

distinguished skill, to its original freshness of appearance, and strength of colours; which he has done for the moderate compensation of twenty dollars. This we deemed proper, although we knew that his memory was not to exist by the aid of perishable canvases alone, but will continue to live, as long as time shall last, in the hearts of his grateful countrymen, and the veneration and applause of an admiring world.

It has been our fortune to live at a period, which has been marked by the most awful struggles and convulsions in the old world: and although the spectacle which Europe at present exhibits, is not as sanguinary and distressing to the feelings of humanity, as it was a few years past, when the different nations of that quarter of the world, were marshalled in hostile array against each other, yet there is abundant reason to believe, that the minds of the people, in many instances, are greatly dissatisfied with the internal condition of their affairs, which has prompted them to the adoption of measures and proceedings in some countries, which seem to menace the duration of their fundamental laws, and most important political institutions. We advert to those solemn and interesting scenes which have lately been acted, and some of which are still acting, upon the moral and political theatre of Europe, for the purpose of exciting in our bosoms, the liveliest gratitude to the Supreme Ruler of the Universe for the happy exemption of our State and Nation, from those evils and calamities, with which they are afflicted; and of inspiring our hearts, with a zealous devotion to those excellent principles of virtue, and enlightened principles of freedom, upon which our forms of government are founded; Governments which recognize as their fundamental principles, the sacred and unquestionable truth, that all political power, of right, originates from the people and can only be legitimately and honestly administered, when the primary object of those entrusted with their delegated power, is the advancement of the peoples happiness, prosperity and welfare.

Entertaining an ardent hope, and a confident belief, that your legislative deliberations, and proceedings, will have a constant tendency towards the accomplishment of these important objects, and giving you our solemn assurance, that a cooperation with you in the attainment of them will be our constant study and endeavour.

We have the honour to be

With high consideration and respect

Your Obedient servants

Samuel Sprigg