est principles of patriotism.

3 That to you and your memory we owe eternal gratitude for the honor done to your country—your race,—and yourself, whether in the executive, hall—on the field of battle—at home or abroad never proving recreant to the important trust imposed upon you.

4 The Literary institution feels truly gratified to know that Liberia's chief delight to encourage education and industry and has for them laid a worthy example, which they would most gladly imitate, and shall feel proud if they can only follow in the footsteps of one so worthy as your excellency.

And now sir as you must in a few months retire from public to private life,—allow us today to assure you that by us you will be ever honored and respected, and when you shall have been gathered to your fathers. May our children fondly cherish the memory of our highly esteemed and honored J. J. Roberts. Our own Liberia's "*Washington.*"

Sir, we speak the earnest feelings of true hearted Liberians.

May the blessing of God attend your efforts that in private, as in public life, you may be eminently useful to your fellow citizens, and when we call for you may we meet a hearty response."

To the address His Excellency responded in his happiest style—He said that it was truly gratifying to him to meet so many of his fellow citizens, who had come forth to meet him in demonstration of their approval of his conduct and acts during his administration—that he could not say that he had done much; but that he had done all that he could, and that in the performance of his duty, he had had the best interest of Liberia his only home in view—He felt that he had been well sustained by the citizens of Bassa who had extended to him their suffrages for so long a period, hoped that they would ever continue united for the promotion of Liberia's weal &c &c &c &c &c

The following Preamble and Resolutions, were afterwards read by Mr Z. B. Roberts in behalf of the Young Men's literary institutions

President Roberts:

Our attention having been called to your most interesting and encourageing address, we beg leave to present your Excellency, with a few Resolutions, as a mark of respect to show our gratitude to you for the honor which you have reflected upon the colored race, during the time of your most serene administration, as President of the Republic of Liberia.

Resolved—That the thanks and approbation of the Young Men's Reading and Debating school of Edina be tendered to his Excellency J. J. Roberts for the encouragements which he has ever offered to literary operations, and the encouragements held out in his very comprehensive address of to day.

Resolved That the name of J. J. Roberts be immortalized by this Lyceum of which he is hereby constituted an honorary member.

Resolved That a copy of the above resolutions be forwarded to the "Liberia Herald" for publication.

His Excellency was then escorted, by the Town Council, Young Men's institution, citizens &c &c with martial music, preceded by some young Misses leaving the garland of flowers up to the residence of J. H Cheeseman; this elevated spot being admirably suited to such entertainments; here we had a "feast of reason and a flow of soul," until the hour ½ past 2 P. M. arrived, when we were summoned, to discuss to merits of a well served up table,—here we had many of the good things of earth which we did not fail to do justice to as might well be expected.

After attending first to the substantials, and then to the delicacies, we were richly entertained with appropriate sentiments, by Hon: Chas: Henry, J. Hanson, His Ex J. J. Roberts, Hon S A. Benson, Thomas Moore Esqr Mr Z. B. Roberts &c &c

After Dinner (5½ O'clock P. M.) His Excellency J. J. Roberts was escorted to the wharf by the Young Gentlemen, and a number of the citizens where he took an affectionate leave of us, never expecting to visit us again in an official capacity as President of the Republic, expecting in a few months to give place to his successor Hon S. A. Benson in whose hands he believed the interest of Liberia would be safe.

A loud roar of cannon, announced his departure, as the boat pushed off from the wharf.

The Ladies of Edina acted well their part and have our best wishes for their health and prosperity.

A CORRESPONDENT.

ADDRESS DELIVERED TO HIS EXCELLENCY J. J. ROBERTS, IN BEHALF OF THE YOUNG MEN'S LITERARY ASSOCIATION OF BUCHANAN BY C. A. PITMAN

Honored Sir,

In behalf of the "Young Men Literary Association," of this City which I have the honor on this occasion to represent, do I address your Excellency to express to your Sir, the sincerest thanks of grateful hearts, for the able, patriotic, and skillful manner, with which you have directed and conducted our little Barque of State through many "tempestuous seas," and today have moored her safe in the haven of political sereurity, comfort and independence.

