

1 01:00:16:13 01:00:19:15 AFTER THE REVOLUTION,
THE AWESOME AND THRILLING TASK

2 01:00:19:17 01:00:21:25 OF CREATING A NEW SYSTEM
OF GOVERNMENT

3 01:00:21:27 01:00:24:11 SOME OF THE BEST MINDS
OF THE DAY COME TOGETHER.

4 01:00:24:13 01:00:25:26 THEY'RE DRAFTING A NEW
GOVERNMENT IN PHILADELPHIA

5 01:00:25:28 01:00:27:12 DONE IN SECRECY--
ABSOLUTE SECRECY;

6 01:00:27:14 01:00:29:20 THEY HAVE ARMED GUARDS
AROUND THERE.

7 01:00:29:22 01:00:32:26 SINCE THEY WANTED TO CONDUCT
DEBATES IN SECRET

8 01:00:32:28 01:00:34:18 THEY CLOSED THE WINDOWS.

9 01:00:34:20 01:00:36:09 IT WAS SUMMERTIME

10 01:00:36:11 01:00:38:03 AND THEY WORE WOOL CLOTHES.

11 01:00:38:05 01:00:40:05 CAN YOU IMAGINE WHAT IT'S LIKE?

12 01:00:40:07 01:00:41:14 THERE'S ALL-OUT WARFARE.

13 01:00:41:16 01:00:43:18 I MEAN, THERE'S
CONTESTED UNDERSTANDINGS

14 01:00:43:20 01:00:45:09 AND MEANINGS
OF THOSE DOCUMENTS.

15 01:00:45:11 01:00:47:23 I MEAN, THOSE ANTIFEDERALISTS
DID NOT BUY INTO

16 01:00:47:25 01:00:49:16 WHAT WAS GOING ON
IN PHILADELPHIA.

17 01:00:49:18 01:00:52:00 AND THEY SAID THAT
THAT WAS A GROUP

18 01:00:52:02 01:00:54:02 OF 55 WELL-FED,
WELL-READ MEN

19 01:00:54:04 01:00:55:06 SLAVE OWNERS MANY OF THEM

20 01:00:55:08 01:00:56:20 WHO HAD LOST FAITH
IN THE PEOPLE

21 01:00:56:22 01:00:58:00 AND WHO WERE REPUDIATING

22 01:00:58:02 01:01:00:08 THE PRINCIPLES
OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

23 01:01:00:10 01:01:01:28 *COULD A CONSTITUTION BE CREATED*

24 01:01:02:00 01:01:04:12 *THAT WOULD HOLD*
A FRAGILE NEW NATION TOGETHER?

25 01:01:04:14 01:01:08:03 *THAT CHALLENGE TODAY*
ON A BIOGRAPHY OF AMERICA.

26 01:01:12:11 01:01:15:03 [Captioning sponsored
by ANNENBERG/CPB]

27 01:01:42:17 01:01:45:20 "YOU AND I, DEAR FRIEND,
HAVE BEEN SENT INTO LIFE

28 01:01:45:22 01:01:48:27 AT A TIME WHEN THE GREATEST
LAWGIVERS OF ANTIQUITY

29 01:01:48:29 01:01:50:19 WOULD HAVE WISHED TO LIVE"

30 01:01:50:21 01:01:54:22 SO JOHN ADAMS WROTE IN 1776.

31 01:01:54:24 01:01:57:26 "WHEN BEFORE," HE ASKED,
HAD THREE MILLION PEOPLE...

