broad, it is in your power, Gentlemen, to act wisely and deliberately in the establishment of wholesome laws, for the improvement of the condition and governance, under Providence, of a people, whose every eye is directed toward you in search of the course you would pursue with reference to their social and moral elevation. The permanency of this State, and the growth, both intellectual and numerical of its people, depends in no small degree upon your own acts, influenced and regulated by a careful examination into their capacity to meet such exactions and assessments as you may deem expedient to the support and maintainence of the State.

The present era of our political existence, commences under the most auspicious and favorable circumstances. It seems to have pleased an all wise Providence, at the present juncture, to throw over us an ample shield as a saver from those external evils with which countries more favored in other respects than ours, have had to contend. And except certain factions and bickerings, which now prevail between certain tribes in our jurisdiction, and which by a patient examination into their cause and true bearings, we hope, in a short time to settle, no-

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