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AGAIN your country commands your care. Obedient to its wishes, unmindful of you ease, we see you again relinquishing the bliss of retirement; and this too, at a period of life, when nature itself seems to authorize a preference of repose!

Not to extol your glory as a soldier, not to pour forth our gratitude for past services--not to acknowledge the justice of the unexampled honour which has been conferred upon you, by the spontaneous and unanimous suffrage of three millions of freemen, in your election to the supreme magistracy--nor to admire the patriotism which directs your conduct, do your neighbours and friends now address you--themes less splendid but more endearing, impress our minds. The first and best of citizens must leave us--our aged must lose their ornament--our youth their model--out agriculture its improver--our commerce its friend--our infant academy its protector--our poor their benefactor--and the interior navigation of the Patowmack (an event replete with the most extensive utility, already, by your unremitting exertions, brought into partial use) its institutor and promoters.

Farewell!--Go! and make a grateful people happy--a people, who will be doubly grateful, when they contemplate this recent sacrifice for their interest.

To the Being, who maketh and unmaketh at his will, we commend you--and, after the accomplishment of the arduous business to which you are called, may he restore to us again, the best of men, and the most beloved fellow citizen!

In behalf of the people of Alexandria,
Dennis Ramsay, mayor. *April 16, 1789.*