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*Gentlemen of the Council and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:*

I have had the honor to hold the important trust of your chief magistrate a number of years past, in the whole course of which I have endeavoured to serve the interest of the state to the best of my abilities; and on my retiring to private life, can assure you, that I feel a consciousness of having discharged my duty with simplicity and unremitting attention.

Since I find that the election has not gone in my favor by the freemen, and that you, gentlemen, would prefer some other person to fill the chair, I can cheerfully resign to him the honors of the office I have long since sustained, and sincerely wish him a happy administration, for the advancement of which my utmost influence shall be exerted.

I ardently wish you, gentlemen, happiness and prosperity; may the blessing of heaven attend your useful deliberations, and render you subservient in all your public exertions to the best good of your constituents.