

## TEMPLE

### AMERICAN TEMPLE OF LIBERTY

May order and justice be the pillars of the American Temple of Liberty.

Toast, *Pennsylvania Packet*, 14 December 1787 (RCS PA., 607)

### THE AUGUST TEMPLE OF FREEDOM

O! may the happy Moment soon arrive, when the august Temple of Freedom shall be supported by THIRTEEN PILLARS, with its Gates unfolded to every Part of the Creation—may its Duration be as permanent as Time, and its Period engulfed only in the Bosom of Eternity!

*Maryland Journal*, 29 April, 2 May 1788 (RCS MD., 693)  
Charleston, S.C., *City Gazette*, 16 May 1788 (RCS S.C., 287)

### FAIR TEMPLE

A happy combination of the several parts will give strength and symmetry to the whole. Remember that the fair temple to be raised is sacred to VIRTUE, LIBERTY and ORDER. May it deserve the blessings of posterity, and endure with time.

“Tullius,” *Philadelphia Freeman’s Journal*  
10 October 1787 (RCS SUPPL. PA., #532, p. 293)

### THE FAIREST TEMPLE TO THE GODDESS LIBERTY

But I must rely that you will candidly, dispassionately and impartially deliberate the great plan now before you upon its own principles, and by those principles cause it to stand or fall; and not suffer party prejudices and local views to sap the foundation of the fairest temple which was ever erected to the goddess of liberty.

“Amator Patriæ,” *Massachusetts Gazette*, 29 January 1788 (RCS MASS., 829)

### THE FEDERAL TEMPLE

The Convention of N Hampshire is now sitting. There seems to be no question that the issue there will add a *seventh* pillar, as the phrase now is, to the fœderal Temple.

James Madison to George Washington, New York  
15 February 1788 (RCS MASS., 1701; RCS N.H., 128)



The force of truth has prevailed and the Convention of South Carolina have added an eighth pillar to the federal temple.

John Kean to Susan Livingston Kean, Charleston, S.C.  
27 May 1788 (RCS S.C., 449)



Upon the whole (tho' great and unwearied artifices have been practiced to prejudice the people in many parts of the State against the New Government) I cannot avoid hoping, and believing, to use the fashionable phraze that Virginia will make the ninth column in the fœderal Temple.

George Washington to Jonathan Trumbull, Jr., Mount Vernon  
8 June 1788 (RCS VA., 1588–89)



Let us throw aside party prejudices; adopt the Constitution, join heart and hand to strengthen the Federal Temple, and then shall we be in a fair way to retrieve our lost honor.

“Portius,” *Newport Herald*, 29 January 1789 (RCS SUPPL. R.I., #253, p. 201)



*It will be for their political Happiness to support the Pillars of the FEDERAL Temple. And when the Temple is completed, the Lover of LAWS founded on JUSTICE and EQUITY, may rest securely under his own Vine and Fig Tree, and have none to make him afraid.*

*Newport Mercury*, 20 January 1790  
(RCS R.I., 715; RCS SUPPL. R.I., #406, p. 278)

### THE FIRMEST AND FAIREST TEMPLE TO LIBERTY

It has been reared to Maturity by Men, who give Dignity to human Nature;—that it is *the Tree of Life*, whose Fruit will enthrone this west-

ern Empire high among the Nations, and raise the firmest and fairest Temple to LIBERTY, that has ever yet dignified this Globe.

*Virginia Independent Chronicle*, 26 September 1787 (RCS VA., 19)

### FREEDOM'S TEMPLE

The FEDERAL DOME ascends on high:  
 Rise, COMMERCE rise, unfurl the sail,  
 Rich golden harvests, bless the vale;  
 ARTS, SCIENCE, GENIUS spring to light!  
 RELIGION beam on realms of night!  
 And FREEDOM'S TEMPLE reach the sky!

Federal Sacred Ode, *Newport Herald*  
 2 October 1788 (RCS SUPPL. R.I., #219, p. 177)

### THE GRAND TEMPLE OF AMERICAN LIBERTY

It is to be hoped that we shall not reject it, but that this State be the next in rotation to erect another Federal Pillar to support the Grand Temple of American Liberty

*Newport Herald*, 20 March 1788 (RCS R.I., 145)

### THE NEW FEDERAL TEMPLE

And we have no doubt a few days will inform us of the ninth pillar being added to the new federal temple.

Baltimore *Maryland Gazette*, 3 June 1788  
 (RCS SUPPL. MD., #130, p. 75; RCS VA., 1783–84)

### THE SACRED TEMPLE

To rear the sacred TEMPLE to the skies,  
 Behold these Adamantine COLUMNS rise!

