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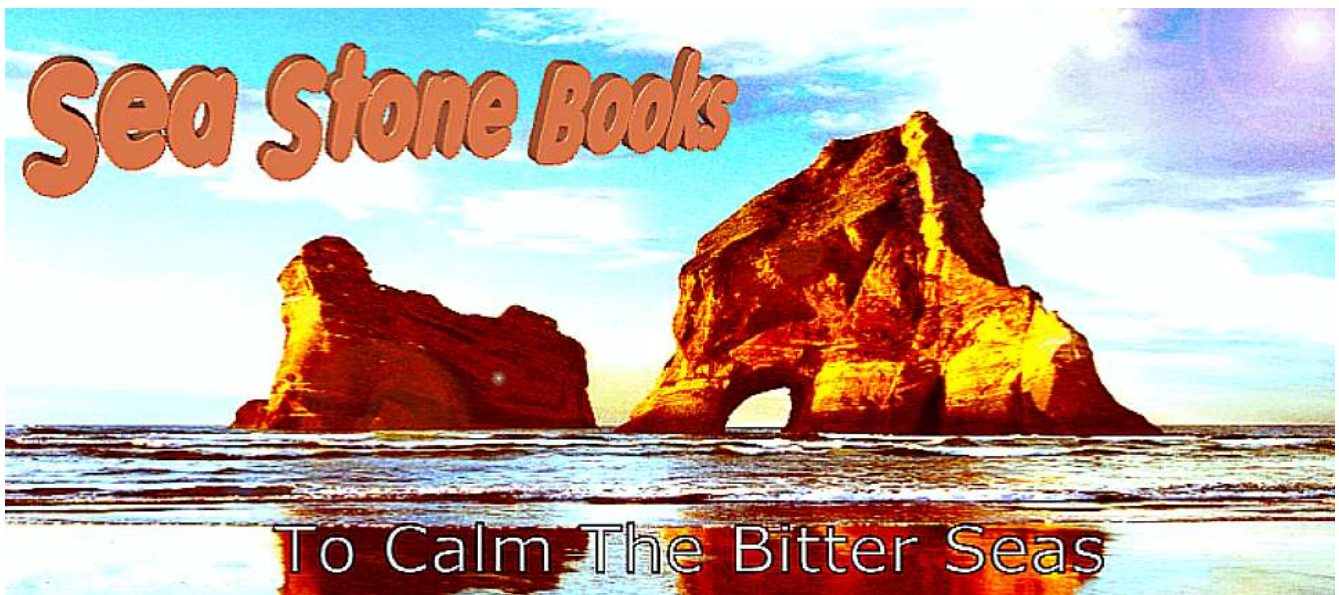
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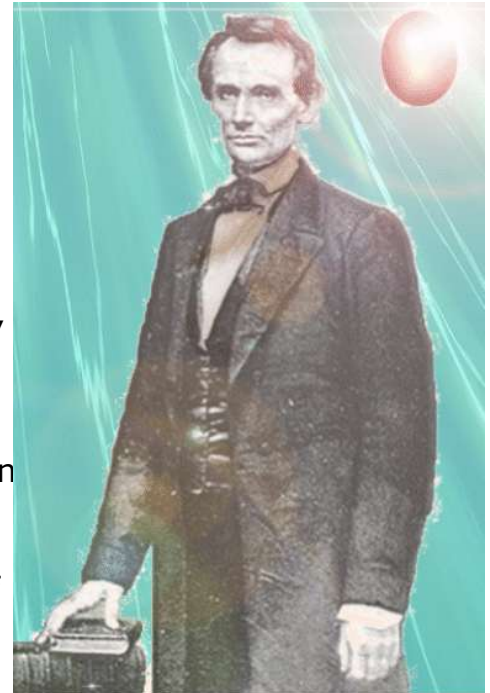
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Books serve to show a man that those original thoughts of his aren't very new at all. ~

Abraham Lincoln

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I have not troubled myself much about chasing down the original sources of the quotes generously attributed to our most famous or popular minds. I don't care if Benjamin Franklin was a first class thief or a first class genius; I don't care if George Washington was here fast asleep when he muttered a remark history says was first made by Tom Paine.

