"THERE IS A RANK DUE TO THE UNITED STATES WHICH WILL BE WITHHELD, IF NOT ABSOLUTELY LOST, BY THE REPUTATION OF WEAKNESS; IF WE DESIRE TO SECURE PEACE...IT MUST BE KNOWN THAT WE ARE AT ALL TIME READY FOR WAR."

> George Washington, Fifth Annual Address to Congress, Philadelphis, Pa., Dec. 3, 1793

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"WHAT CONSTITUTES THE BULWARK OF OUR OWN LIEDRTY AND INDEPENDENCE? IT IS NOT OUR FROWNING FATTLEMENTS, OUR BRISTLING SEA COADTS....OUR RELIANCE IS IN THE LOVE OF LIEDRTY WHICH GOD HAS PLANTED IN US. OUR DEFENSE IS IN THE PRESERVATION OF THE SPIRIT WHICH PRIZES LIEDRTY AS THE HERITAGE OF ALL MEN, IN ALL LANDS EVERYWHERE." Abrehem Lencore,

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Speech at Edwardsville, Ill., Sopt. 11, 1858