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The present time, says a correspondent, is a very important one: The eyes of friends and enemies—of all Europe—nay more—of the whole world are upon the United States.—Come forth ye decided patriots—ye friends to virtue and order—and ye public ministers of religion, come forth, and from the sacred desk as well as in your private intercourse with your flocks, inculcate upon them the necessity of government, and the connection between good laws faithfully executed and true religion. This will be no departure from the purity or dignity of the gospel, for although by the *miraculous* providence of God, it has risen above the persecution of earthly power, yet it must always flourish most when rulers are a terror to evil doers, and a praise to them that do well.

It is the duty of the American ladies, in a particular manner, to interest themselves in the success of the measures that are now pursuing by the Federal Convention for the happiness of America:—They can retain their rank as rational beings only in a free government. In a monarchy (to which the present anarchy in America if not restrained, must soon lead us) they will be considered as valuable members of society, only in proportion as they are capable of being mothers for soldiers, who are the pillars of crowned heads.—It is in their power, by their influence over their husbands, brothers and sons, to draw them from those dreams of liberty under a simple democratical form of government, which are so unfriendly to that order and decency, of which nature has made them such amiable examples. As the miseries of slavery will fall with particular weight upon them, they are certainly deeply interested in the establishment of such a government as will preserve our liberties, and thereby preserve the rank—the happiness—the influence, and the character in society, for which God intended them.

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