The Address below was delivered two days after Evacuation Day, Nov. 25, 1783.

Transcript: Address to The Marine Society of New York City
To: George Washington, Nov. 27, 1783

To his Excellency George Washington
Commander in Chief of the Armies of the United States of America.

The humble address of the Marine Society of the City of New York.

May it please your Excellency,

While we participate in the lively Joy that appear diffused through (the?) Ranks of People, we beg Leave to approach your Excellency, to offer you our Congratulations upon your return to His City and the happy Termination of a War in which you have enshrined a most conspicuous and glorious Past.

---?---- --?-- need us to recount, because the World already knows the singular Virtues you have displayed in every Stage of a Contest which on the Part of America was unparalleled for Difficulties and Danger. Nor is it for us to ----?------- that Disinterestedness and Patriotism, that Valor and Performance, that coolness in Action and Wisdom in Council which have filled all of Europe with your applauses and so greatly contributed to the Liberties of this country upon the broad and permanent Basis of Independence. A subject so sacred and dignified, falls to the Province of History, and happy will that Historian be who shall succeed in a Task, which even the ablest might tremble to undertake.

But it is not for particular Virtues alone that your Excellency is distinguished, let the numerous Officers and Soldiers who have shared with you the Perils of the Field and are now the Companions of your Glory again declare as they often have declared how embarrassed they were to determine, whether most to admire or love you; for while on one hand they rose astonished at the Military Talent and Virtues of their General they were more drawn to adore you, by the irresistible attraction of such Politeness and Con decension, such Humanity and Sweetness of Disposition as were never perhaps before exhibited by any other Commander.
Your Excellency is now returning from your Labors happily and gloriously accomplished to the Shade of private Life - how glorious a situation!

When you consider that the blessings and applauses of all good men and lovers of their Country follow you and that your service will be ever held in grateful Rememberance by the virtuous Citizens of these States and their children's children after them.

Among those who are willing to pay their best Tributes of Regard to your Excellency, this Corporation would wish to appear and they have therefore unanimously elected you one of their Members, hoping that this institution founded upon the most liberal and humane Principles, aptly coinciding with your Excellency's benevolent Disposition, will meet with your hearty Approbation.

By Order of the Society  
(signed) A. Griffiths Secry

New York, Nov. 27, 1783

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