


MIRACLE IN



PHILADELPHIA:

**THE CONSTITUTIONAL
CONVENTION**

The background of the slide features a historical document, likely the United States Constitution, with the words "We the People" and "Article" visible in cursive script. A pair of round-rimmed glasses rests on the document. The title "A MEETING OF THE MINDS" is written in large, bold, yellow capital letters with a black outline, slanted diagonally across the image.

A MEETING OF THE MINDS

"Tis done! . . .

*We have
become a
nation."*

**INDEPENDENCE HALL
PHILADELPHIA
MAY-SEPT. 1787**



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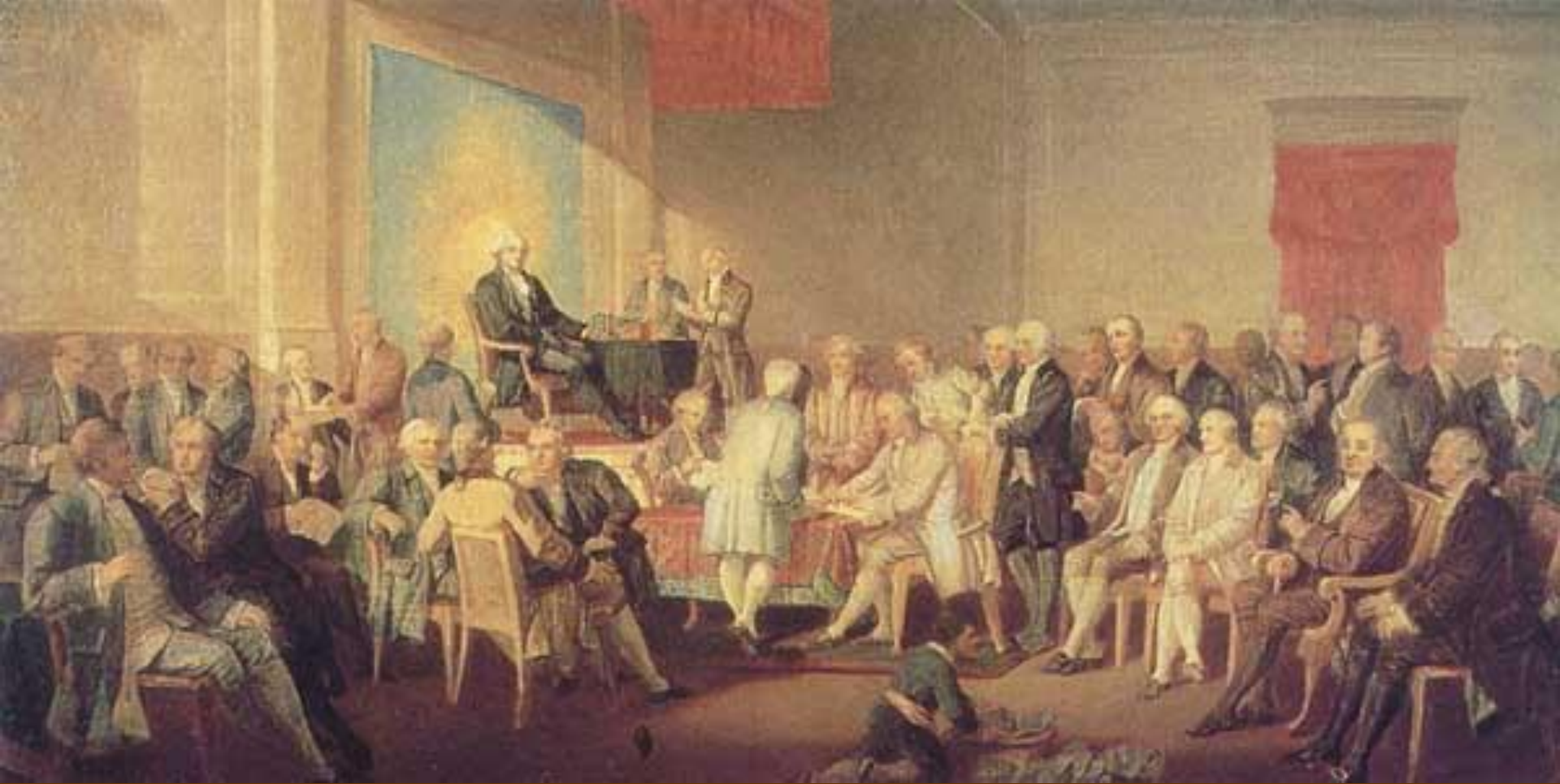
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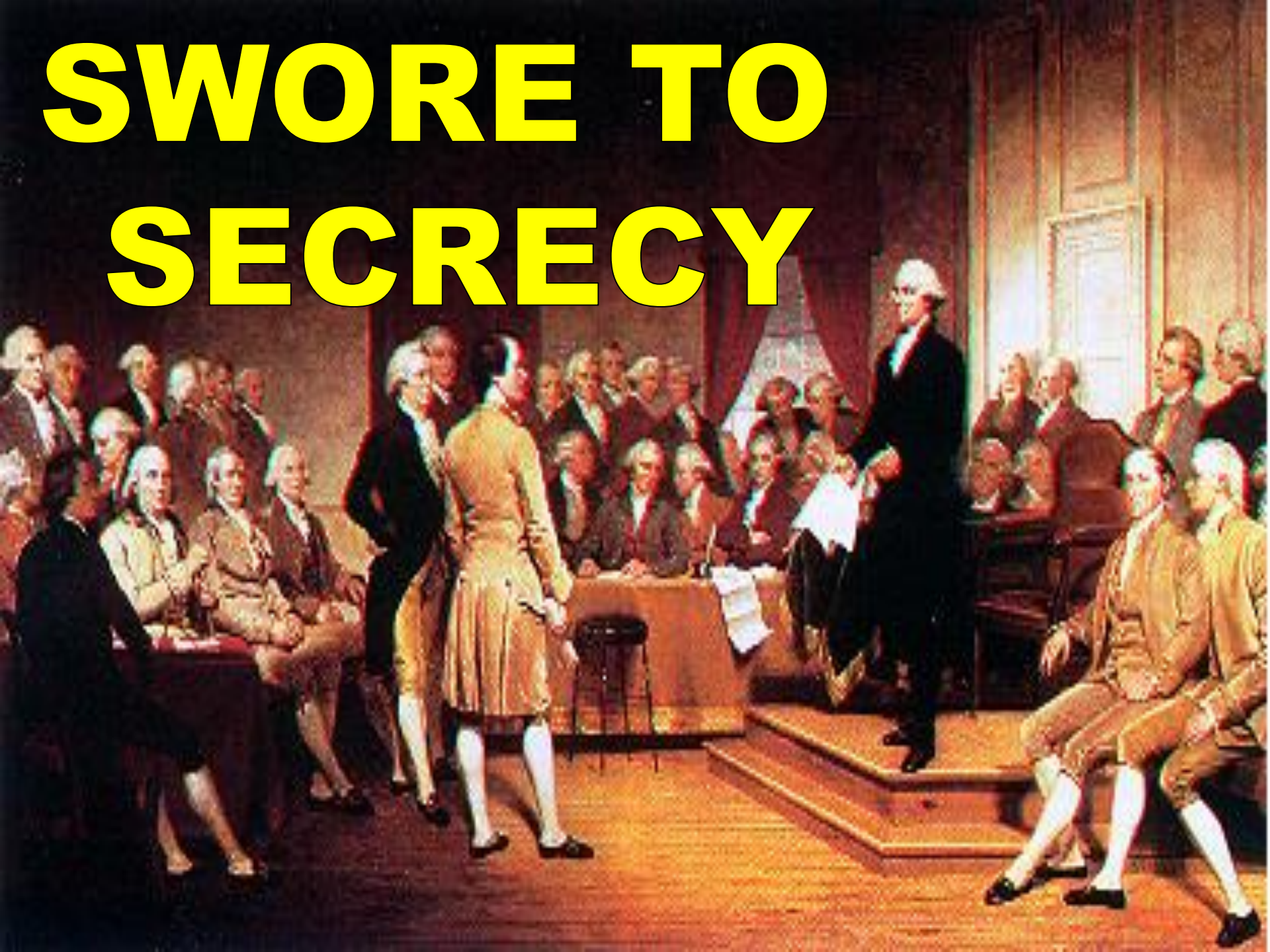


**THE DECLARATION
OF INDEPENDENCE
HAD BEEN SIGNED THERE**



***WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A
“MEETING TO REVISE & AMEND”
THE ARTICLES OF CONF.***

SWORE TO SECRECY



**PEOPLE GATHERED
DAILY TO FIND OUT
WHAT WAS GOING ON**



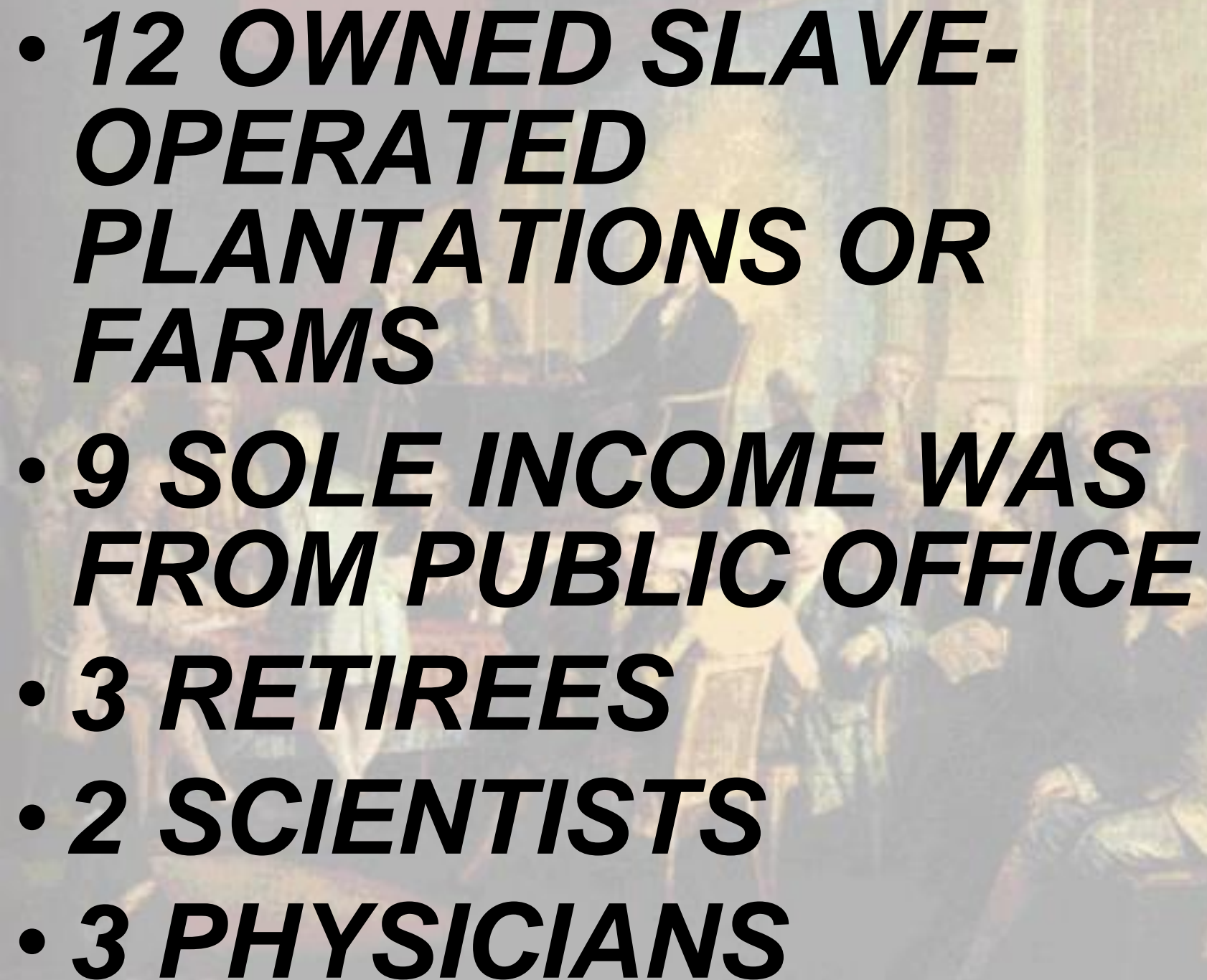


A PROFILE OF THE DELEGATES

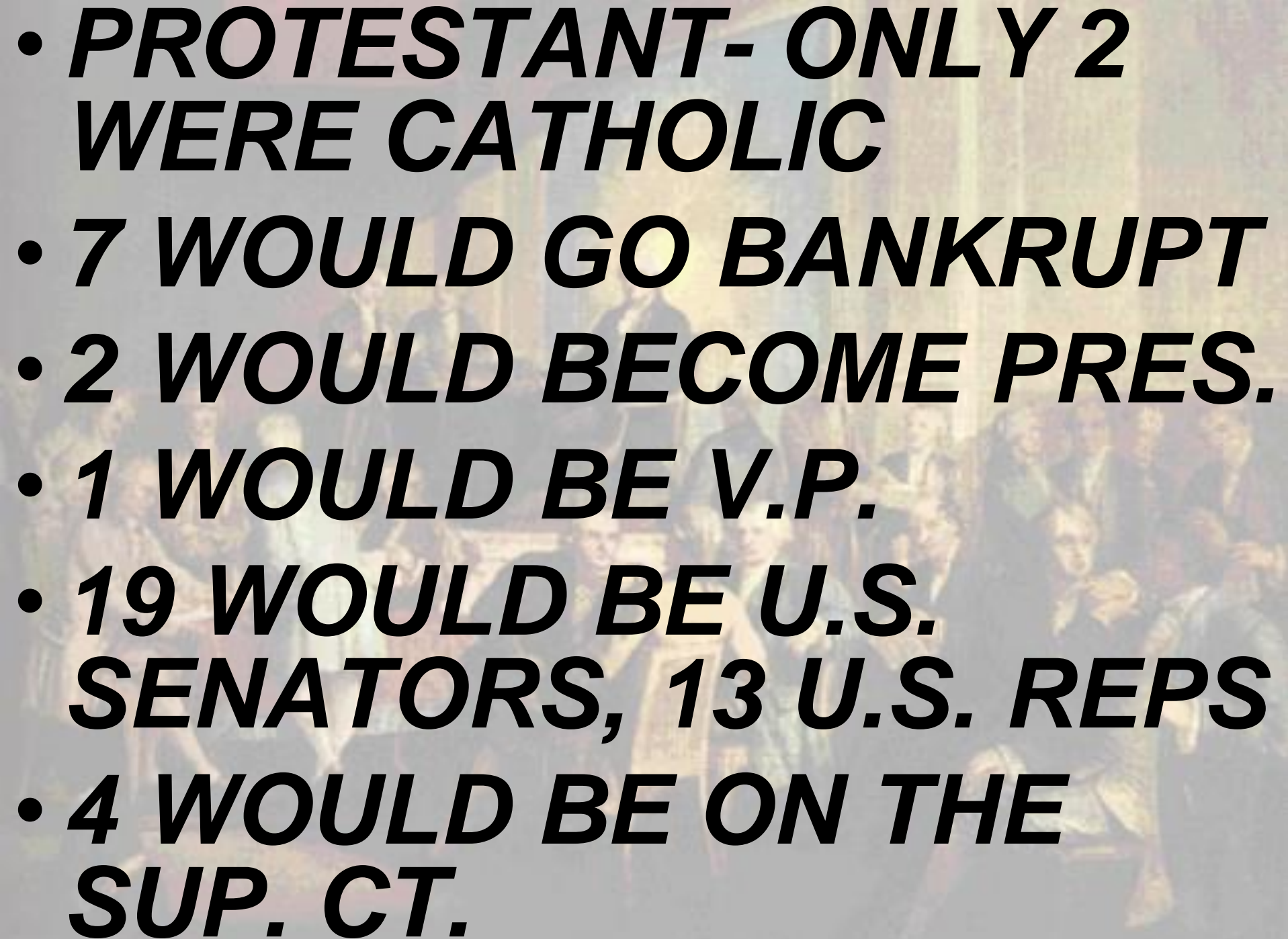
55 TOTAL DELEGATES

- 41 HAD BEEN MEMBERS OF THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS**
- 8 HAD SIGNED THE DECLARATION OF IND.**
- 6 HAD SIGNED THE ARTICLES OF CONF.**

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- ***ALL HAD EXPERIENCE IN COLONIAL & STATE GOVT.***
 - ***35 LAWYERS AND/OR JUDGES***
 - ***13 BUSINESSMEN***
 - ***6 LAND SPECULATORS***
 - ***11 MONEY INVESTORS***

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- ***12 OWNED SLAVE-OPERATED PLANTATIONS OR FARMS***
 - ***9 SOLE INCOME WAS FROM PUBLIC OFFICE***
 - ***3 RETIREES***
 - ***2 SCIENTISTS***
 - ***3 PHYSICIANS***

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- **1 COLLEGE PRES.**
 - **1 ORDAINED MINISTER**
 - **8 FOREIGN BORN
(IRELAND, ENG.,
SCOTLAND, W. INDIES)**
 - **WELL-EDUCATED, 50%
HAD ATTENDED
COLLEGE**
 - **4 BACHELORS**

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- ***PROTESTANT- ONLY 2 WERE CATHOLIC***
 - ***7 WOULD GO BANKRUPT***
 - ***2 WOULD BECOME PRES.***
 - ***1 WOULD BE V.P.***
 - ***19 WOULD BE U.S. SENATORS, 13 U.S. REPS***
 - ***4 WOULD BE ON THE SUP. CT.***

A detailed historical painting depicting a large assembly of people in a grand, ornate hall. In the center, a man in a dark suit sits in a high-backed chair, possibly presiding over the gathering. To his left, two other men stand near a table. The room is filled with many other individuals, some seated at long tables covered with red cloths, others standing. The architecture features tall columns and a large, arched opening in the background. The overall atmosphere is formal and significant.

**SOME OF THE
INDIVIDUALS**

A profile portrait of Jonathan Dayton, a man with light-colored, powdered hair, wearing a dark coat and a white cravat. The portrait is set against a dark, textured background.

***NJ DELEGATE
YOUNGEST
AT AGE 26***

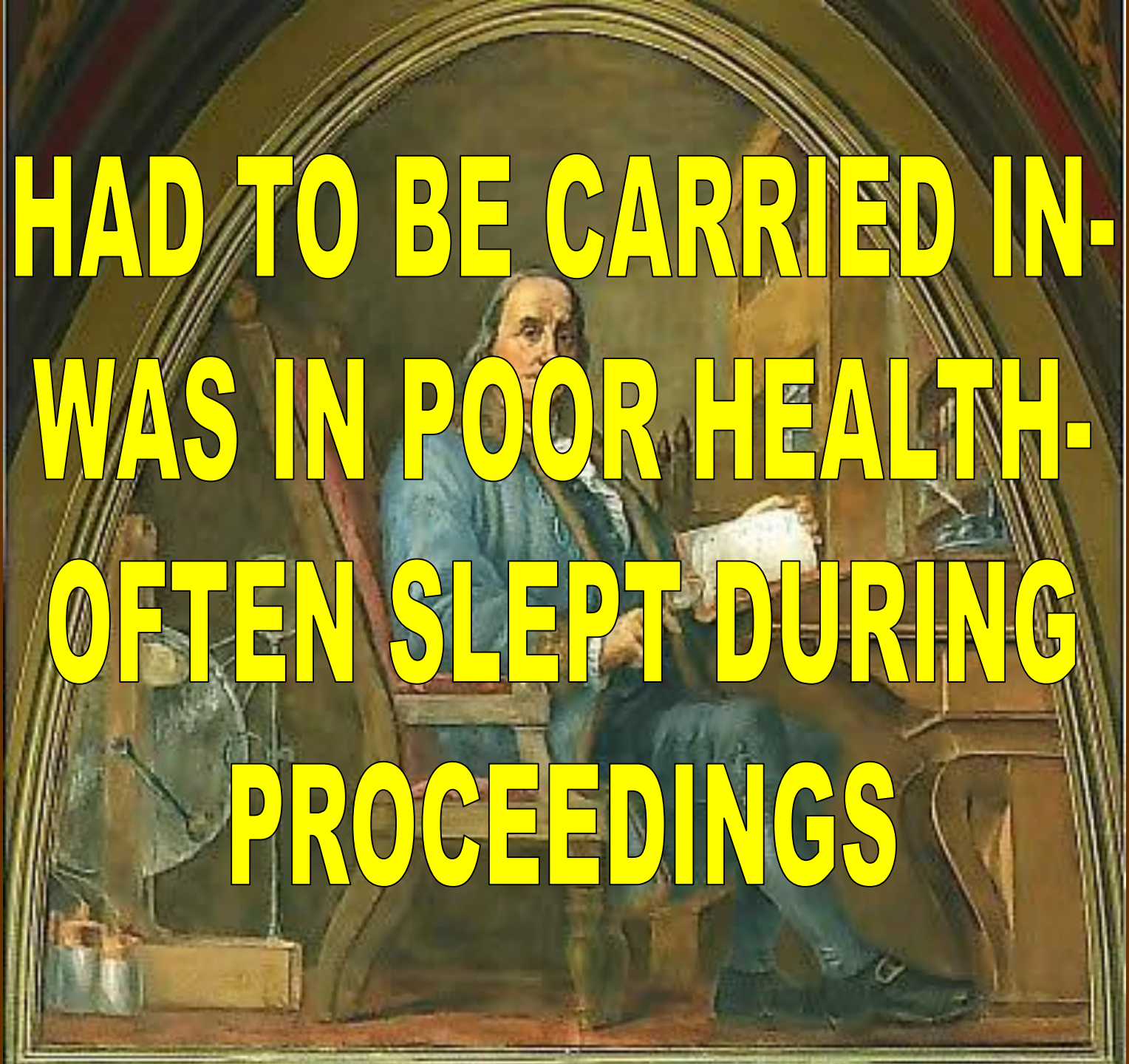
JONATHAN DAYTON

A portrait of Benjamin Franklin, an older man with glasses, wearing a dark coat and a white cravat. He is seated and looking slightly to the left. The background is a dark, draped curtain.

