

most proud and tender of. Our citizenship in the United States is our national character. Our citizenship in any particular State, is only our local distinction. By the latter, we are known at home, by the former to the world. Our great title is, AMERICANS---our inferior one varies with the place.

So far as my endeavours could go, they have all been directed to conciliate the affections, unite the interests, and draw and keep the mind of the country together; and the better to assist in this foundation work of the revolution, I have avoided all places of profit or office, either in the State I live in, or in the United States; kept myself at a distance from all parties and party connections, and even disregarded all private and inferior concerns: and when we take into view the great work we have gone through, and feel as we ought to feel, the just importance of it, we shall then see, that the little wranglings, and indecent contentions of personal party, are as dishonourable to our characters, as they are injurious to our repose.

It was the cause of America that made me an author. The force with which it struck my mind, and the dangerous condition of the country appeared to me in, by courting an impossible and unnatural reconciliation with those who were determined to reduce her, instead of striking