

advance and promote the prosperity and peace of our proud and loyal old State, and place her even more, (if it be possible so to do) in harmonious relations with our national constitution and its authorities.

I unite with you, in imploring the interposition of the God of Daniel, in favor of our beloved, but distracted country.

Our relations have been pleasant, gentlemen; and as the duties of business have made us known to each other, friendships have grown up, which make this hour sad—sad because 'tis always sorrowful to part from friends, even though we part to go to friends.

The hour for separation will shortly have arrived by the prescribed terms of our constitution; and, gentlemen, I return you all, members and officers, my sincere acknowledgments for your uniform courtesy extended to me in official and private intercourse, and in conclusion assure you that in all time to come I shall look back to the session of 1864, with pride and pleasure.

Mr. Herbert submitted the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That Wm. R. Cole, Esq., Chief Clerk, and John H. Shaw, Esq., Reading Clerk of this House, are entitled to the thanks of the House, for the obliging, courteous and efficient manner in which they have respectively performed their arduous duties during its Session;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Greene submitted the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this House be, and they are hereby tendered to Messrs. Hammond, Frazier, Stubbs and Dent for the able, dignified and courteous manner, in which they have discharged the duties of Speaker, *pro tempore*, during this Session of the General Assembly;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Stevens submitted the following:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this House, are hereby tendered to Charles E. Trail, Esq., for the able manner in which he has discharged his duty as Chairman of the committee on Militia;

Which was adopted.

The Senate bill entitled, "An Act to repeal the 19th section, of the 29th article of the Code of Public General Laws, and the proviso to the 33d section of the 5th article of the