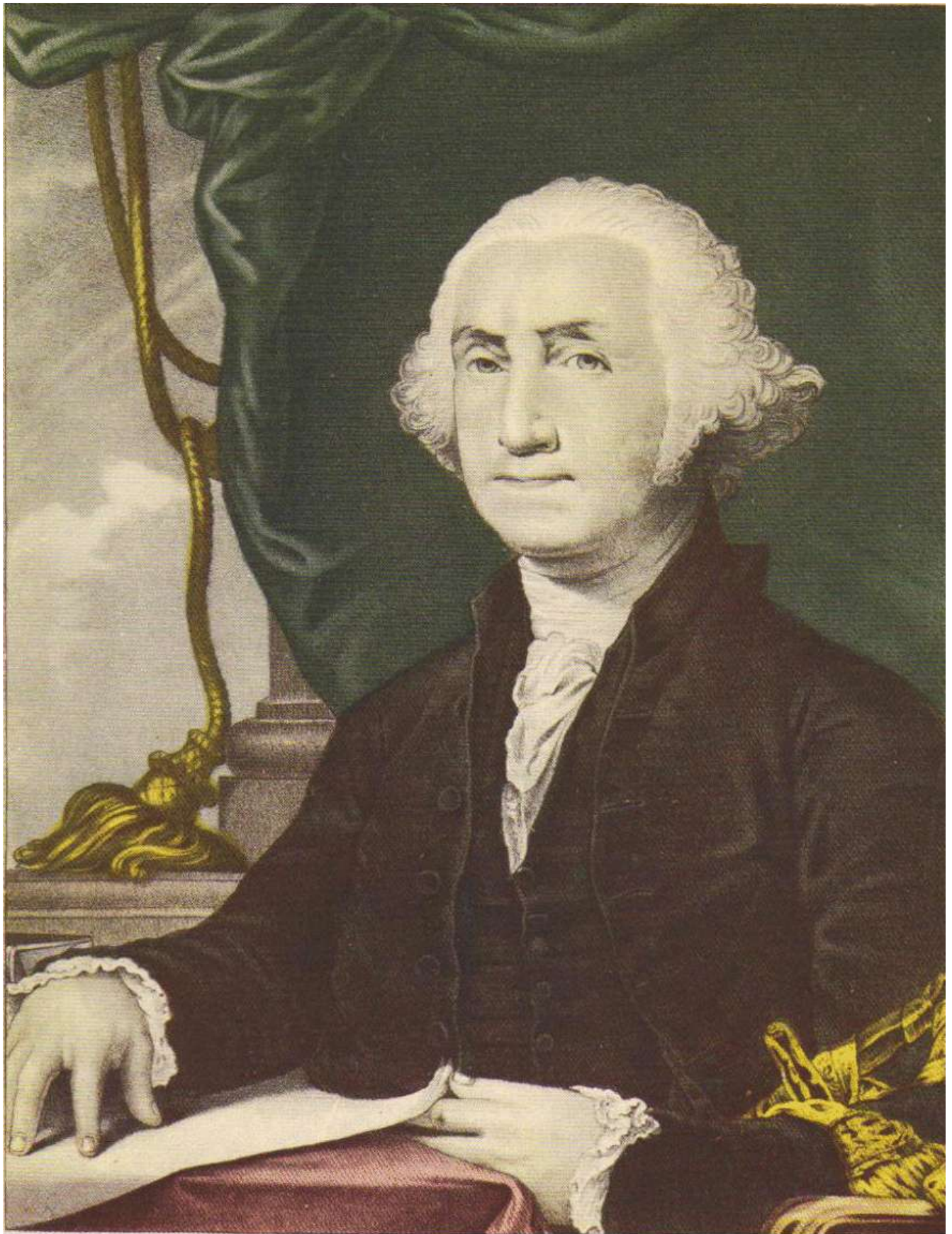


In fact, The more quotographer's research that I sift through the more certain I become that nobody ever said anything original and that everything interesting ever said was being repeated in common barroom brawls 4,000 years ago. Someone else is bound to correctly identify which barroom it was and furnish the precise date of the confrontation. Wisdom and wit are now in the Public Domain and I feel certain I am innocent of any niggling misdemeanors. Therefore, when you note unidentified mis-quotings in this book they may be requoted as-is or attributed to me if you are afraid to claim you said it yourself. Use the unarguably reliable "copy and paste" system.

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The Presidents

In the beginning there was a general by the name of Washington. The media criticized him so harshly while he was president that he came treacherously close to removing that freedom loaned to the press. Instead, he went home.

Robert E. Lee said later that all the best generals worked for some newspaper. But, let's get back to the quotes of our first president.

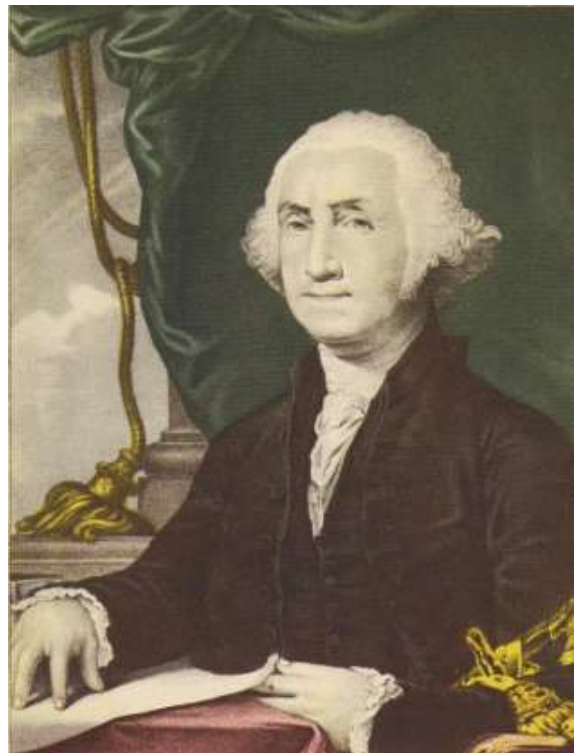
Be courteous to all, but intimate with few: and let those few be well tried before you give them your confidence. ~ George Washington.

It is better to be alone than in bad company. George Washington.
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Blood running in the streets, Credit ruined, credit related strikes, unemployment, shortages of food, the wheels of government clogged, and we are descending into a valley of confusion and darkness.

Firearms are second only to the Constitution in importance; they are the peoples liberty's teeth. ~ George Washington

Such is my situation that if I were to put the bitterest curse on an enemy this side of the grave I would put him in my place. I see the impossibility of doing any essential service to the cause by continuing in command, and yet I am told that if I quit the command inevitable ruin will follow from the distractions that will ensue. In confidence I tell you that I never was in such a divided, unhappy state since I was born. George



Washington.

Truth will ultimately prevail where there is pains taken to bring it to light. ~ George Washington

The preservation of the sacred fire of liberty, and the destiny of the republican model of government, are justly considered deeply, perhaps as finally, staked on the experiment entrusted to the hands of the American people. George Washington

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It is well, I die hard, but I am not afraid to go. George Washington

And next we listen to a few platitudes given us by *John Adams*

Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other. ~ John Adams

The essence of a free government consists in an effectual control of rivalries. ~ John Adams

The happiness of society is the end of government. ~ John Adams

All the perplexities, confusion and distress in America arise, not from defects in their Constitution or Confederation, not from want of honor or virtue, so much as from the downright ignorance of the nature of coin, credit and circulation. ~ John Adams

