

Which was read.

After which the President delivered the following

ADDRESS.

SENATORS, as the hour has arrived at which it becomes my duty to adjourn this Honorable Body *sine die*, I embrace the opportunity of offering my gratitude to you, for the kind expression of your approbation of my administration of the duties of the Chair, so generously and handsomely rendered in the Resolution before me. It has been my good fortune, Senators, to have presided over a body of gentlemen, during this important and eventful session, whose kindness and forbearance have rendered the duties of the Chair most pleasant and agreeable. There is no period of my long political life that in after days, I shall dwell upon with fonder remembrance and a more lively sensibility, than what appears now to have been the short space, in which I have stood connected with you, in the official relation which is about to close.

This Session has been a most important and eventful one; and the amount of business transacted is, I believe, unprecedented. It has emphatically been a business Session. That your labors, in the midst of this whirlpool of revolution, may redound to your own happiness, and the honor and integrity of this once lovely and happy country, is my sincere and fervent prayer.

In all probability, Senators, many of us may never meet again this side the portals of the grave; but may it be the happiness of those, who may hereafter be thrown together again on earth, to have the supreme felicity of warmly congratulating each other upon the consummation of what each and all of you most heartily desire, and all restored upon the foundation of the Constitution and Union, when every one can sit quietly and calmly under his own vine and fig tree.

As I am about to quit these busy scenes for the enjoyment of my humble and quiet home, I turn involuntarily and instinctively towards my brethren of the South, who are now in battle array against their lawful and constituted government. If they will listen to the friendly admonition of an old and sincere friend, it would be this: lay down your rebellious arms,—cease this murderous and bloody strife; and again seek the protection of the stars and stripes, under the auspices of the Constitution and Union.

With my sincere prayer for your temporal and eternal happiness and welfare, I now bid you, Senators, a respectful and affectionate farewell.