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The orthodox sentiments of the day upon political subjects, especially for Connecticut, seem to be the following, viz. — That government at all events shall be supported with dignity — The confederation must be strengthened — Democracy should be seasoned at least, with Aristocracy, if not with Monarchy — Temperence, frugality and industry, are essentially necessary to our political salvation. — Pride in her gaudy dress will be perfered to simplicity of manners — No legislature has a right to interfer in contracts of a private nature — Paper money ever was, is, and ever will be the hobby horse of knavery — Every one must take care of himself — Necessity requires that political opinions should be squar'd to private views — Commerce must take the lead, agriculture next follow, and manufactures should bring up the rear — All attempt to be politicians — Genuine liberty terminates in licentiousness — Lawyers must be Esquires, legeslatores. — In short the reigning politics of the times *ever was, is and shall* be right.

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