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The orthodox sentiments of the day upon political subjects, especially for Connecticut, seem to be the following, viz.—That government at all events shall be supported with dignity—The confederation must be strengthened—Democracy should be seasoned at least, with Aristocracy, if not with Monarchy—Temperence, frugality and industry, are essentially necessary to our political salvation.—Pride in her gaudy dress will be perfered to simplicity of manners—No legeslature has a right to interfer in contracts of a private nature—Paper money ever was, is, and ever will be the hobby horse of knavery—Every one must take care of himself—Necessity requires that political opinions should be squar'd to private views—Commerce must take the lead, agriculture next follow, and manufactures should bring up the rear—All attempt to be politicians—Genuine liberty terminates in licentiousness—Lawyers must be Esquires, legeslatores.—In short the reigning politics of the times *ever was, is and shall* be right.

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