Should the office of chief magistrate be awarded to one distinguished for his military services, rather than to one distinguished for his civil services?

Mr. President. After the full and learned investigation you have heard of this question tonight, I am hardly hope that any remarks I shall make will be listened to with patience, or that they may reflect any additional light on the subject in debate. The gentleman who has just reminded his bete

would make of it, should you desire to follow him through all the intricacies of logic in which he has involved himself; and shall moreover do you the service and interest that his statement is justly entitled to "name and importance," at least to a questionable degree. The deliberation which gentlemen seem disposed to give the debate is delaying its general and imaginary illustrations which should advantage us the necessity of referring immediately to the real question and from the arguments advanced of determining its issues. The question then, is substantially this—have civil or military service the greater claim upon our confidence for the office of chief magistrate. The gentleman (Mr. Avery) who advances the thought that it is a common rule to erect a standard by which he promised to test the qualifications of the two characters in question, if he honestly is a philosopher is he faithful to the Constitution? Now I firmly assert to his motives and accept his challenges to comparison of the Commander and statesman by the test prepared. But how Mr. President, has the gentleman himself examined these characters—how has he contested these two opposite claims? With perfect deference to his apology, he reminds me of a favorite character in his "character Morals," who, without his dogmas, he has selected. I have selected. If Mr. Clifford is quiet as a gentleman; I quite a gentleman. If unexceptionable. Admire the gentleman seems to have been diverted from his prepared investigation of the statesman's party by the overwhelming consideration of entertaining the house with a formal philanthropy against the character of my part. I am present to defend it. As a friend of Mr. Brandon, he has carried out his purpose, he would have found in the list of his đaughte

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