on your front, will entitle you to expect a share
blessing — We pray you therefore to keep always
mind, how much the future destinies of your State de
pend upon your actions, and that your affairs may
be well administered, we entreat you to elevate
Office thus amongst you who are best qualified to di
charge the duties of their respective Stations with ability
fore them, and hence direction — Not as we would
also ask leave to urge upon you the importance
of a rigid adherence to the principle of temper
ance, in accordance with the provision of your
Constitution of which you have such just cause to
be proud. — If Rulers and people will be alike
ful to observe the laws which you have with so much
good judgment imposed upon yourselves, you will
escape many of the evils under which our own, like
many other Nations are suffering — Finally we also
all, we pray you, in all your public acts and de
liberations, as well as in your private relations, to
cultivate and strive to be always governed by a
it of forbearance, of conciliation, and of brotherly love
towards each other — We are our own Country, we have
been and are daily witnessing to much of the
evil resulting from the want of a more general diffu
sion of such a spirit, not to mention as trouble for
fate of your young Commonwealth, should you
become like a house divided against itself.

We trust that you will receive these suggestions
in the spirit in which they are offered,
Or (rather) looking back to the transactions of the past
year of a stirring character, during which the Government
of your Colony devolved upon us, we can hardly

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