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MINERVA I see in my mind a noble and puissant nation, rousing herself like a strong man
after sleep, and shaking her invincible locks; methinks I see her as an eagle, mewing her mighty
youth and kindling her endazzled eyes at the full mid-day beam.—*Milton on the Liberty of the Press.*

I am all that has been, that is, and that shall be, and none among mortals has hitherto lifted my
veil.—*The Enigma on the Pavedment of the Temple of Minerva.*

The laws, the rights,
The generous plan of power delivered down
From age to age, by our renowned forefathers
So dearly bought, the price of so much blood,
Oh! never let it perish in our hands.—*Addison's Ode.*

Could we create so close, tender, and cordial a connection between the citizens of a State as to
induce all to consider themselves as relatives,—as fathers, brothers, and sisters,—then this whole
State would constitute but a single family, be subjected to the most perfected regulations, and
become the happiest republic that ever existed upon the earth.—*Plato.*

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CHESTER, PA., May 25, 1876.

DR. ISAAC T. COATES:

Dear Sir,—The citizens of Chester intend to celebrate, on the coming Fourth of July, the One Hundredth Anniversary of American Independence; and they respectfully invite you to deliver the Centennial Oration. The exercises will take place at the lawn of General E. F. Beale.

By order of the Committee,

B. F. BAKER, *Secretary*.

WILLIAM C. GRAY, *Chairman*.

CHESTER, PA., June 1, 1876.

GENTLEMEN,—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note of the 25th ultimo, bearing an invitation from the citizens of Chester to deliver the Centennial Fourth of July Oration on their celebration of our One Hundredth National Anniversary, to be held here on the coming Fourth of July. While the time is entirely too brief for even abler hands than mine to do the great subject anything like adequate justice, I must yet accept the invitation, and thank my friends and fellow-citizens, through you, for the great, and certainly undeserved, honor their flattering partiality pays me.

With great respect,

Your friend and obedient servant,

ISAAC T. COATES.

To WM. C. GRAY, *Chairman*, and B. F. BAKER, *Secretary*.



DEDICATION.

MY DEAR MOTHER,—It seems very natural and peculiarly appropriate that I should dedicate to thee this Oration, which treats of my National Mother. Whatever good, if any, may be found in it, whatever inspiration that came to me in its composition, are the natural outgrowth of thy good instruction to me when a boy,—those lessons of Truth and Right, of Patriotism and Humanity, which have clung to me as the shadow clings to the substance that casts it. Remembering, with a deep sense of gratitude, thy perennial goodness and loving kindness to me, I come now, in sturdy manhood, to renew my oft-repeated pledge of filial affection; a love as tender as it was in childhood, and stronger now than love for life. During my somewhat checkered career of life, whether facing the dangers of battle or enjoying the sweet security of peace, whether safe on land or tempest-tossed^a in mid-ocean, whether dwelling amid the luxuries of civilization or denizenized among wild men in the savage wilderness,—disputing with the condor, on the snowy peaks of the Andes, the possession of his beetling cliffs, or threading tropical forests,—no day has ever passed without a part of it having been spent in loved remembrance of thee.

Thy affectionate son,

I. T. C.

CHESTER, PA., December, 1876.

1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions and activities. It emphasizes that proper record-keeping is essential for transparency and accountability, particularly in the context of public administration and government operations. The text notes that without reliable records, it becomes difficult to track expenditures, assess performance, and ensure that resources are being used effectively and efficiently.

2. The second part of the document addresses the challenges associated with data collection and analysis. It highlights that gathering accurate and timely data is often a complex task, especially when dealing with large-scale operations or multiple stakeholders. The text suggests that investing in robust data management systems and training personnel in data analysis techniques can significantly improve the quality and reliability of the information used for decision-making.

3. The third part of the document focuses on the role of technology in enhancing organizational efficiency. It discusses how digital tools and automation can streamline processes, reduce errors, and improve communication. The text mentions that while technology offers many benefits, it is crucial to ensure that the implementation is done in a way that respects privacy and security, and that the workforce is adequately trained to use the new tools effectively.

4. The fourth part of the document discusses the importance of continuous improvement and innovation. It notes that organizations should regularly evaluate their processes and seek ways to optimize them. The text suggests that fostering a culture of innovation and encouraging employees to share their ideas can lead to significant improvements in productivity and service quality. It also mentions that staying updated with the latest industry trends and technologies is essential for maintaining a competitive edge.

5. The fifth part of the document addresses the need for strong leadership and governance. It emphasizes that clear communication, setting a vision, and holding people accountable are key to successful organizational performance. The text notes that leaders should be transparent in their actions and decisions, and should actively listen to the concerns and feedback of their team members. It also mentions that strong governance structures and ethical standards are fundamental for building trust and ensuring long-term success.

6. The sixth part of the document discusses the importance of collaboration and teamwork. It notes that complex tasks and projects often require the input and expertise of multiple individuals. The text suggests that creating a supportive environment where team members can work together effectively is crucial for achieving common goals. It also mentions that regular communication and coordination are essential for ensuring that everyone is on the same page and working towards the same objectives.

7. The seventh part of the document addresses the need for flexibility and adaptability. It notes that the business environment is constantly changing, and organizations must be able to respond quickly to new challenges and opportunities. The text suggests that having a flexible organizational structure and being open to change are key to staying relevant and successful in a dynamic market. It also mentions that regular training and development programs can help employees build the skills needed to adapt to new situations.

8. The eighth part of the document discusses the importance of customer focus. It notes that understanding the needs and expectations of customers is essential for providing high-quality service and building loyalty. The text suggests that organizations should invest in customer research and feedback mechanisms to gain insights into their customers' experiences. It also mentions that training staff in customer service skills and ensuring that the customer's voice is heard in decision-making processes are key to achieving customer satisfaction.

9. The ninth part of the document addresses the need for financial stability and sound management. It notes that maintaining a healthy balance sheet and managing cash flow are critical for the long-term survival and growth of any organization. The text suggests that organizations should implement strict financial controls and regularly review their financial performance. It also mentions that seeking professional advice and consulting with financial experts can be helpful in making informed decisions about investments and financing.

10. The tenth part of the document discusses the importance of social responsibility and ethical conduct. It notes that organizations have a duty to their stakeholders and the wider community to act ethically and responsibly. The text suggests that organizations should adopt a clear code of ethics and ensure that all employees understand and adhere to it. It also mentions that supporting social causes and engaging in community activities can help build a positive reputation and contribute to the well-being of society.

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