32 01:02:08:25 01:02:11:08 THE EXCITEMENT
OF DESIGNING NEW GOVERNMENTS

33 01:02:11:10 01:02:12:18 FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

34 01:02:12:20 01:02:14:18 ATTRACTED THE BEST MINDS

35 01:02:14:20 OF THE DAY
 01:02:18:15 AND WHAT THEY DID
 TRANSFORMED A COLONIAL REBELLION
 36 01:02:18:17 01:02:21:29 INTO A WORLD REVOLUTION.
 37 01:02:22:01 01:02:23:24 "IF THE COLONISTS HAD ONLY
 38 01:02:23:26 01:02:26:21 SECURED THEIR INDEPENDENCE
 FROM BRITAIN"
 39 01:02:26:23 01:02:28:18 THOMAS PAINE WROTE IN 1792
 40 01:02:28:20 01:02:30:26 "THEIR REVOLUTION
 WOULD HAVE BEEN
 41 01:02:30:28 01:02:33:04 A MATTER OF LITTLE IMPORTANCE."
 42 01:02:33:06 01:02:36:22 BUT BECAUSE INDEPENDENCE
 BROUGHT, AS PAINE PUT IT
 43 01:02:36:24 01:02:41:06 "A REVOLUTION IN THE PRINCIPLES
 AND PRACTICE OF GOVERNMENTS"
 44 01:02:41:08 01:02:46:00 THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION BECAME A
 LANDMARK EVENT FOR ALL MANKIND.
 45 01:02:53:12 01:02:56:24 WE ARE MORE INCLINED
 TO EMPHASIZE OTHER CHANGES
 46 01:02:56:26 01:02:58:26 THAT THE REVOLUTION BROUGHT
 47 01:02:58:28 01:03:02:12 SUCH AS ITS TRANSFORMATION
 OF AMERICAN SOCIETY.
 48 01:03:02:14 01:03:05:13 TWENTY YEARS EARLIER
 THE COLONISTS THOUGHT
 49 01:03:05:15 01:03:09:08 A RANKED SOCIETY LIKE BRITAIN'S
 WAS PERFECTLY FINE.
 50 01:03:09:10 01:03:11:02 THEY COULD EVEN LOOK FORWARD
 51 01:03:11:04 01:03:13:16 TO HAVING AN ARISTOCRACY
 OF THEIR OWN.
 52 01:03:13:18 01:03:19:29 THEN QUITE SUDDENLY
 ARISTOCRACY BECAME UNAMERICAN.
 53 01:03:20:01 01:03:23:11 EQUALITY, WHICH HAD
 IN FACT LONG SINCE BEEN
 54 01:03:23:13 01:03:27:18 MORE CHARACTERISTIC OF AMERICAN
 THAN BRITISH SOCIETY
 55 01:03:27:20 01:03:29:23 BECAME A RULING PRINCIPLE.
 56 01:03:29:25 01:03:31:09 AFTER INDEPENDENCE
 57 01:03:31:11 01:03:34:19 THE NORTHERN STATES BEGAN
 DISMANTLING THEIR SLAVE SYSTEMS
 58 01:03:34:21 01:03:37:18 WHICH WERE AT ODDS
 WITH THE COUNTRY'S ASSERTION
 59 01:03:37:20 01:03:39:21 THAT "ALL MEN ARE
 CREATED EQUAL."
 60 01:03:39:23 01:03:41:20 THAT FIRST EMANCIPATION
 61 01:03:41:22 01:03:45:27 NOT ONLY MADE SLAVERY A
 DISTINCTLY SOUTHERN INSTITUTION
 62 01:03:45:29 01:03:48:27 BUT PRODUCED
 A COMMUNITY OF FREE BLACKS
 63 01:03:48:29 01:03:52:12 WHO BECAME THE NATION'S
 MOST ARDENT OPPONENTS
 64 01:03:52:14 01:03:54:17 OF BOTH SLAVERY AND RACISM.
 65 01:03:54:19 01:03:58:15 MEANWHILE, WOMEN BEGAN
 QUESTIONING THE ASSUMPTION
 66 01:03:58:17 01:04:03:08 THAT THEY WERE "NATURALLY"
 SUBORDINATE TO MEN.
 67 01:04:03:10 01:04:05:17 THE AMERICAN ECONOMY

