

If, then, we would retain the confidence of our friends throughout the State, as legislators for the public good, the bitterness of the conflict we have passed will find no place among our counsels. We will adhere, as closely as ever, to those doctrines which we think essential to the welfare of our country, but let no party discipline for party purposes, be found upon the record of our legislation.

It has been too often seen to the discredit of higher Assemblies, that the rigor of party-allegiance has forced men to the adoption of measures, founded more in malice than in judgment, more in the spirit of profit for the few, than of usefulness for the many. Let, therefore, our legislation be directed solely towards promoting the good of the entire people, and we will faithfully perform the duties that have been entrusted to us, and carry out a cardinal principle of the great party which honored us with its support.

It may not be amiss for me to direct your attention to a fact well known to all who have had experience in either Branch of the Legislature, that a large number of the bills upon which we are always called to determine, are intended to serve some class, personal or special interest, and efforts have been, and probably will be made, to use us, in our representative capacity, to carry out schemes of individual profit, and even, perhaps, of fraud upon the State.

All such attempts, however, will easily be frustrated by vigilance on the part of those entrusted with the duties of important committees, and thus the Treasury will be protected against unjust demands.

I would also recommend, that measures of general importance be brought forward at an early day, so that they may be well considered and acted on, and not left for the time when hasty legislation may involve the State in loss.

As to myself, in the discharge of the duties to which you have assigned me, I shall confidently rely upon that cordial support and indulgence, which I have always seen so readily granted to the officers of your choice; and I sincerely trust, that through united efforts, there may be harmony at our sessions, and such service to the people as the occasion of our meeting may demand.

On motion by Mr. Earle,

The President's Address was ordered to be entered on the Journal of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Stevens, it was

Ordered, That the officers of the Senate for the ensuing Session shall be as follows: