

# An Oration on the Beauties of Liberty

AN ORATION  
ON THE  
BEAUTIES OF LIBERTY,  
OR THE ESSENTIAL RIGHTS OF THE AMERICANS.  
DELIVERED

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marks on the RIGHTS and LIBERTIES of the AF-  
RICANS, inserted by particular Desire.

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the light of the morning, when the sun rises; and therefore they who oppress the Americans must be as great enemies to the rights of the laws of nature, as they who would (if it were in their power) vail the light of the sun from the universe. Remember my Lord, the Americans have a privilege to boast of above all the world. They never were in bondage to any man, and therefore it is more for them to give up their rights into the hands of the Turks; consider what English tyranny their forefathers fled from, what seas of distress they met with, what savages they fought with, what blood-bought treasures, as the dear inheritance of their lives, they have left to their children, and without any aid from the king of England;

and yet after this, these free-born people must be counted rebels, if they will not loose every right of liberty, which their forefathers bought, with



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