To prevent all these calamities let our President be chosen from the distinguished Statesmen of our land, from those gifted spirits who adorn, and renew our legislatures, and councils of our Nation, the whole tenor of whose labors has been a constant preparation for the appearance of this event. This elevation of the Statesman, who in every age in every country has been the first to dignify himself in attempting to destroy the Tyrant and the despot—It is to him in hours of great national peril that all resort as one who is capable of declining on the destiny of his time—it is he who in the midst of evil commotions and disorders stands as firm and unshaken as a rock in the ocean that tems a thousand and wild waves on the shore and it is he that we should stoop and select as President of these United States. Let Americans then adopt this as a cardinal principle, and let us confidently hope that our free institutions will continue to exist in the midst of the storms of the world. But whenever they do continue as the tyrants of the times, too plainly indicative of individuals distinguished for courage and intrepidity, I mean of noble character, to use the language of the great orator of this age: "There now exists the individual who will write the history of this Republic from its commencement to its close."

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