

elected Colonel of the 17th Texas cavalry, which position he resigned in 1862 on receiving news of his election as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. In 1866, when Texas was in the process of what was termed Reconstruction, he was again elected to the supreme bench, and was by his Associate Justices made Chief Justice, from which position he was removed by military power, on the 10th day of September, 1867, in a period of profound peace, and under circumstances which redound to his credit.

On November 17th 1883, before the Supreme Court of Texas, Judge A. W. Terrell paid a wonderful tribute to Judge Moore, from which the following excerpts are taken:

"From 1867 to 1874 he practiced his profession in Austin, and when in 1874 the people for the first time in nine years after the war resumed peaceful control of the State, he was appointed again associate Justice of the Supreme Court. After the constitution of 1876 was adopted he was elected to the same position by the people. In 1878, on the resignation of Chief Justice Roberts, he was appointed to succeed him, and soon afterwards was elected Chief Justice by the people by over one hundred thousand majority."

Again he says: "An ardent love for this mighty State, that had honored and elevated him, was a part of his nature. Her soil, climate and expanding greatness, as an undivided empire from the mountains to the sea, I have often heard him refer to, with pride and exultation. But as a Supreme Judge of Texas, his most lasting reputation was achieved. We know not which most to admire in him, a rigid regard for established law, or the boldness with which he would attack its semblance, whether reposing in precedent or fortified with the names of great men. I am not alone in believing that he was the best chancery practitioner in Texas; and thus when justice required that what seemed the harshness of law should not prevail, his quick sense of right recognized the demand, while his knowledge of equity applied the remedy."

The following tribute was paid his memory by his long time friend, Col. A. T. Monroe, of Houston County, which was published in the Austin Statesman on September 5th 1883:

*"I seek, however weak, with heart sincere,
To twine one wreath to deck his honored brow,
Whose memory bright, the country will revere,
While love of worth controls mankind, as now,
His name is written on her proudest page,*