

Mr President, With your permission I will  
make a few brief remarks upon the Occasion of  
this Meeting; We ~~have~~ have Sir, Rec<sup>d</sup> the  
heart throbbing intelligence that one of our  
Representatives in Congress, a Citizen, & an adopted  
Son of Maine, has fallen in a duel, in the im-  
mediate vicinity, of the City Washington, the  
Capitol of the U. S. & in consequence, too, of  
words, uttered in debate. which the Constitution  
of the U. S. declares no member shall be  
personally accountable for. Yes Sir an acquaint-  
<sup>ance</sup> <sup>of a friend</sup> of ours who was an inhabitant of the adjoin-  
ing Town, now lies a cold & inanimate Body, in his  
Coffin, <sup>regulating in the crisis of death</sup> for ~~doing~~ to do his duty, on the floor  
of Congress, has it at last come to this; must the  
Brave able & Eloquent debater on the floor of Congress  
be answerable for his words uttered in debate to  
every person who may be alluded to, in or out of  
the Capitol & be obliged to resort to Mortal  
Combat with a deadly Weapon to preserve his hon-  
or & his life, O. Sir Sir it has, our own  
native State mourns the death of her adopted  
Son, our Sister County <sup>once</sup> the place of Residence of  
the much lamented Gilley will weep for her  
loss. but She must weep, in vain, She cannot  
restore him, her Citizens may cast their eyes over  
the Seats of their Court House & upon the one he  
usually sat in. but they shall behold him not,



Those who could once claim him as a fellow  
Townsmen may <sup>on the holy Sabbath</sup> cast their eyes to his pew in  
the Church in hopes of meeting him, But alas; inste  
ad of his Smiling Countenance they behold <sup>the</sup> afflicted  
a Widow & three orphan Children, Weeping for  
the loss of a Husband, & a Father, little did the  
Wife & the Children think when she & they parted  
with the Husband & their Father at the threshold of  
the door of their then happy dwelling when biddin  
g adieu. for a <sup>very short & trying Sabbath</sup> time to one dearer to them than  
their own lives that they were bidding him farewell  
forever on Earth & that they should be called  
so soon to mourn his untimely epiz. Yet so  
it is. let us sympathize with them for their loss.  
which we in common with them feel to be great,  
Yes Sir the Bright & Morning Star of Lincoln has  
Set. & we see not another in her horizon  
that would fill the space lately occupied  
by the missing orbit, It arose in unclouded  
splendor, & cast its brilliancy over the American  
great National Hall till Saturday the 23<sup>d</sup>  
ult when it sat to rise no more, & now  
New England mourns; one of her bright & Bloom  
ing flowers has been cruelly plucked from  
her nursery in the national garden. let her  
Mourn, & till her affliction ~~shall~~ can be borne  
no longer, so that it may prove her Salvation,



Let us sympathize with ~~the Citizens~~ <sup>the Citizens</sup> ~~with~~ of  
our Sister State New Hampshire the Native State  
of <sup>him who is</sup> "Maurice Follen Member" in <sup>the National</sup> Congress though some  
of the Citizens of our own State & Town  
their particular Friend & Claim it as their partic-  
ular privilege to notice his death in their partic-  
ular & partial manner, Sir Sir the Mem-  
bers of this Meeting would wish to speak of  
him as every true hearted Republican in the State  
& Union should speak of him, & as a man who  
was worthy the esteem of all Men, Yes Sir <sup>meeting</sup> this  
Recognizes no exclusive privileges It calls  
upon all the high & <sup>the</sup> low the Rich & the  
poor to come & mingle their ~~their~~ tears together  
for ~~the~~ <sup>in</sup> Sincerity, in grief & in sorrow for  
the loss by an <sup>premature</sup> ~~untimely~~ death of one of their  
fellow Statesman & neighbouring Townsman,  
a Sincere Politician, a Republican, Connected by Bloo-  
d with the asserters & defenders of American  
Independence a Man of rare & very high  
attainments a Bold Patriotic & able defen-  
der of his own Rights & the Rights of Mankind,  
he had in common with us, the welfare of his  
own dear native Country at heart, & he has  
fallen a Martyr Sir, to the liberty of Speech



O had I the voice I would Raise<sup>it</sup> in thunder  
that it might roar from Maine so loud  
that it could not die away till it rumbled  
through every State in the Union till it reach-  
ed the Southern extremity of the Continent & lost  
its power in the deep Waters of the Ocean, ~~Yes~~  
Sir I would repeat the fact, that Johnathan  
Cilley of Maine a Member in the U. S. Con-  
gress lost his life a Martyr to the Liberty of  
Speech. And now ~~let~~ what shall be said  
of his Murderers, of the one who Challenged  
& Shot him, the lips of Men will  
pronounce him a duelist & a Murderer.  
he will be Judged by his God for the  
iniquity of his Crime. the aiders & abet-  
ters in the affair if they escape the pun-  
ishment demanded by their fellow Men  
they will be a Reproach & by word upon  
earth & Record their sin due in the  
World to Come.

It chose to whom these



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Sir

Yours of 31 ult was recd. Last evening - The  
Account against James Chadwick is filed

J A Chen Allen