A correspondent observes that having carefully perused Mr. John Adams’s late “Vindication of the Constitutions of Government of the United States of America,” he was greatly disappointed; for instead of a vindication, or defence, he found this performance of a different complexion, and evidently militating against the present established systems. Mr. Adams, says our correspondent, seems to bring us back again to the English government; as he repeatedly insists on the necessity of *three independent Branches in the Legislature*, and is particularly fond of a *strong Executive*. Surely the air of Europe has not infected our Plenipotentiary? *This language* is by no means consistent with republicanism, and there are other passages in this writer which point direct to monarchy, or what is the same, “a first Magistrate possessed exclusively of the Executive power.”—This book will not gain so many proselytes in America, as Common Sense in the beginning of the year 1776.


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