Democracy... while it lasts is more bloody than either aristocracy or monarchy. ~ John Adams

Remember, democracy never lasts long. It soon wastes, exhausts, and murders itself. There is never a democracy that did not commit suicide. ~ John Adams

The Hebrews have done more to civilize men than any other nation. If I were an atheist, and believed blind eternal fate, I should still believe that fate had ordained the Jews to be the most essential instrument for civilizing the nations. ~ John Adams



**Let us help you keep
those smiles bright!**

**Teach them to brush
Morning, Noon and Night**

**Those Sweet Smiles
are Precious to You.**

See your dentist regularly

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Facts are stubborn things; and whatever may be our wishes, our inclinations, or the dictates of our passions, they cannot alter the state of facts and evidence. ~ John Adams

Fear is the foundation of most governments. ~ John Adams

Great is the guilt of an unnecessary war. ~ John Adams

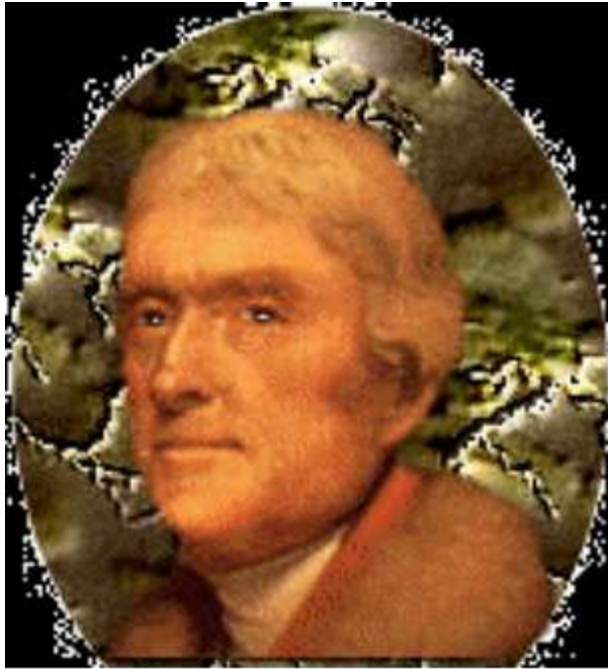
I always consider the settlement of America with reverence and wonder, as the opening of a grand scene and design in providence, for the illumination of the ignorant and the emancipation of the slavish part of mankind all over the earth. ~ John Adams

I must study politics and war that my sons may have liberty to study mathematics and philosophy. ~ John Adams

Liberty cannot be preserved without general knowledge among the people. ~ John Adams

The right of a nation to kill a tyrant in case of necessity can no more be doubted than to hang a robber, or kill a flea. ~ John Adams

When people talk of the freedom of writing, speaking or thinking I cannot choose but laugh. No such thing ever existed. No such thing now exists; but I hope it will exist. ~ John Adams



Thomas Jefferson

As the happiness of the people is the sole end of government, so the consent of the people is the only foundation of it, in reason, morality, and the natural fitness of things. Thomas Jefferson

Were we to be directed from Washington when to sow and when to reap, we should soon want bread. -- Thomas Jefferson

The man who never looks into a newspaper is better informed than he who reads them, inasmuch as he who knows nothing is nearer to the truth than he whose mind is filled with falsehoods and errors. Thomas Jefferson

The happiest moments of my life have been the few which I have passed at home in the bosom of my family. Thomas Jefferson.

I, however, place economy among the first and most important republican virtues, and public debt as the greatest of the dangers to be feared. Thomas Jefferson



All tyranny needs to gain a foothold is for people of good conscience to remain silent. Thomas Jefferson

When a man assumes a public trust, he should consider himself as public property. Thomas Jefferson.

