

ATHENS, (Ga.) May 21st. 1819.

On Friday at one o'clock, the president, general Gaines, Mr. Gouverneur and lieutenant Monroe, escorted by the honorable Thomas W. Cobb esq. and the committee who waited upon the president at Lexington arrived in this place—and by previous arrangements, the citizens of the village, and a large number from the vicinity, who had assembled at the College Chapel, preceded by the reverend, Dr. Waldell, president elect of the University, and the reverend Dr. Brown, met the president of the United States at his lodgings, when the first named gentleman delivered the following address.

Sir—The inhabitants of the village of Athens and its vicinity, embrace with eagerness the opportunity now afforded them to address the first magistrate of the Union, and to assure him that, in common with their fellow citizens of the state of Georgia, they hail his arrival among them with sincere and heartfelt pleasure. To excite this feeling, the recollections of the event of a few past years would be amply sufficient—how natural then that it should occur when the whole history of our country both in its foreign and domestic relations bears testimony to the disintersted exertions of an entire life spent in her service. Most earnestly sir, do we invoke Heaven this life may be continued!—Most sincerely do we hope that, like the exalted characters who have preceded you also will be long preserved to enjoy the fruits of your patriotic exertions evinced in the unparalleled advances of your beloved country in all that is morality and physically great.

Our best and purest wishes have accompanied you from the period of your leaving the city of Washington to the present moment, and they will accompany you to the end of your tour. It is one of those spontaneous tributes of gratitude to the great and useful characters of our country, that are rendered with equal fidelity