

ate and Speaker of the House of Representatives, by your order, has awakened all my sensibility and demands my most grateful acknowledgments.

As the various testimonials of the approbation and affection of my fellow-citizens of Massachusetts, which have been indulged to me from my earliest youth, have ever been esteemed the choicest blessings of my life, so this final applause of the Legislature, so generously given, after the close of the last scene, of the last act, of my political drama, is more precious than any which preceded it. There is now no greater felicity remaining for me to hope or desire, than to pass the remainder of my days in repose, in an undisturbed participation of the common privileges of our fellow-citizens under your protection.

The satisfaction you have found in the administration of the general government, from its commencement, is highly agreeable to me, and I sincerely hope that the twelve years to come will not be less prosperous or happy for our country.

With the utmost sincerity I reciprocate your devout supplications for the happiness of yourselves, your families, constituents and posterity.

JOHN ADAMS.

QUINCY, MARCH 26, 1801.

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WESTERN ENTERPRISE.—From a letter received by Dr. M. H. Clark from Wm. Dewey, civil and topographical engineer, who was engaged to make a preliminary survey of a route for a railroad from Fort Desmoines to Council Bluffs, Iowa, we learn that he arrived at the Bluffs April 5th, and that the proposed route is even better than reported heretofore. He feels confident that no proposed road in this State can be constructed with less expense than this. He will now examine the country adjacent to the Bluffs, and explore the Boyer river and several other streams, and embody the whole of his surveys and explorations in his report, which will be made during the early part of summer at farthest.—*The Andrew Western Democrat, April 23, 1851.*

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