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ANSWER.

To the state society of the Cincinnati in Pennsylvania

Gentlemen, The congratulations of my fellow soldiers and faithful followers in the military line of this state, on my election to the chief magistracy of the union, cannot but be exceedingly flattering and pleasing to me ; for my mind has been so deeply affected with a grateful sense of the attachment and aid which I have experienced from them, during the course of our arduous struggle for liberty, that the impression will never be effaced.

Heaven alone can foretel, whether any, or what, advantages are to be derived by my countrymen, from my holding the office, which they have done me the honour of conferring upon me, not only without my solicitations, but even contrary to my inclinations.

I promise nothing but unremitted attention to the duties of the office. If by that attention I may be so fortunate as still to continue to possess the affectionate regard of my fellow citizens, and particularly of that body of which you are the representatives, it will be no small addition to my happiness. The support, which they and you have promised, cannot fail, under the smiles of providence, to contribute largely to the accomplishment of my wishes, by promoting the prosperity of our common country. In the mean time, I thank you, gentlemen, for the interest you so kindly take in my personal comfort and honour, as well as in the prosperity and glory of the general government.

George Washington.