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SENATE, Jan. 13, 1879.

Ordered, That a special committee of three be appointed to present the thanks of the Senate to Rev. Alexander McKenzie of Cambridge for his able discourse before the Government of the Commonwealth, and request a copy for publication.

Adopted; and Messrs. Stockwell, Bancroft, and Osborn appointed the committee.

S. N. GIFFORD, *Clerk*.



Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

SENATE CHAMBER, Jan. 14, 1879.

REVEREND SIR,—The Honorable Senate, in its session, Jan. 13, 1879, directed that we, its committee duly appointed, do present to you the thanks of that body for the able discourse delivered before the Government of this Commonwealth, and request a copy for publication.

JAMES W. STOCKWELL,
E. DANA BANCROFT,
WEAVER OSBORN,

Committee of the Senate.

TO REV. ALEXANDER MCKENZIE,
Cambridge, Mass.

CAMBRIDGE, 14th January, 1879.

GENTLEMEN,—I thank the Honorable Senate for the kind terms in which it is pleased to speak of the discourse delivered by its appointment before the Government of the Commonwealth, and very cheerfully comply with the request for a copy of the sermon for publication.

I am, gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,

ALEXANDER MCKENZIE.

TO HON. JAMES W. STOCKWELL,
HON. E. DANA BANCROFT,
HON. WEAVER OSBORN,

Committee of the Senate of Massachusetts.



SERMON.

"THERE IS ONE LAWGIVER." — James iv. 12.

In this fact is the warrant for this service. The State takes counsel with the Church, the minister of religion addresses the ministers of legislation, because over us all and over all things is the same government, reaching from plant to planet, from bread to breath, from man in his commonest work and lowliest thought to man in his noblest deeds and highest aspirations. We acknowledge one law and one Lawgiver, whose dominion reaches through all worlds, and stretches through all ages.

It is clear, therefore, that there is an entire harmony between the well-being of the Church and of the State. There should be a good understanding, a mutual respect, a common allegiance to the King. The ends which both are seeking are in agreement. Legislation may find its province especially in those