...It is a fact, I believe, that will not be denied, that many of those who arrange themselves under the banners of those who call themselves Federalists were either downright Tories, lukewarm Whigs, or disaffected to the cause of America and the Revolution; and who now eagerly wish to seize the present opportunity to gratify their revenge and to retaliate on the real Whigs of 1775 and 1776. And I am the more inclined to espouse this opinion, because the author of Tar and Feathers aims to destroy the distinction of Whig and Tory, and to establish one more odious, viz. Federalists and Antifederalists.

The new friends to the tarring and feathering system seem to direct their resentment against the Tories. "Laughable indeed would it be to suppose," that they had not well examined and sought for a few of that class of beings among their own party to begin with. Look at home first Mr. Tar and Feathers, and try to work a reformation there before you begin to deal damnation abroad. There invoke the Great Jehovah to forgive thy past crimes and follies; and presume no more thou blasphemous wretch to compare your infamous doctrine of expediency with the purpose of that DEITY, "who sent the deluge in the days of Noah."

I shall conclude for the present, Mr. Oswald, with observing, that I consider this daemon of discord as some cowardly "villain," "however dignified among villains"—some ferocious monster, whose nerves do not admit of his heading a tarring and feathering mob, but who, at the same time, would rejoice to see anarchy and confusion prevailing and triumphing over peace and good order among the citizens of Philadelphia.