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Gentlemen of the Council and house of representatives.

At the last annual election of the officers of this government, there was no choice made by the freemen of the supreme magistrate of the state; it was therefore the duty of the council and house of representatives, by their joint ballot, to elect some person to that office; it was the pleasure of the two houses to honor me with the appointment, of which I cheerfully accepted, and am conscious to myself that I have faithfully discharged my duty in the execution of that trust.

It appears from the present election, that the freemen have given their suffrages in favor of his excellency governor CHITTENDEN. I heartily acquiesce in the choice, and shall, with the greatest satisfaction, retire to private life, where I expect to enjoy that peace which naturally results from a consciousness of having done my duty.

The freemen have an undoubted right, when they see it for the benefit of the community, to call forth their citizens from behind the curtain of private life, and make them their rulers, and for the same reason to dismiss them at pleasure and elect others in their place. This privilege is essential to all free, and to republican governments. As a citizen I trust I shall ever feel for the interest of the state: the confidence the freemen have repeatedly placed in me ever since the first formation of government, lays me under additional obligation to promote their true interest.

Fellow citizens of the legislature, I wish you the benediction of heaven in the prosecution of the important business of the present session; that all your consultations may terminate for the glory of God the interest of the citizens of this state, and that both those in public and private life may so conduct, in the several spheres in which God in his providence shall call them to act, as that, when death shall close the scene of life, we may each of us have the satisfaction of a good conscience and the approbation of our JUDGE.