

RESIGNATION OF MR. JUSTICE CLARKE.

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1922.

PRESENT: THE CHIEF JUSTICE, MR. JUSTICE MCKENNA, MR. JUSTICE HOLMES, MR. JUSTICE VAN DEVANTER, MR. JUSTICE McREYNOLDS, MR. JUSTICE BRANDEIS, AND MR. JUSTICE SUTHERLAND.

The CHIEF JUSTICE announced the following order of the Court:

It is ordered by the Court that the accompanying correspondence between members of the Court and Mr. JUSTICE CLARKE upon his retirement as an Associate Justice of the Court be this day spread upon the record, and that it also be printed in the reports of the Court:

THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES,
WASHINGTON, D. C., OCTOBER 24, 1922.

DEAR BROTHER CLARKE: Your resignation as a member of this Court during the vacation has delayed a joint expression of our sincere regret at parting with you as a colleague.

Service as a federal judge in the lower courts had fitted you quickly to put your shoulder to the wheel here. The number and excellence of your opinions contained in the 13 volumes from 242 to 259, inclusive, of our reports, testify to the debt the country owes you for the share you have had in carrying the great burden that rested upon this court during the period of the Great War and the years immediately preceding and following it.

We shall miss much your earnest and constant application, your kindly and loyal spirit of companionship, and your generous courtesy. We wish to assure you of our affectionate regard and respect for you as a man and a public servant.

You still have, we hope, many years of usefulness before you. Our best wishes go with you.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM H. TAFT.
 JOSEPH MCKENNA,
 OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES.
 WILLIAM R. DAY.
 WILLIS VAN DEVANTER.
 MAHLON PITNEY.
 LOUIS D. BRANDEIS.

Hon. JOHN H. CLARKE,
 Youngstown, Ohio.

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO, NOVEMBER 13, 1922.

MY DEAR MR. CHIEF JUSTICE: The joint expression of friendship and regard of my former brethren of the Court which you send me is very grateful, and I am sure you all know that I fully and sincerely reciprocate the feeling. The recollection of the unvarying kindness of you all to me—the one thing I miss and the loss of which I feel—will always be one of the most precious possessions of my life.

It seemed best for me to resign my office while I still had strength sufficient to take up other duties, but I shall watch the work of you all with interest and sympathy, confident from my intimate associations with you that the great tradition of the Court for learning, independence, and impartial decision will be abundantly maintained.

Even here I can not withhold the expression of the hope that the bill pending in Congress to modify the imperative statutory jurisdiction of the Court may soon become

a law, so that you may not be so burdened with unimportant cases as you now are, and so may have more time and strength for the consideration of the many causes of great public concern constantly coming before you, the decision of which is so fateful to our Country.

Wishing for each one of you the health and strength so necessary to the discharge of your high duties, I am,

Sincerely yours,

JOHN H. CLARKE.

Hon. WILLIAM H. TAFT,

Chief Justice of the United States,

Washington, D. C.

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The second part of the book is devoted to a detailed history of the United States from 1789 to the present time. It covers the early years of the Republic, the struggle for the abolition of slavery, and the Civil War.

The third part of the book is devoted to a detailed history of the United States from 1865 to the present time. It covers the Reconstruction period, the Gilded Age, and the Progressive Era.

The fourth part of the book is devoted to a detailed history of the United States from 1900 to the present time. It covers the Progressive Era, the World War period, and the New Deal.

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