

paid you, this evening, should not be permitted to pass without some expression, on their part, which will make it doubly welcome to Madame Lapointe and the other members of your family, and we hope also to yourself, and which will help to make it memorable to future generations as well as our own. We have, therefore, decided to ask your acceptance of a life-size portrait of yourself, to be painted in oils, by an artist of your own choice. This gift, with the presentation of which one or two of your other intimate friends desire also to be associated, we hope you will accept as an expression of the affection felt in our hearts by everyone of us towards yourself, and as a gift in which the nation will share our pride and for which posterity itself will be grateful.