

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES  
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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1903.

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The following correspondence is spread upon the record by direction of the Chief Justice :

“SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES.

“In Chambers,

“February 23, 1903.

“DEAR BROTHER SHIRAS :

“We cannot refrain from the expression of our sincere regret at your retirement from the bench.

“Some of us have been associated with you during the entire period of your service here, but all alike appreciate the single-mindedness with which you have sought to do equal and exact justice, and the great value of your assistance to the court, and of your contributions to jurisprudence; and all alike feel for you the deepest affection and regard.

“We earnestly hope that the personal intercourse with you, we have so much enjoyed, may be continued for many years to come.

“MELVILLE W. FULLER,

“JOHN M. HARLAN,

“DAVID J. BREWER,

“HENRY B. BROWN,

“E. D. WHITE,

“R. W. PECKHAM,

“JOSEPH McKENNA,

“OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES.”

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“SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES,

“WASHINGTON, D. C.

“MY DEAR CHIEF AND ASSOCIATE JUSTICES :

“I gratefully acknowledge your kind letter of farewell.

“I am glad to be thus assured, though indeed I never doubted it,

that, whether I fully performed my judicial duties or not, you all felt that I earnestly endeavored to do so.

“The ten years and upwards that I have spent on the bench have been very pleasant to me, and I quit the court and its labors with much regret. I have much enjoyed my personal intercourse with each and all of you, and hope that, in the few years that are left to me, I shall frequently meet you, and hear from you when we are separated.

“Sincerely your friend,

“GEORGE SHIRAS, JR.

“February 24, 1903.”