democracy requires reliance of the community of
because he adduces in his book on "Liberty and
that the interest and prosperity of the territories where
slavery does not now exist, might be best advan
ced by excluding it. But for that opinion he
was not trustee as an officer, for any attempt
made to drive him from his chair.

But I am not disposed to find fault with the action of
The Senate. Some of the newspapers pretend that I am not
willing to be dismissed in order to attain to profitable
comparisons. If I were less content to resist such a
miserable trick, my denying the chance would go for nothing.
I do not believe however that such a change will be made
by any one at all advantageous with the resources under
which I am to live in my present position. I had not
sought the election from the trustees, and yet the appoint
ment was most acceptable to me. When I graduated
I resided in a subordinate situation in one of the seven
offices of the general government, a place not all subject
to the perceptions of party. My services were so far
acceptable that I was prominent at the end of the
first year, and at that time I resigned that situa
my salary was equal to that offered me by the trustees.
It was against the advice of some of my best friends
that I made the exchange. I have always acted on the
principle that a good citizen will serve his native state in preference
to any other. And I thought the situation offered me by the trustees
was one in which I might find honorable and useful employ
ment, and at the same time do something for the good of my
native state. Whether my labors have been