Yet these agents at all times have the reins of Government sufficiently under their control to undermine and subvert by a common combination the liberty and independence of this Country; it is therefore of momentous importance in order to ensure the security and permanency of our Republican institutions that every American should exercise judgment and exerting himself in the selection of subordinate officers of Government and how much more vigorously to direct ourselves of all personal prejudices, all selfish considerations in the shrine of our Country's God, in the selection of an individual to occupy the preeminent and distinguishing station of chief Magistrate of this Country, the highest post in the hands of the people, approaching nearly to supreme and die latorial power, than any other office recognized by the constitution, the office compounding within itself one of the coordinate Branches of this Government.

It is with regard to the prudence to be exercised in the selection of this executive Office that I propose to submit a few brief remarks. The history of our form of government presents two classes, the Statesman and Military, from which two classes it is customary for Republics, first then preceding a chief Magistrate. I maintain with submitting and with entire confidence in the probability of my position that the distinguished Statesman is more justly entitled to the suffrages of a free and enlightened people than the Military, and although Military desert - Budget pressure to address the regulations by which this selection is substantiate, it may not be foreign to the subject to enumerate a few of these