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the occasion proper for it shall arrive, I shall endeavour to express the high sense I entertain of this distinguished honour, and of the confidence which has been reposed in me, by the people of united America.

Previous to the execution of any official act of the president, the constitution requires an oath of office. This oath I am now about to take, and in your presence - that if it shall be found, during my administration of the government, I have in any instance violated willingly, or knowingly, the injunction thereof, I may (besides incurring constitutional punishment) be subject to the upbraidings of all, who are now witnesses of the present solemn ceremony.

Judge Cushing then read the oath, which the president repeated after him, sentence by sentence, as follows:

I, George Washington, do solemnly swear, that I will faithfully execute the office of president of the United States; and will, to the best of my ability, preserve, protect, and defend the constitution of the United States.

The president then retired, and was saluted by three cheers of the people.

On Saturday night the ?? instant, both houses of The Supreme legislature of the United States closed their session. The next congress is to meet (as fixed by the federal constitution) on the 1st Monday in December next. The titles of the several acts, passed during the present session, are as follows:

1. And act concerning the registering and recording