

**An Address to his Excellency George Washington, President of the United States, from the president and supreme executive council of Pennsylvania, printed in The American Museum Vol 5. pages 328-329 January 1789-June 1789.**

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*Sir,*

The president and supreme executive council of Pennsylvania cheerfully embrace this interesting occasion to congratulate you upon the establishment of the federal constitution, and to felicitate ourselves and our country, upon your unanimous appointment to the presidency of the united states.

In reflecting upon the vicissitudes of the late war, in tracing its difficulties, and in contemplating its success, we are uniformly impressed with the extent and magnitude of the services which you have rendered to your country; and by that impression, we are taught to expect that exercise of the same virtues and abilities, which have been thus happily employed in obtaining the prize of liberty and independence, must be effectually instrumental in securing to your fellow citizens and their posterity, the permanent blessings of a free and efficient government. And although the history of the revolution will furnish the best evidence of the invariable attachment of this commonwealth to the interest and honor of the union, yet we cannot resist this favourable opportunity of personally assuring you, that in every measure, which tends to advance the national character, you may rely on the zealous co-operation of the executive authority of Pennsylvania.

In discharging the duties of your present important station, it must, sir, be a never-failing source of consolation and support, that the unbounded love and confidence of the people, will produce a favourable construction of all your actions, and will contribute to the harmony and success of your administration. For we know, that eventually your happiness must depend upon the happiness of your country, and we believe, that in wishing an adequate execution of your intentions and designs, we comprehend all that is necessary to both.

Uniting, with our sister states, in the admiration of those motives, which, at this interesting era of our affairs, have induced you again to relinquish the enjoyment of domestic peace, for a conspicuous and laborious participation in the cares and toils of public life, we fervently pray for the preservation of your health, and we confidently hope, that the consummation of a patriot's wishes- the glory and felicity of your country, will crown the period of a long and illustrious existence, and prepare you for the enjoyment of an everlasting reward.

Thomas Mifflin.

*Council chamber.*

*Philadelphia, April 20, 1789.*