"Our situation is truly delicate and critical. On the one hand we are in need of a strong federal government founded on principles that will support the prosperity and union of the colonies. On the other we have struggled for liberty and made costly sacrifices at her shrine and there are still many among us who revere her name too much to relinquish [beyond a certain medium] the rights of man for the dignity of government."

Mercy Otis Warren was a patriot, playwright and writer. She was a prolific correspondent who advised many revolutionary era statesmen, including several Presidents.