

woman would be only a bundle of merchandise offered to the highest bidder, and without patriotism, nations would be only flocks of vile slaves bending under the iron rod of the despot.

ANDRE.

We are all of the same opinion, are we not, Mr. Parker?

PARKER

(*Embarrassed*). No doubt, Major..... if you say so.

MADISON.

And such is also your opinion, Mr. Chambers?

CHAMBERS.

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(*Stung*). Certainly, but it must be said that the world is full of men who abuse the love of woman and the patriotism of nations. For instance, it is by trading on the sentiments, or more properly, the prejudices of the Colonies, that certain men have driven them into a senseless and disastrous rebellion.

MADISON.

(*With animation*). There is no doubt that the world is filled with men who abuse the noble sentiments of women and of nations for the base purpose of their personal aggrandizement, but they have not abused the prejudices of the people of the Colonies who have appealed to all that is greatest and noblest in the soul of man. They have set down the principles and motives which animated them in a document destined to be the political code of civilized nations. In maintaining the prerogative of the people to make their own laws, pay only the taxes to which they consent, combat and overturn an arbitrary government, they have laid down principles which shall be the foundation of future constitutions and the seed of liberty throughout the world. You, gentlemen, who admire only what comes from Britain, call to mind the words of the great Chatham regarding the authors of our Declaration of Independence.

"History, my Lords, has always been my favorite study. Proud of being an Englishman, I have made it my pleasure and business to feed my intelligence upon the great examples of Greece and Rome. Well, I declare that in