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My dear friend,

It is with deep regret that I take notice of your departure from the executive chair of the Empire State. You have always stood for what was worth while and noble in public service and have carried to the office of governor a dignity and courtesy that commanded respect, and your public utterances were always marked by clear thought, temperate expression and a candor that never lost its dignity. To an innate culture you added the graces of a gentleman. It may help you to feel as you lay aside the governor's pen that your people always had reason to be proud of you. They may have disagreed with you in truly democratic fashion, they Chided never fail to admire your integrity and the honest presentation of your con-
victim. Our reluctance to accept your departure meets some compensation in
the knowledge of the important work which
now will take your time and attention.
May the blessing of God be upon you
in the years to come — by this guidance
we commend you and our Adieu!

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]

James E. Keenan
Bishop of Rochester