

[TYLER, (JOHN). Tenth President. 1841--1845. Autograph Letter Signed. 2pp. With Address leaf. Senate Chamber. May 29, 1834. Addressed to 'Honorable John Coalter, Fredericksburg, Virginia. ]

"Gentlemen:

I have been sensibly impressed with the honor conferred upon me by the citizens of Fredericksburg through the resolution adopted at their late meeting, and which you did me the favor to communicate--- The approbation of those whom it is my chief pride to represent on the floor of this chamber, is the only reward to which, as a public man I have ever permitted myself to look---

In my recent public course no other motive has governed me but a desire to uphold the Constitution and the Laws, and to restrain executive power already grown too great, within the limits which they prescribe. I did not doubt for a moment but that a majority of the people of Virginia would in this concur with me; and the result has shown that I was not mistaken--- That a respectable minority would be found maintaining opposite opinions was reasonable to have been expected---and that men of high intellectual power and unquestioned patriotism are to be found in that minority cannot be doubted; But I do believe that event which has transpired since many of the elections took place, have been well calculated to produce a diminution of the numbers composing that minority and greater unanimity in sentiment amongst our fellow citizens--- I am proud so to think: for being Virginian in the largest signification of that term, I would rejoice to see our whole family united in sentiment, in feeling and in action---

Nothing would give me more pleasure than to unite with you gentlemen, and those whom you represent, in social intercourse--- This I am however forbidden to do upon the present occasion by considerations which it would be useless for me to indicate: and I must therefore throw myself upon your and their goodness for my apology--- Subjoined you have a sentiment which I trust may prove acceptable to those who may attend your festive board.

With assurances of high respect

I am Gentlemen

Yr. most obt. etc.

JOHN TYLER

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