

DEBATE.

Resolved That the Present Course of our Republic Tends Toward
Dissolution.

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I sing of thee, O liberty most gracious Goddess at whose sacred shrine the rich and poor alike may worship, whose grace is grateful and ever shall be, till the God of nature shall have run his course.

Divinely favored, this great nation, that a sacrificing genius assumed the guidance of her destiny in the dark revolutionary period of her struggle for liberty.

It was not a war of immoderate desire of preferment or exaltation, in which monarchs contended for a crown or acquisition of territory, it was a struggle for individual freedom and civil rights descending in its principles to the inviolable refuge of home and happiness and defining for every man due proportion of accountability he should exercise over his own condition, possessions and occupations.

The sight was imposing and sublime and may well be pronounced the most brilliant in the history of man's social progress.

The instructive lessons of history can no where be studied with more profit and with better results than in the present revolutionary period of discussions and dissensions which shake this land of liberty to its very foundation and threaten its destruction and especially by us who enjoy the blessings of freedom purchased by the blood of our grandsires and purified by their tears.

Little honor or reward is to us that we sing their heroic deeds unless we imitate their example and unselfish devotion to their country's cause. Their hearts were animated by an absorbing principle, love of country, lest love for government be lost, their motto was "union forever" and undivided