President Fillmore's Address at Buffalo

Mr. Chief Justice, Mr. Speaker, and Members of the House: As the President of the United States, I have the honor to address myself to you on the occasion of my journey to the Atlantic coast, to meet the expectations of the people of the country, and to perform the duties of my office as far as may be consistent with the exigencies of the public service.

I feel it to be a high privilege to be brought into the presence of this body, and to have the opportunity of addressing it on the subject of the public welfare. In doing so, I assure you that I am actuated by a desire to promote the interests of the country and to contribute to the happiness of the people.

I am told that the President's tour is in many respects unique, and that it is the first time that a President of the United States has been in Buffalo. I hope that the tour will be a success, and that the people of the country will be benefited by it.

I am now in a position to make a full and complete report of the condition of the country, and to state the measures that I propose to take for the promotion of the public welfare. I have been carefully and systematically prepared for the discharge of my duties, and I shall do my best to carry them out as well as possible.

I am convinced that the people of the country are ready to support the President, and I hope that they will do so with a firm and decided spirit.

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