***PA- HOST
DELEGATE
OLDEST AT
AGE 81***

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

**HAD TO BE CARRIED IN-
WAS IN POOR HEALTH-
OFTEN SLEPT DURING
PROCEEDINGS**



**HAD TO HAVE A
BODYGUARD-**

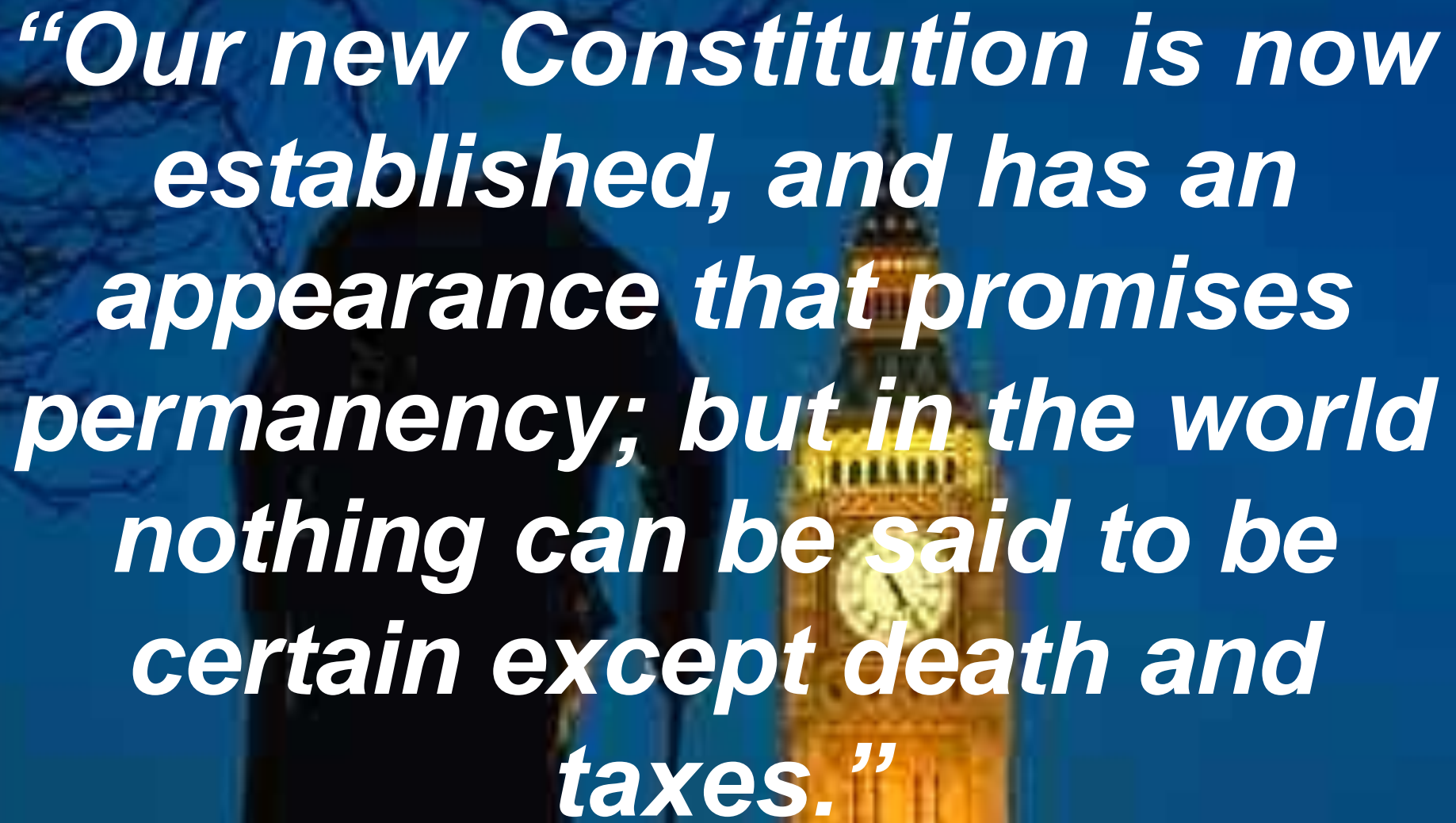
HE TALKED TOO MUCH!

*Your most obedient
humble servant*

B. Franklin



***KNOWN FOR
GETTING
SIDES TO
COMPROMISE
AT KEY MOMENTS
OF CRITICAL
DEBATE***

A silhouette of a person in a suit stands in the foreground, facing right. In the background, a large, illuminated clock tower (Big Ben) is visible against a dark blue night sky. The tower's clock face and upper sections are brightly lit with a warm, golden light. The overall scene is set in a city at night, with the tower being the central focus of the background.

***“Our new Constitution is now
established, and has an
appearance that promises
permanency; but in the world
nothing can be said to be
certain except death and
taxes.”***

-Benjamin Franklin

JAMES MADISON

A portrait of James Madison, an older man with white hair, wearing a dark coat and a white cravat. He is seated and looking slightly to the right. The background is dark and indistinct.

***“FATHER OF THE
CONSTITUTION”***

1787

Monday May 14th was the day fixed for the meeting of the delegates in the
system of government.
session for revising the federal constitution on that day when the members only from the
Some States were not convened till

Friday 25 of May when the following members appeared
see note at

Mr. Robert Morris informed the members assembled that by the instruction to
in behalf of the delegation of Penn^a he proposed George Washington Esq^r should take the
honour as chief delegate for president of the Convention. Mr. J^r. Rutledge seconded the motion
expressing his confidence that the choice would be unanimous, and desiring that the person
of Gen^l Washington forbade any observations on the occasion which might otherwise have
been proper.

Washington
The General was accordingly unanimously elected by ballot and conducted to the
chair by Mr. R. Morris and Mr. Rutledge from which he thanked in very emphatic
manner the Convention for the honor they had conferred on him, reminded them of the usually
of the solemn of business in which he was to act, besought his exertions for
the end desired the indulgence of the House towards the involuntary errors which
his inexperience might occasion.

Mr. Morris
The nomination came with particular grace from Penn^a, as Bosc
as a competitor.

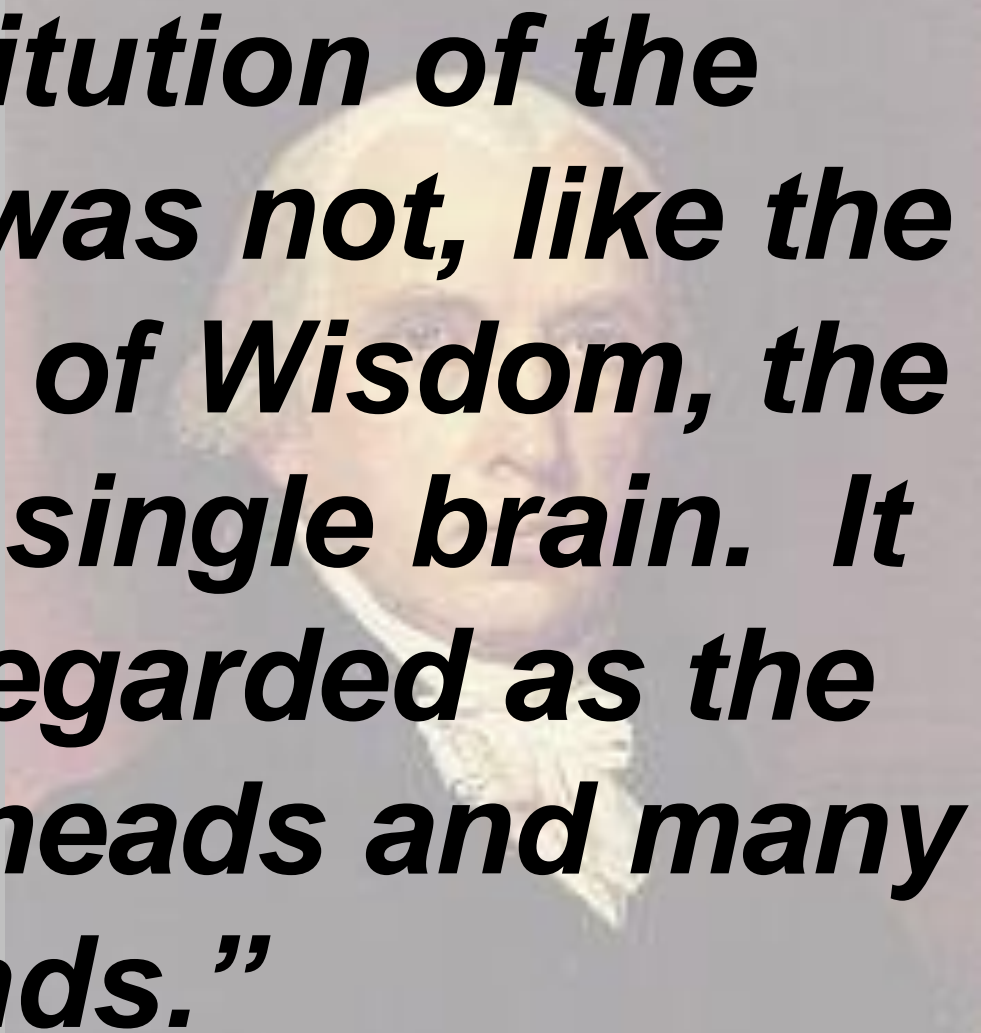
Franklin alone could have been thought of as a competitor.
The Bosc was himself to have made the nomination
of General Washington, but the state of the weather and the state of his health confined him to
his house.

Mr. Wilson moved that a Secretary be appointed and nominated

Mr. Temple Franklin.
Col. Hamilton nominated Major Jackson.

On the ballot Mr. Jackson had 5 votes & Mr. Franklin 2 votes
on reading the credentials of the delegates it was noticed that those from Pennsylvania
The appointment of a Secretary consisting of Mr. J^r. Rutledge & Mr. Hamilton
C. Dickinson, on the motion of Mr. Dickinson, to prepare rules, was the only case arising of the day

TOOK
COPIOUS
NOTES-
NEVER
MISSED
A DAY

A faint, grayscale portrait of James Madison is visible in the background, centered behind the text. He is shown from the chest up, wearing a white cravat and a dark coat.

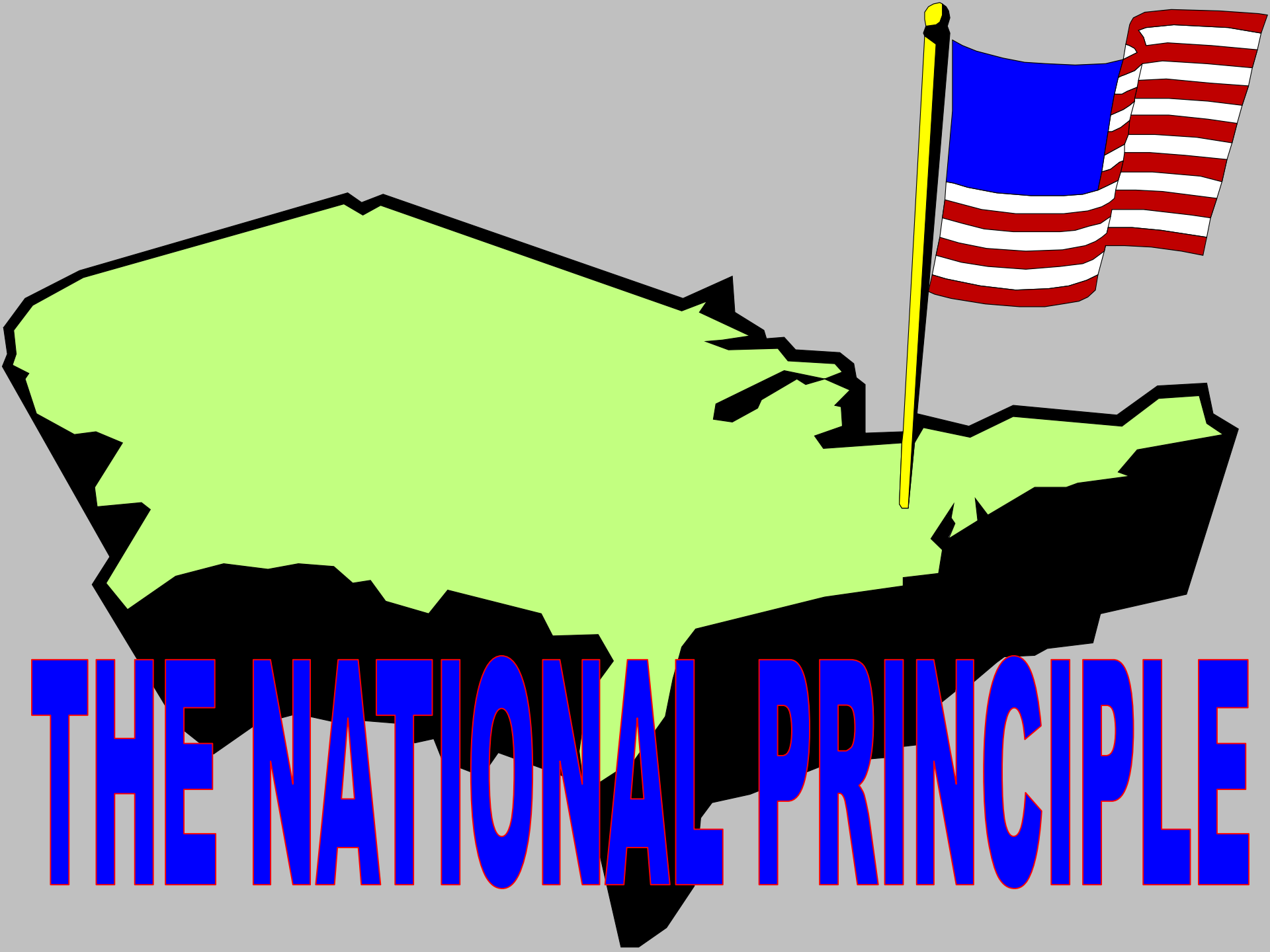
“The Constitution of the United States was not, like the fable Goddess of Wisdom, the offspring of a single brain. It ought to be regarded as the work of many heads and many hands.”

- James Madison-

MADISONIAN MODEL



MADISON'S MIND SET

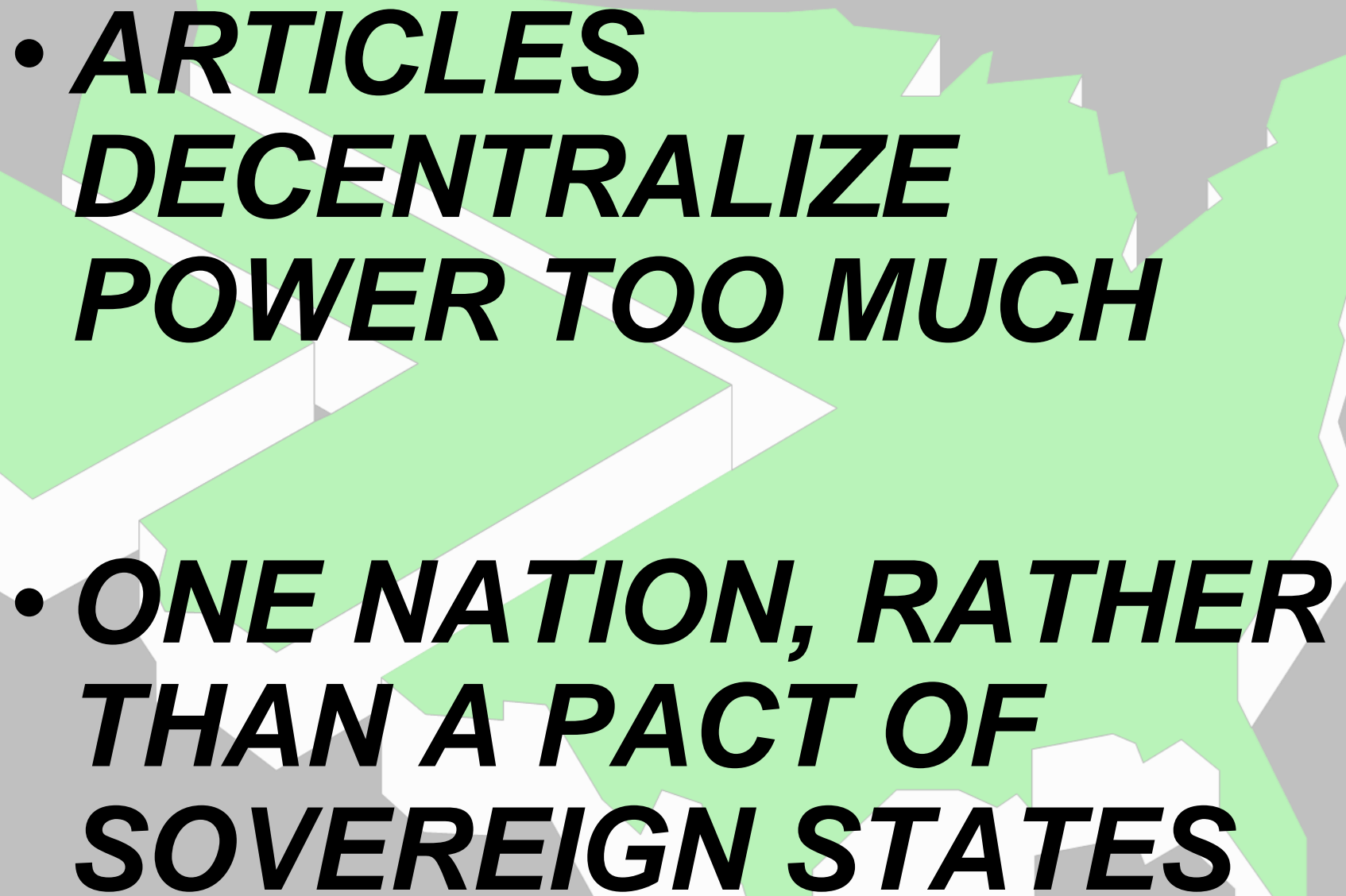


THE NATIONAL PRINCIPLE



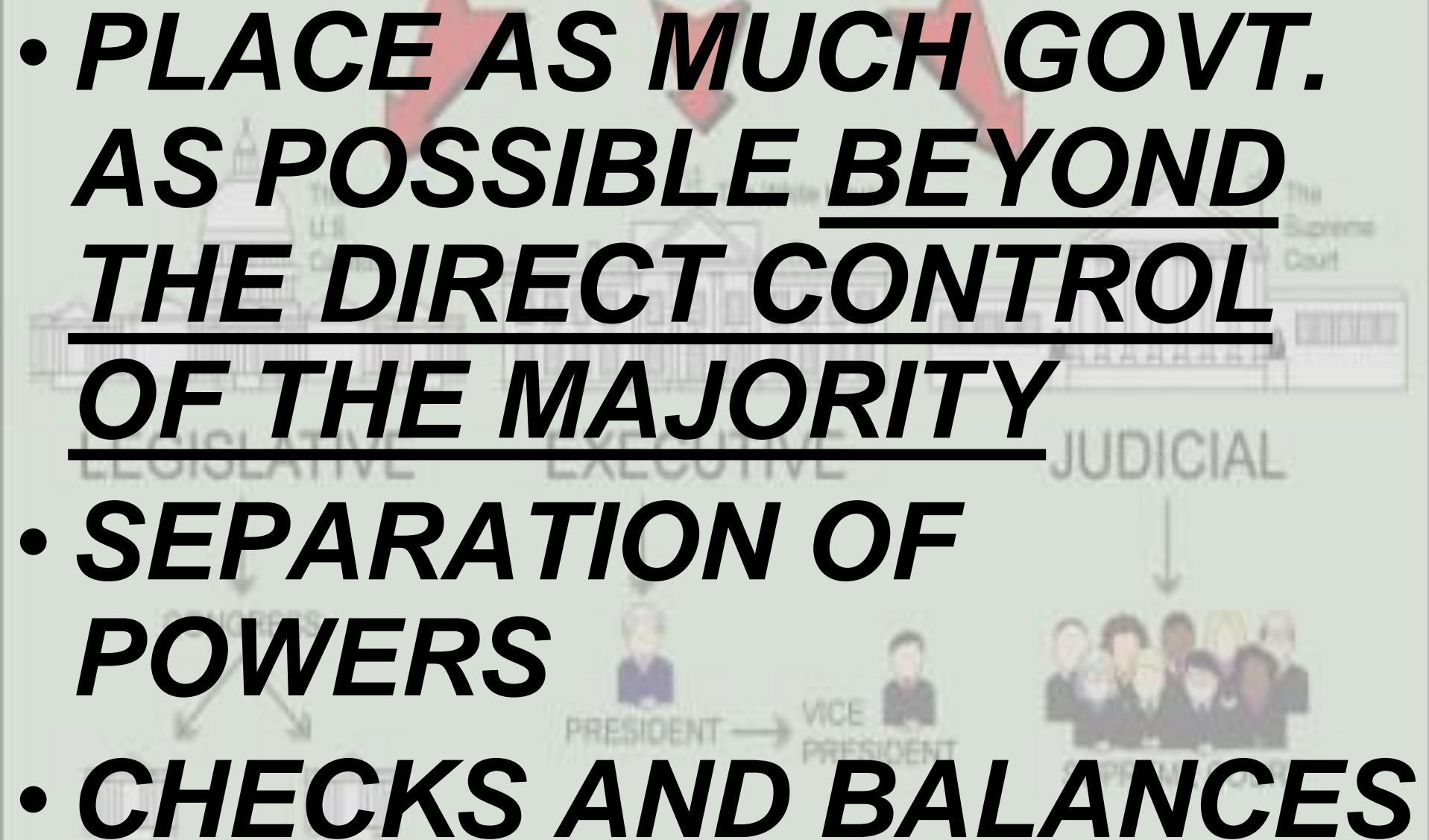
• ***CURB STATE POWER
FROM IRRESPONSIBLE
POLICY AND ACTING
AGAINST THE COMMON
GOOD***

• ***NATIONAL POLICY
INSTEAD OF COMPETING
& CONTRADICTIONARY
STATE POLICY***

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- ***ARTICLES
DECENTRALIZE
POWER TOO MUCH***
 - ***ONE NATION, RATHER
THAN A PACT OF
SOVEREIGN STATES***

The background of the image is a faded, grayscale photograph. On the left, there is a statue of George Washington standing on a pedestal, with his right arm raised. To the right of the statue is a tall, red brick building with a prominent clock tower and a dome, which is the Independence Hall in Philadelphia. The text "THWART TYRANNY OF THE MAJORITY" is superimposed over the center of the image in a large, bold, blue font with a red outline.

