terminated to successfully Congress, being convi-
ced that to ensure the continuance of the Re-
mure it was essentially necessary that the
powers and rights of the general government
and the obligations, duties, and fiduciary
soverignty of the States should be securi-
ly defined and limited. Proceeded to pre-
pare articles of Confederation. But after the
independence of our Country had been ac-
knowledged and the lead of union secure
among the nations of the Earth, experience
taught her people that the form of
government which had been adopted was
indeed but "a frail and tottering edifice
ready to fall before their heads and crush
their falch beneath its ruins." It was reserved
for the Constitution unanimously adopted
in 1787 to heal those marks of corruption
which had begun to pollute the body politic
-to quell the mischief of conflicting inter-
ests, to silence the howlings of State for
by placing the federal Government upon a
sure and solid foundation, and by its
admirable system of checks and balances
to stifle forever the fear of domination
and federal usurpation on the other.

Under God the Constitution