

he was revered as an able negociator, and the father of his country.

He did not shine only in public life, but even his hours of leisure were devoted to the good of mankind. In experimental philosophy he had few equals; the greatest discoveries in electricity, are the result of his observations. His example, in temperance, moderation, and economy, assisted by his gazette, and Poor Richard's Almanack, is supposed to have had great influence in promoting the morals of his countrymen; and his unostentatious, amiable manners, secured him a numerous circle of friends, whilst his politics relative to America, raised him many enemies in England, who still execrate his memory. But you and I have nothing to do with political squabbles: virtue is virtue, whether in a friend or an enemy, and there are noble traits in Dr. Franklin's character, which we must admire, and ought to imitate.

Ever your affectionate

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