

By such offices as these, you likewise give a gleam of comfort to those mourners, who mix their tears with ours * Schuylkill and Susquehannah; and to her † especially, on Hudson's river, preeminent in woe! Angels and ministers of grace, complete her consolations! Tell her, in gentlest accents, what wreaths of glory you have entwined, to adorn the brows of those who die for their country; and hovering for a while, on the *wing of pity*, listen to her mournful strain—

‡ Sweet ivy, twin'd with myrtle, form a shade
Around the tomb where brave *Montgomery's* laid!
Beneath your boughs, shut from the beams of day,
My ceaseless tears shall bathe the warrior's clay;
And injur'd "Freedom shall a while repair,
To dwell, with me, a weeping hermit there."

HAVING now paid the honors due to the memories of our departed friends, what need I add more? Illustrious, although short, was their race! "But old age is not that which standeth in length of time, nor is measured by number of years—wisdom is the grey hair to man, and an unspotted life is old age."

To such men, Rome in all her glory would have decreed honors; and the resolve of *Congress* to transmit the memory of their virtues, is worthy of that magnanimity which ought to characterize public bodies. Jealous and arbitrary rulers are sparing of honors to those who serve them, lest their own should be thus eclipsed. But your lustre, Gentlemen, can suffer no diminution this way; and the glory you justly bestow upon others, will only be reflected to encrease your own!

* The rivers on which the parents of Major Macpherson and Capt. Hendricks live.

† Mrs. Montgomery.

‡ The original lines, for which these were substituted and formed to music, are well known, viz.

"Wind gentle Ever-green to form a shade,

"Around the Tomb where Sophocles is laid, &c.

Part of the two last lines is from an Ode of *Collins*.

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