We deem it unnecessary on this occasion, even were we able, to follow you through your brilliant public career; even from the 3rd of Sept: 1841, when you first assumed the reins of Government as Governor of the Common Wealth of Liberia, even unto the present now. When the great experiment was about to be made, whether the Colored Man is capable of self Government; when the civilized world looked toward the Western Coast of Africa with intense anxiety, and in breathless suspense to learn the result; in those times of difficulties severe,—in those times which "tried men's souls,"—what your services were, we as Liberians know; nay they are not hidfrom the civilized world, I say sir that it is unnecessary that I go as far back, and follow you through the long series of years which have intervened. But suffice it to say that in good faith you have redeemed all pledges to the Common Wealth then by you made. "BUT THUS FAR" said you after in true nobleness of soul, you had acknowledged your incompetency to hold such important trusts, (when about to take the Gubernatorial chair) "*thus far I pledge myself, that as long as I am intrusted with the affairs of this Common Wealth I will do my best.*" Fellow Citizens the patriot *has* done his best; he could do no more. These facts Sir as I have before said are known to your Constituents, and knowing them, we will remember them tell of,—yea hand them down as rich legacies to generations yet unborn, Yes Sir peeping through the vista of futurity, me thinks I see unnumbered millions rising to call you blessed for such deeds. But if one portion of your public life may be said to have shone more briliantly than another, it is that dating from the ever memorable 1847, the year which gave Liberia, as a nation, birth; from that date for eight years by the free and voluntary suffrages of your fellow Citizens, (free Liberians,) given from a thorough conviction of your wisdom integrity and love of country, have you heroically stood at the helm of our affairs. You have stood by us the firm advocate of our rights, the defender of our sacred liberties. When our political horizon has seemed black with sudden destruction; or when the frail Barque had, as it were, well nigh foundered, and our much cheerished institutions crumbled forever,—under your wise administration Sir, Liberia has been saved. Liberia has ever found in you a friend indeed fer you have been nigh in need. When rumors of war have been abroad in the land, our peaceful hours threatened by the savage foe, and our hearts have been made to quake for fear,—You sir with undaunted courage have girded your sword in defence of justice and liberty, boldly headed the army in the cause of humanity, and as a mark of the appreciation of your services by your fellow citizens, never have you called upon them in vain,—no sir never have you been denied; never have we flinched when the gallant Joseph J. R. has led us to certain victories. As a soldier you have rendered services to your country, worthy immortal honors, and undying fame. Has the majesty, the dignity, of our laws been questioned, and by base slander has any assayed to cast a stigma upon them as un worthy of notice; You have confuted them with a skill worthy of a diplomatis', and to day they stand out in bold releif as bright as the star under which they are administered, an admiration to the world. Has the lone star, the insignia of Liberia's nationality, the beacon to the dispersed of our race, been hid by the dubios cloud of political confusion? Have its effulgent rays become dim at any time from the dark shadows of contending factions at home; By your wise administration these clouds have been dispeled, and the glorious beaming forth of that lone star has been seen to cheer the disponding hearts of the Liberians.

