

1 Fellow Citizens:

2 I am again called upon by the voice of my country to execute the functions of its Chief

3 Magistrate. When the occasion proper for it shall arrive, I shall endeavor to express the high sense

4 I entertain of this distinguished honor, and of the confidence which has been reposed in me by the

5 people of united America.

6 Previous to the execution of any official act of the President the Constitution requires an oath of

7 office. This oath I am now about to take, and in your presence: That if it shall be found during my

8 administration of the Government I have in any instance violated willingly or knowingly the

9 injunctions thereof, I may (besides incurring constitutional punishment) be subject to the

10 upbraidings of all who are now witnesses of the present solemn ceremony.