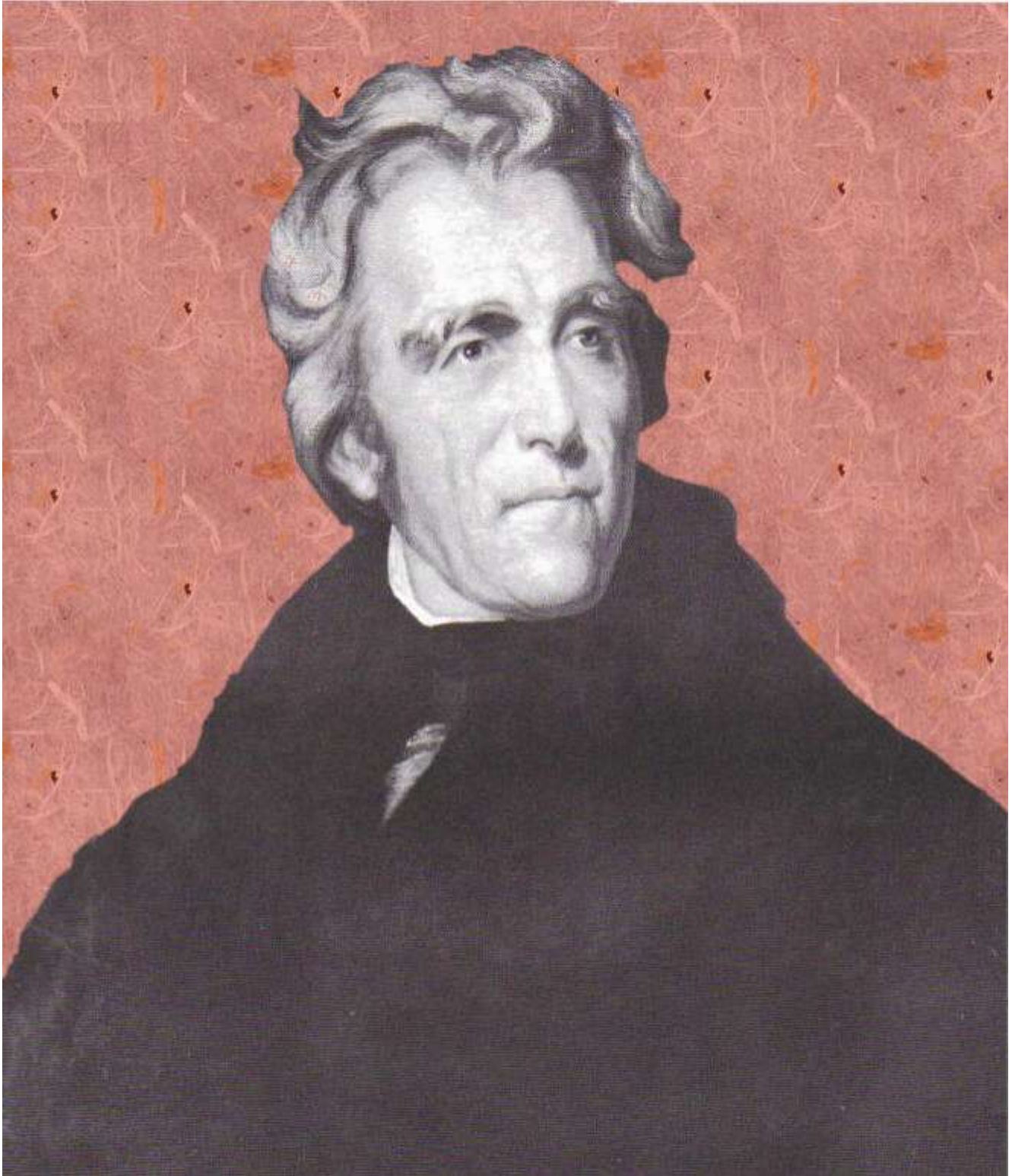
**To compel a man to subsidize with his taxes the propagation of ideas which he disbelieves and abhors is sinful and tyrannical.
-- Thomas Jefferson**

