

facts, and contenting myself with merely stating that I can see nothing in the situation, institutions, or condition of the country to warrant us in indulging a hope that such a government, as exists in America, or any that at all resembles it, can be introduced into France with any rational prospect of success. De Tocqueville, with true Gallican vanity, asserts that it can, for he thinks what has been effected in America can be adopted and improved in Europe; and that whatever any other people could do, his countrymen can also accomplish. With an equally strong Anglo-Saxon feeling, on my part, I verily believe that if the difficulties to which I have alluded, were all removed, the French could not successfully carry out the experiment.

There is no people in the world who understand, or who can sustain republican institutions, but the Americans. Several hundred thousand needy adventurers recently rushed with impetuous haste into the gold region of California, where no law, but that of nature, prevailed. Their first step was to choose delegates, frame a constitution, and put it into execution; and they established a government