

THIS BOOK,
 (AS A MARK OF GRATITUDE FOR
 INESTIMABLE BLESSINGS ENJOYED,
 IN LIBERTY OF PERSON, LIBERTY OF PROPERTY, AND
 LIBERTY OF OPINIONS,
 TO A DEGREE NEVER EXCEEDED IN THE WORLD.)

IS RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED
 TO A BELOVED BUT BLEEDING COUNTRY,
 TORN IN PIECES

BY
 FACTIOUS, DESPERATE, CONVULSIVE, AND
 RUINOUS STRUGGLES FOR POWER.



IT IS LIKEWISE DEDICATED TO THOSE
 MILLIONS OF HUMAN BEINGS,
 WHO NEITHER HOLD NOR SEEK OFFICE,
 BUT WHO ARE MADE THE INSTRUMENTS
 OF THOSE WHO DO SEEK THEM :
 AND WHO, WHILE A FOREIGN ENEMY PRESSES
 AT THEIR DOORS,
 ARE ENFEBLED, KEPT FROM UNION,
 AND EXPOSED TO RUIN,
 TO GRATIFY THE AMBITION OF
 A FEW MEN,
 (NOT ONE IN FIVE THOUSAND OF THE WHOLE
 COMMUNITY)
 WHO HAVE BROUGHT TO THE VERY VERGE OF DES-
 TRUCTION, THE FAIREST PROSPECT THAT
 EVER SHONE ON ANY NATION.

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