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Fellow Citizens:

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The approaching Presidential Election will be one of singular importance. It will be an occasion on which, I judge, from present & past exhibition, you will witness that deep concern which becomes all American patriots. I beg leave to intrude myself on your attention, & request that you will accord me a hearing, while I endeavour to present to you views a few of the leading topics, that form the points on which this ~~subject~~ ^{Electing will be} made to turn.

You have been informed of the time when, and the circumstances under which the present Executive came into office - of the reference of the election to the House of Representatives, the mode provided by the Constitution - of the election of Mr. Adams by the aid of the votes of Mr. Clay, & most of the Western members - and of the origin of the parties that now divide the nation, the one supporting the Administration, the other opposing it. And many of you must be aware, that the opposition has been characterized by a spirit of persecution, seldom witnessed in this country, since the formation of our government; a spirit of persecution, that has not scrupled to assail, in the utmost wantonness, the purity & integrity of publick officers honestly engaged in the exercise of their constitutional functions.

It has been urged, that the election of Mr. Adams, though in conformity with the letter, was, nevertheless, contrary to the spirit of the Constitution. This objection is pretended to be founded on the fact, that General Jackson