ALSO UNDERWENT

68 01:04:05:19 01:04:07:08 A SEISMIC TRANSFORMATION.
69 01:04:07:10 01:04:10:28 WHEN BRITAIN EXCLUDED AMERICANS
FROM THEIR OLD MARKETS
70 01:04:11:00 01:04:14:26 THEY WENT OUT TO FIND NEW ONES
IN CHINA, FOR EXAMPLE
71 01:04:14:28 01:04:17:03 OR THE TRANS-APPALACHIAN WEST
72 01:04:17:05 01:04:21:17 TO WHICH SETTLERS STREAMED
IN THE 1780s.
73 01:04:21:19 01:04:25:27 STATE LEGISLATURES STARTED
GRANTING PATENTS AND COPYRIGHTS
74 01:04:25:29 01:04:28:04 AS THEY HAD NEVER DONE BEFORE
75 01:04:28:06 01:04:31:20 AND THEY ALSO GAVE OUT
CHARTERS OF INCORPORATION
76 01:04:31:22 01:04:35:03 TO ENCOURAGE GROUPS
TO BUILD BRIDGES AND ROADS
77 01:04:35:05 01:04:38:18 OR TO FOUND SCHOOLS, BANKS
AND "MANUFACTORIES."
78 01:04:38:20 01:04:40:13 IT'S NOT TOO MUCH TO SAY
79 01:04:40:15 01:04:43:27 THAT THE MODERN AMERICAN ECONOMY
HAS ITS ROOTS
80 01:04:43:29 01:04:47:24 IN CHANGES
THE REVOLUTION BROUGHT.
81 01:04:47:26 01:04:49:24 WE INSTINCTIVELY APPRECIATE
82 01:04:49:26 01:04:52:05 THOSE SOCIAL
AND ECONOMIC CHANGES
83 01:04:52:07 01:04:55:17 IN PART BECAUSE THEY REMAIN
PART OF OUR LIVES.
84 01:04:55:19 01:04:59:04 WE STILL ARGUE
ABOUT THE MEANING OF EQUALITY.
85 01:04:59:06 01:05:02:24 WE STILL ENCOURAGE
INDIVIDUAL ENTERPRISE.
86 01:05:02:26 01:05:06:10 GOVERNMENT IS ANOTHER MATTER.
87 01:05:06:12 01:05:08:07 THE CHANGE PAINE CELEBRATED
88 01:05:08:09 01:05:10:26 CONSISTED IN THE FOUNDING
OF REPUBLICS
89 01:05:10:28 01:05:14:02 GOVERNMENTS WITHOUT KINGS
OR HEREDITARY RULERS
90 01:05:14:04 01:05:16:27 IN WHICH ALL POWER CAME
FROM THE PEOPLE.
91 01:05:16:29 01:05:19:08 TODAY REPUBLICS ARE EVERYWHERE.
92 01:05:19:10 01:05:23:02 THEY SEEM ANYTHING
BUT REVOLUTIONARY.
93 01:05:23:04 01:05:25:14 THE SAME IS TRUE
OF WRITTEN CONSTITUTIONS
94 01:05:25:16 01:05:28:16 WHICH FIRST APPEARED DURING
THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.
95 01:05:28:18 01:05:31:16 IT TAKES IMAGINATION
TO GO BACK TO A TIME
96 01:05:31:18 01:05:35:15 WHEN MOST OF THE WORLD'S PEOPLE
WERE GOVERNED BY KINGS
97 01:05:35:17 01:05:37:14 OR OTHER HEREDITARY RULERS
98 01:05:37:16 01:05:41:18 A TIME WHEN NO REPUBLICS,
IN PAINE'S SENSE, EXISTED
99 01:05:41:20 01:05:46:14 AND TO FOUND ONE
SEEMED A CHANCY GAMBLE AT BEST.

