

severely onerous to all, were submitted to, and endured with unexampled patriotism and patience.

The unanimity and perseverance of all ranks, were much promoted by the unceasing efforts of the associated Sons of Liberty. The organization of that patriotic band, which pervaded every part of the Colonies, was the germ of the Revolution. By their intrepidity, the spirit of the masses was aroused; and by their persevering industry and zeal, the people were excited to oppose all efforts to enslave them. These bold spirits, formed the nucleus of the future armies of the Revolution. And it is to the moral courage which they displayed, and the indomitable resolution with which they braved all dangers, that the world is indebted for the illustrious example set by the infant Colonies to Europe, and the foundation of a free and powerful Empire.

The influence of these patriotic men, and the successful issue of the struggle began by their boldness, and sustained by their energies, has scattered abroad the seeds of Freedom. These have borne fruit, in encouraging a spirit of inquiry throughout the civilized world; reforming despotic governments; regenerating the fairest portion of the other continent; and given to France, the best king that has occupied her throne since the days of Charlemagne: and perhaps the best government which the moral constitution of her people enables them to bear.*

If the successful issue of the Revolution has solved the problem of the possible existence of a free, yet powerful government, the meed of applause is due: first, to the devoted individuals, who, despising the dangers and disgraces to which they were exposed, set at naught the penalties and disqualifications of conspiracy and treason—and entered into the contest with a full knowledge of all its hazards, and with a determination to persist to the death to effect their eman-

*The whirlwind of Revolution has swept over Europe since these lines were written, but as yet, the writer sees no cause to change the opinions expressed in them.