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AN ORATION,
Pronounced at the request of the, "Charlestovn
Lighe Iffantry,"
before the Repubicicen Citio gens of Charlestown, on the Anvioerraty of M, By Besjuain $G$ VIRTUE is the soul of a Republican vernmenc;---and truly great and glorinus are those spirits which feel and excrcise the exal. ed Prisciplus. Ln merty is the birthright, and Eountur
of Rights the incontestible privilege of MAN! $\frac{- \text { Sacred to the Citize os of our United States, }}{}$ be be all their blessings: Satred to the present generation, and to all
posterity, be 7 he $D$ ay posterity, be The Day we celebrate;-be it
consecrated to the memory of former times ; -to the remembrance of mighty deeds; ;-1. and to the preservation of thoose of inciples,
which warmed the pure bood of our Thens :-to be perpetuated down, through the long lappe of ages, a y ywiliee of Joy, Uni-
on and
olory pexck, sill exists - The Republics of theel der world have long since ceased their
continuance ;-- all swallowed up, in absolute power, or absolute ruin! national body politic, compose one grand conmaterated Reprumice ;---a Union, which stands unrivalled; among all the systems of government, throughout the habitable reglons of the Earth; and we, its Citizens..--indeed
Republicans- not in fancy-..-but in fact, are most suprenely blest!
The present occasion affords an opportunity to elucidate, and substantiate this pleasing reality. Look through all Arricas; from
Grand Cairo to Tangier, and from Targier to Grand Cairo to Tangier, and from Tangier to
the Cape of Good Hope :-..-thro' all the diverthe Cape of Good Hope:- thro all the diver-
sity of tribes, from the Copts and Mamelukes in Egypt, to the black inhabitants of Senegam-
bia; to the Hottentot, at the Cape; you find no organized Republic---no free-born Repubiican of a free and distinguished Country.
ILook through all AsIA ; and you behold Look through all Asia; and you behold
all the miglty wheels of Empire, rolling at
large, like Comets, in boundiess large, like Comets, in boundless space, dis-
connected with system, consuming and consumed, with their own fires; wandering in
hordes, and preying on all opposing obstacles; hordes, and preying on all opposing obstacles ;
or rvalled in Cities, ever waiting the ssue of Bawle! !-.-Among the Clans of the former,
abject poverty and despotism !--.Among the abject porerty and despotism!...Among the
Governments of the latter, despotism, opulence, avarice, indigence, and slavery!
EUrope presents an assemblage of chara EUropr presents an assemblage of character

- a group of seenes--a a budget of curiosities...a -a group of scencs-...a Pudget of curiosines...a. diversified Life.
Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Russia exhibit, in the national and political characters, no
bright and glorious traits of Republicanism. - Ihe Norwegian principle is perhaps too at Stockholm, is not a Gustavus Vasa; Copenhagen still points the cannon of the Mole;
to the exaction of tribute ;---a Russian finmBers his slaves, by the multitude of his roubles; perhaps for ages yet to come, never feel the grateful breeses of Frezdom.
Poland was called a Republic, but in its bosom, lives an hereditary Aristocracy. Its Kaseiuskos sleep beyond the bourne of Life;
and the Suwarrow spirits, already gorged, in and the Suparrow spirits, already gorged, in
madness and in blood, stand ready waiting at its portals, to rush in, it their grand festival of anticipated Rebellion!
The Girles of Germany, though camposing a convention of great political Interests, in Itheir National Dir...their head, yet fall short of a fir $m$, and free $R$ epepblic.
What
of a firtm, and free Republice.
What a difference between the peasant of Hurgary, and the Republican Farmer of Ncw-
England between their $h$ gduchs and hussars, England between their hoducks and hussars,
and the Infantry and Cavaly, in our great,
respectable, and invincible Militia!
Holland, since the great confcderation of
Utrech, boasts itself a Republic; but in it States-Gencral there is more than a pure demecratic representation of the Unitsd Provineets r-wit contains an hereditary Stadtholder-
ship!
Smitserland, whose Cantons, enriched by Svitserland, whose Cantons, enriched by
the hand of Industry, smile with plenty; afthe hand of Indusiry, , mile with plenty;
fording a fot- residence for a vigoroes, free, fording a of residence for a vigoroas, free,
and happy peeple. Switserland ever considered a Reppublic, in the Helvetic Usion, is too
ofien subjected to the controuling authorioffen subjected to the controuling authori-
ties of Aristocracy and Usurpation. ties of Aristocracy mill Usurpation.
Geneta, once the ally of the Sois, know but the flectuating thrills of Liseatt; not the glory of being a permarient Republic.
