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Memorial Minute

to

Judge Morris

submitted by a
Committee appointed
to represent the Bar

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The lamented death of Hon. Thomas J. Morris makes it fitting that his brethren of the Maryland Bar express in the Court over which he so long and so worthily presided their recognition of his virtues as a man, his merits as a lawyer, his services as a citizen, and his eminently honorable and useful career as a Judge. Called in his prime to the Federal Bench from a practice wherein he had earned the esteem and confidence of his profession and of the community, he devoted more than thirty years of his life to the administration of Justice in the Courts of the United States, displaying in his every act as Judge, a fidelity and a devotion to duty, an unvarying courtesy, a limitless patience and a love of justice and righteousness which made him a model to all Judges and an object of admiration and affection to all good men. When to his record at the Bar and on the Bench we add the memories of a spotless private life, an integrity too lofty to suffer even the breath of slander or suspicion and a patriotism and public spirit ever ready to respond generously to any call of civic duty, we all must feel how much our State and the Nation are the poorer by his loss and how well he has deserved this tribute of veneration and gratitude at our hands.

Charles J. Bonaparte,

Archibald J. Brown

Joseph C. France

Wm. M. M. M. M.

George K. Gaither

William H. Jones

Thomas G. Hayes

Eugene Allen

Morris A. L. L.
John Philip Hill

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Mr Evans

PRESENTATION OF PORTRAIT OF JUDGE MORRIS.

At three o'clock in the presence of a large number of members of the Bar of Baltimore City and invited guests there was presented on behalf of the Baltimore Bar Association to the District Court, a portrait of the Honorable Thomas J. Morris, District Judge, painted by Mr. Thomas Corner.

Mr. John Hinkley, of the Committee of the Bar Association, who were appointed to have the portrait painted reported that they had completed the duty intrusted to them and the portrait was ready for presentation.

Mr. George R. Gaither, President of the Bar Association made the presentation speaking very feelingly of the important period of thirty years during which Judge Morris had administered the U. S. District Court and in great part, also the U. S. Circuit Court in Maryland, and of the high esteem in which the members of the Bar and Community held Judge Morris for his learning, impartiality and devotion to duty and his kindly and considerate treatment of all who appeared before him.

District Judge Rose responded accepting the portrait on behalf of the Court and speaking of the merited respect and affection with which all who knew Judge Morris regarded him as the result of his long service in the Court. He ended by requesting that Judge Morris would gratify the assembled company by letting them hear from him.

Judge Morris said that he could but feel it to be the crowning satisfaction of his judicial life, that after so many years his brethren of the bar who had been so closely associated with him, regarded him with the confidence, esteem and affection which had been so generously expressed by the President of the Bar Association and by his associates

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✓ That their expression of their regard had taken a most acceptable form in this portrait by which it was ^{ful}delighted to him to feel that he should always be among them ^{looking}~~in company~~ just as he would like them to remember him.

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