

Northborough Greets Lafayette
Politician John Davis
Portrayed by Ken Bennett
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- 1) It is impossible to express the feelings excited by the presence of a hero who has done so much to secure the liberty and happiness of mankind.
- 2) With joy, gratitude and affection, we hail the friend of Washington and the intrepid defender of American Independence.
- 3) I am Governor John Davis from Northborough. I am honored to meet you, General Lafayette.
- 4) I admire your promotion of the rights of man and becoming an active anti-slavery activist.
- 5) During this tour of the United States you have made many symbolic gestures that convey your interest in the welfare of African Americans.
- 6) I've been told that you shook hands with black veterans of the war of 1812 and greeted both slaves and free blacks you knew during our Revolution.
- 7) I have been in politics for much of my life; serving in the US Congress, US Senate and Governor of the great Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- 8) I opposed the Mexican War and the annexation of Texas on the grounds that it would expand the extension of slavery to new territories.
- 9) I opposed stopping the flow of abolitionist materials to the southern slave states from northern anti-slavery organizations.
- 10) As a History enthusiast and President of the American Antiquarian Society, I appreciate that your visit to our town will be a significant historical event recorded in our [Annals of History](#).

- 11) The names of Washington, Lafayette, and Hamilton will ever be dear to American patriotism, and let it be remembered that while Washington and Hamilton fought for country and for home. **Lafayette fought for Liberty alone.**
- 12) God grant that your life may be prolonged and enjoyable.
- 13) Thank You, General Lafayette!



Gov. John Davis