THWART TYRANNY OF THE MAJORITY

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- ***PLACE AS MUCH GOVT. AS POSSIBLE BEYOND THE DIRECT CONTROL OF THE MAJORITY***
 - ***SEPARATION OF POWERS***
 - ***CHECKS AND BALANCES***

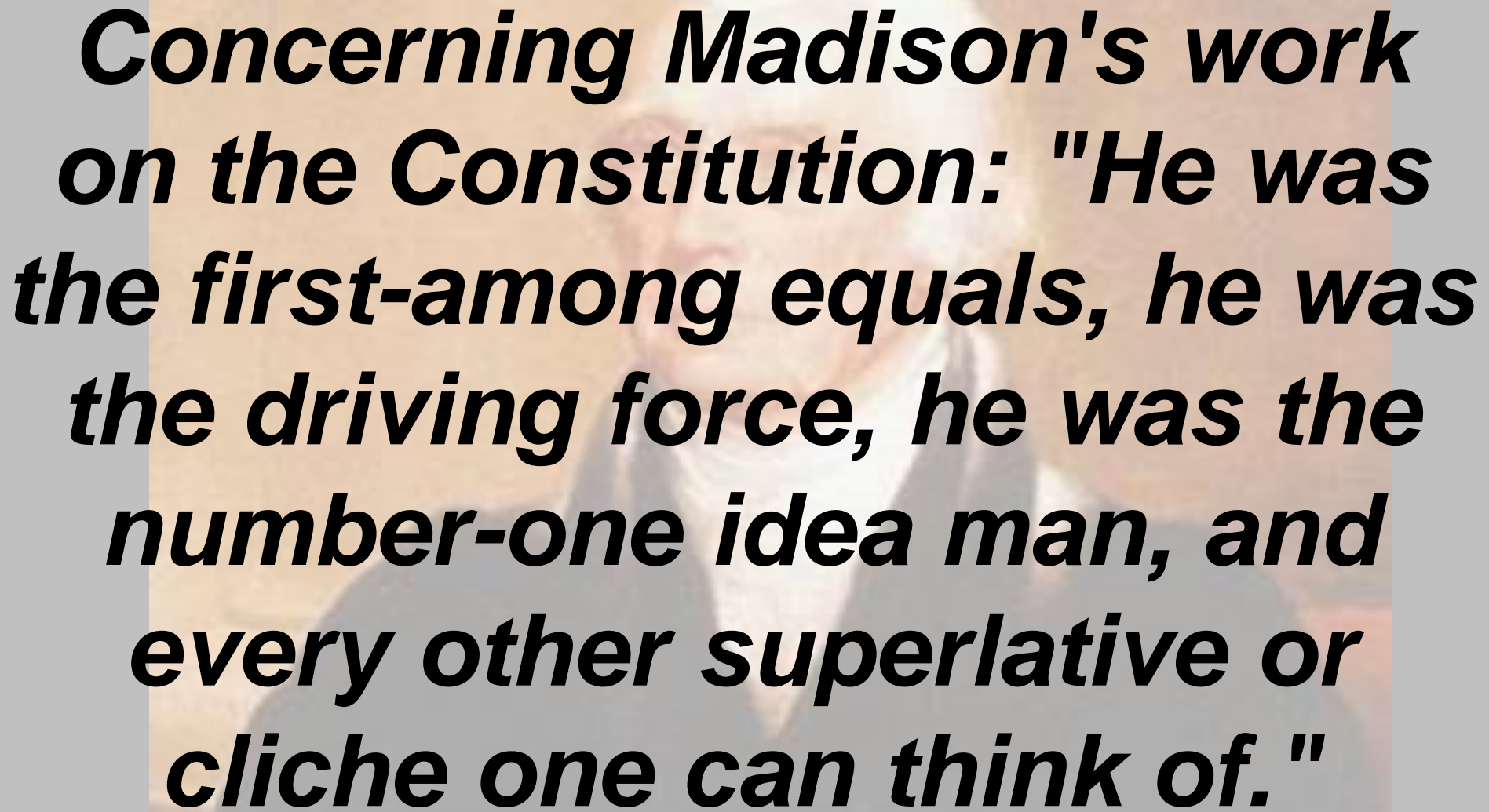
SUSPICION OF POWER



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- The background features a stylized American flag with a blue square and red and white stripes. Overlaid on this is a diagram of white squares with red borders. At the top is a single square. Below it are two squares. Below those are four squares. The text is positioned to the left of the diagram.
- ***DECENTRALIZE POWER IN CENTRAL GOVT.***
 - ***CREATE AN “EXTENDED REPUBLIC”***
 - ***INDIRECTLY ELECTED OFFICIALS***

A portrait of James Madison, an American Founding Father, is centered in the background. He is depicted from the chest up, wearing a dark coat and a white cravat. The portrait is set against a dark, textured background. The text is overlaid on the portrait and the surrounding brown background.

**MADISON'S IDEAS ON GOVT.
SERVED AS THE BASIS
FOR DISCUSSION AND DEBATE
AT THE CONVENTION**

A faded, sepia-toned portrait of James Madison, the fourth President of the United States, is visible in the background. He is shown from the chest up, wearing a white cravat and a dark coat, with his right hand raised near his face.

Concerning Madison's work on the Constitution: "He was the first-among equals, he was the driving force, he was the number-one idea man, and every other superlative or cliché one can think of."



GEORGE WASHINGTON



PRESIDENT OF THE CONVENTION

A portrait of George Washington, the first President of the United States, shown from the chest up. He is wearing a dark coat and a white cravat. The portrait is on the left side of the image, with a vertical orange stripe to its right.

George Washington

**1ST TO SIGN
THE NEW
CONSTITUTION**

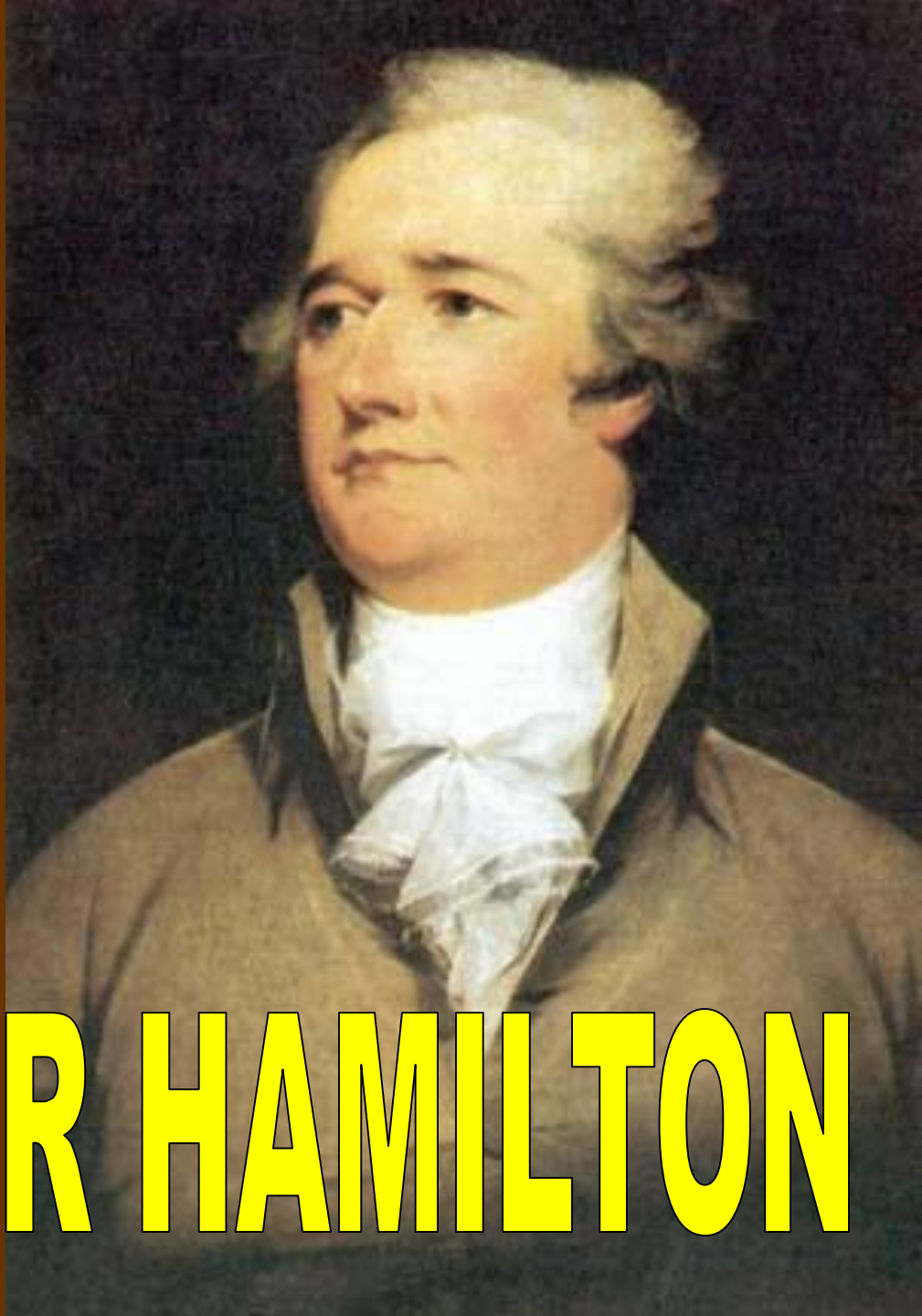
***ONLY PRES.
TO RECEIVE
EVERY
ELECTORAL
VOTE***





***"Let us raise a standard
to which the wise and
honest can repair."
-George Washington-***

***LONE NY
DELEGATE***



ALEXANDER HAMILTON

YOUNG (32) & ARROGANT

***FAVORED A
STRONG
CENTRAL
GOVERNMENT***



*Presents to the Library of the University
of Virginia*

THE
Judge J. D. Thornton
FEDERALIST.

A COMMENTARY
ON THE
CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES.

A Collection of Essays,

BY
ALEXANDER MILTON
JAY AND MASON

ALSO

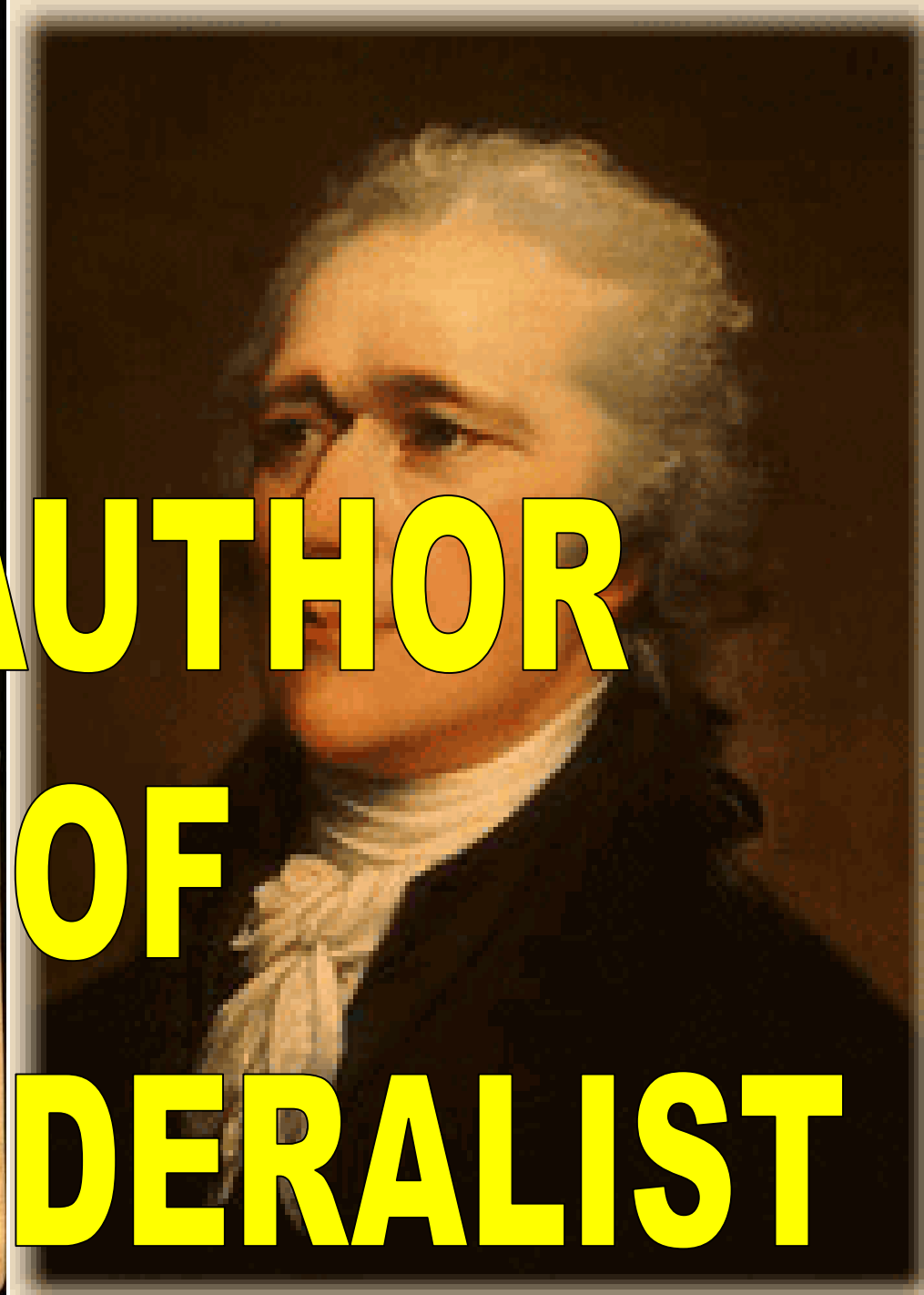
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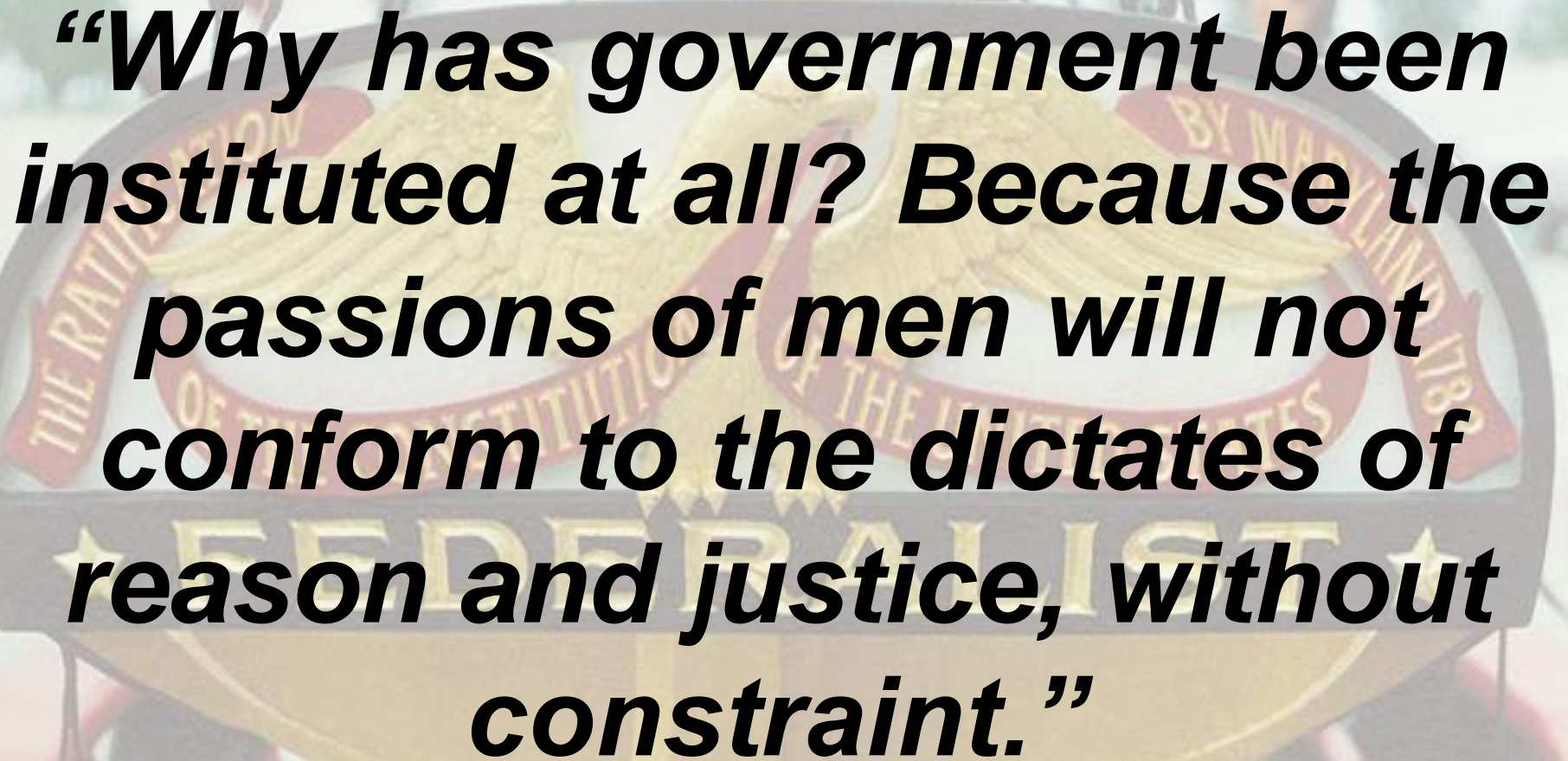
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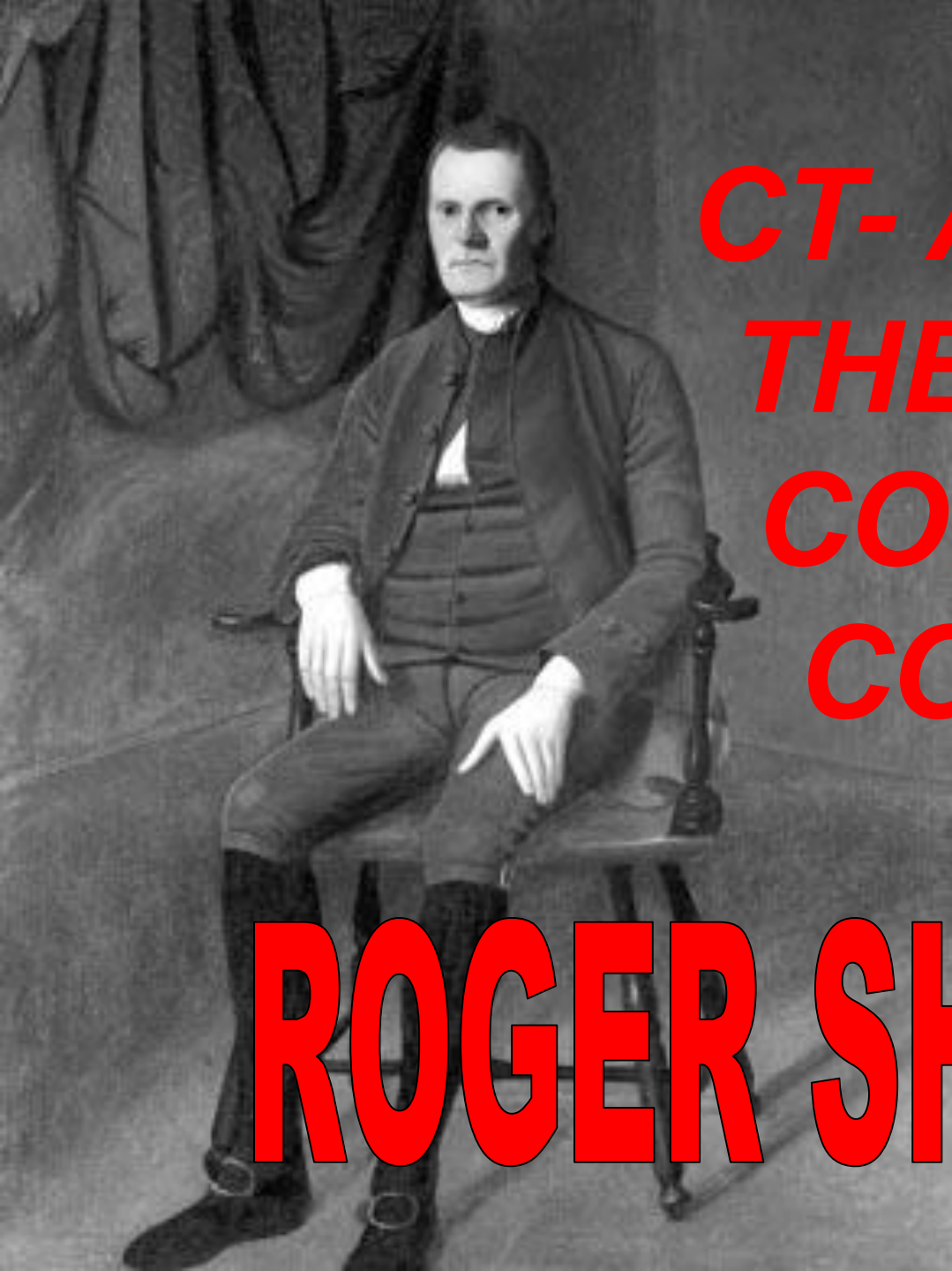
THE FEDERALIST