It is our duty still to endeavor to avoid war; but if it shall actually take place, no matter by whom brought on, we must defend ourselves. If our house be on fire, without inquiring whether it was fired from within or without, we must try to extinguish it. -- Thomas Jefferson

Laws that forbid the carrying of arms...disarm only those who are neither inclined nor determined to commit crimes ... Such laws make things worse for the assaulted and better for the assailants; they serve rather to encourage than to prevent homicides, for an unarmed man may be attacked with greater confidence than an armed man. -- Thomas Jefferson

James Madison wrote, "Measures are too often decided, not according to the rules of justice and the rights of the minor party, but by the superior force of an interested and overbearing majority."

If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader. John Quincy Adams



The brave man inattentive to his duty, is worth little more to his country than the coward who deserts her in the hour of danger.

Andrew Jackson

I am not a politician, but if I were, I should be a New York politician.

~ Andrew Jackson

Heaven will be no heaven to me if I do not meet my wife there.

Andrew Jackson

When Andrew Jackson, Old Hickory, died, someone asked, Will he go to Heaven? and the answer was, He will if he wants to.

Neither let us be slandered from our duty by false accusations against us, nor frightened from it by menaces of destruction to the Government nor of dungeons to ourselves. Let us have faith that right makes might and in that faith, let us, to the end, dare to do our duty as we understand it.

Abraham Lincoln

He has the right to criticize who has the heart to help. ~ Abe Lincoln

I'm a slow walker, but I never walk back.

I will not shoot a simple-minded soldier boy who deserts, and refuse to touch a wily agitator who induces him to commit the crime.

Success does not so much depend on external help as on self-reliance. Abraham Lincoln

Children can keep out of an idle habit before they are in it



easier than they can get out after they are in. A. Lincoln

It is better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to open one's mouth and remove all doubt. — Abraham Lincoln

No scheme of amelioration (of our ills) has the least chance of success unless and until the money ceases to be the master and becomes the servant of mankind, thus that no financial barrier is ever again interposed between man and his ability to create wealth. Abraham Lincoln

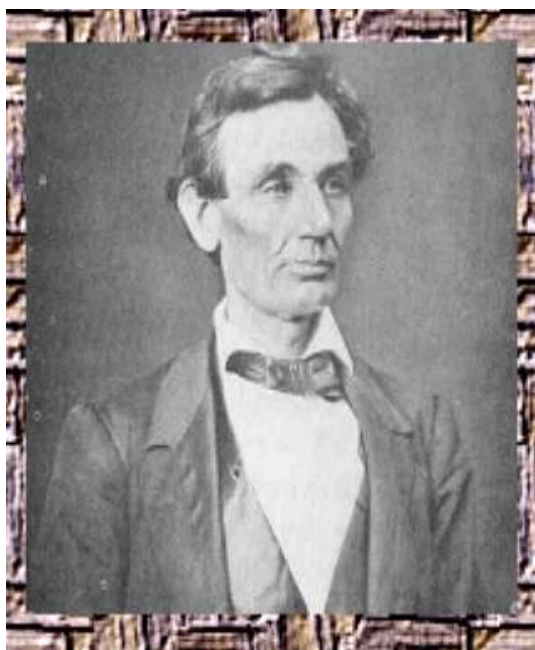


I go for all sharing the privileges of the government who assist in bearing its burdens. Abraham Lincoln

The ballot is stronger than the bullet. Abraham Lincoln

I believe that this government cannot endure permanently half slave and half free. Abraham Lincoln

Books serve to show a man that those original thoughts of his aren't very new at all. ~ Abraham Lincoln



What constitutes the bulwark of our own liberty and independence? It is not our frowning battlements, our bristling sea coasts, our army and our navy... Our reliance is in the love of liberty which God has planted in us. ~ Abraham Lincoln

It has been my experience that folks who have no vices have very few virtues. Abraham Lincoln

Things may come to those who wait, but only the things left (behind) by those who

hustle. Abraham Lincoln.

