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love their long harvests of wealth. Monarchy is better suited
to the beclouded meridians of Arabia, Tartary, Siberia, Ethio-
pia, & Egypt, where the people are inadequate to their
own good government, than to lands where virtue & rea-
son & intellect have dawned forth in their brightest
effulgence - where the spirit of freedom starts a-
broad with a giant's stride & a giant's ^{strength} step. Let it
not be said, then, that our institutions are anomalous -
that they are frail - that they are transitory. The best
commentary on their qualities, is the uninterrupted pros-
perity which they have produced. In the course of
few years, from weak & revolutionized colonies, requir-
ing the aid of a foreign power, they have raised this na-
tion to a distinguished eminence. In testimony thereof,
her wisdom & experience are already in requisition
by other nations. Her arms are respected. Her navy has
fought & triumphed over the veterans of England. Her
commerce is confined by no limits. Her enterprising cit-
izens are crowding the ports of all countries. Her tem-
inaries of learning are daily springing into being. Above
all, her various religions are tolerated & prosperous. And
by her aid, Christianity is making its rapid inroads
among the strong places of barbarism & infidelity, a
work far more glorious, than all the conquests of Ma-
cedonia's King. These are the fruits of the principles con-
tained in this sacred instrument - These are the trophies
won in furious battle by our ancestors - These are the
laurel & the ivy that now shade their tombs. These are
the imperishable monuments which they have left of their
patriotism. These are their honours, more to be desired
than the thrones & diadems of the Caesars - the civil & po-
litical rights of themselves and posterity. Let us pre-
serve them.
To prolong the existence of these institutions