The background of the image features a large, semi-transparent seal of the Federal Reserve. The seal is circular with a gold border and contains the text "THE FEDERAL RESERVE" and "BY MANU LIND 1789". Below the seal, the title "THE FEDERALIST" is written in large, bold, gold letters. The text of the quote is overlaid on this background in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

“Why has government been instituted at all? Because the passions of men will not conform to the dictates of reason and justice, without constraint.”


-Alexander Hamilton-




***CT- AUTHOR OF
THE GREAT OR
CONNECTICUT
COMPROMISE***


ROGER SHERMAN

***The upper house (Senate)
would have equal
representation and be elected
by the lower house***



***The lower house (House of
Representatives) would be
subject to proportional
representation***



A portrait of Gouverneur Morris, an older man with white hair, wearing a dark coat and a white cravat. The portrait is on the left side of the image, with a green background on the right.

***PA DELEGATE-
ELOQUENT
SPEAKER,
GAVE MOST
SPEECHES; 173!***

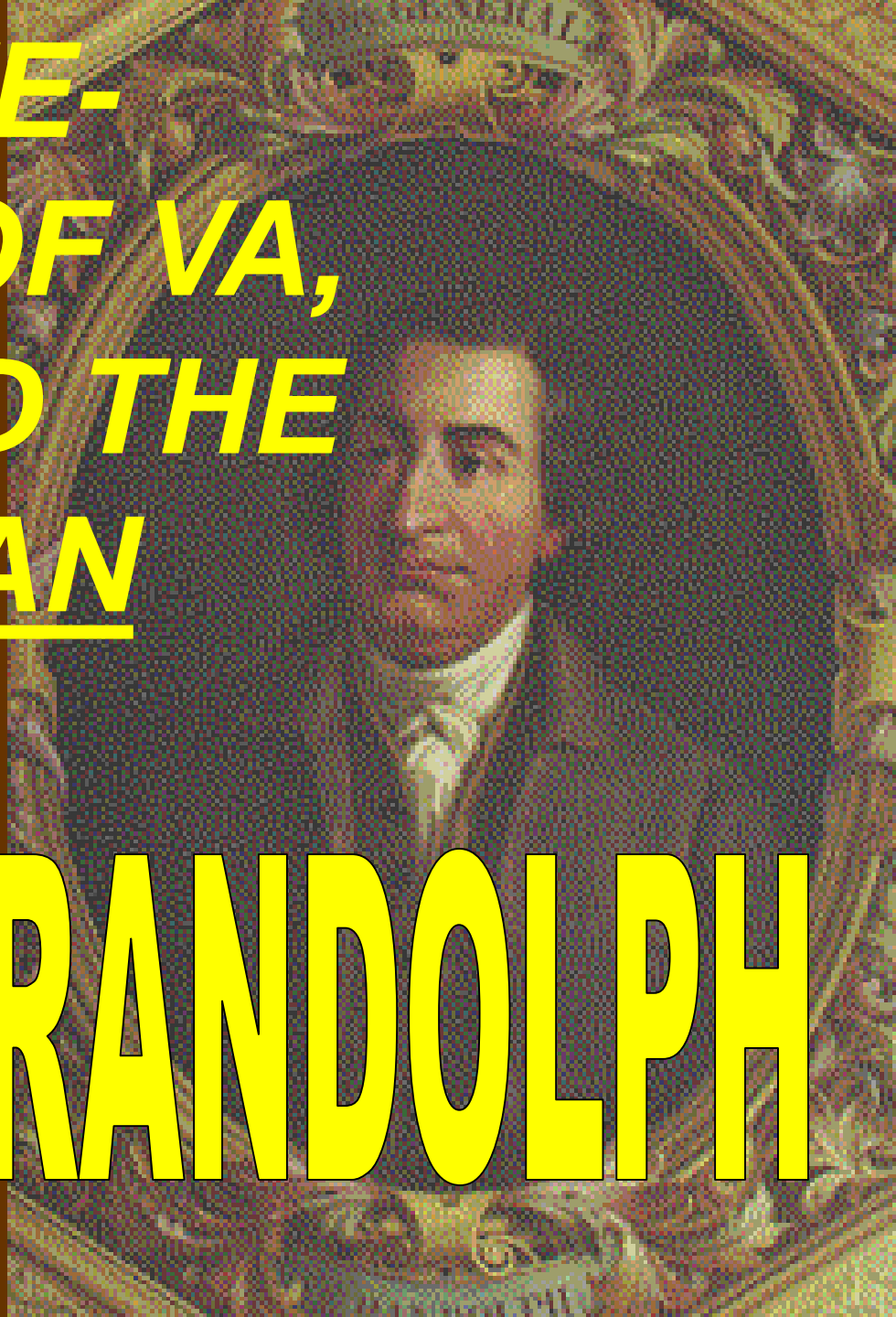
GOVERNEUR MORRIS

**MORRIS WROTE
THE PREAMBLE
AND MOST OF THE
LANGUAGE STYLE
IN CONST. IS HIS**



***VA DELEGATE-
ALSO GOV. OF VA,
INTRODUCED THE
VIRGINIA PLAN***

EDMUND RANDOLPH



A profile portrait of William Paterson, an older man with white hair, wearing a dark coat and a red sash. The portrait is on the left side of the image, with a dark background.

***NJ DELEGATE-
AUTHOR OF
THE NEW
JERSEY PLAN***

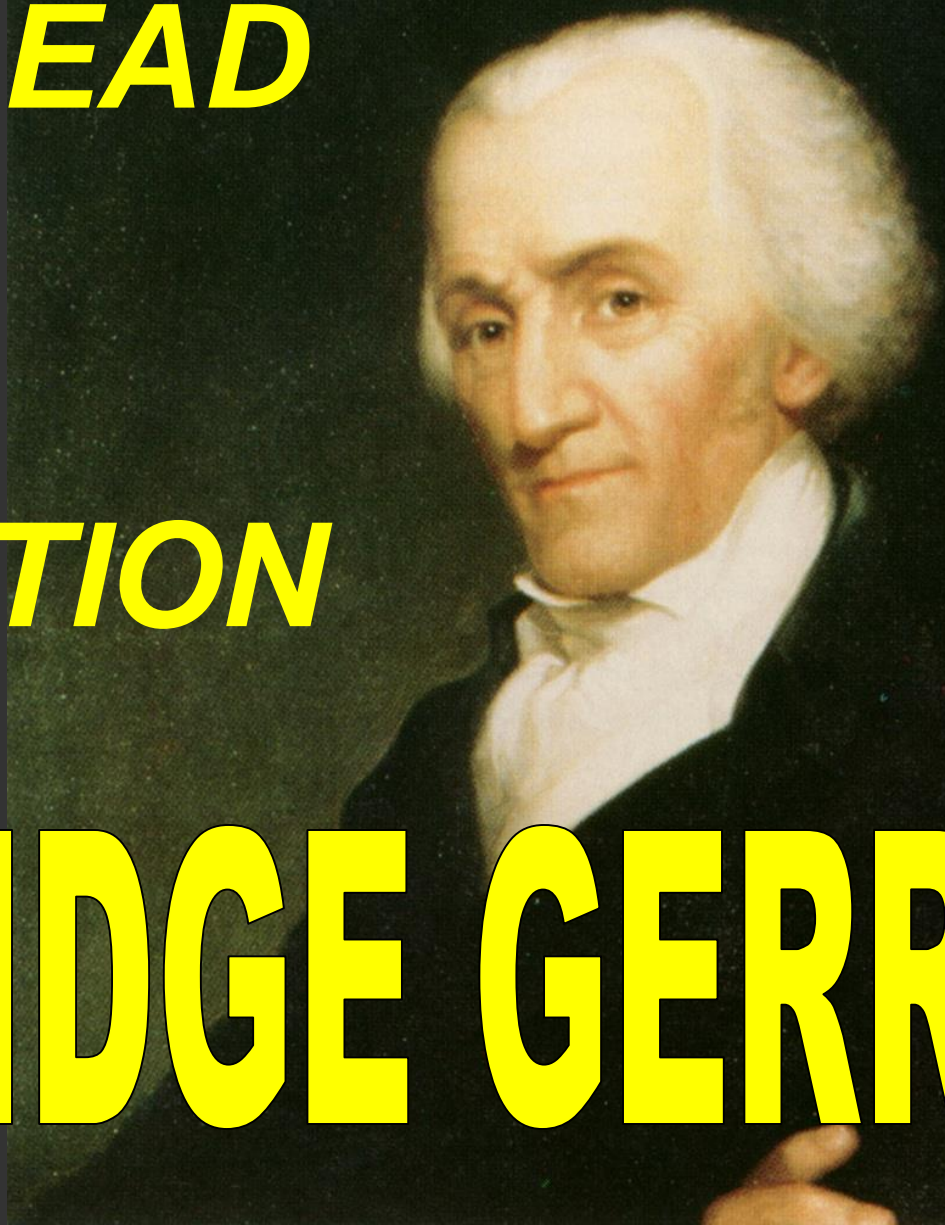
WILLIAM PATERSON

A black and white portrait of John Lansing, Jr., an older man with white hair, wearing a dark coat and a white cravat. The portrait is positioned on the left side of the image, with the background split vertically into black and grey.

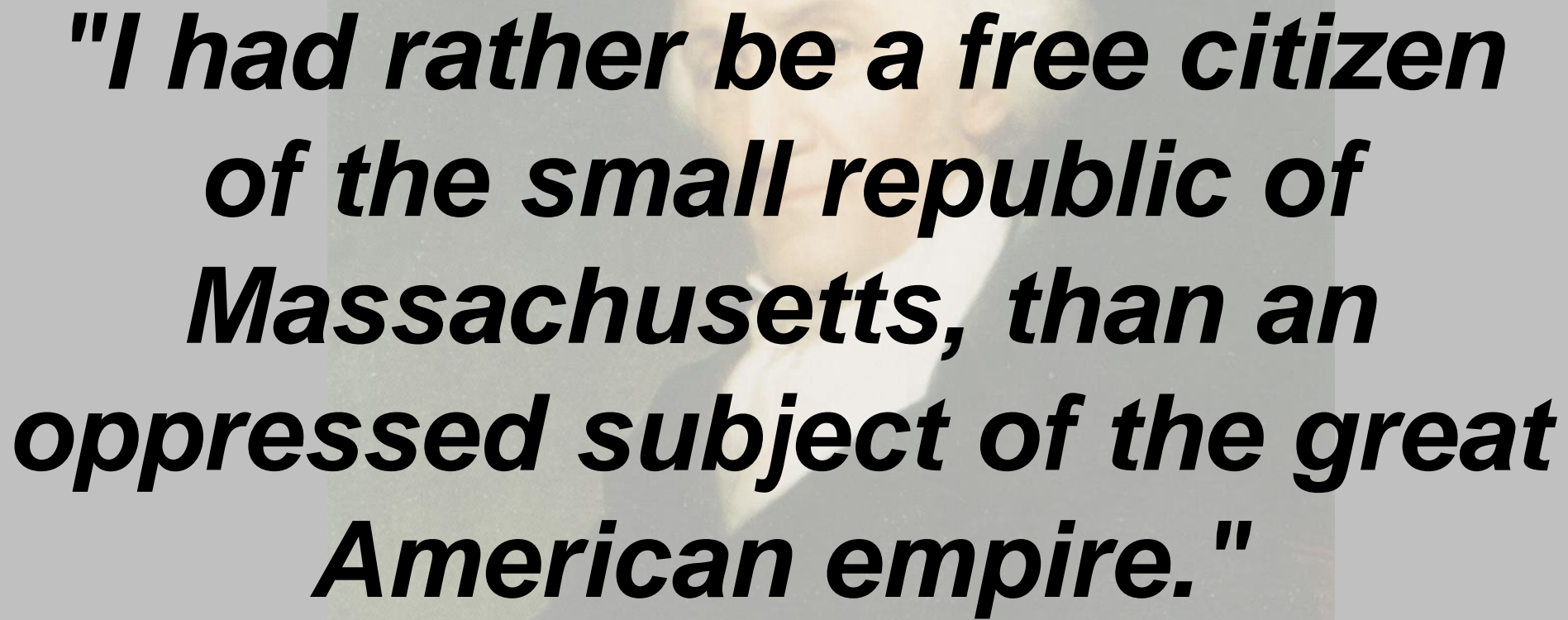
***NY DELEGATE-
WALKED OUT
AFTER 6 WEEKS
WITH ROBERT
YATES***

JOHN LANSING, JR

***MA DELEGATE-
WOULD LEAD
FIGHT
AGAINST
RATIFICATION***

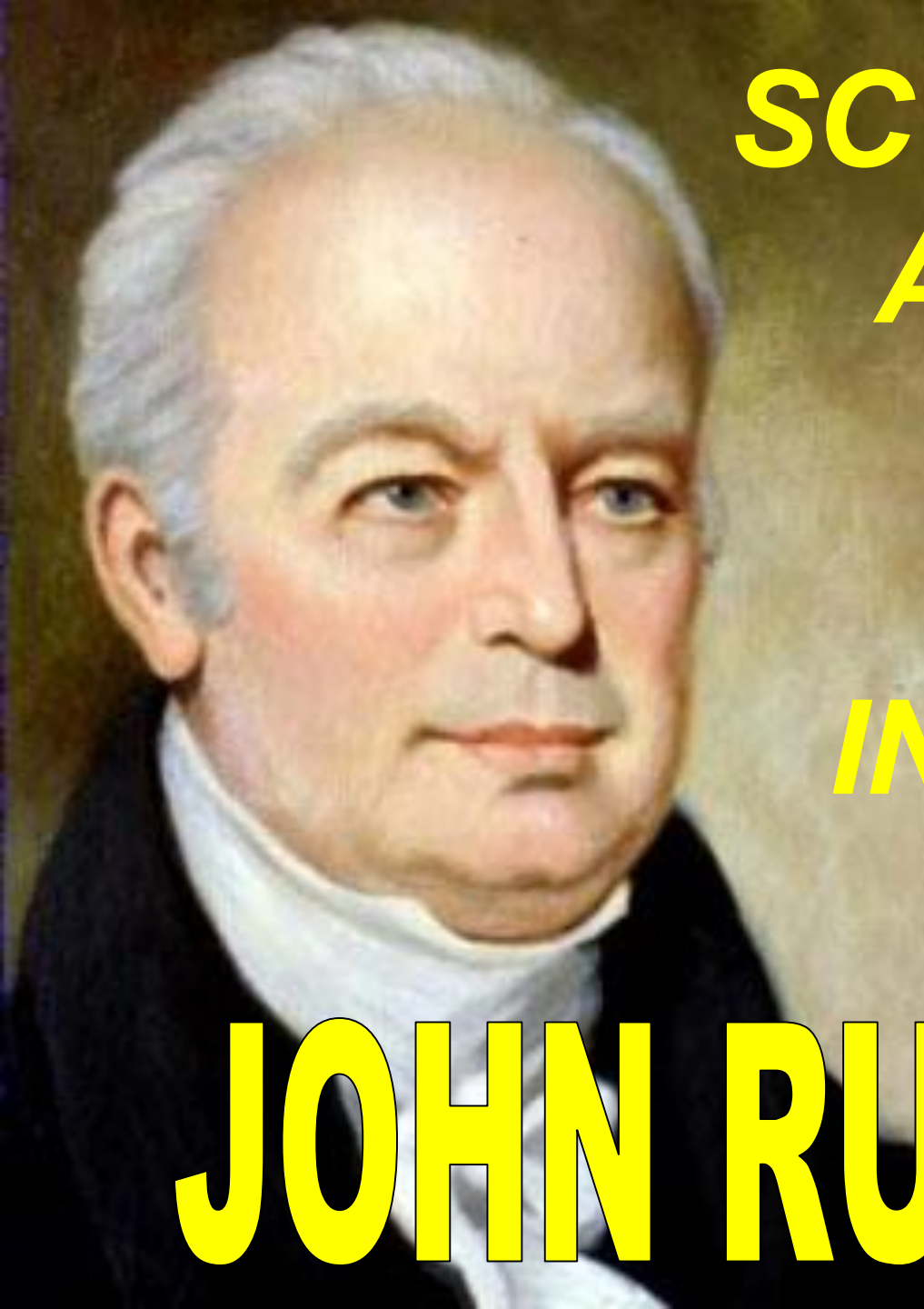


ELBRIDGE GERRY

A faded, grayscale portrait of Elbridge Gerry, an older man with white hair, wearing a dark suit and a white cravat. He is looking slightly to the right. The portrait is centered in the background, behind the text.