You have given a name, you have been the instrument in stamping a character upon Liberia which shall never die, and in doing so have raised for yourself upon the western shores of Africa a monument as lasting and as grand as the *Egyptian Pyramids.* Yes Sir we are proud to believe that as long as there survives a lover, an admirer of all that is good great, and magnanimous, so long will live the name of Joseph Jenkins Roberts. We will love it ever and respect it, and teach our children the same. It will be the delightful task of the mother and her highest pride to teach her infant charge to lisp J. J. R. Aside from your many valuable services rendered to the country, the many proofs you have given for, and interest in, literature, the encouragements you have ever given, and the interest you have ever evinced, for the welfare of the Young Men of Liberia,—in their moral intellectual advancement, conspire to justify the Young Men's Literary Association of Buchanan in making this imperfect, but devout demonstration of its gratitude. But lest we weary you, we close by adding that you have faithfully and satisfactorily served your country as its Chief these fourteen years; during which time the crowned heads of Europe have bowed in recognition of the lone star, and acknowledged that Liberia is a nation worthy of notice. But the time approaches—it is upon the wings of the wind, when you will soon voluntarily retire from active public life, and fall back in the ranks of your fellow Citizens to rest in calmness as the illustrious victor.—NOBLE CHIEF; SON OF LIBERTY! *True Patriot our first: Retire! Peaceably retire!* covered with immortal honors. Go, our hearts are with you, our Prayers will be for you; Go Laurels we this day give you which shall never fade away—even the grateful thanks of a nation of Free Men. Retire in peace with the consoling thought that you have left the country you love in the hands of a son of Liberia who will seek to follow in the footsteps of his illustrious predecessor, seek the good of Liberia. Then as you retire may your pathway be bestrewed with garlands of roses—a conciousness of having discharged faithfully the duties of your office. May that lone star which you have ever protected from insults and disgrace, continue to shine over you, and by its light guide you and yours in your declining years.

A COPY OF THE RESOLUTIONS ORDERED TO BE PRESENTED TO HIS EXCELLENCY JOSEPH J. ROBERTS BY THE YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF BUCHANAN.

As citizens of a free and independent Government, we delight to honour and respect those who are worthy of esteem, more particularly those who have faithfully served and evinced a degree of patriotic ardour not unworthy to be compared with the most self sacrificing patriots on record; As such we regard our most worthy chief magistrate Joseph J. Roberts, whose name we delight to honour, whose memory we will ever revere and perpetuate, unto the latest generation, as being, under the guardian hand of providence, the conductor of our infant state, "through temptesuos seas," in times that tried men's soul's, and has finally succeeded, in finding an harbour, in which our gallant little ship of state may ride in a comparative degree of ease and safety: Therefore it is

1st *Resolved* by the Young Men's Literary Association of Buchanan, that we regard the wise, efficient, and patriotic administration of the Government by our beloved citizen Joseph J. Roberts, the hearty support he has received from his fellow citizens—and the implicit confidence that they have reposed in his integrity ability and fidelity to discharge the responsible functions of the chief magistracy; and the entire satisfaction he has given them as reflecting upon him and Liberia lasting honours, and is a corroboration of the fact that the coloured man; the African—is capable of self Government, and is one of the strongest arguments in favour of free institutions and a representative Government of which the world can boast.

2nd *Resolved* That we congratulate ourselves that Liberia though of to day, can boast of one star which shall ever shine in the glorious constellation of this wonderful 19th century.

3rd *Resolved* That we hereby express our undiminished confidence in the purity and patriotism of His Excellency Joseph J. Roberts who illustrious abroad, beloved at home, has by a long course of services rendered himself to us and will by his voluntary retirement to the walks of private life carry with him the affectionate remembrance of a grateful people.

4th *Resolved* That we will ever cherish highest degree of respect for the first of Liberia's worthies, the illustrious chief magistrate of the Republic of Liberia, for his unparalleled patriotism and untiring zeal in the promotion of his country's greatest good, whose whole life has been devoted in advancing the interests of Liberia and Liberians, the tried friend of literature, an admirer of the arts and sciences, the christian philanthropist, the pride of proud Liberia.

5th *Resolved* That as the principles of our Governmont are such as are approved by heaven, and as the period, for the retiremont of our identified father is fast approximating, we do earnestly implore that the propitious guidance of an all wise providence may rest upon him, and that his sucessors may be as zealous respecting the future welfare and prosperity of our country as the illustrious and ever to be remembered Joseph Jenkins Roberts.

