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Patience and perseverance have a magical effect before which difficulties disappear and obstacles vanish.

- Adams, John Quincy

Always vote for principle, though you may vote alone, and you may cherish the sweetest reflection that your vote is never lost.

- Adams, John Quincy

Where annual elections end where slavery begins.

- Adams, John Quincy

Courage and perseverance have a magical talisman, before which difficulties disappear and obstacles vanish into air.

- Adams, John Quincy

La molesse est douce, et sa suite est cruelle.

- Adams, John Quincy

Wherever the standard of freedom and independence has been or shall be unfurled, there will her [Americas] heart, her benedictions and her prayers be. But she goes not abroad in search of monsters to destroy. She is the well-wisher to the freedom and independence of all. She is the champion and vindicator only of her own. She will recommend the general cause, by the countenance of her voice, and the benignant sympathy of her example. She well knows that by once enlisting under other banners than her own, were they even the banners of foreign independence, she would involve herself, beyond the power of extrication, in all the wars of interest and intrigue, of individual avarice, envy, and ambition, which assume the colors and usurp the standard of freedom. The fundamental maxims of her policy would insensibly change from liberty to force. She might become the dictatress of the world: she would be no longer the ruler of her own spirit.

- Adams, John Quincy

Of all the foundations of establishments for pious or charitable uses, which ever signaled the spirit of the age, or the comprehensive beneficence of the founder, none can be named more deserving of the approbation of mankind than this. Should it be faithfully carried into effect, with an earnestness and sagacity of application, and a steady perseverance of pursuit, proportioned to the means furnished by the will of the founder, and to the greatness and simplicity of his design as by himself declared, the increase and diffusion of knowledge among men, it is no extravagance of anticipation to declare, that his name will be hereafter enrolled among the eminent benefactors of mankind. Whoever increases his knowledge, multiplies the uses to which he is enabled to turn the gift of his Creator.

- Adams, John Quincy



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