



**A D D R E S S .**

**FRIENDS AND FELLOW CITIZENS :**

THE occasion on which we are here assembled, is one of no inconsiderable interest. One hundred years have elapsed since the birth of Him, whose most familiar name to us, is the Father of his Country, and we are here to commemorate that event. Living and acting men on the earth from which he has now gone; citizens of the country, which he so faithfully served; in the enjoyment of the blessings, which he so greatly contributed to procure for us; we have laid aside the interests and occupations of our daily lives, and come here, to offer a tribute of respect to his memory.

In what form shall we make this offering? His actions and character are familiar to every child, throughout our wide land, and every form of eulogy has been exhausted on his name. In the hearts of his countrymen, he has found a fit and enduring home, and all praise which my feeble tongue could give him, would sound but faintly on your ears.