

The best of my life, I have given freely to my fellow man, and at all times--

The scenes of my war struggles are a closed incident, & we all cleared for home then, to meet and enjoy happier times.

That phase of my life I now leave, and dismiss the subject for all time---because the heavy seas of official power are at all times against me, and has been from the start--

I have most sincerely followed and adhered to my loyalty and devotion the cause that we battled for--to the end--and through all its turns and windings, I have been true--and never a traitor--

Whereever I may be hereafter, I shall always feel an honest pride of the part I have taken and the part to perform the ~~\*\*\*~~ duties imposed on me, and gratitude to nature and providence for putting it in my power to be of some value to my country and my people--MANKIND---we battled for liberty, and and against those who sought to deny it to us--and as yet we ~~gar~~ glory in our success while we stand and see the same destructive power that we subdued yet seek to destroy what we succeed in securing for them and our united country the life and happiness we gained at the risk of our all---

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