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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 ENFEEBLED AND KEPT FROM UNION,
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 DESTRUCTION,
THE FAIREST PROSPECT
EVER VOUCHSAFED BY HEAVEN TO ANY NATION.

BY THE AUTHOR.

Philad. Nov. 8, 1814.

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