***"I had rather be a free citizen
of the small republic of
Massachusetts, than an
oppressed subject of the great
American empire."***

-Elbridge Gerry-



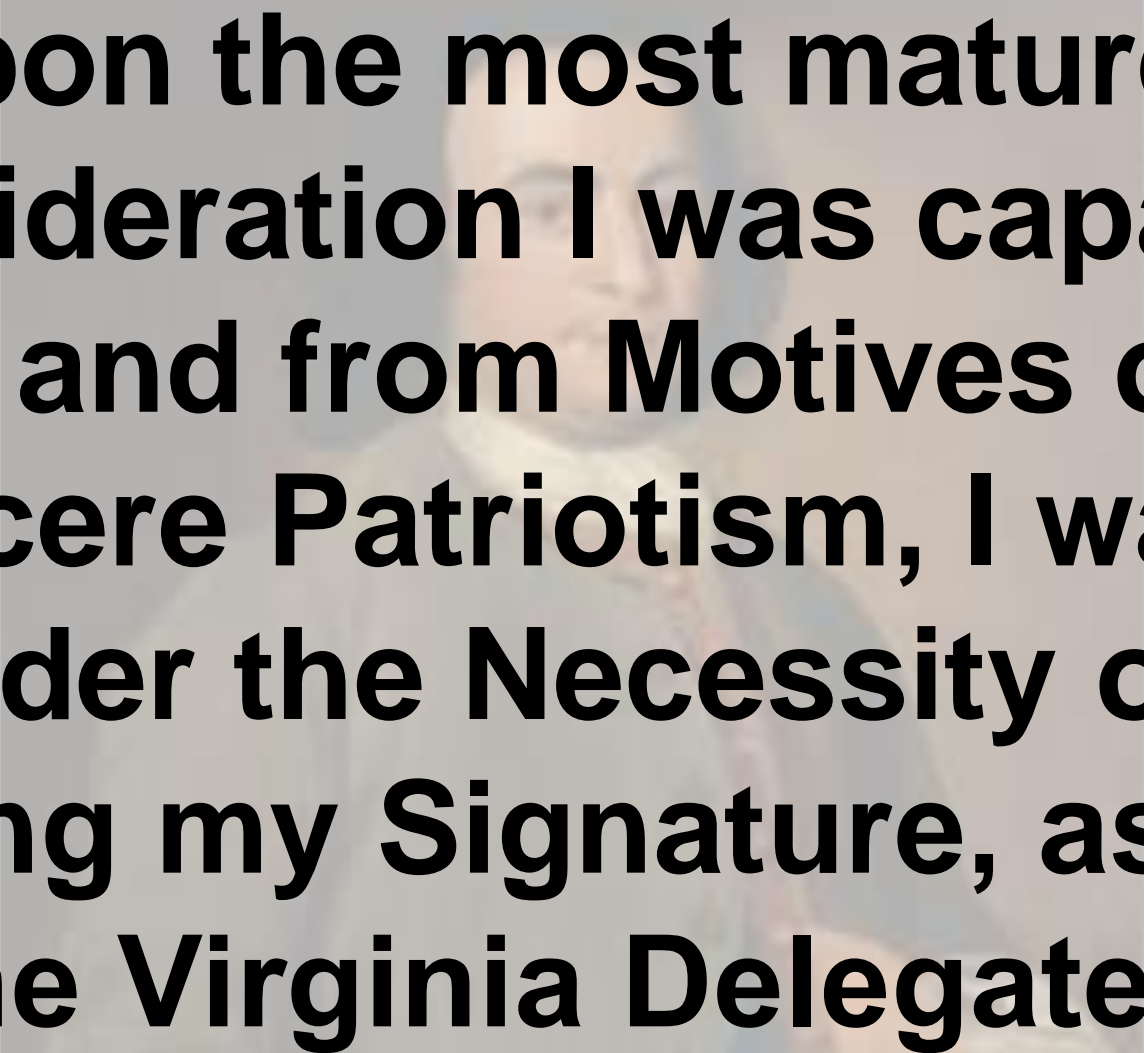
***SC DELEGATE-
ADVOCATED
SOUTHERN
ECONOMIC
INTERESTS &
SLAVERY***

JOHN RUTLEDGE

***VA DELEGATE-
MAJOR
OPPONENT,
CENTRAL GOVT.
WOULD RESULT
IN TYRANNY***

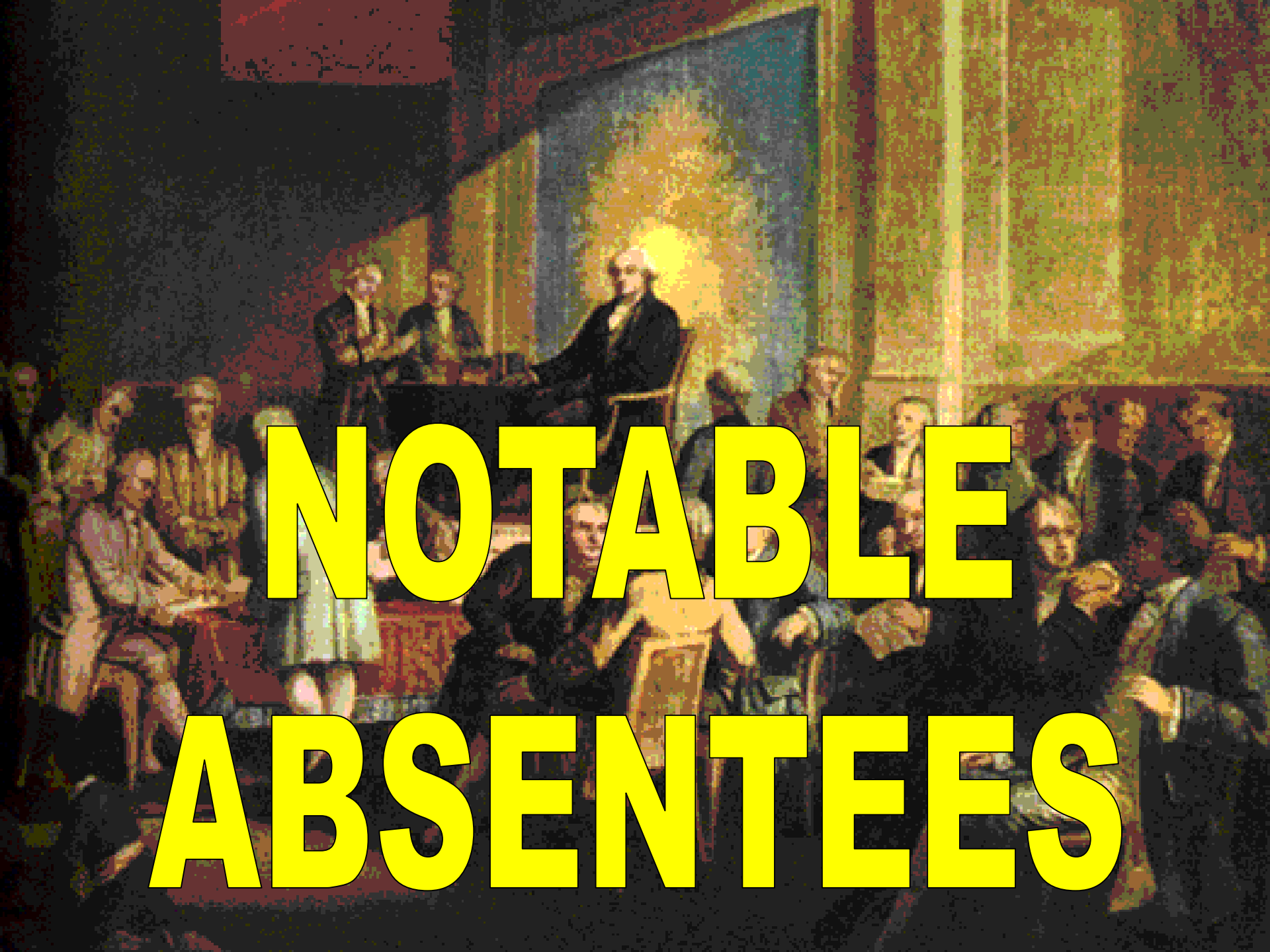
GEORGE MASON



A faint, semi-transparent background image of George Mason, a man with a white powdered wig and a dark coat, is visible behind the text.

**Upon the most mature
Consideration I was capable
of, and from Motives of
sincere Patriotism, I was
under the Necessity of
refusing my Signature, as one
of the Virginia Delegates.”**

-George Mason-

A historical painting depicting a large, ornate assembly hall. Numerous people, mostly men in formal attire, are seated in rows of chairs. Some individuals are standing, and a few are gesturing as if in discussion. The room features high ceilings, large windows, and classical architectural elements like columns. The overall atmosphere is one of a formal, significant gathering.

NOTABLE ABSENTEES



**PATRICK
HENRY**

"I SMELL A RAT!"

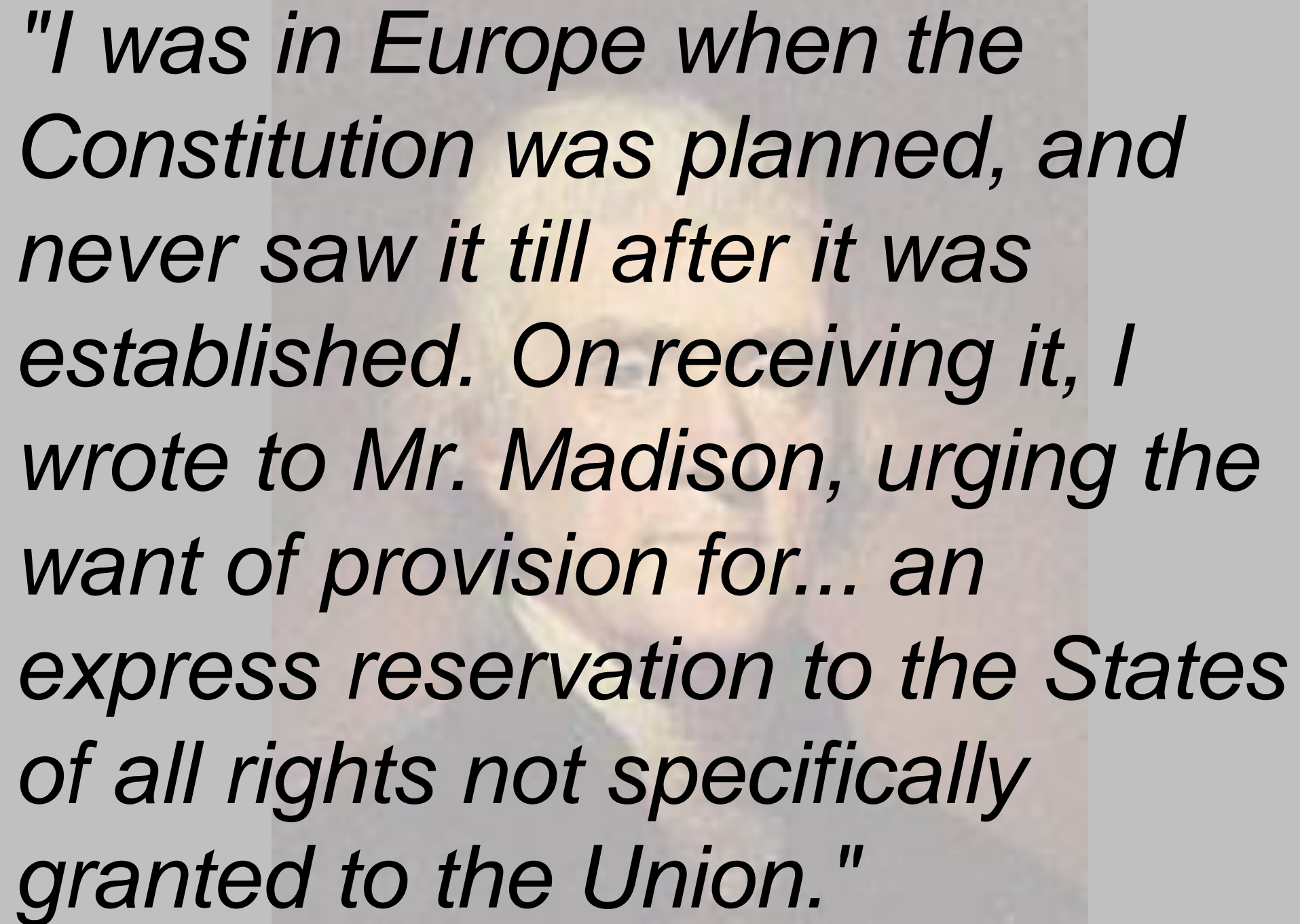
"This government subjects everything to the Northern majority. Is there not a settled purpose to the Southern interest? We thus put unbounded power over our own property in hands not having a common interest with us."

-Patrick Henry-

T. JEFFERSON

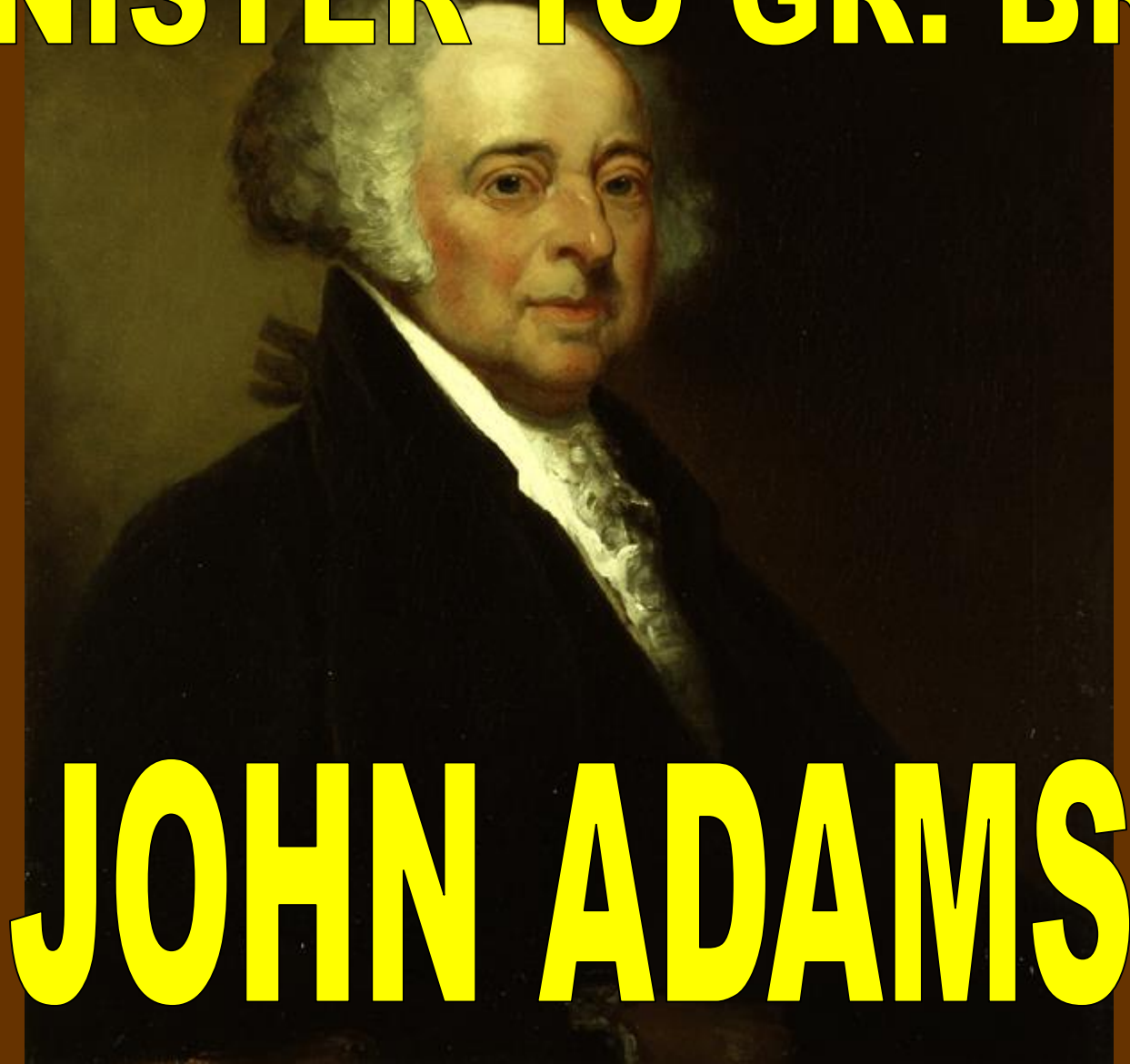


SERVING AS U.S.
MINISTER TO FRANCE



"I was in Europe when the Constitution was planned, and never saw it till after it was established. On receiving it, I wrote to Mr. Madison, urging the want of provision for... an express reservation to the States of all rights not specifically granted to the Union."

**SERVING AS U.S.
MINISTER TO GR. BRIT.**



JOHN ADAMS

SERVING AS GOV. OF MA



JOHN HANCOCK

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**WANTED ONLY TO REVISE
THE ARTICLES**



THE MEETING AGENDA

AREAS OF

AGREEMENT



HUMAN
NATURE



PEOPLE ARE
SELF-INTERESTED



PEOPLE LIKE,
AND ABUSE,
POWER

THE MARSH CLAN



THE WHATELEY CLAN



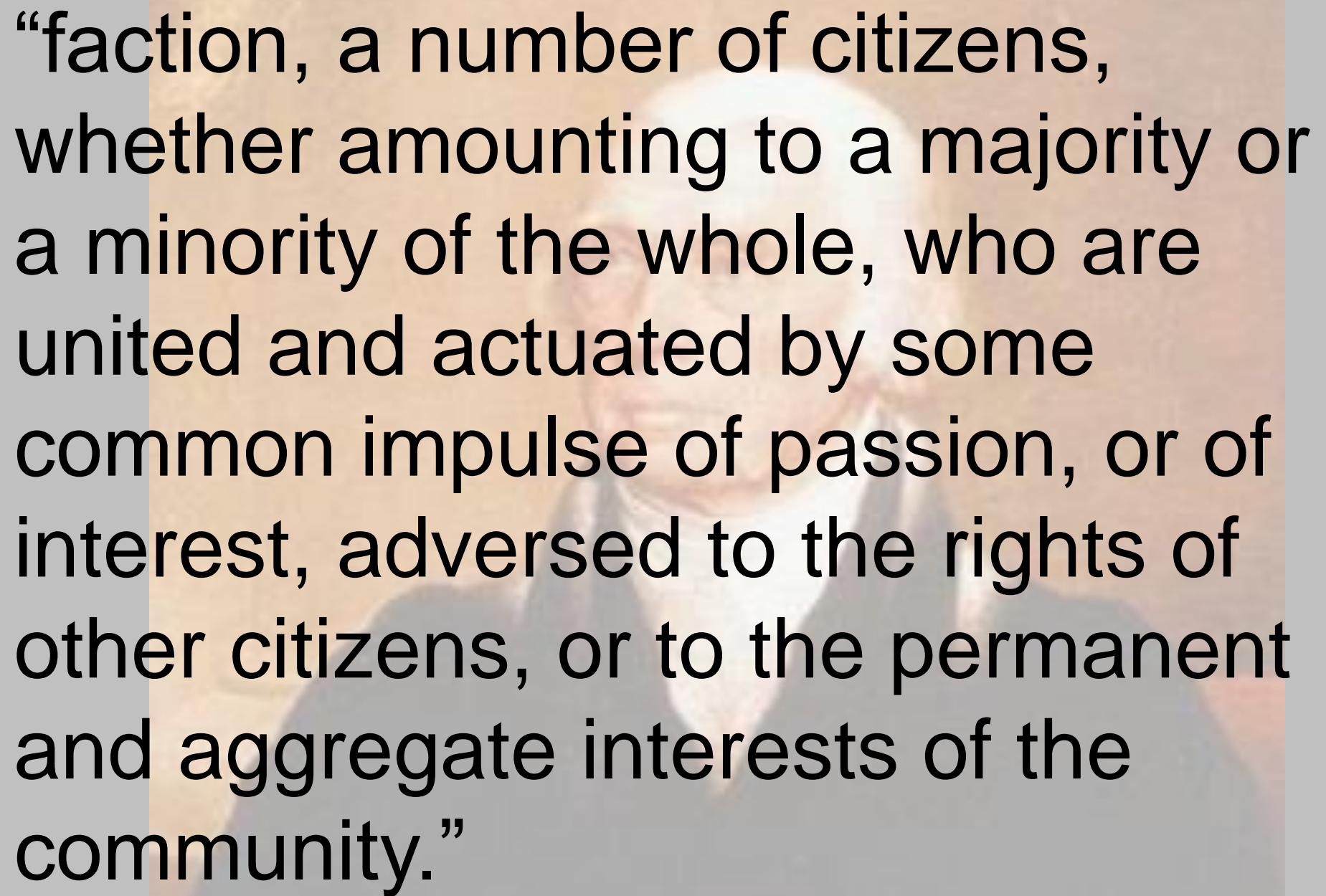
THE DEGHOULE CLAN



THE CULT OF EZEKIEL



**FACTIONS
INEVITABLE &
LEAD TO
POLITICAL
CONFLICT**



“faction, a number of citizens, whether amounting to a majority or a minority of the whole, who are united and actuated by some common impulse of passion, or of interest, adversed to the rights of other citizens, or to the permanent and aggregate interests of the community.”