The Government of the Genoese more resembles their shirld executed by Vaccus, than the Republican Government, Which, we have the happiness to live. ted Republies in the world, and is perhaps one of the mot perfect and powirful Aristocracies on Earth! This fact has been well attested, by even their Doges themselves; too eften the devoted vietims to the inscrutable
operations of the miniterial Cabinet! operions of we up into so many states doms, with so many opposite, confligting and
complicated interests, can never become a u-
nited and lasting Repabblic. Look at the Despotic State of Spain; their Cortes, or Parliaments, are the most harmleert
thingsin Nature a mere splendid etiousfitio thingsin Nature ; a mere splendic etiquiftete
Reyalty; without power! without privilege without pretention!
Prruygal isa sister in the sane connection,
and their Government, like the Government of $S$ pain, Government, like the Government of Spaza, as contrasted with that of our Uni-
ted Statas, is astanding monument of impo-
verished Dite verished Ostentation!' and pre-eminent In signififance:-
France, after it had existed a monarchy, up-
wards of 1200 years, was by the National $A s$ sembly, in a representatation from tits 92 depart.
ments, declareds Refylit claration is, in fact, you yourselves are judges. A Corsican, absolute in Autliority, and nearly thirty millions of people to obey his im.
perial pleasure!-..A government heredirary! perial pleasure!--..A government herediary !
-r. It may have been said that Great.-Britsin boasts a Constitution, which is, in its nature
and effects, the most perfect model of all Governments = "he most stupendous fabric of hufnan invention:" Grant, it bears the sem.
blance.- it is not the substancr $;$ it is but the blance--. it is not thes substancr ; it is is but the
shading and outlines not nhe full $p$ icture, the perfect glory of a free and united Repepblic!
England compared with the Unitud $S$ Siaten is much like the erk of the Covenanit, in com. parivon with the Temple of Solomon; -- but th
its Works and Creeds, it has bect much hike the Giant of the Philistines, in competition with the hittle ruddy DAvid of sraet? Its shole
head is now sick! its woole heart is faint! its destruction, it is feared, is inevitable! On
their Lant, there will at some future day, be reared a Becan, to warn a gainst approache
es to that mighty Old Englant 1 ... While Ane erica young, vigorous, tlorious and happy,
vill aford an $A$ splum to the persecuted of all Nations, and shield them ever, under the banners of Liberty. Prosperity and Peace?
Upon the Continent this side the great waters of the Aliantic, the devouring talons of insatiable ambition, once usurped the power
to prey, ravage, wste and sesproy. Earthquake, Temipest, Inundation and Fiames have
been tivalled by daring and usurping men been tivilled by daring and usurping men!
The blood stained traces of a CorTES and a PrizR Ro, carrying depredation in one hand,
and desolation in the oblher, sill are, will be visibly dilineazed, on the cháts of South-America.
The altars of a Republic can never rise, or
stand secure, on a basis of blood b but if founded on the imperishaile principles of Integ. rity, Honor and Glory? when the rites of
FRERDoM must be consecrated with blood its shrines are cleansed from all pollution, by the potent firss of Heaven.
On such an imperiblable
altars of our mpersiable basis, stand the patriof and friend of Man! ' and having been oute consccrated by blood, they shall be defen-
ded, though it be even by the blood of our Faramag's Chidren, \& Children's Children-
den down to the remotest generations.
No part of America, no part of the known
populated world, tands so pre-eminent in populated world, stands so pre-eminent in
GRrary, in Prumidies, in Republican Virtue, as these our United States, they are indeed ad
 Be it ever our ambition to defend. preserve
and perpetuate the Constutated Rights of our Country; to support our Cosstirvtiov, which i proverbialy y caiked the "Puladtum
of our Libertie:" to respect, our Rulers; to remember with gratitude, the exerrions of
our Patriots; and to tran mit unimpaired our Patriots; and to transmit unimpaired,
and laden with accumultaing honors, the $(x$. atted Principle, which has immortalized their names.
On this all important Day, Hemory walks
its meditations round, among the multitude or glorious deceds effected by our Fatiers."The Mindis EFse" contemplates sith infinite delight the unshaken firmness of the steady
virtues, the immorsa bravery of our sires our Virtues, the immorstiavery of oursires, our
sages, and our heroes: and fite pausing:
at and good, oll corered with laurels ;-- Oh! how beautiful is Desth, when earn'd by virtue :" There stands the smiling Angel of Peace....
Guarding, with holy rites, the Hero'bourne Guiding their spirits onward, never to return. The Guardian Angel of our Cnion hath also inseribed, upon the recoris of Eternity-
Fest tacred to posterity, be he remembrance of Ecer sacred to posterity, be the remembrancere ff
Times pant! and be this Daj hallhwid, with Lijes sublimen tympathy In the retroppection of past times, we behold wonderfic concticention of Events,
which led on utimamely) to the establishment of American Independence.
