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The Fabrick of Freedom, 8 March 1788

Air. *The Topsail shivers in the Wind.*

I.

Fair *Freedom!* lend thy gracious aid,
To sing our fabrick's fame,
By patriots rais'd, celestial maid!
It boasts thy sacred name:
On thy broad basis may it be!
The pride and safeguard of the *free*.

II.

Here *Justice* holds her even scales,
And grasps her rightful sword;
As *Truth* directs she never fails,
To punish or reward:
Her equal law is *Virtue's* guide,
And *Virtue's sons* therein confide.

III.

Here blue ey'd *Peace* with gentle sway,
Extends her blessings far;
Though by her dictates rul'd, we may
Be still prepar'd for war:
The force which from our union grows,
Shall aid our friends and crush our foes.

IV.

Thus is our constitution rear'd,
On *Freedom Strength* and *Peace*;
By *Virtue* lov'd, by *Faction* fear'd,
For faction's self must cease.
Contented now we'll happy live,
While *Industry* and *Trade* shall thrive.

V.

Come! *Ceres*, come! in golden pride,
Adorn each waving field;
Come! with *Pomona* by thy side,
And fruitful harvests yield:
The heavenly pair their favors show'r,
And agriculture owns their power.

VI.

See *Commerce* with extended hand,
Flies the restraint of kings;
And foreign riches to this land,
From ev'ry climate brings:
Bless'd by her smiles, we soon shall find,
That where she's free, she's always kind.

VII.

May *Science* and her handmaid *Art*,
To this new world belong!
And infant muses joy impart
In strains of sportive song!—
Apollo see! with glory drest,
Appears refulgent in the west.

VIII.

America is thus become.
A seat to *freedom* dear,
Where virtuous strangers find a home,
And no oppression fear.
These rising States shall be renown'd,
By *Plenty*, *Art*, and *Science* crown'd.

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