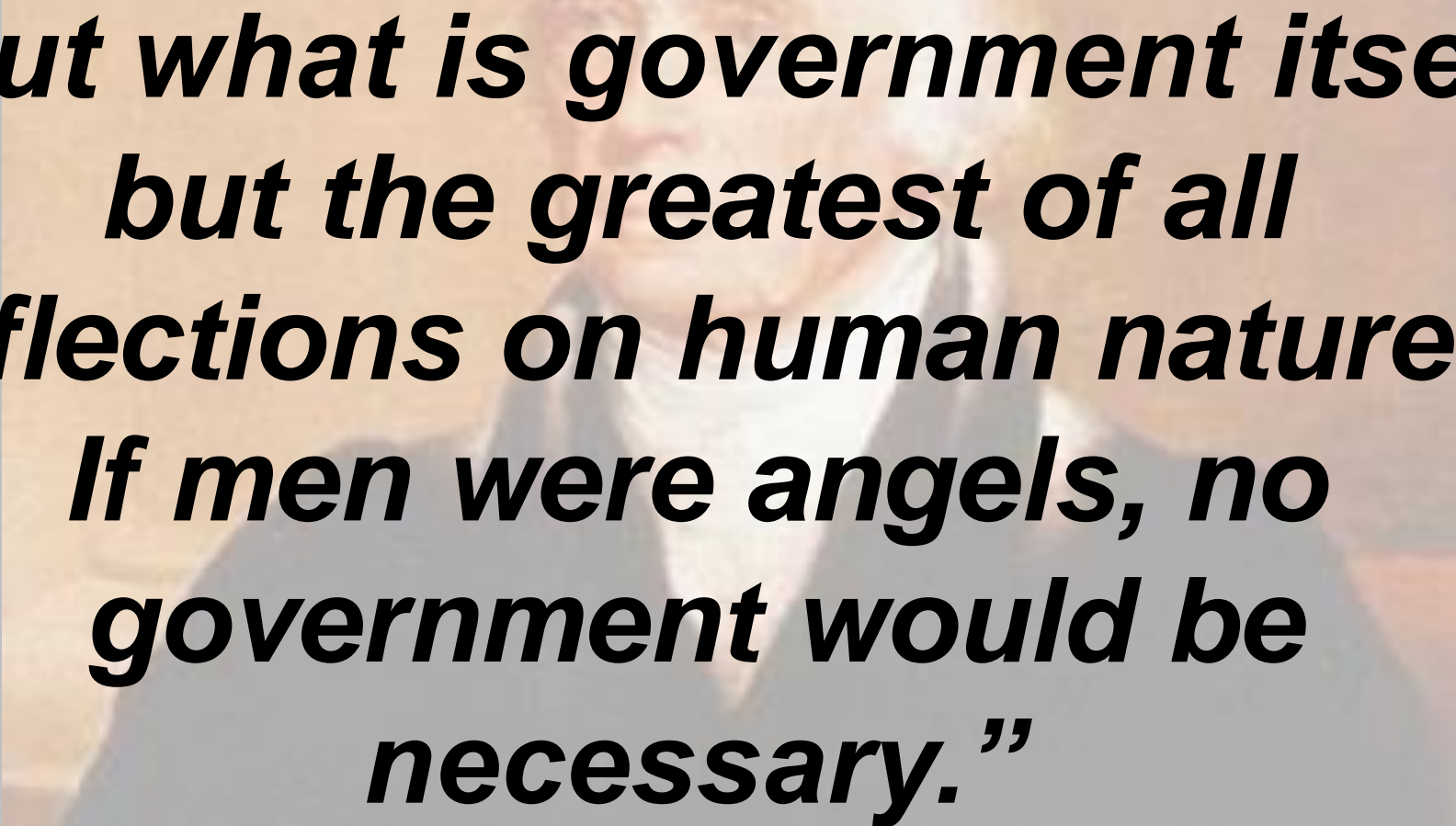
- James Madison, Federalist 10



**TO DESTROY THEM
WOULD BE TO
DESTROY LIBERTY**



**TO GO UNCHECKED
FACTIONS WILL
DESTROY GOVT.**

A faint, sepia-toned portrait of James Madison, an older man with white hair, wearing a dark suit and a white cravat, serves as the background for the text.

***“But what is government itself
but the greatest of all
reflections on human nature?
If men were angels, no
government would be
necessary.”***

– James Madison-

**GOAL OR PURPOSE
OF GOVT. WAS TO
PROTECT & PRESERVE
PROPERTY RIGHTS**





GOVERNMENT

MUST BE BALANCED

STATE

GOVT.

NAT'L

GOVT.

US GOVERNMENT

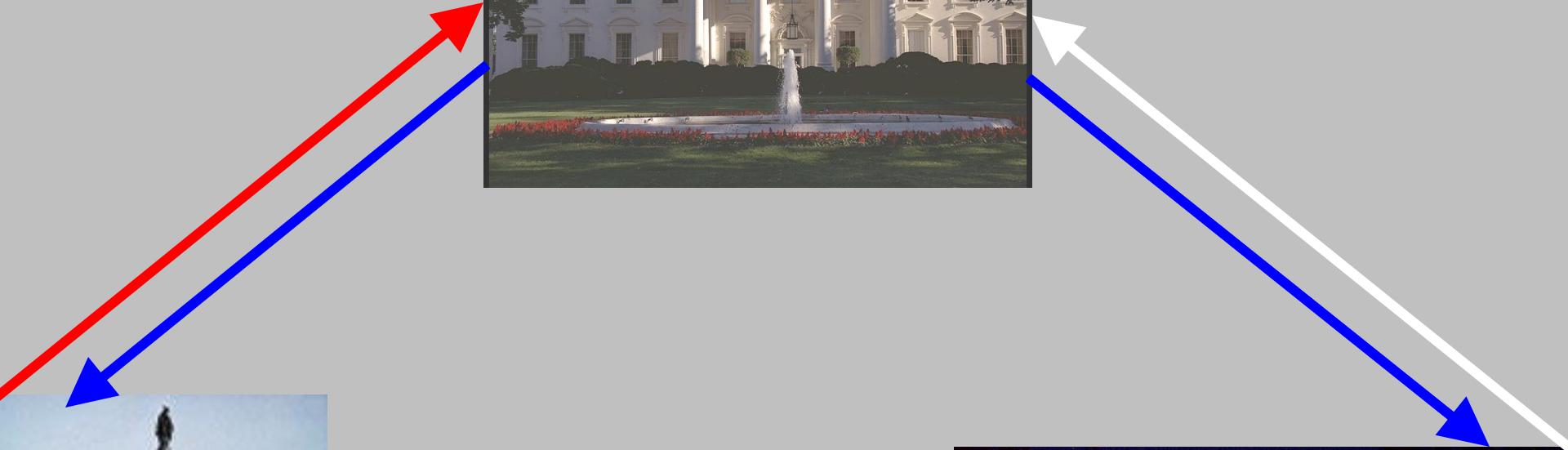
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LEGISLATURE
(CONGRESS)

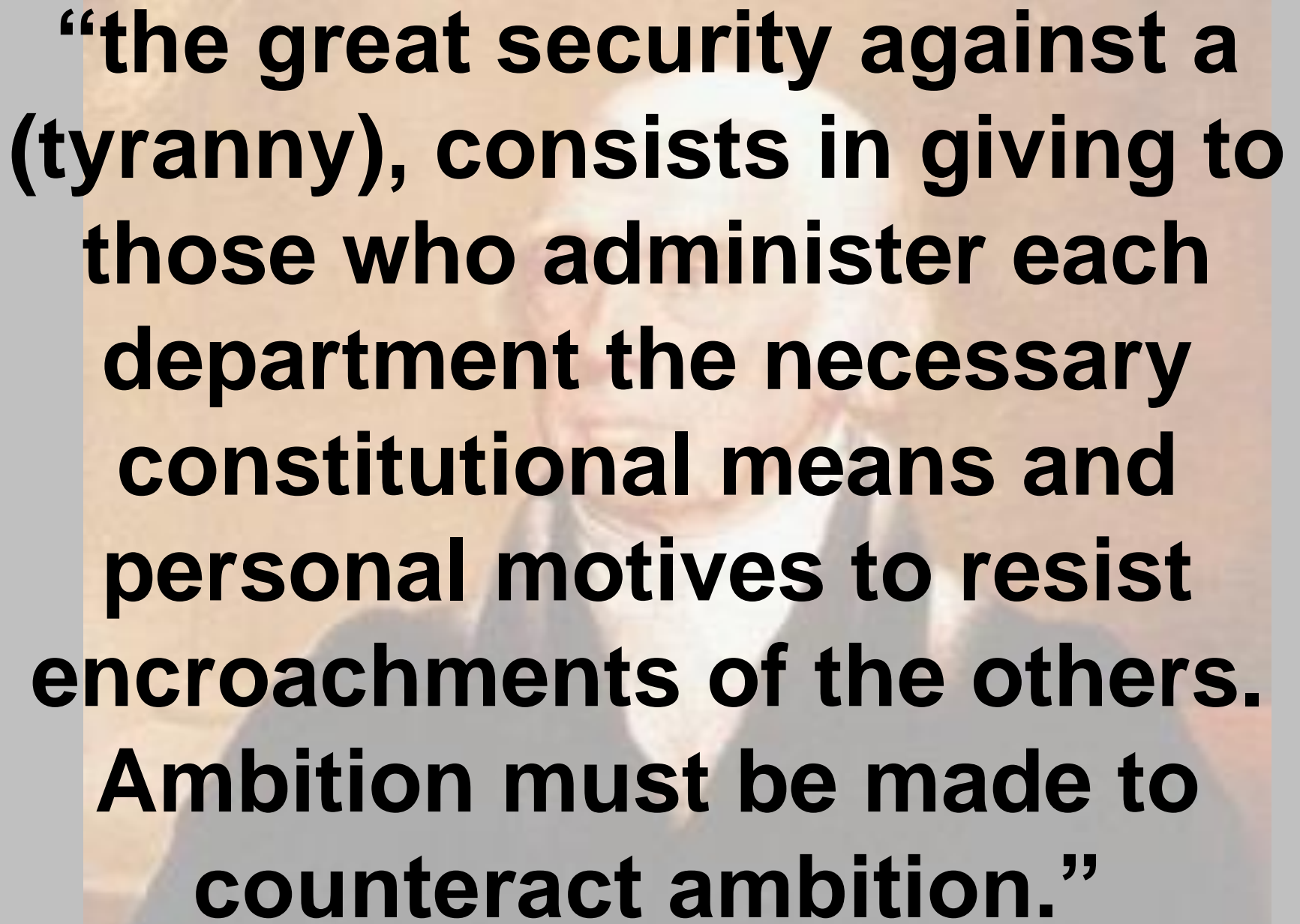
EXECUTIVE
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**POWER NEEDS TO
BE DISPERSED**



POWER CHECKING POWER



“the great security against a (tyranny), consists in giving to those who administer each department the necessary constitutional means and personal motives to resist encroachments of the others. Ambition must be made to counteract ambition.”

- James Madison, Federalist 51-

AREAS OF DISAGREEMENT



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REPRESENTATION

DISAGREEMENTS:

PEOPLE OR STATES?



| | | | | |
|----|---------|--|----|---------|
| CT | 237,946 | | NJ | 184,139 |
| DE | 59,096 | | NY | 340,120 |
| GA | 82,548 | | NC | 393,751 |
| MD | 319,728 | | PA | 434,373 |
| MA | 378,787 | | RI | 68,825 |
| NH | 141,885 | | SC | 249,073 |
| | | | VA | 691,737 |

BIG ***v. SMALL*** ***STATES***

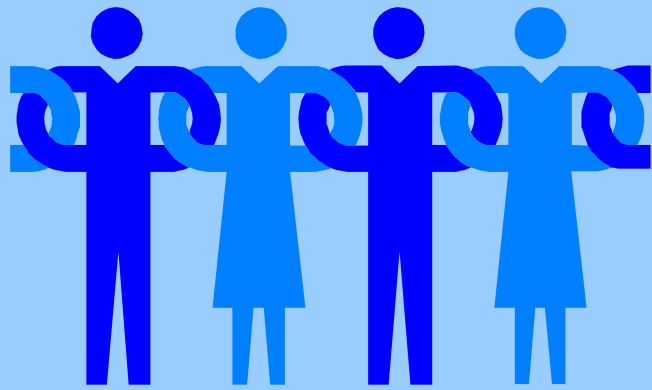
VIRGINIA OR LARGE

STATE PLAN

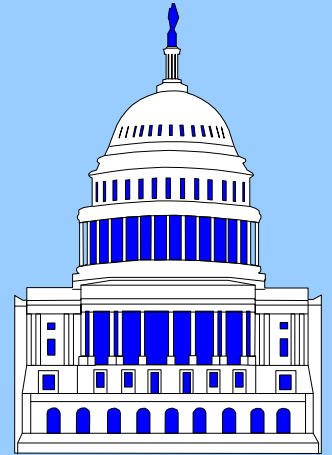


RUTLEDGE &

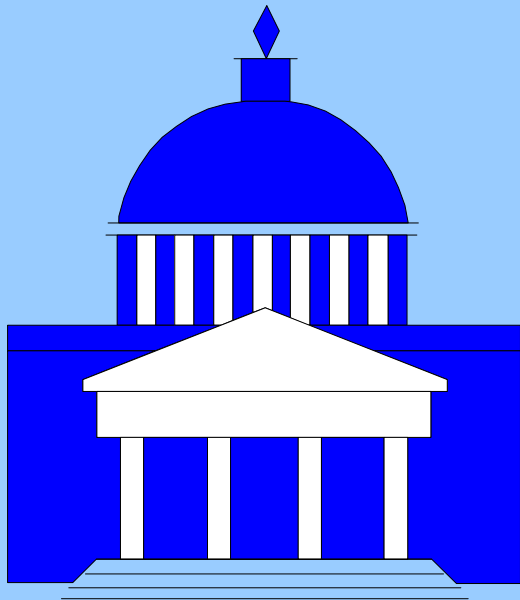
MADISON



ELECT

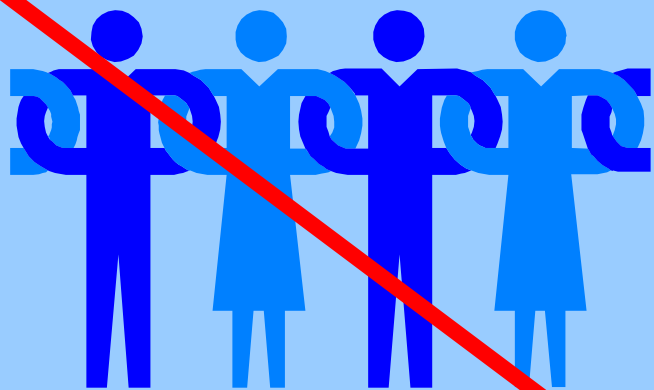


ELECT



**UPPER
HOUSE**

**LOWER
HOUSE**

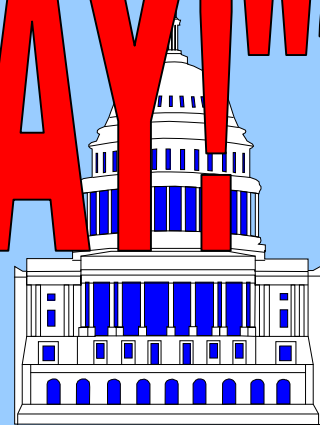


ELECT



UPPER
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LOWER
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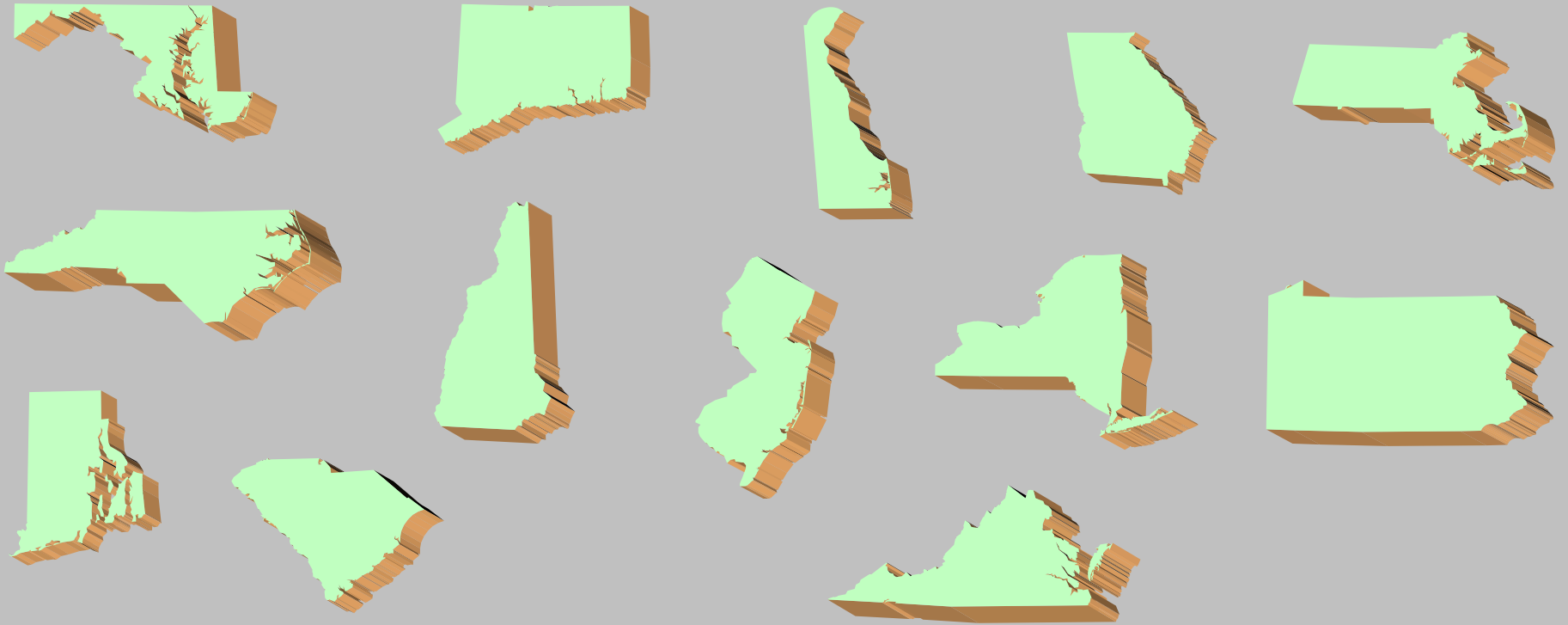
WHO SAID "NO WAY!"?

NEW JERSEY OR SMALL STATE PLAN

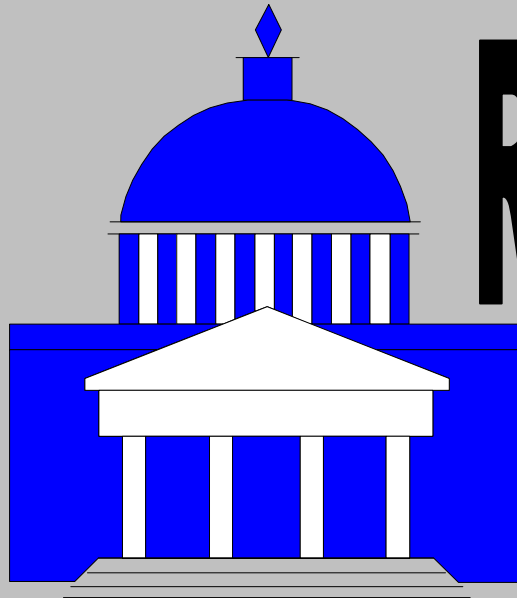


**WILLIAM
PATERSON**





EQUALLY



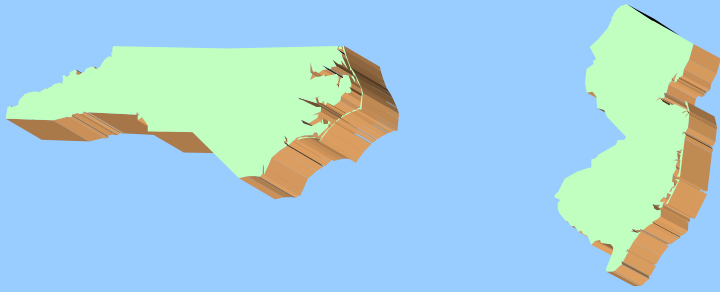
REPRESENTED



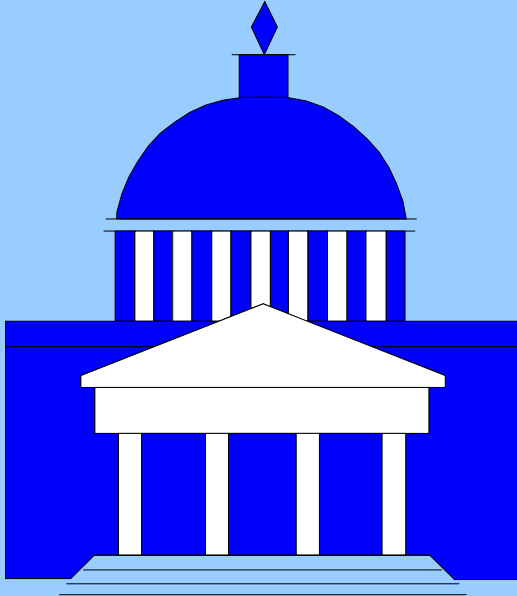
**MAJOR
STALEMATE
HOW WAS IT
RESOLVED?**

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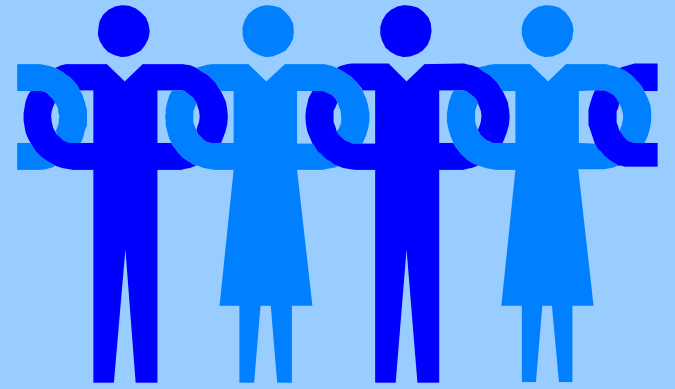




