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Defence of the Constitutions of Government of the United States*

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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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