

## Samuel, *Independent Chronicle*, 10 January 1788

...In the same paragraph, in which the above oath is instituted, all religion is expressly rejected, from the Constitution. Was there ever any State or kingdom, that could subsist, without adopting some system of religion? Not so much as to own the being, and government of a Deity; or a any acknowledgment of him! or having any revelation from him! Should we adopt such a rejection of religion as this, the words of Samuel to Saul, will literally apply to us,—*Because thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, he hath also rejected thee from being king.* We may justly expect, that God will reject us, from that self government, we have obtained thro' his divine interposition: Or being able to keep up government and order among us; for he has commanded the rulers of the earth, to kiss the son, lest he be angry, and they perish from the way.

If civil rulers won't acknowledge God, he won't acknowledge them; and hey must perish from the way. And there can be no rational doubt, that the prevailing neglect of acknowledging God in the time of the revolution, and since, is the cause of our having such convulsions as have been among us; we are perishing from the way.

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