*Boston Independent Chronicle*  
 17 December 1789 (RCS N.C., 799)

### THE SACRED TEMPLE OF FREEDOM

No other foundation can any man lay, which will secure the sacred temple of freedom against the power of the great, the undermining arts

of ambition, and the blasts of profane scoffers, for such there will be in every age.

“A Real Federalist,” N.Y. *Albany Register*  
5 January 1789 (supplement) (RCS N.Y., 2553)

### TEMPLE

What man capable of enjoying that liberty Divine Providence gives a common inheritance to mankind, will at such a crisis restrain his mental faculties from examining a temple built by men equally mortal with himself, for the residence of constitutional freedom.

“Tamony,” *Virginia Independent Chronicle*  
9 January 1788 (RCS VA., 287; CC 3, 323)



Then shall THIS TEMPLE stand, till vengeful fire,  
Consume the spheres, and TIME himself expire.

*Boston Independent Chronicle*, 17 December 1789 (RCS N.C., 799)

### A TEMPLE BUILT BY MEN

What man capable of enjoying that liberty Divine Providence gives a common inheritance to mankind, will at such a crisis restrain his mental faculties from examining a temple built by men equally mortal with himself.

“Tamony,” *Virginia Independent Chronicle*  
9 January 1788 (CC 3, 323)

### THE TEMPLE OF FEDERAL LIBERTY

I repeat again the principles at first laid down, and so warmly urged, that the United States must be eminently virtuous; that integrity and goodness are the very elements of their political union; that mildness and generosity are not mere ornaments on the temple of federal liberty, but columns that support it.

“Foreign Spectator” (Nicholas Collin), *Philadelphia Independent Gazetteer*  
2 October 1787 (CC I, 291)

### TEMPLE OF LIBERTY

The question will then be, Whether this plan be calculated for our welfare, or misery; whether it is the temple of liberty, or the structure of despotism? and as the former, or the latter, shall appear to be the case, to adopt, or reject it accordingly, otherwise to banish the demon of domination by suitable amendments and qualifications.

“Centinel” XI (Samuel Bryan), Philadelphia *Independent Gazetteer*  
16 January 1788 (CC 3, 387)



Eleven States have embraced the New Constitution. That pillar on which the Antifederalists intended to lean has become a glorious column in the Temple of Liberty.

“Rhodiensis,” *Newport Herald*, 23 October 1788 (RCS R.I., 421)

### TEMPLE SACRED TO LIBERTY

Let us adopt the strong expressions of a great philosopher and statesman.\* “May this Temple sacred to liberty, sacred to justice, the first and greatest political virtue, and built upon the broad and solid foundation of perfect union, be dissoluble only by the dissolution of nature”—under its pervading influence, may the drooping credit of our country be revived, the sails of our commerce unfurled, our agriculture and manufactures encouraged, our useful mechanicks patronized, and the interests and views of this extensive Continent indissolubly united.

\**Vide* Governour BOWDOIN’s speech in Convention.

William Hull: Oration Delivered to the Society of the Cincinnati  
Boston, 4 July 1788 (RCS SUPPL. MASS., #893, p. 389–90)

### TEMPLE TO LIBERTY

What VIRGINIAN’S breast glows not with the Expectation of the Boon, he is bearing towards us, when he considers, that its first Shoot sprung from this State;—that it has been reared to Maturity by Men, who give Dignity to human Nature;—that it is *the Tree of Life*, whose Fruit will enthrone this western Empire high among the Nations, and raise the

firmest and fairest Temple to LIBERTY, that has ever yet dignified this Globe.

*Virginia Independent Chronicle*  
26 September 1787 (CC I, 255)

### A TEMPLE TO THE GODDESS FAIR

The sister states resolve to rear  
A temple to the Goddess fair.

*Maryland Journal*, 15 February 1788 (RCS MD., 320)

### TEMPLE TO THE GODDESS OF LIBERTY

It may not be amiss, at this time, to make a few general observations on this subject; For their encouragement to persevere in completing this noble fabric as a temple to the goddess of Liberty—a relief from the scourge of tyranny—the ill directed zeal of superstition and bigotry—and an asylum to the oppressed of all mankind.

*Philadelphia Federal Gazette*, 2 July 1789 (RCS N.C., 656–57)

### A TEMPLE'S GROUND-WORK

A temple's ground-work, is begun and laid,  
Not made with hands, but all divinely made.

“Ludlow,” *Annapolis Maryland Gazette*  
5 June 1788 (RCS SUPPL. MD., #132, p. 76)