No man is good enough to govern another man without that other's consent. -- Abraham Lincoln

With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and for his orphans, to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations. Abraham Lincoln

I believe, if we take habitual drunkards as a class, their heads and their hearts will bear an advantageous comparison with those of any other class. There seems ever to have been a proneness in the brilliant and warm-blooded to fall into this vice.

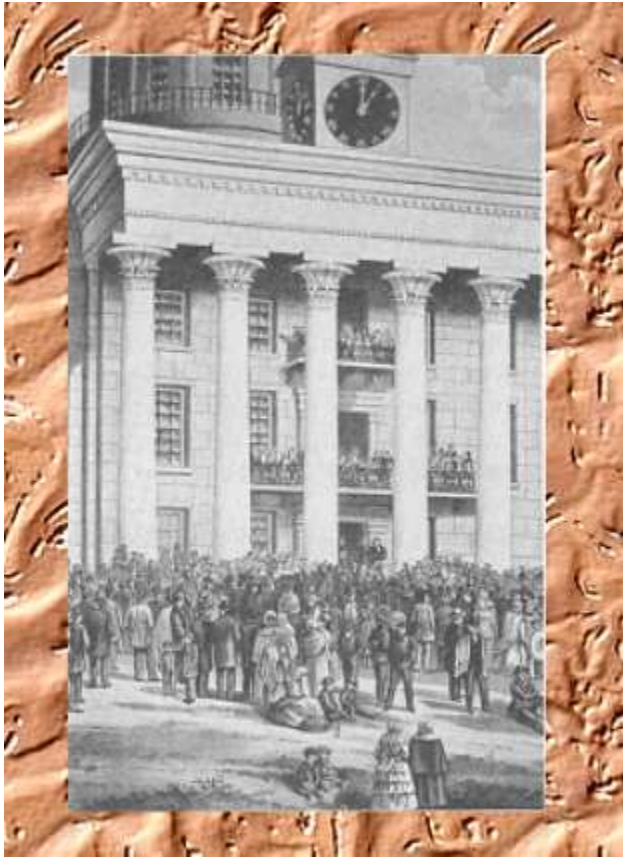
My paramount object in this struggle is to save the Union, and is not either to save or destroy slavery. If I could save the Union without freeing any slave, I would do it; and if I could do it by freeing all the slaves, I would do it; and if I could save it by freeing some and leaving others alone, I would also do that. Abraham Lincoln

This country, with its institutions, belongs to the people who inhabit it. Whenever they shall grow weary of the existing Government, they can exercise their constitutional right of amending it, or their revolutionary right to dismember or overthrow it. -- Abraham Lincoln.

"It is the eternal struggle between two principles, right and wrong, throughout the world... It is the same spirit that says 'you toil and work and earn bread, and I'll eat it.' No matter in what shape it comes, whether from the mouth of a king who seeks to bestride the people of his own nation and live by the fruit of their labor, or from one race of men as an apology for enslaving another race, it is the same tyrannical principle." Abraham Lincoln, spoken during a debate with Stephen Douglas in 1858.

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OUR present condition, achieved in a manner unprecedented in the history of nations, illustrates the American idea that governments rest upon the consent of the governed, and that it is the right of the people to alter and abolish governments whenever they become destructive to the ends for which they were established. The declared compact of the Union from which we have withdrawn was to establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity; and when in the judgment of the sovereign States now composing this Confederacy it has

been perverted from the purposes for which it was ordained, and ceased to answer the ends for which it was established, a peaceful appeal to the ballot-box declared that, so far as they were concerned, the government created by that compact should cease to exist.

