

to the 10th day of August last, when, by the guidance of an all-wise Providence and by the prompt and judicious management of Gen. Clinton B Fisk and Gen. E. Whittlesey, acting U. S. Peace Commissioners, an amicable settlement of our difficulties was effected. I am happy, therefore, gentlemen, to congratulate you upon your re-assemblage with the gladsome tidings of a restored peace to our people. It is earnestly hoped that these terms of reconciliation will prove effectual in perpetuating that friendship and peace which are essential to the prosperity of all nations. In unity there is strength; in dissension weakness. United we stand and divided we must fall. If united in purpose as we are in ~~+~~ interest our future should be very bright.

We possess a country both beautiful and fertile - ample in all respects for our happiness and prosperity. But we cannot hope to perpetuate our possession of this inestimable heritage many years ourselves or bequeath it to our posterity unless a purer spirit of patriotism shall control our action in the future. Differences of opinion on matters of public policy and their free discussion in a proper spirit is not objectionable, but is an evidence of intelligence among any people in whose hands the affairs of state are not likely to be settled by arbitrament of the sword, but by an appeal