

professions of allegiance too, take so much pains to decry the present government of Britain, and to present us with an idea of something infinitely more perfect, which we are soon to see established in America, and which they seem to wish, and hope may likewise take place at home? But a republic of such unbounded extent, as that of America would prove, is an experiment that remains to be tried in the history of the world. We know that our ancestors tried it in vain, within far narrower limits. They, too, had great expectations of that perfection to which human government was going to arrive: They believed that a millennium, and the kingdom of the saints was at hand: But they were sadly deceived; for they found, in their stead, the iron sceptre of an usurper, supported by military force.

There is a line somewhere between the liberty of the press, and that licentiousness which would subvert the very government which supports the liberty of the press. When the times are calm, that line will be found out and applied.

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