"...the independence of the United States must be secured by an undeviating adherence to the principles that produced the Revolution. These principles were grounded in the natural equality of man in their right of adopting their own modes of government, the dignity of the people, and that sovereignty which cannot be ceded either to representatives or to kings."

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