

## MEMORANDA.

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THE BAR OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES met in the court-room, in the Capitol, on Saturday, the 16th of February, 1884, for the purpose of taking appropriate action with reference to the death of PHILIP PHILLIPS, Esq., late a member of the Bar.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. ASSISTANT ATTORNEY-GENERAL MAURY, and, on his motion, Mr. GEORGE F. EDMUNDS was elected Chairman, and Mr. CHARLES B. BEALL Secretary.

On motion of Mr. JOHN T. MORGAN, the Chairman was requested to appoint a committee of ten to report what action the meeting should take. The chairman appointed the following gentlemen as such committee : Mr. J. T. MORGAN, Mr. S. F. PHILLIPS, Mr. G. S. BOUTWELL, Mr. C. W. JONES, Mr. A. H. GARLAND, Mr. L. Q. C. LAMAR, Mr. WM. A. MAURY, Mr. JOHN SELDEN, Mr. J. HUBLEY ASHTON, Mr. J. C. BANCROFT DAVIS.

The committee, after retiring for deliberation, reported to the meeting, through its chairman, Mr. MORGAN, the following resolutions :

*Resolved*, That in the death of PHILIP PHILLIPS the country has lost a jurist and statesman of rare ability, and the Supreme Court of the United States a member of its Bar whose labors and discussions were a large contribution to jurisprudence, and, at the same time, of invaluable assistance to that tribunal, in whose judgments they are imperishably preserved; and that we will always hold in reverential remembrance his eminent attainments, his pure and exalted character, and his admirable bearing as a member of this Bar.

*Resolved*, That we tender the family of the deceased our heartfelt sympathy.

*Resolved*, That the Chairman be, and he is hereby, requested to lay the proceedings of this meeting before the Supreme Court of the United States for such action as may be appropriate.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary be, and he is hereby, requested to send the family of the deceased a copy of the foregoing resolutions.

Mr. MORGAN moved the adoption of the resolutions, and after

remarks by Messrs. MORGAN, LAMAR, JONES, MAURY, TUCKER, and REID, they were unanimously adopted.

On Tuesday, the 4th of March, 1884, upon the opening of Court, Mr. EDMUNDS addressed the Court as follows :

May it please the Court. I have had the honor to be requested by a meeting of the Bar of this Court recently held in memory of the death of our late brother PHILIP PHILLIPS, to ask leave to present the resolutions of that meeting on the subject.

The proprieties of this occasion do not warrant me in any extended remarks, but I am sure I may be allowed to say that the Bar of this Court feels deeply the loss that the death of Mr. PHILLIPS has brought both to his brothers and to the Bench. His most useful career, characterized always by learning, by fidelity, by industry, and by the candid courage of clear convictions, has come to a well rounded and honored close.

I beg to read the resolutions and to present them to the court.

Mr. CHIEF JUSTICE WAITE replied that the Court would cordially respond to the wishes of the Bar by directing the resolutions to be placed on the files of the Court, and it was ordered accordingly.