

yourselves intrepid against the enemy in the field, be neither depressed nor discontented with such other privations and distresses as are incident to a state of war. They will not continue long; and think of what you would have given two years ago to behold the glorious state of affairs which we now commemorate. Alas! at that time interminable war, or total ruin, appeared the only alternative. Now the dawn of the happiest times is rising upon us.

Rejoice then my Christian brethren; and may the Lord God of our Fathers, who maketh all things work together for good to those that love him, graciously accept our sincere tribute of gratitude and praise and bless what yet remains to be done for the repose of the world.