6th *Resolved* That in as much as the civilized world acknowledges his integrity, fidelity, and patriotism, and as all true hearted Liberians must ever regard him as the father of their country—Therefore we, the members of the Young Men's Literary Association of Buchanan in performing this—humble yet sincere mark of respect deem it our indispensable duty.

7th *Resolved*—that as, a further mark of our esteem and appreciation of the moral worth of J. J. Roberts as a citizens, we do hereby constitute him a, the member of this association.

8th *Resolved*, that a copy of these resolutions be presented to His Excellency J. J. Roberts in the name and behalf of this association; that a copy be entered upon the records of the association: and—that a copy be forwarded to the Liberia Herald for publication.

Buchanan Sept 18th 1855.

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A. P. DAVIS
President.

C. A. PITMAN,
Secretary.
Y. M. L. A. B.

For the Liberia Herald:

Mr Editor:—

If you will allow a space in the columns of your valuable perodical, I will humbly offer a very few and disconnected thoughts for the consideration of, especially the Young Men of our country—Liberia; and before I further proceed in penning those thoughts, suffer me to beg the indulgence of the reading public, and those more especially who may be disposed to scan, with a critic's eye, communications published in your paper; and perhaps ESPECIALLY when signed or written by "*a Young Man.*" I make no pretensions to writing for the press; and silent would I have now remained; but taking into consideration the relations which the Young Men of this infant republic sustain to it,—I thought it no more nor less than my imperative duty to feebly agitate the subject, of our moral, as well as intellectual improvement, *as* Young Men. Therefore, Mr Grammar—sharp—eyed—critic whatever errors, may be made whether as it relates to the grammatical construction of the sentences (*syntactically*) or othographical, as well as errors in punctuation, I trust you will not regard them as errors of the heart, but of the head and "view me not with a critics eye, but pass my imperfections by." If there be any country that I love better than Liberia or Africa, I have yet to be made sensible of the fact, and pointed to that fair clime. This is my home I know of none other but from history and by limited visits,—nay I desire none other, this, and this alone is my home this side Jordan,—As such I feel it my duty as a young man in a young Government to use all my efforts and influence in endeavoring to advance her interest, in aiding in the great work of her moral elevation though insignificant those efforts be. I have been for some time observing the signs of the times with reference to Liberia, I have watched her progress with eagerness and great delight, I have traced her history from the memorable 1847 until now and am prepared and ready to say as did one of the daughters of Liberia "FOR EIGHT YEARS AN AFRICAN REPUBLIC HAS EXISTED AND YET SURVIVES," and here the great and important questions suggests itself one which every young Liberian ought well to consider, viz—Where are the founders of that Republic, do THEY survive do *they* still live? Yes they live,—but in the memory of their children the Liberians. With very few exceptions, they have passed away and in passing have behind them and to us a glorious government based upon heaven approved—principles. I do not intend, to eulogize,—but simply recur to these facts more properly to direct the mind to that point to which I am aiming, that is the duty of young men to their country; and thus incite them to more vigilant action; by positive facts, viz:—that the founders of our Government are, dead with few exceptions the present supporters must die; yea they are dying and, that others must fill the vacancies thus occasioned. I would here appeal to the good sense of the young men of Liberia. If this duty does not devolve as a "matter of course" upon them and whether well or illy prepared, they have not to assume the weighty responsibilities connected with that duty and in the discharge of these responsibilities reflect honor or eternal disgrace up on the Government, which they will represent.

As light and information advance, as civilization, the arts and sciences spread their wings and are wafted to every quarter of the Globe, and, as the best system of Government better adapted to the promotion of the happiness of man kind, and men best filled to administer such Governments, are being discovered and made known—so must the people in whom is vested the power to do and undo elevate and bring down know the state and Policy of the Government, of which they form a part.

C. A. P.

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