"White Mcmary holds her mental seat,"
may we never forket those, to mhom we Land may we never forget those, to whom we sand
indebed for our $V \mathrm{KREPDO}$, with all its con indebied or our nkx.Dos, with all its con-
comitant advantages ; and while Gratitude comiant theanuages, breant, may our hearts cherish the noble principles of Repubilicas Tirture, in connection with the dearest affec-
tions and felicities of Life tions and felicities of LLife.
May our fair Siuters lisen to the tolen of old Timen with plessure ; give a ter to departed
worth a tmile to merit sad applowid vith venerous hesartio the truly virtuoss senti-
 May our EATHzRs, whostill live, and who this day witiness oung gratefui affections, our
soalous attachment to the cause of $L$ 隹 and our resolution to defend and protect the antours or MAx; while they behold their
Rat child ren around them, rising up "to call thent blessed ", may they feel the assurances of a blessed immortality !-They shall be in mortal
in the affections of their Children! in white we retrospect the rough vi of War, and regard, with due conssistitudes the ecene of Battle-may the thrillings of sublime sensation pervade the heart, vibrating to every tone of Recollection-
Behold!
Aggression followed on after aggression.....
Prolihition after prchibition. The stamp-act.
 ton port-bill." Impositions and persecutions.
-These were the high-handed insults offered the People of the United States, particularly
the State of Mussachusets, while yet a by his Soorreign Majestst; the King! "defender of the taith!" and the Supreme authorities of the Court of Great. - Britain :-And these
persections were answered by persecations were answered by Remonstrance
affer Remons:rance ; petition affer peition: ailet Remons:rance; ; petition after peititon:
but the evill increased,
copposition then becourage became a Virtue; and resolution, Glory! .... Arms become just and sacred to
those who have no other resource :"-The those whin ave no other resorrce. -The
standards of LIBERTT were erected, on the
high till of high hills of Massachustets :....Thousands
rallied around them in arms ! HEAvE attested the fact! and the "Gon of Armies," smiling complacent, bid $A$ merica be free!
See! a gathering stotm appears at Leech more's point-- eight hundred troops have
lanued! They Aesiroy our militiary stofes, and to secure the prosestibed patriots -HANcock and ADAMs!
Then Lexington recorled a scene memorable in the history of our country. " "Disperse ye rebels!" cries Pitcairn-ted, patriotic Countrymen. The scene was
cruel! Skirnish, confusion, and det their way from Conkard. Lord Piercy appears, with a relief of nine hundred recrüts : cor jankere brethren pursue them scatter ringly;
but with revenzed havoc, to the very wiere now we celcbrate our IND verty growcc. The alarm is sprcad! GAGE Rembes with his mighty men of war in our metropolis!
I see the arms of our Citizens taken by a Isee the arms of our Citizens taken by a
cdiusion-1 see their sufferings, but they sorn to complain-Their prospects shail be see
Tne!
Their native town is now besieged, with 20,600 of their brave countrymen, denanding satisfaction for their injured rights.
Here, within a war-whoop call, sat in pomp Here, with a a war-whoop call, ant in pom,
pus state, the British My M Cmidons, Howz, Surgorve, CLus row and Gick; -issuing
roclamations, and deciding upon the fate ot rocla mations, and deciding upon the fate of
wor Country, and the lives of our Citizens The British martial laws are in operation:-
$0!$ think of the distre sses of those times ; -all is lamentation, horror and distraction ? See ! your brave countrymen throwing up
En:renchments on Dumker's Hill 1 The enemy addancing with the progress of the S. Sun, Their ranks, dreadiul and tremendous. They
tetreat! 'Our Countrymen victorious!.. No
 Eonfusuon, shrieks and shouts-again bravely wrought up to a degree of desperation -...greai in numbers, pomp and power- they furious-
Iy put forward !-. 0 ! God...temper, wit ly put torward!-.O! God-temper, with
mercr, the preponderating scale of war!.-.
 Countrymen make the last truggle - .an Charlateven in mame the Howe yet trembles in dubious contest l-.1 see the interest felt uni-
veral) versal, all round the hemisphere of viiion,
The Enemy have reared the standard of vicThe Enemy have rared the tandard of vic
tory: but in exalutaion, triumph the Ameri, cans :- Those take possesion of the Hill ;
but our Whax, mortal glory:
The next war secne discovers the Grem. Mountain byr, at Ticonderga, under the com-
mand of General Aller mand of Gencrea Nalen,
render u in the name of the errat J Jehovat and the Continental Congress." The key to Canoda is secyred to the Americans.
A regular army is now established, and its Chif regular army is now established, and its The next scene discovers the heroic $\boldsymbol{M}$ ont. $\mathbf{r}^{20 m e r g, ~ a t ~ t h e ~ h e a d ~ o f ~ h i s ~ t r o o p s ~ s u s t r u g g l i n g ~}$
againt doibte the nomber of the enemy. vecuring the out pots, and cities of refloge, belonging to the English. He fell glotious in batile fighting for Lisxert
Nor of and
Pofmeut $A$ now
Nuinat!


