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## Cæsar II

### New York *Daily Advertiser*, 17 October 1787 (excerpt)

. . . I know there are Citizens, who, to gain their own private ends, enflame the minds of the well meaning, tho less intelligent parts of the community, by sating their vanity with that cordial and unfailing specific, that *all power is seated in the People*. For my part, I am not much attached to the *Majesty of the multitude*, and therefore wave all pretensions (founded on such conduct) to their countenance. I consider them in general as very ill qualified to *judge* for themselves what government will best suit their peculiar situations; nor is this to be wondered at:—The science of Government is not easily understood.—Cato will admit, I presume, that men of good education and deep reflection, only, are judges of the *form* of a Government; whether it is calculated to promote the happiness of society; whether it is constituted on such principles as will restrain arbitrary power, on the one hand, and equal to the exclusion of corruption, and the destruction of licentiousness, on the other. Whether the New Constitution, if adopted, will prove adequate to such desirable ends, time, the mother of events must shew. For my own part, I sincerely esteem it a system, which, without the *finger of God* [Exodus 31:18; Deuteronomy 9:10], never could have been suggested and agreed upon by such a diversity of interests. I will not presume to say, that a more perfect system might not have been fabricated:—but who expects perfection at once? . . .

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