

tached to the consideration who and what the people were who founded it, and who and what they are who now live under it, as well as the time and the place selected for the experiment.

We must then judge whether all these circumstances, or the greater part of them, were indispensably necessary to success, and, if so, whether there is anything analogous in Europe. I shall furnish the facts, let others build their own theories. I enter into no speculations, and, above all, offer no opinions as to the durability of this great republic of the western world, or how it will work when the population shall be proportionally as large as that of Europe. I simply portray it as it is.

Most men believe that the American Republic took its rise in a successful resistance of the provincials to an attempt on the part of Great Britain, in a Parliament in which they were not represented, to tax them without their consent, and that resistance led to a revolution, in which they asserted their independence, and finally obtained it in the year 1783.

This is a very natural mistake for those persons to fall into who are not acquainted with their early history, but a republic *de facto* was first formed at Plymouth, in New England, in 1620, and another far more extensive and flourishing one was erected in Massachusetts, in the years 1628 and 1629, both which subsisted in full force for a period of more than fifty years, without submitting to the