

or on any other, to obtrude myself on the intelligence and wisdom of this Convention, did I not feel constrained to do so by a sense of duty. I have been a quiet but attentive member, and have endeavored to act on all the questions that have been brought before us, so far as my judgment led me, correctly and fairly. If there is any gentleman in this body, worn out after an enduring and long protracted patience, it is myself. I wish to see more acting and less speaking; but if *talking* is to be the order of the day—if *speeches* are to be the only results of the labors of this Convention—if *words* are to repay the people for the treasure expended in their efforts

to procure a reform of the abuses that press heavily and unequally upon them—I will not stand idly by

“And see bold deeds achieved by other’s hands;”
but will hereafter endeavor to do my share of the *talking*, to inflict as many *speeches* as the most eloquent, and to contribute my full quota of *words* in the discussion of all subjects that may come up. I hope, however, for a better state of things.

Pending the question,

The Convention adjourned until 10 o’clock tomorrow morning.

END OF VOLUME I.

John Quincy Adams