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Subject:
Hon. John Randolph of Roanoke. - Quick wit.
Honorable John Randolph of Roanoke.---- An example of quick repartee.

John Randolph at the time of this incident was a member of the lower House of Congress. He had a voice as shrill as McKinley's and as sharp as Blaine's. In debate he often made personal enemies when he least expected to do so. But he was proud and at times haughty in his deportment outside of Congress.

On one occasion he ridiculed a rough burly man from a Western state. This man was very muscular and terrible as an enemy. A little after this quarrel began, Mr. Randolph was moving along Pennsylvania Avenue on the north side walk, which was at that time much narrower that it is at present. He suddenly saw coming toward him the fierce Westerner, and the Westerner saw him.

As they approached the Westerner cried out: "I never get out of the way for a dog." Randolph jumped into the ditch, took off his hat, and in the shrillest tone, as he made a low bow, answered: "I always do!"

It is little wonderful that no duel resulted from this, but it is probably due to the humor of the situation. Everybody said it is impossible to get ahead of John Randolph of Roanoke in repartee.
Honorable John Hancock of Massachusetts — An example of your report.

John Hancock at the time of this report was a member of the House of Representatives. He had a notable career as an attorney, and was known for his service in the Revolutionary War. Hancock was known for his ability to make persuasive arguments in court, and was frequently called upon to defend the rights of the colonists.

In his capacity as a member of Congress, Hancock expressed his support for the role of the judiciary in protecting the rights of the people. He believed that the judiciary was the last line of defense against governmental overreach.

As a member of Congress, Hancock was also known for his support of the constitution. He believed that the constitution was a living document that required constant interpretation and adaptation to meet the needs of the nation.

Hancock's contributions to the debate over the role of the judiciary and the constitution are an example of the importance of engaging in thoughtful and principled debate on important issues.