

permanent provision for the Executive Department; and must accordingly pray that the pecuniary estimates for the Station in which I am placed, may, during my continuance in it, be limited to such actual expenditures as the public good may be thought to require. -

Having thus imparted to you my sentiments, as they have been awakened by the occasion which brings us together, - I shall take my present leave; - but not without resorting once more to the benign Parent of the human race, in humble supplication that since he has been pleased to put the American people, with opportunities for deliberating in perfect tranquility, and dispositions for deciding with unparalleled unanimity on a form of Government, for the security of their Union, and the advancement of their happiness; so his divine blessing may be equally conspicuous in the enlarged views, the temperate consultations, - and the wise measures on which the success of this Government must depend. -

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