

this Hall, as among the greatest and most enduring remem-
brances of his

The session about to close has been one of no unimportant
character. Convened upon the threshold of a new era in
the State under its new Constitution and in a period of
great National concern and trial, it is not surprising that, in
the mind of the anxious patriot, it should have been invested
with peculiar interest and moment. It will be gratifying to
all good Marylanders to know that this Senate has exhibited
in a marked degree, a high, dignified and patriotic sense, of
the solemn responsibilities of the hour and its proper relations
both to the State and Federal Governments. Although dif-
fering in views and sympathies upon topics of policy, no per-
sonal difficulty has at any time jarred upon the harmonious
deliberations of this body.

From the first day of the session to the last, I have never
deemed it necessary to silence or check any member for lan-
guage uttered in debate. On the contrary, unruly con-
troversy and friendly sentiments have characterized the discus-
sion in the Chamber. It is the gentleness of the opposi-
tion party, that essentially apply in like measure to them.
At no time have they indicated a disposition to obstruct
legislation, but the utmost willingness to promote it; adapt-
ing themselves, gracefully and magnanimously, to the new
order of events in which they have found themselves placed.
Indeed, a conciliatory sentiment has pervaded the entire
Assembly, which I trust, extending beyond the bounds of
this State House, may reach the hearts of only the sons
and daughters of this fair old State, but all the citizens of the
whole country now distracted by fraternal and bloody war.

Ere we meet again, as a Legislature, it is to be hoped the
unhappy contest now raging will be closed honorably, and
that merged once more into the blessed realities of Peace, the
horror of the hour will linger only as a terrible dream of the
past and a stern monitor for the future. May we, each and
all, unite in the prayer that the mighty Ruler of events, may
hasten the advent of the auspicious period when the strife
and blood shed which now fill the land, shall give way to a
more genial era of fraternal concord, peace and restored
nationality.

Senators, bidding you, one and all, an affectionate farewell,
I now declare this Senate adjourned sine die.

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