

From the American of this morning.

## Resignation of Mr. Boody.

**GENTLEMEN:**—I have this day forwarded to the proper authority, my resignation of the office of Representative in Congress from your District, and in notifying you thereof, I propose to state the reasons which have influenced me to this course.

At the time of my nomination and election, I was—as many of you doubtless were aware,—engaged in several works of improvement in your vicinity and elsewhere, some of them quite important by reason of their magnitude, and their corresponding responsibilities.

I then anticipated that my duties in connection with these enterprises would cease in a great measure before I should be required to enter upon the discharge of the new duties incident to the office of Representative in Congress. In this, I was mistaken, and now find myself more than ever compelled to devote my time to the fulfilment of pre-existing obligations, which are, to some extent, in the nature of trusts for others. I may state, in addition, that I had also made engagements in regard to other important enterprises,—the extent of which I did not then fully appreciate, but which now seem to demand much care and attention at my hands. I cannot reputably discharge my obligations to you without neglecting other duties of a private nature which are equally imperative; and as I am unwilling to occupy any position of trust without endeavoring faithfully to fulfill all its obligations to the extent of my capacity, I can see no honorable means of extrication from this conflict of duties, but in resigning the official position to which your generous suffrages have elevated me.

In arriving at this conclusion I have been guided as well by the advice and better judgment of my friends, as by my own conviction of what is due to you and the public. With many gentlemen of conceded worth and ability amongst you, you can readily elect one to fill my place, whose time can be more fully devoted to your service than mine could be, and who can better than myself advance your interests—not with more zeal nor with a deeper sense of the importance of the trust, but doubtless with more ability and effectiveness.

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In making this communication to you, I should do injustice to my own feelings if I omitted the expression of my grateful acknowledgments for the honor you have conferred upon me. A stranger to many of you, having resided but a short time in your District, I had but few, if any, of the claims to your notice and regard that ordinarily exist between a constituency and their representative and precede that relation. The commanding position of your District, the third in the State, as regards population and wealth, the character and intelligence of its citizens, the extent of its trade, manufactures and productions, give a corresponding importance to the office of its Representative in the National Legislature. I am deeply sensible of this honor, and were it in my power, it would be my desire and ambition to repay to the extent of my ability, your generous confidence and support, by a zealous and unremitting attention to your interests. I trust I may hereafter in some way, other than serving you in office, do something towards discharging the obligations I am under to you.

Believing it impossible for me to serve you efficiently in the capacity of Representative for the reasons above stated, and that you will fully appreciate the motives which govern me in this exigency, I now resign into your hands the trust reposed in me.

I am, very respectfully,

Your ob't. Serv't.,

A. BOODY.

Rochester, October 11. 1853.