An Admirer of Anti-Federal Men
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—STAND FIRM, AND HAVE A JEALOUS EYE.

The conduct of several leading men, among us, has, of late, given the friends to liberty much uneasiness. They tremble under an apprehension of becoming dupes to exalted ambition; and they see, with deep concern, those men, who profess to be the fathers of their country, endeavouring by mean arts, to detach the affections of the people from every thing which bears the name of *federal*.

They see, with silent detestation, the low bias towards popularity, which evidently influences the conduct of those, from whom we have a right to expect examples of strict virtue and rigid impartiality:—And they see, with the most poignant sorrow, the evident ruin which the political doctrines of those creatures to wealth and influence, are likely to involve us in. But, while we deprecate such principles and conduct, let us not, my countrymen, sink down in a state of supinity. It is in our power to defeat the low cunning of the men we dread.—Let the recollection of past sufferings inspire our minds with a determined resolution to adhere to the general interests of the confederation; for, from this only, we must expect political welfare and happiness.

We embarked in the cause of freedom, and sacrificed *ease* and *affluence* to obtain it. The liberties of America were in danger, and, while our generous exertions contributed to rescue her from the chains of slavery, no partial interests induced us to sacrifice continental benefits to individual or even local advantages. Let us pursue the same wholesome system, and act like freemen:—should we deviate from this line of conduct, our country will be ruined. The time is fast approaching, when our virtue and patriotism will be proved. A gloomy cloud hangs over our heads; designing men will attempt to lead us astray with the most specious arguments:—but, *Stand Firm.*—In times of public danger, every citizen has a right, and should make it a duty, to come forward, and lend an aiding hand. The present period is pregnant with the most important consequences to this country. A confidence in those illustrious characters, which form the grand convention, now sitting, will have the most salutary effect.—The united wisdom of America is now forming a government adequate to the wants of our rising empire. Receive it, then, with gratitude: if it should seem deficient, proper alterations will be made, until it is rendered agreeably to the interests of the several states.—A WASHINGTON, surely, will never stoop to tarnish the lustre of his former actions, by having an agency in any thing capable of reflecting dishonor on himself or his countrymen:—and the philosophical FRANKLIN would not be guilty of embark-

ing in any undertaking, which appeared futile and unnecessary. Rest assured, therefore, that those worthies, in conjunction with many others, have the good of America at heart.

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