February 23, 1858

Present to the Resolution of the Senate, and appointed by the Vice-President, the Farewell Address by George Washington, was read by me on the 23rd of May.

To Sir Henry Stanley

I noted particularly these words:

"Of all the denominations and sects which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable, necessary."

And

"I, in the name of the people, the constitution, a modification of the constitution must be in any particular way, let it be corrected by any amendment in the way whence it came to designate. But let them be not change by usurpation, but by the consent of the governed."

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