

ing its duties honestly and faithfully, then there shall be nought to molest him or to make him afraid.

Can I not, Mr. President, take advantage of this occasion, to thank you and my Democratic brethren of the Senate for your and their persistent goodness and kindness towards my fellow officers and myself.

Nor have I been unmindful of the uniform courtesy and friendship shown us by the Republican Senators of this Body, and I can truthfully say that in the discharge of my duties all Senators have looked alike to me, and I am sure also to them. I also desire to thank the newspaper correspondents for the many kind favors accorded us.

Now, in all these matters we do not wish to be misunderstood, for we disclaim any attempt at self laudation or horn blowing, but if our remarks can by any perversion of the view of any one be so construed we can justify ourselves by referring to law and authority, and therefore cite to you that beautiful precept of the Roman, which declareth that "he that bloweth not his own horn his horn shall not be blown."

And now, Mr. President, what greater compliment can I pay to you as the presiding officer of this Honorable Body, than to declare that you have measured up to the requirements of your oath of office, namely, that you would support the Constitution of the United States, that you would be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of Maryland, and support the Constitution and laws thereof; and that you would, to the best of your skill and judgment, diligently and faithfully and without partiality or prejudice execute the office of President of the Senate. This, I repeat, is the highest commendation that could fall from the lips of any one, and behold I offer you the incense of that praise, which sayeth: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." Thus believing, I present to you this testimonial of the esteem and regard of my fellow officers and fellow employees of the Senate, and of myself, with our best wishes and the heartfelt desire that for you the sunshine of life may grow brighter and more beautiful as your sun smiles toward the western horizon, hoping that many years may yet be yours, and that in God's providence when life's