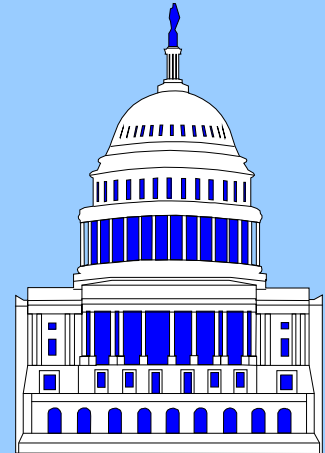
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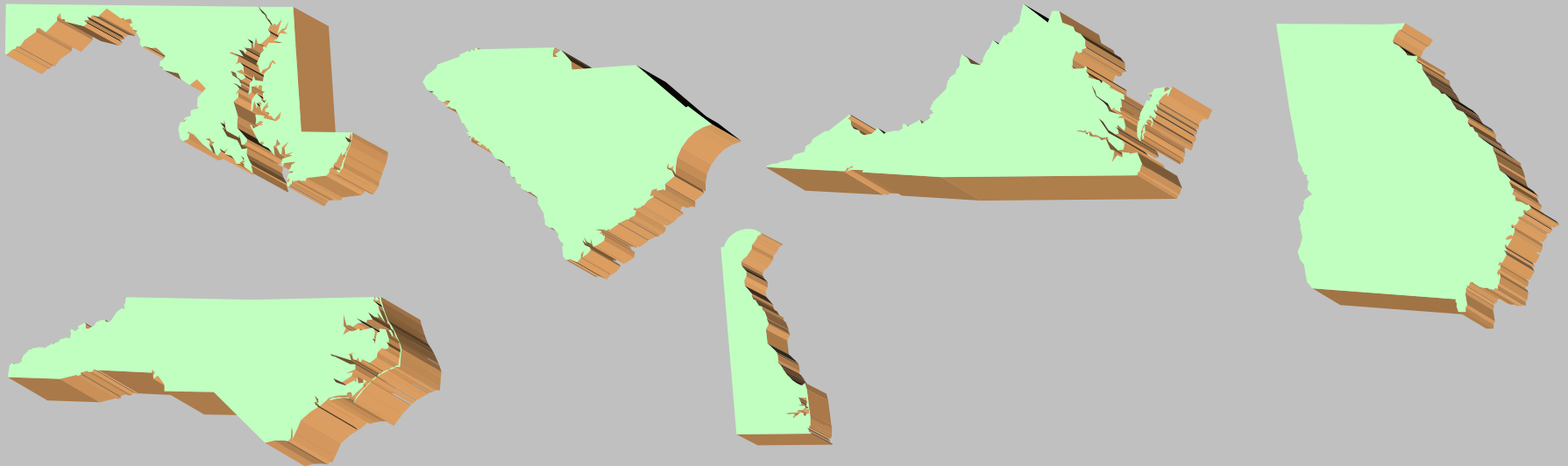


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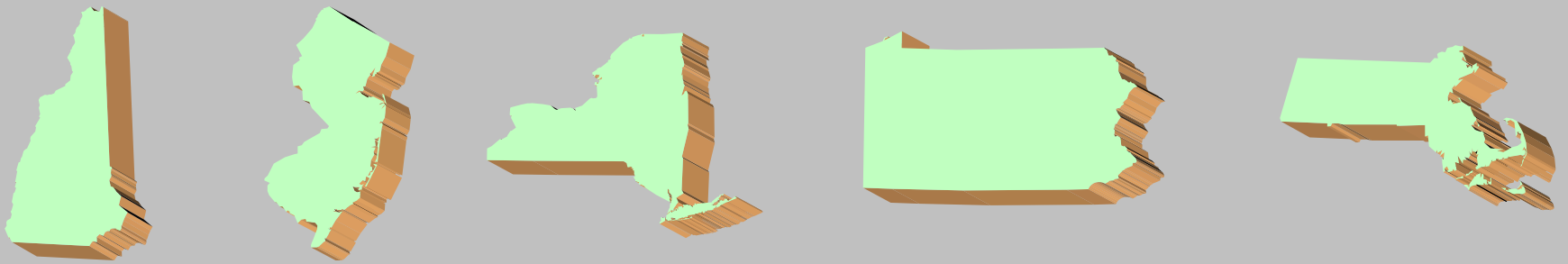
DISAGREEMENTS:

SHOULD SLAVES BE COUNTED AND TAXED?





**YES TO COUNTING
NO TO TAXING SLAVES-
WHY?**



NO TO COUNTING

YES TO TAXING SLAVES.

WHY?



**MAJOR
STALEMATE
HOW WAS IT
RESOLVED?**

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***1790- S.
CAROLINA
POPULATION***

White

Black

140,178

108,895

$$\begin{array}{r} 140,178 \\ + \text{ } 3/5 \text{ } 108,895 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 140,178 \\ + 65,337 \\ \hline = 205,515 \end{array}$$

3/5 COMPROMISE

“Representatives and direct Taxes shall be apportioned among the several States, which shall be determined by adding to the whole Number of free Persons, including those bound to Service for a Term of Years, and excluding Indians not taxed, three fifths of all other Persons.”

- US Constitution, Art I, sec. 2-

**The Migration or Importation of
such Persons as any of the
States now existing shall think
proper to admit, shall not be
prohibited by the Congress prior
to the Year one thousand eight
hundred and eight, but a Tax or
duty may be imposed, not
exceeding ten dollars for each
Person. - *Art.I, sec. 9-***

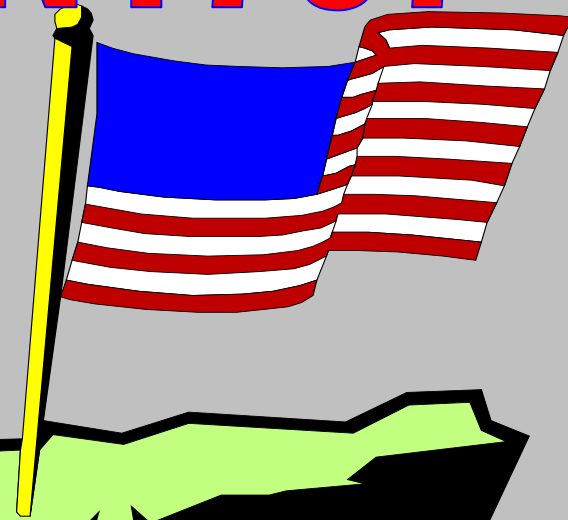
ECONOMICS &

DISAGREEMENTS

COMMERCE COMPROMISES



\$54 MILLION IN 1787



\$539,896,802.21

CONVERTED TO TODAY

FIVE DOLLARS.

STATE of MASSACHUSETTS-BAY.

No.

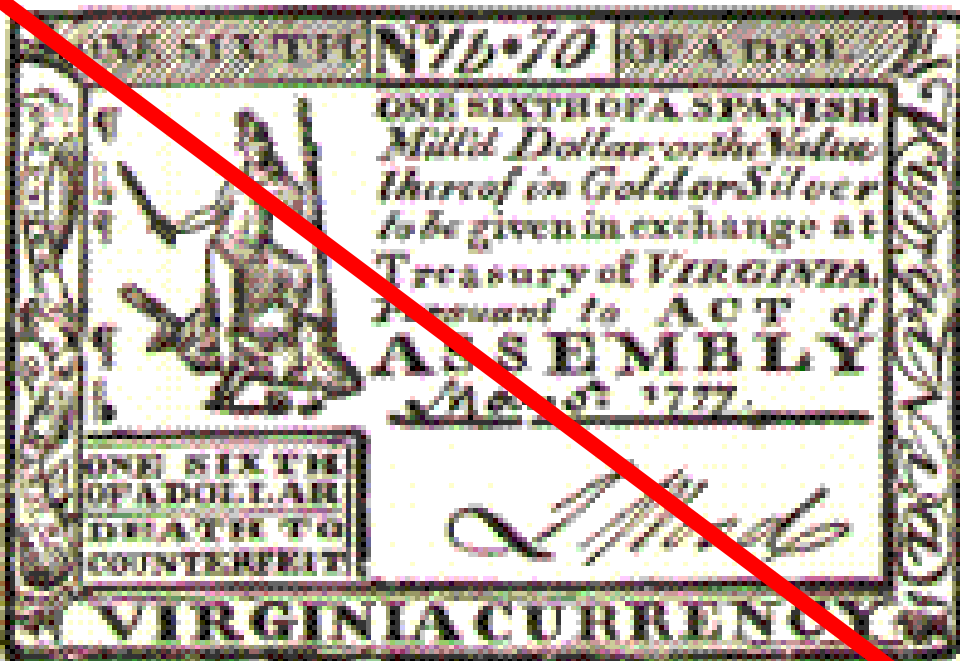
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Five Dollars.


THE POSSESSOR of this BILL shall be paid FIVE SPANISH *milled* DOLLARS by the Thirty-first Day of *December*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-six, with Interest in like Money, at the Rate of *Five per Centum per Annum*, by the State of MASSACHUSETTS-BAY, according to an Act of the Legislature of the said State, of the Fifth Day of *May*, 1780.

STATES COULD NO

LONGER COIN \$\$\$\$



**ONLY CONGRESS
COULD REGULATE**

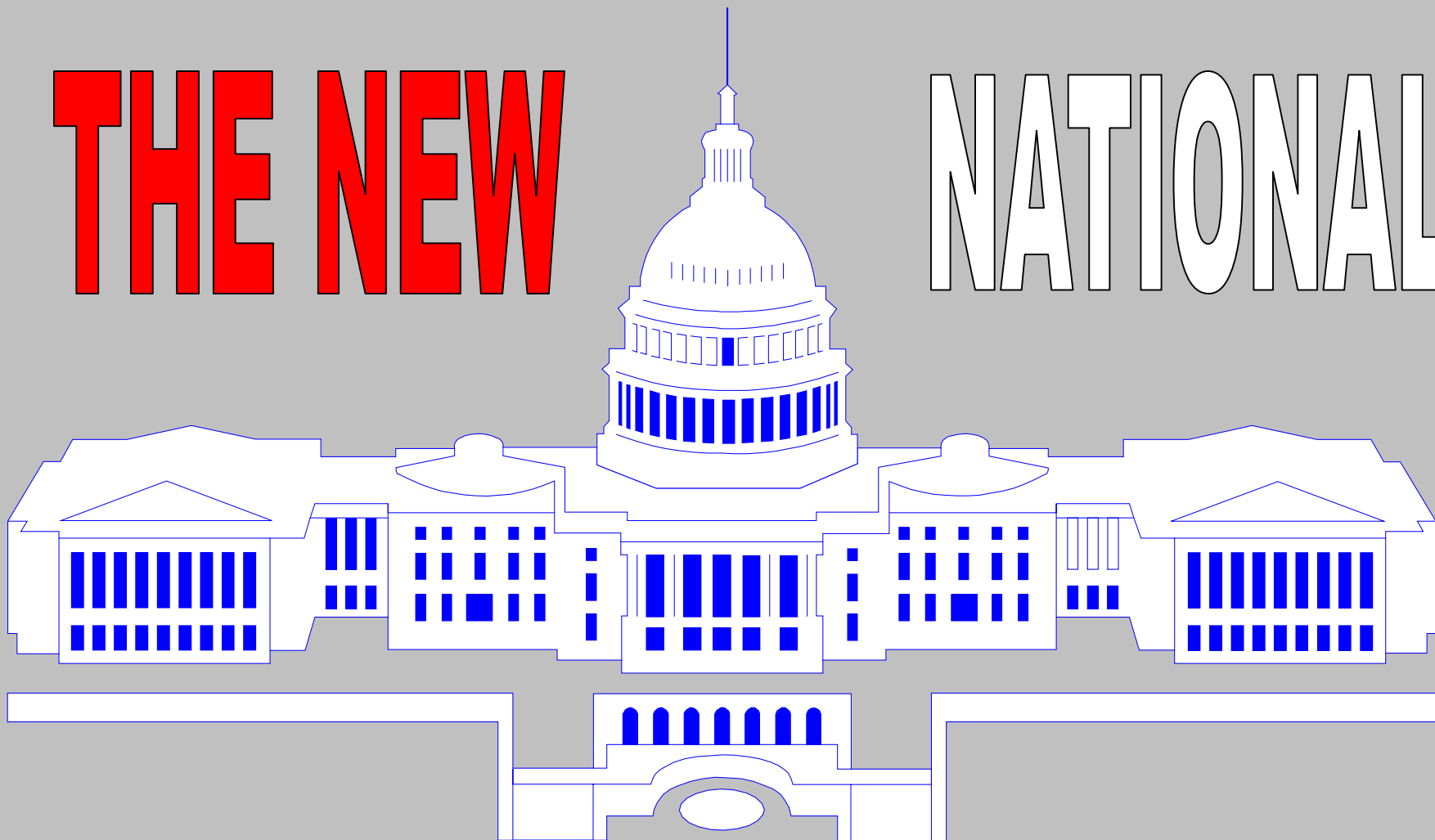


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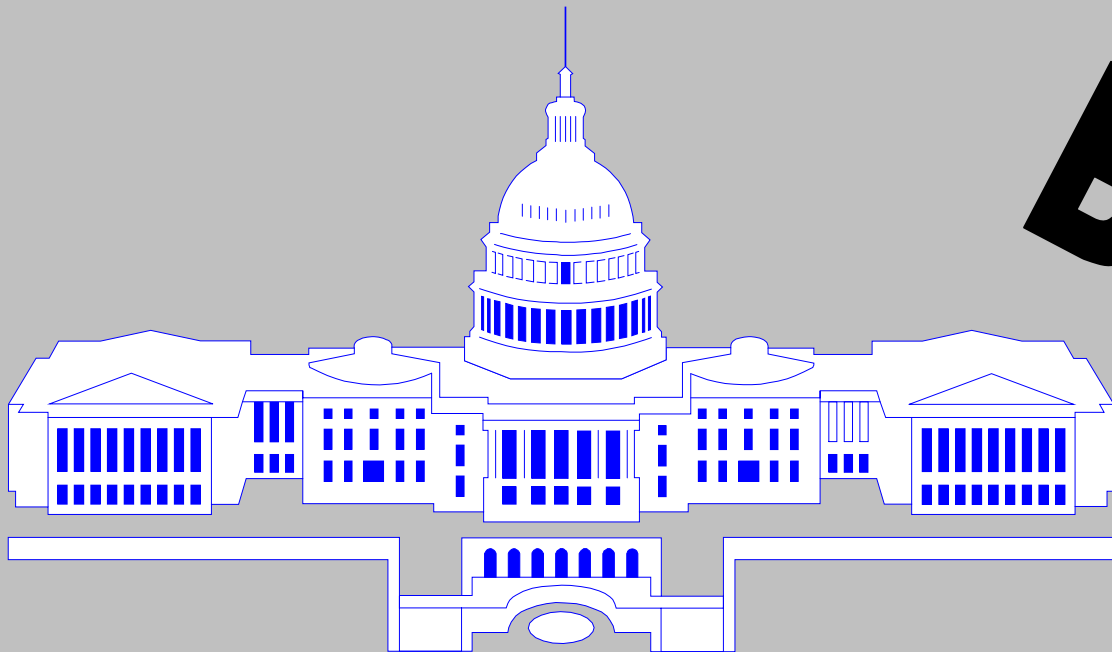
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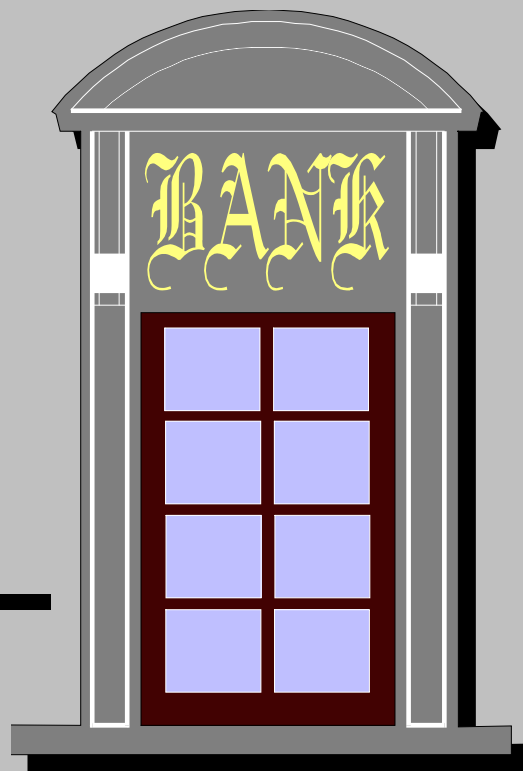
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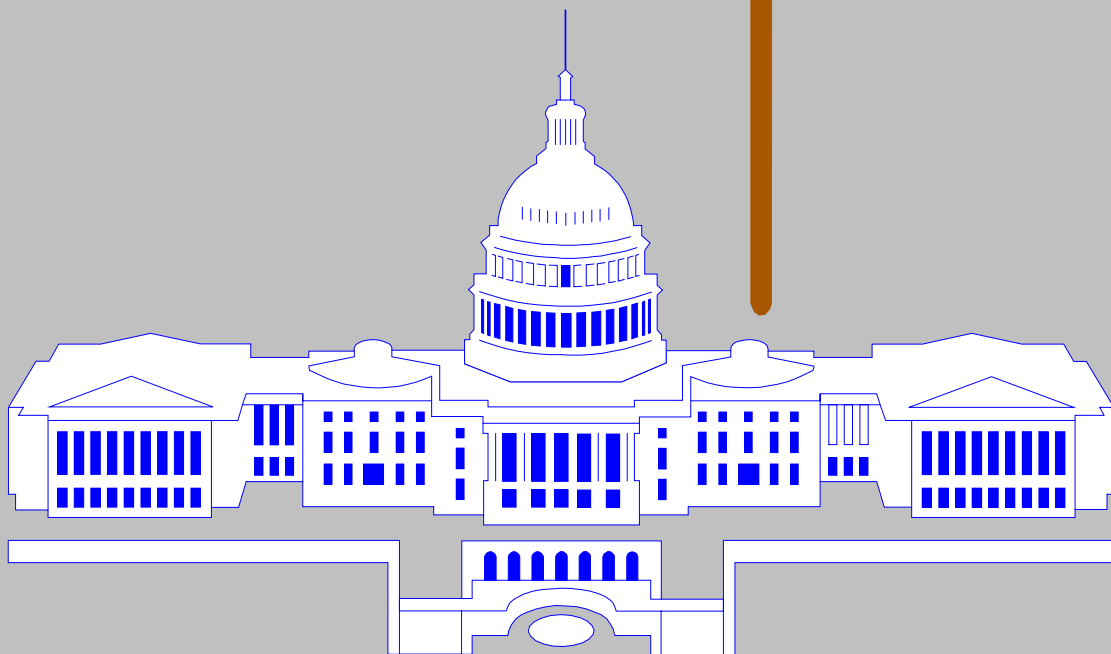
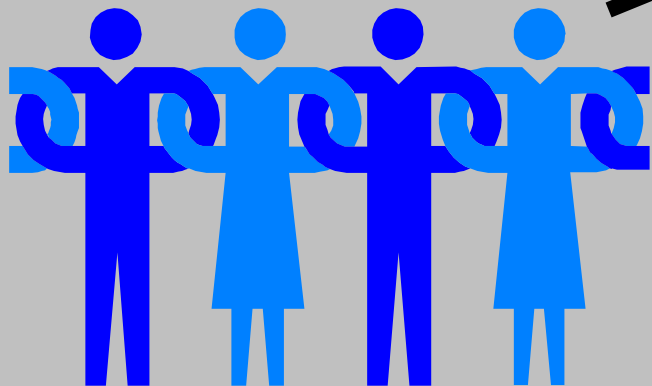
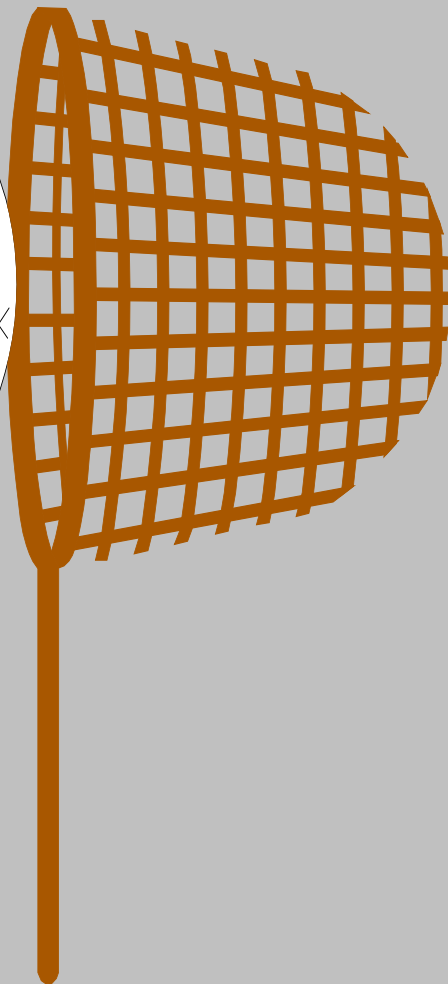
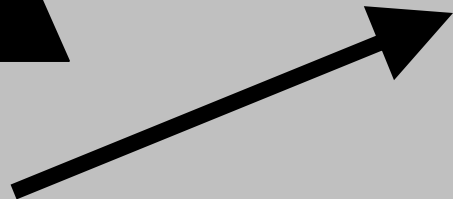
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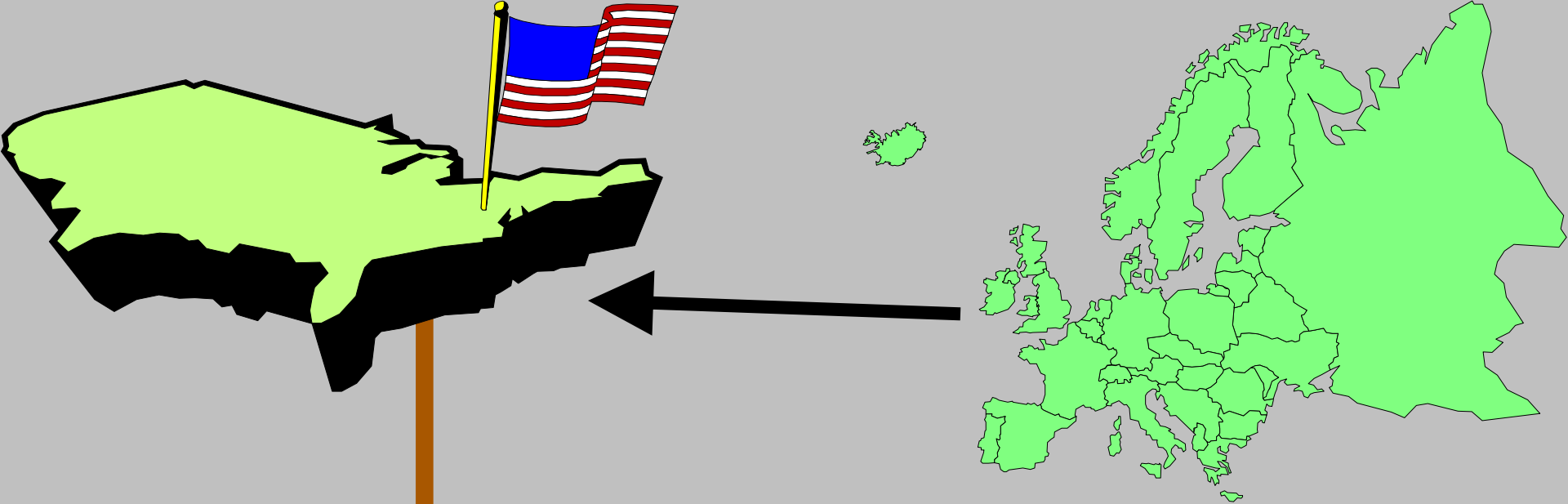


