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**CONNECTICUT COURANT EDITORIAL**

*For the CONNECTICUT COURANT no. XV. To the People of the United States.*

I HAVE at length, my countrymen, completed the plan which I originally laid out, by attempting in a variety of particulars to shew – *That Mr. Jefferson is an enemy to the United States, and wishes its destruction – That if he is elected President, the Constitution will fall sacrifice to Jacobinism – And, that the result of its destruction will be dreadful to the United States.* If I have succeeded in exciting the serious attention of only a few of you, to the dangers of our situation, I shall not have laboured in vain. That your attention ought to be most thoroughly excited to this subject, no one who watches the progress of this great enemy of human peace, prosperity, and happiness, will deny...

...When one of these sentiments obtain a stedfast foothold among us, they will spread like wild-fire; and like wild-fire they will destroy. They are levelled with a sure, and deadly aim, directly at the life of society.

They will enter your dwellings, deprave the minds of children, estrange the affections of parents, and pollute the bosoms of husbands and wives. The propagators of them are active, subtle, persevering, and fearless. Against these foes of the whole human race, let the virtuous, and patriotic of every age and character unite, and exert every possible power. A moment's relaxation in this defensive warfare, until the enemy is subdued, and driven from the field, will be highly dangerous. Nothing more hazardous than a truce; nothing more fatal than a compromise...

...Do you believe in the strangest of all paradoxes, that a spendthrift, a libertine, or an Atheist, characters which none of you would trust with the most trifling concern in your own private affairs, is qualified to make your laws, and to govern you, and your posterity; to be entrusted with the treasure, the strength, and the destiny of the nation? "He that ruleth over

[illegible] must be just, ruling in the fear of God," is the language of [ins?]piration. We ought to be extremely cautious, how we deliberately contradict a maxim, propounded by God himself. It has been the pride, and the honour of this country, that our Chief Magistrates have hitherto been men who feared God. The influence of their example, has spread like a charm, thro'out the sphere of their Government; and it has become a mark of reproach in a ruler, that he disregards the obligations of our holy religion. Mr. Jefferson, the idol of the Jacobin party, by the common voice of his countrymen, wears this stigma....

...Where is the man, even among his bosom friends, who has ever heard him acknowledge his dependence on God, his accountability to his Creator and Judge, or who has seen him enter the sanctuary, to join in the duties of holy worship.

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**LETTER FROM ALEXANDER HAMILTON CONCERNING THE PUBLIC CONDUCT AND CHARACTER OF JOHN ADAMS, ESQ. PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES**

Not denying to Mr. Adams patriotism and integrity, and even talents of a certain kind, I should be deficient in candor, were I to conceal the conviction, that he does not possess the talents adapted to the *Administration* of Government, and that there are great and intrinsic defects in his character, which unfit him for the office of Chief Magistrate...

...It is time to conclude—The statement which has been made, shews that Mr. Adams has committed some positive and serious errors of Administration; that in addition to these, he has a certain fixed points of character which tend naturally to the detriment of any cause of which he is Chief, of any Administration of which he is the head; that by his ill humors and jealousies he has already divided and distracted the supporters of the Government; that he has furnished deadly weapons to its enemies by unfounded accusations, and has weakened the force of its friends by decrying some of the most influential of them to the utmost of his power; and, let it be added, as the necessary effect of such conduct, that he has made great progress in undermining the ground which was gained for the government by his predecessor, and that there is real cause to apprehend, it might totter, if not fall, under his future auspices.