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Never spend your money before you have earned it.

- Jefferson, Thomas

We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness

- Jefferson, Thomas

Agriculture, manufactures, commerce, and navigation, the four pillars of our prosperity, are then most thriving when left most free to individual enterprise. Protection from casual embarrassments, however, may sometimes be seasonably interposed.

- Jefferson, Thomas

The will of the people is the only legitimate foundation of any government, and to protect its free expression should be our first object.

- Jefferson, Thomas

We may consider each generation as a distinct nation, with a right, by the will of its majority, to bind themselves, but none to bind the succeeding generation, more than the inhabitants of another country.

- Jefferson, Thomas

My reading of history convinces me that most bad government results from too much government.

- Jefferson, Thomas

I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just; that his justice cannot sleep forever.

- Jefferson, Thomas

Take not from the mouth of labor the bread it as earned.

- Jefferson, Thomas

The natural progress of things is for liberty to yield and government to gain ground.

- Jefferson, Thomas

Timid men prefer the calm of despotism to the tempestuous sea of liberty.

- Jefferson, Thomas

I do not take a single newspaper, nor read one a month, and I feel myself infinitely happier for it.

- Jefferson, Thomas

The man who reads nothing at all is better educated than the man who reads nothing, but newspapers.

- Jefferson, Thomas

To compel a man to furnish contributions of money for the propagation of opinions which he disbelieves and abhors is sinful and tyrannical.

- Jefferson, Thomas

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