BORROW

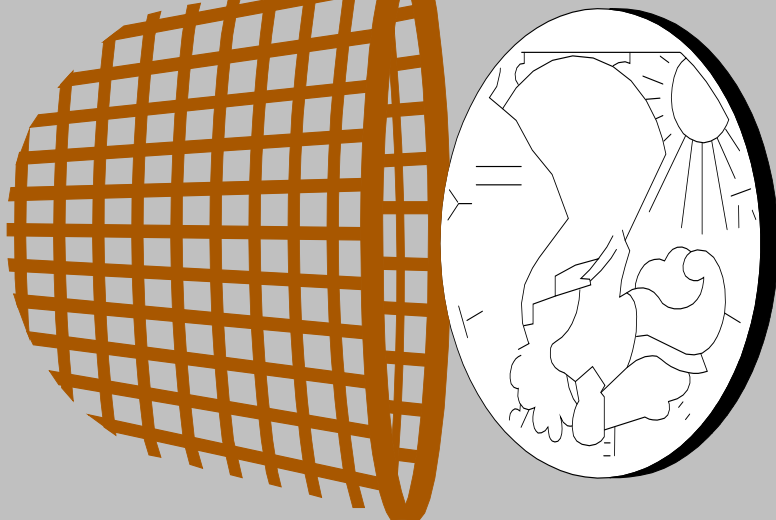


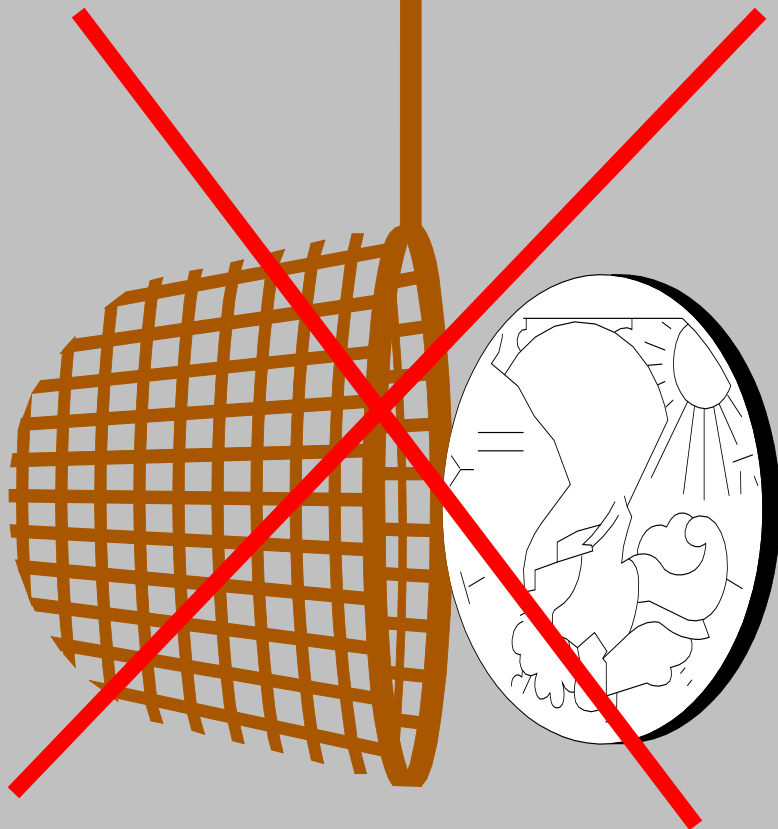
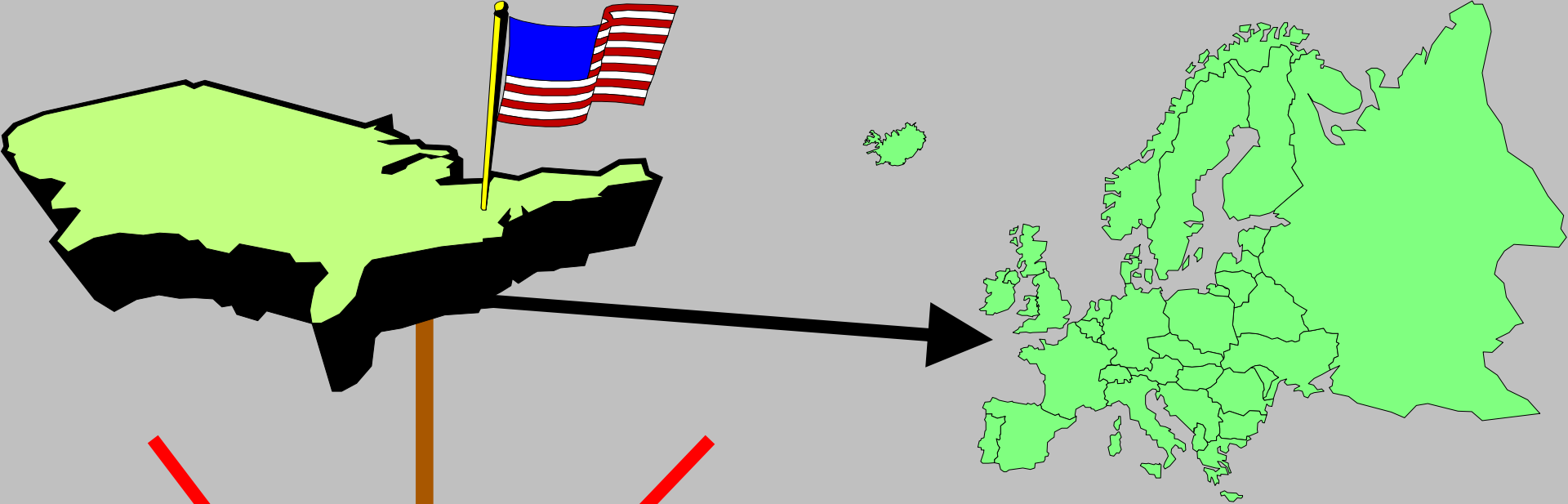
TAX





**TAX IMPORTS
(TARIFFS)**





NOT EXPORTS

The background of the image is a close-up, slightly blurred view of various US dollar bills and coins. The bills are mostly green and white, with some showing the portrait of George Washington. The coins are silver and gold. The text is overlaid on this background.

**SOLE POWER TO
COIN MONEY**

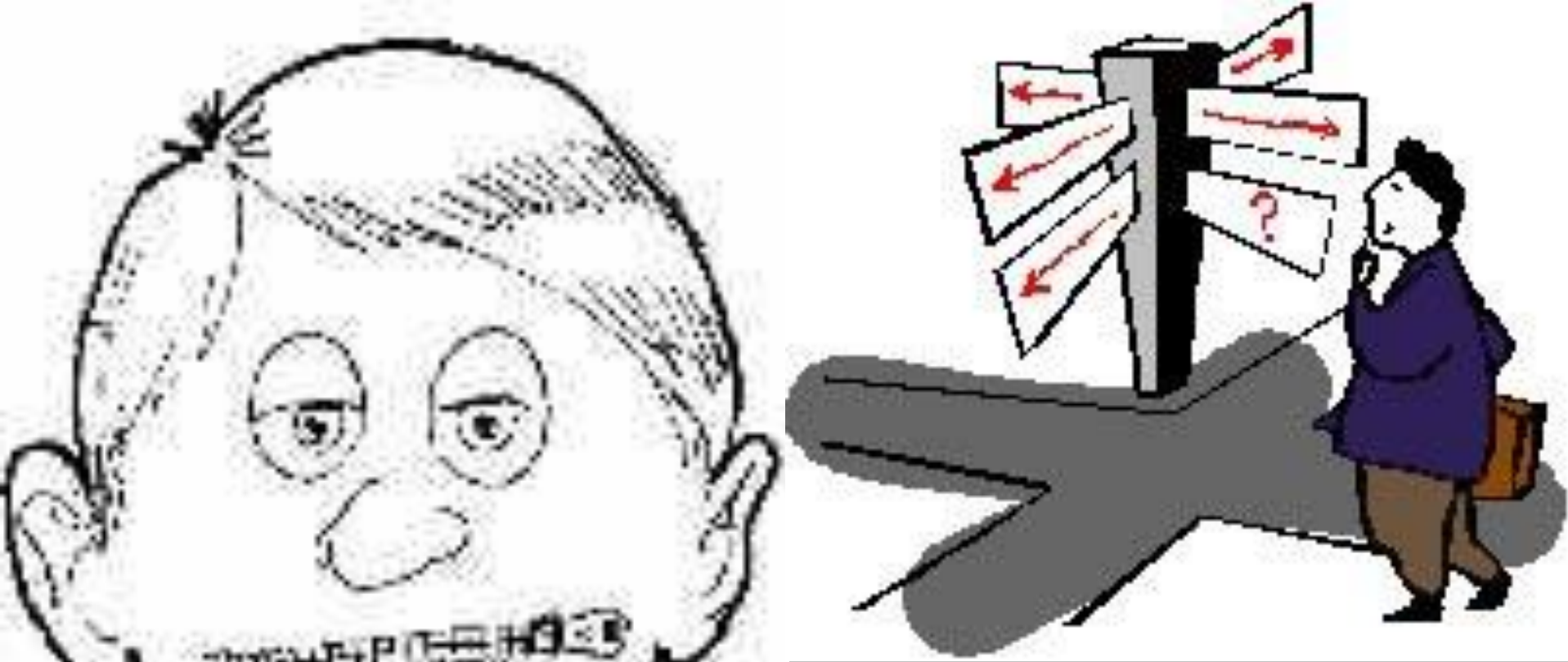
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POLITICAL EQUALITY

DISAGREEMENTS:

UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE OR QUALIFICATIONS TO VOTE?

The background of the slide is a photograph of two bison in a natural, rugged environment. They are standing on a rocky, snow-dusted hillside, facing each other in a confrontational posture, likely during a territorial dispute or mating ritual. The sky is a clear, pale blue. The text is overlaid on this image in a large, bold, yellow font with a black outline.



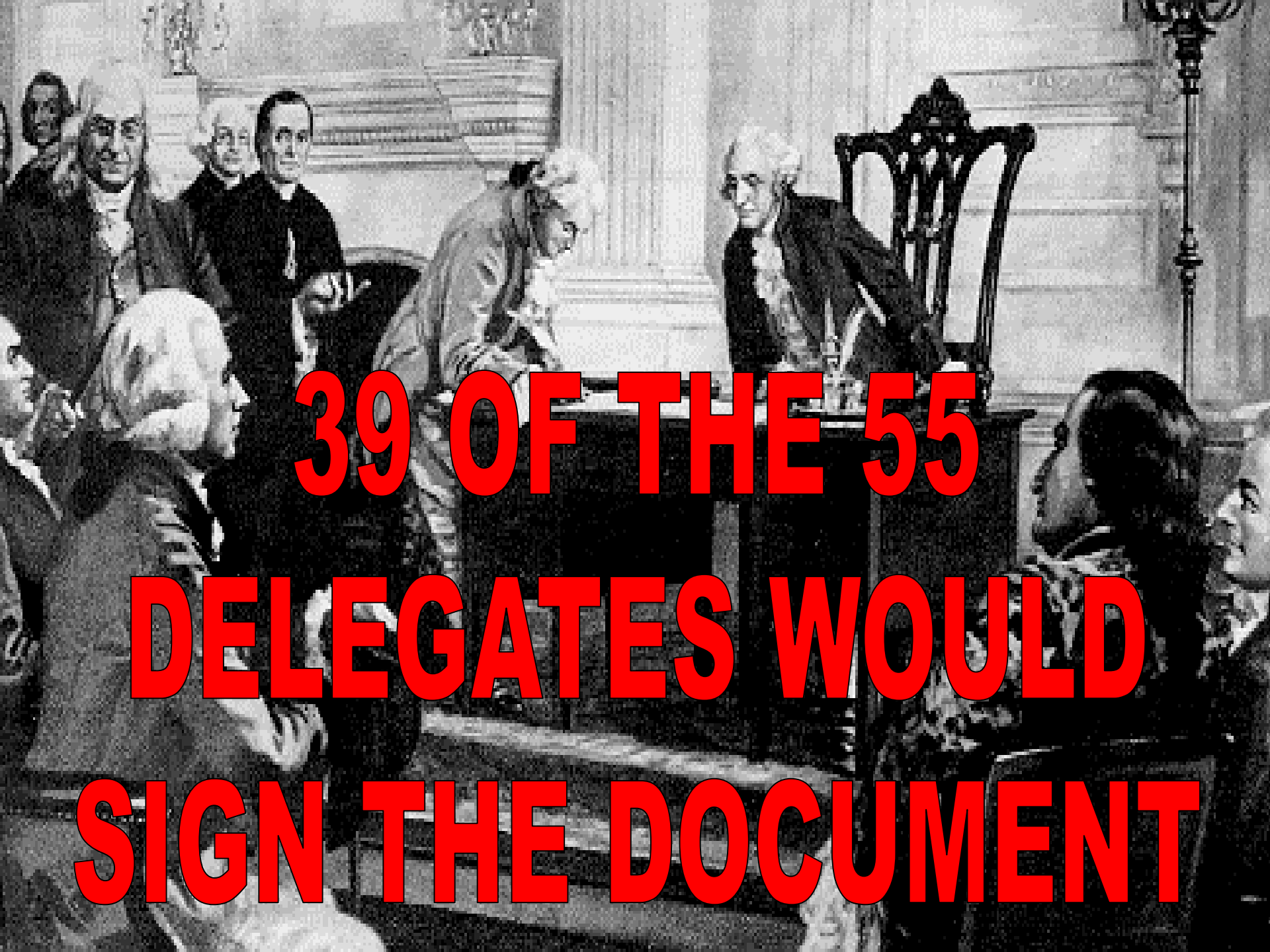
**FRAMERS COULD NOT
DECIDE & LEFT
IT TO THE STATES**

WHAT DID THE STATES DO?





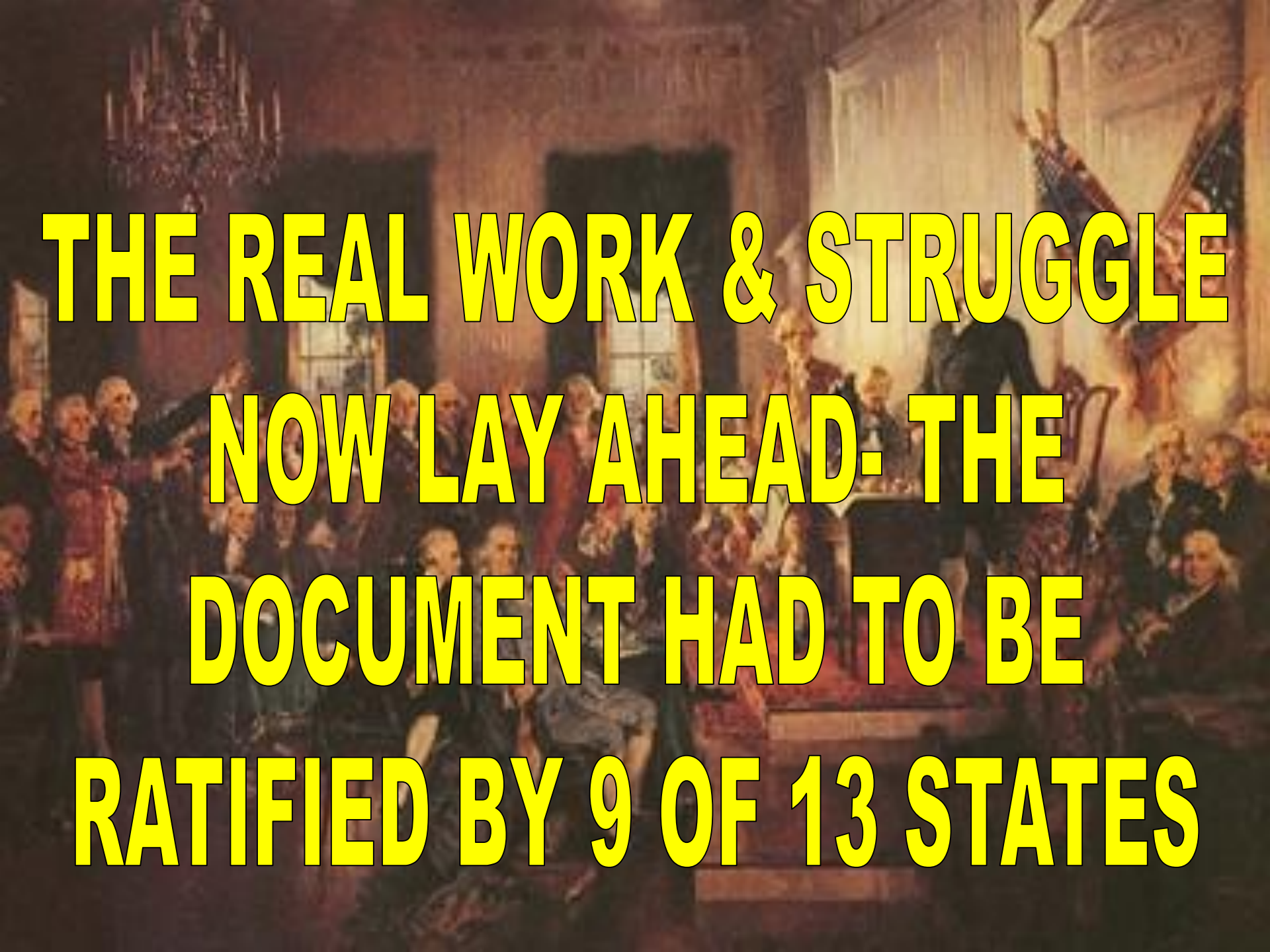
**AFTER 109 DAYS IN
STIFLING HEAT,
A MOTION WAS MADE TO
APPROVE THE DOCUMENT.
TEN STATES VOTED YES
& TWO ABSTAINED**



**39 OF THE 55
DELEGATES WOULD
SIGN THE DOCUMENT**

The background image is a pixelated, low-resolution depiction of a tavern or restaurant interior. It features several wooden tables and chairs. In the foreground, a table is covered with a white cloth and has some papers or a menu on it. The background shows more tables and chairs, with a bar area visible in the distance. The overall aesthetic is reminiscent of early computer graphics or a low-quality scan of a photograph.

**THE MEMBERS THEN
ADJOURNED TO
A TAVERN**



**THE REAL WORK & STRUGGLE
NOW LAY AHEAD. THE
DOCUMENT HAD TO BE
RATIFIED BY 9 OF 13 STATES**