

Famous Quotes

I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty, or give me death!

— *Patrick Henry*

A government of laws, and not of men.

— *John Adams*

I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country.

— *Nathan Hale, prior to his execution by the British for spying*

These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands it now, deserves the love and thanks of men and women.

— *Thomas Paine*

Well done is better than well said.

Haste makes Waste.

Don't throw stones at your neighbors, if your own windows are glass.

— *Benjamin Franklin, in Poor Richard's Almanack*

There is a story, often told, that upon exiting the Constitutional Convention *Benjamin Franklin* was approached by a group of citizens asking what sort of government the delegates had created. His answer was: "A republic, if you can keep it."

The truth is that all men having power ought to be mistrusted.

— *James Madison*

I would rather be exposed to the inconveniences attending too much liberty than to those attending too small a degree of it.

— *Thomas Jefferson*

Why has government been instituted at all? Because the passions of man will not conform to the dictates of reason and justice without constraint.

— *Alexander Hamilton*

Every man has a property in his own person. This nobody has a right to, but himself.

— *John Locke*