

CIRCUIT COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHINGTON.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 1813.

On the opening of the Court this morning Mr. FENDALL, United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, read to the Court the following proceedings had at a meeting of the members of the Bar and officers of the Court, held this day in the Court-room, of which JOHN MANDURY, Esq. was chairman, and JOSEPH H. BRADLEY, Esq. was secretary :

Resolved, That we feel the death of our distinguished friend and associate FRANCIS SCOTT KEY with deep and inexpressible grief—a grief which can be measured only by the pride with which we regarded him in life as a bright and unsurpassed model of combined excellence as a lawyer, an orator, a scholar, a gentleman, and a Christian.

Resolved, That in manifestation of our feelings on this afflicting occasion, we will wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this meeting, some impressive memorial of the virtues and abilities of the deceased is due not only to his own memory, but to his country, of which he was an illustrious ornament; and that therefore Gen. WALTER JONES be, and he is hereby, requested to pronounce, at such time and place as may be hereafter appointed, a discourse on the life and character of Mr. KEY.

On motion of J. MANDEVILLE CARLISLE, Esq.

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be announced to the Court at its opening this morning by the District Attorney, and that the Court be requested to direct the same to be entered upon the minutes of the term, and that they be also communicated by the Chairman and Secretary to the family of the deceased as some token of the affectionate sympathy with which we venture to approach the sacred privacy of their mourning.

To which the Hon. WM. CRANCH, Chief Judge, made the following reply :

The Court has received from the Bar and officers of the Court, with the deepest sensibility, the information of the sudden and unexpected death of FRANCIS SCOTT KEY, Esq. one of its oldest and most respected members, and one among its brightest ornaments.

Although his death was so sudden and unexpected, we have reason to believe, from our long acquaintance with him and our long association with him in the administration of justice, that he has left undischarged no duty to his fellow-men or to his God, which, under the imperfection of human nature, he was enabled to perform. He seemed to be constantly actuated by an overbearing sense of duty.

It is not necessary to remind his brethren of the Bar of his indefatigable assiduity in his business of an advocate, of his learning, of his eloquence, of his literary taste, of his classic lore, of his high poetic imagination, of his urbanity at the bar, and of his respectful demeanor towards the Court—in all which respect he was an example of forensic manners and acquirements the loss of which will be long regretted by the Court and Bar.

Fully and deeply sympathizing with the gentlemen of the Bar and officers of the Court, and with the afflicted family and friends of the deceased, the Court will order the proceedings of the Bar to be entered upon its minutes; and strongly impressed with the solemnity of the occasion, will now adjourn.

The Court then adjourned until the second Monday in February next.

True copy from the minutes.

Test :

W. BRENT, Clerk.