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A Federal Song *Albany Journal*, 4 August 1788

A FEDERAL SONG;
To the tune of “Rule Britannia.”

I.

Behold Columbia’s empire rise,
On freedom’s solid base to stand;
Supported by propitious skies,
And seal’d by her deliverer’s¹ hand.

Chorus.

Raise, Columbia, raise thy voice,
Union is thy noble choice.

II.

Her heroes’ blood, her glorious pains,
Her toils are all rewarded now:
Montgom’ry’s shade² no more complains,
Warren’s³ and Green’s⁴ consenting bow,
Chorus—Raise, &c.

III.

A Fed’ral System scarce appear’d,
When baneful discord droop’d her head,
Licentiousness no more was fear’d,
The demon lost her native dread.
Chorus—Raise, &c.

IV.

The hero, statesman and the sage,
Matur’d this noblest work of man;
And HAMILTON’S instructive page⁵
Illumes his fellow-patriots’ plan.
Chorus—Raise, &c.

V.

Proud Europe hence may learn, and see,
A Constitution self-controul'd;
By wisdom balanc'd, firm and free,
The dread and model of the world.
Chorus—Raise, &c.

VI.

Columbia's grateful sons rejoice!
The Fed'ral pillars firmly stand;
By your approving people's voice,
The only charter of the land.

Chorus.
Raise, Columbia, raise thy voice,
Union is thy noble choice.

1. At this point, the New York *Daily Advertiser*, 15 August, added this footnote: “Alluding to General WASHINGTON’s *subscribing the Constitution, as President of the Convention.*”

2. A reference to General Richard Montgomery who was killed on 31 December 1775 leading the American assault on Quebec.

3. A reference to General Joseph Warren who was killed at the Battle of Bunker Hill on 17 June 1775.

4. A reference either to Colonel Christopher Greene who was killed at Croton River, Westchester County, N.Y., on 14 May 1781, or to his distant kinsman General Nathanael Greene who died in 1786.

5. *The Federalist* by “Publius.”

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