of each through the combined power of the whole.

From such an origin has sprung that Government un-
den which we live, a dominion composed of twenty-
six sovereigns, though differing widely from a num-
ber of those who have preceded us in procuring that
community of the which link them coming from an origin. How extensive from those influences
may be, and to what intensity they may exist at first
about the moral principles of our nature on which
they must subsequently rely for their vitality and con-
tinuance will afford but an unknown foundation.
The destiny of successive Confederacies, which at first
seemed necessary to them, but finally came to be a
fatal necessity must from the degraded all such as
follow in their wake.

Confederate Governments have been formed from
the first days of the regular organization of Society
in Europe down to the present time. The com-
plete issue of their careers lies but the point of
hope to all necessary. The elements of some of these
Governments have been of a character bearing the stron-
gest similitude to those of our own. Many of them
have flowed from a source where no fixed princi-
ple of political truth had ever been recognized or
launched into national life. Lessons learned in all this
wisdom, experience and research, but at the same
time burdened with some of those great inconse-
tences. Deeply had this Confederacy trained itself
to execute the fright of its high forms when it be-

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