

successors with the like spirit ! Then, though, by the expansion of our national territory, Massachusetts should become relatively almost a point, yet shall it be a point radiant with the light of piety, of learning, and of liberty. And as the stars in the heavens above us, that revolve within the circle of perpetual apparition, never sink below the horizon, so shall this commonwealth ever shine bright in the political hemisphere — a morning star to usher in the full daylight of civilization, of freedom, and of happiness, to the benighted and oppressed in all the earth.