wise men foresaw that constitution—men who knew independence cost, because, in their suffering, and in the privations and of their families and friends they had a part of that expense. The great theme of the formation of the Union was not only for all the wisdom, but for a patriotic conception, of the wisest men the world had ever yet seen in this. If there are those at the present time, who, having never made for their country the sacrifices you have, of ease, a double income, or one moment of personal discomfort, would break up the foundation on which we have so prosperously and eagerly stood—the basis of our happiness at home and our respect abroad—the only pledge of all that we expect for those are to come after us—it is to be that they are few in number, and that the sphere of influence is limited. If there are provisions in the constitution of our country not consistent with your principle of expediency, remember that in the nature of things that element could only have had its origin in compromise; and remember, too, that you will be faithless to honor and consistency if you consent to enjoy the advantages it confers, and seek to avoid the burdens it imposes. It cannot be divided in parts; it is a whole or nothing as a whole, with all the rights it contains, and the duties it requires; it is to be fully maintained. I accept these honors, your servants with a thankful heart, and keep with me, at the same time, a consciousness that by your free and unflinching choice, I am also your representative, charged with the care of your interests and your honor. I hope to be encouraged and strengthened in all my efforts.

would the one, and preserve unsullied the other, by such countenance and support on your part as a fearless and faithful exercise of the functions committed to me may merit.

Mr. Mayor, this Empire City and this Empire State, are the living exemplifications of the talismanic word adopted as your motto. Has it never occurred to you, sir, that the hand which inscribed "Excelsior!" upon your coat of arms must have been guided by a prophet's vision? This spectacle teaches all of us a valuable and significant lesson. May God, in his wisdom, make you sensible of the blessings conferred upon you; and, during my term of office, may He strengthen me in my sincere and anxious purpose to aid you in all your honorable and patriotic enterprises. For, who can estimate the events of the future? Who shall say, to your great characteristic, and to the spirit of the whole country, "thus far shalt thou go and no farther!" As you advance in your majestic career, new duties and new responsibilities are imposed, and as you conquer example manifests itself on all hands, new conceptions of still further triumphs will arouse and stimulate your exertions. The Old World caught the inspiration from the New. Nations closed to civilization for hundreds of years aroused from the sleep of ages, and stretch out their hands to the enquiring spirit which is constantly gathering in strength for new victories over time and space on new shores. Who will set limits to your jubilation when the Atlantic is bridged with steamers from the shores of Europe and united to the Pacific by the great thoroughfare that will eventually bind these States together as with hooks of steel?—And, sir, with all these advantages—with all these privileges—with all these benefits of the present, and these anticipations of the future—and let me say, with all the invocations of the past—how can we fail to welcome those who come to us from the gray old nations of Europe? Let there come! There is room enough for all—room in the hearts and in the homes of the American people; and there is work and food enough for all. The moment they enter into the brotherhood of America, freemen they cease to be citizens of other countries, and they bear their share of the burdens and enjoy their share of the blessings common to all this happy Union. It is this great truth that enforces us against all schismatic organizations so strictly American, and that destroys the claim that ours is a nation governed by men of one race alone. No single race of men can boast that to them alone is bestowed the power to govern a country as this. It is the fusion of all nations into one that has given to us the attitude we now occupy, and that has crowned our enterprises with success. Your own experience is the proof of this. All races have contributed to the population that now crowns your ships, builds your cities, sits in your councils, and educates your children. The hardy sons of New England, and the descendants of your own pioneers, mingling with the tide that flows in from other nations, until all characteristic disappears before the progressive and courageous spirit that animates the citizens of your own country, and protects our free institutions. And now, my fellow-countrymen, once more I thank you for this brilliant and extraordinary reception, a tribute which you pay to the government of your choice and affection, and to our favored Union, in the person of your representative in the presidential chair.

THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE.—Mr. President gentlemen, I return you my most warm and cordial thanks for the honor you have done me. I come to be present at the inauguration of this building, and to express the respect I entertain for this great Industrial Exhibition, designed and calculated to promote all that belongs to the interests of our country. You, sir, and gentlemen associated with you, have claim in all you have done to thanks which will be enduring.

Whatever the short-coming you spoken of may be, I can only say that it appeared not here; and, so far as I learned, they appear not at all. Everything around us reminds us that this utilitarian age, and that science, in being locked up, appears before the admiration of the world, and has begun to be tributary to the arts, manufactures, agriculture, and all that promotes social comfort. [Applause.] Sir, if you have heaved no other object but that you have done in bringing together citizens of all parts of this Union, you may have filled, perhaps, one of the most important missions that can be imposed upon us in the way of strengthening that Union.

Sir, you have done more. You nobly alluded to it. Your Exhibition brought here men eminent in almost every walk of life, from every civilized corner on the face of the globe. And thus have done more perhaps than any in bringing that great object dear to me, dear to my venerable near me, [alluding to Bishop Wainwright] to promote peace among men. [Applause.] Sir, I have not the voice again for you, and return you my views agree for the honor you have done me must conclude.

A SLAVE OF GEN. WASHINGTON TO THE WORLD'S FAIR.—The *Monroe* (a *Living*) *Republican* says that there is a slave near Cookstown a slave of Washington's. He is 124 years of age and can walk six miles in a day. He said that his fingers and toes are all white. He belonged to Washington's Bottom, on which Potomac stands. The estate of Colonel was, and still is bound for his living is to be taken to the World's Fair; inhibition; if arrangements can be made.

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