## ruins!

About this time, rose thove astonishing
Arightu at Derrheter, howe and his army in trepidation, quit our Capital.- they fear the Invincible spiris of the Americans. Our be-
loved WAsinsotos enters Boiten triumph. ant! Parert, Brother and Pried, agzin meet and are happy :
Congress publith their Delaration of $\mathrm{Am}_{\text {. }}$.

forecer! See ! nextat New- Kork, WAshixgtox and Howe in eompetition
York-Island, American Soldiers driven from syss: dishaeartened and almost hopelest, Rhode-Lsland is iost, taken by Clinton.
es, deffat, sickneess and death; the four Lile
ments of present misery, darken with conficments of present misery, darken with conficting tempests, the preses.t dreary scene.
The Northern army reduced from 25,000 3000 men , is in a maner nom 25,000 to the last aggravation, by a strange imprudence, Ceneral $L$ ee is captured by a party of British Light Horse. It was on the evening of the 25th Decemunc, as he was good in character, turned the ide of War, and "revifed the desponding hopes of America." He passes from Pern. yloania; erosses the Delatavare in a storm
arives
 The galant Mercer dies, but Soon aiter Tyyon carries fire and sword in-
to Connceticut--at Darbury, the brave Wooster Practising the policy of the English, in ta-
King the English Gen. Prescot naked, from his quarterss in Rhode-llsland.
See! the mighty champion...-Burgoync...
now advances with 10,000 men ; many were the braye and worthy, who rose in powerful apposition. Gates leads on the $A$ mericans and Burgoyne's whole army, at Saratoga, yield prisoners of War. This was glorious for
pou, my country. The tears of offiction are now succeeded, by the smiles of $j$ oy and
satisfaction. Sce now the English forces, proudly sail-
ing up the Chessprath! The heighto of Bran. ing up the Chessppat? The height of Bran,
dywiyc ars lined with a Washing tonian opposi: tion; but the Americans' loss is great ; $P / i$,
lauclipliaa and Germatiown winess similar scenes; the Bititish losses balance it, preserThe year 1778 is distinguished by a treaty Mormmouth Aith rendured memorable by ous Soldiers' successes. Rhode-Islond the same. the Britisis. At Sorce:point, our Countrymen, led on br Wayme, are victorious ! At Penobscot, they are unfortuate. Again, at Savannat, Lin
coln and Count d'Estaing, repulsed with loss coln and Count d'Estaing, repplised with lows;
here felthe" brave soldier," Pulaski! Again,
 The British marauders now ravage our Counryy, like hungry tygers
Rochambecau arcives: command at the southward, and iren takes Guildjord commemorates the best fought in opposition. The Eutaw Springs are memorative of American successes. Marguis de la Fayette, be thy virtues in remem-
brance while LIasntr has charms! Cornwallis is now blocked up! at York: Town by Count da Grasse. Wassington arfives: Corn walith surrend
decided! America is free
Pa
Proact, rises to view, like the Sun emerging from the last wastings. and desolationg how-
lings of a storm, and Liss Rer is all our The British evacuate all their pout Ther take their last stand at New.-York. Guy Corice
 ties of Pack, jFminositir and Alluascr, clove the evont fid sem
I have passed with you mentally over the rast Thave passed win you mectialy over the vast
theatre of the world. You have had a curroory glance at the various modes and forms of
Government in their Government, in their various relations, and operations throughout the Earth.
You have seen the Recublics they now exiot, and by contrast and iliustration, how घloriois, how preeminet the Repubicic of the United Siates! reared by our fathers, cemented with their bess blood; and
to be perpetuated, in republican union, forto be perpetuated, in repualian union, for-
erer! Thus have we walked mentaqy over the ter"Tri DAT," we celchrate, in designed ever to be commemorative of these great events.
Our subject is our Indecendencel and it is glorious for posterity on wuch a Day as this, Io remember with gratitude the mighty
Deeds, by which, with the blesing of Hes. ven, our $F$ recedom was obstained.
The recital cas never fatigue the Patriot, the Republicen, whone hear glown with lore to his fellow-man, to his Conntry, and to his
Goo. No litisjotice to elder times! itis Goo. No! it is jutice to elier times! it is
hoonor ! t is glary! to bless the memory of honor! it is glary:
our fathers; ; todrink of the fountain of their feelings: and to feel within us a spirit, like Heilis, invinciblel immortal !
Part, contrated with Wor, now appears like the circuits of Eytrium ' contrasted with
the trophies and carounals in the halis of Wo.
 brightess of Predom's $D a y$ beasins forth, in tenfold lastrel
[Cosinued m the lent Pagt.]