In this they merely asserted the right which the Declaration of Independence of 1776 defined to be inalienable. Of the time and occasion of this exercise they as sovereigns were the final judges, each for himself. The impartial, enlightened verdict of mankind will vindicate the rectitude of our conduct; and He who knows the hearts of men will judge of the sincerity with which we labored to preserve the government of our fathers in its spirit.

The right solemnly proclaimed at the birth of the States, and which has been affirmed and reaffirmed in the bills of rights of the States subsequently admitted into the Union of 1789, undeniably recognizes in the people the power to resume the authority delegated for the purposes of government. Thus the sovereign States here represented proceeded to form this Confederacy; and it is by the abuse of language that their act has been denominated revolution.

They formed a new alliance, but within each State its government has remained. The rights of person and property have not been disturbed. The agent through whom they communicated with foreign nations is changed, but this does not necessarily interrupt their international relations. Sustained by the consciousness that the transition from the former Union to the present Confederacy has not proceeded from a disregard on our part of our just obligations or any failure to perform every constitutional duty, moved by no interest or passion to invade the rights of others, anxious to cultivate peace and commerce with all nations, if we may not hope to avoid war, we may at least expect that posterity will acquit us of having needlessly engaged in it. Doubly justified by the absence of wrong on our part, and by wanton aggression on the part of others, there can be no use to doubt the courage and patriotism of the people of the Confederate States will be found equal to any measure of defense which soon their security may require.

An agricultural people, whose chief interest is the export of a commodity required in every manufacturing country, our true policy is peace and the freest trade which our necessities will permit. It is alike our interest and that of all those to whom we would sell and from whom we would buy, that there should be the fewest practicable restrictions upon the interchange of commodities. There can be but little rivalry between ours and any manufacturing or navigating community, such as the northeastern States of the American Union. It must follow, therefore, that mutual interest would invite good-will and kind offices. If, however, passion or lust of dominion should cloud the judgment or inflame the ambition of those States, we must prepare to meet the emergency, and maintain by the final arbitrament of the sword the position which we have assumed among the nations of the earth.

We have entered upon a career of independence, and it must be inflexibly pursued through many years of controversy with our late associates of the Northern States. We have vainly endeavored to secure tranquility and obtain respect for the rights to which we were entitled. As a necessity, not a choice, we have resorted to the remedy of separation, and henceforth our energies must be directed to the conduct of our own affairs, and the perpetuity of the Confederacy which we have formed.

If a just perception of mutual interest shall permit us peaceably to pursue our separate political career, my most earnest desire will have been fulfilled. But if this be denied us, and the integrity of our territory and jurisdiction be assailed, it will but remain for us with firm resolve to appeal to arms and invoke the blessing of Providence on a just cause....

Actuated solely by a desire to preserve our own rights, and to promote our own welfare, the separation of the Confederate States has been marked by no aggression upon others, and followed by no domestic convulsion. Our industrial pursuits have received no check, the cultivation of our fields progresses as heretofore, and even should we be involved in war, there would be no considerable diminution in the production of the staples which have constitute our exports, in which the commercial world has an interest scarcely less than our own.

This common interest of producer and consumer can only be intercepted by an exterior force which should obstruct its transmission to foreign markets, a course of conduct which would be detrimental to manufacturing and commercial interests abroad.

Should reason guide the action of the government from which we have separated, a policy so detrimental to the civilized world, the Northern States included, could not be dictated by even a stronger desire to inflict injury upon us; but if it be otherwise, a terrible responsibility will rest upon it, and the suffering of millions will bear testimony to the folly and wickedness of our aggressors. In the meantime there will remain to us, besides the ordinary remedies before suggested, the well-known resources for retaliation upon the commerce of an enemy.... We have changed the constituent parts but not the system of our government.

The Constitution formed by our fathers is that of these Confederate States. In their exposition of it, and in the judicial construction it has received, we have a light which reveals its true meaning. Thus instructed as to the just interpretation of that instrument, and ever remembering that all offices are but trusts held for the people, and that delegated powers are to be strictly construed, I will hope by due

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