

of our present illustrious Chief to the Presidential Chair, I had them inserted in the New Hampshire Gazette ; at present under the direction of two distinguished citizens in their line,—*but still had no notice*. Far advanced in life as I am, I look back with a sensible pleasure, that the prime of life was in some degree devoted, to help to rear the independent flag of United America. Language fails me to depict to you how very sensibly it wounded my feelings, when I first heard of the recent indignity offered it,—and you may be assured, I shall be one of the last to desert,—if need be. Having for my own amusement, made my remarks on the different periods, wherein it struck my mind in the most forcible manner that this remarkable prediction was fulfilled, I shew it to some of my confidential friends, for their candid sentiments, and by whose advice it is now laid before the public tribunal, with this request, not to be over hasty to receive or condemn, until it is thoroughly investigated, each one for himself ;—and in order that you might form clear and just conceptions for my coming forward at the present moment,—You will permit me to notice, that I am by birth an Englishman, *uninfluenced and unpersuaded* ;—a native of Dunster, in the country of Somerset ; as my parents were, in the strictness of speech rigid nonconformists, there was early implanted in the mind, when tender, the most elevated ideas respecting religious and civil liberty, and of course a rooted enmity against all usurped power either in church or state. When young I was sent over to Neath in Glamorganshire in south Wales, for the purpose of an education, and put under the tuition of a Mr. *Llewelen*, a noted schoolmaster, a gentleman well versed in the languages, and was in unison with my parents, respecting the right of conscience and citizenship ; where I became acquainted with the works of MERLIN, and can well remember of the honorable mention made of him by Mr. *Llewelen* and others. Early in life I was sent over by my parents to this country, to a noted merchant of this town, a school-fellow and an intimate friend of my father's,*—he was a warm zealous friend to the liberties of mankind ; so that, when the fatal moment for my native country took place, in the commencement of hostilities, Anno 1775—I was not at a loss to determine how to conduct at that eventful period. During the revolutionary war, I rendered this country all the services within the compass of my enfeebled abilities ; at the final issue, the then supreme executive did me that justice, as to cause the public seal of this State to be put on my public character.

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