100 01:05:48:08 01:05:51:07 THERE WERE OF COURSE
REPUBLICS IN HISTORY
101 01:05:51:09 01:05:55:06 IN ANCIENT ROME, FOR EXAMPLE,
BUT THEY HAD DISAPPEARED.
102 01:05:55:08 01:05:58:02 THAT WAS THE TROUBLE
WITH REPUBLICS.
103 01:05:58:04 01:06:00:13 THEY HAD A NASTY WAY OF FAILING.
104 01:06:00:15 01:06:04:05 "IF THE PEOPLE RULE," THE LINE
WENT, "WHO WILL BE RULED?"
105 01:06:04:07 01:06:06:11 REPUBLICS PRODUCED ANARCHY.
106 01:06:06:13 01:06:11:00 THEN THE PEOPLE TURNED TO
A STRONG RULER TO RESTORE ORDER
107 01:06:11:02 01:06:17:27 A CAESAR, FOR EXAMPLE,
OR, IN A LATER TIME, A NAPOLEON.
108 01:06:17:29 01:06:22:00 IF THE FOUNDING OF A MODERN
REPUBLIC WAS REVOLUTIONARY
109 01:06:22:02 01:06:23:23 IN THE 18th CENTURY
110 01:06:23:25 01:06:26:15 THE FOUNDING
OF A FEDERAL REPUBLIC--
111 01:06:26:17 01:06:28:29 THAT IS,
A SUBSTANTIVE GOVERNMENT
112 01:06:29:01 01:06:33:29 THAT INCORPORATED A LARGE NUMBER
OF SMALLER STATES-- WAS MORE SO.
113 01:06:34:01 01:06:37:25 IT WAS TO DO
WHAT HAD NEVER BEEN DONE BEFORE.
114 01:06:37:27 01:06:40:21 AND AGAIN
THE ISSUE WAS SURVIVAL.
115 01:06:40:23 01:06:46:03 COULD A FEDERAL REPUBLIC LAST
ANY REASONABLE LENGTH OF TIME?
116 01:06:46:05 01:06:50:20 AFTER 200 YEARS OF REPUBLICAN
CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT
117 01:06:50:22 01:06:56:02 THE ANSWER SEEMS OBVIOUS,
BUT IT WASN'T AT FIRST.
118 01:06:56:04 01:06:58:02 IN FACT, THE WHOLE EXPERIMENT--
119 01:06:58:04 01:07:02:03 AND THAT'S HOW THE FOUNDERS
REGARDED THE AMERICAN REPUBLIC--
120 01:07:02:05 01:07:05:15 ALMOST FAILED TIME AND AGAIN.
121 01:07:07:11 01:07:09:05 HOW DID THE REPUBLIC BEGIN?
122 01:07:09:07 01:07:10:17 ALMOST INADVERTENTLY
123 01:07:10:19 01:07:13:16 IN THE COURSE
OF THE INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT.
124 01:07:13:18 01:07:17:21 UNDER THE REVOLUTION PRINCIPLES
THAT THE COLONISTS HONORED
125 01:07:17:23 01:07:21:08 RESISTANCE TO AN ESTABLISHED
GOVERNMENT HAD TO INVOLVE
126 01:07:21:10 01:07:22:29 "THE BODY OF THE PEOPLE."
127 01:07:23:01 01:07:26:13 AS A RESULT,
ALL THE RESISTANCE ORGANIZATIONS
128 01:07:26:15 01:07:28:24 THE SONS OF LIBERTY,
FOR EXAMPLE
129 01:07:28:26 01:07:31:15 AND THE NONIMPORTATION
ASSOCIATIONS
130 01:07:31:17 01:07:34:13 TRIED TO BUILD
BROAD BASES OF SUPPORT.
131 01:07:34:15 01:07:38:18 THAT, IN FACT, WAS THE GENIUS
OF BOSTON'S SAMUEL ADAMS.

132 01:07:38:20 01:07:41:14 HE DEvised COMMITTEES
 OF CORRESPONDENCE
 133 01:07:41:16 01:07:44:05 THAT CARRIED NEWS
 OF BRITISH ACTIONS
 134 01:07:44:07 01:07:46:12 TO COLONISTS IN DISTANT TOWNS
 135 01:07:46:14 01:07:49:27 AND DREW THEM
 INTO THE OPPOSITION MOVEMENT.
 136 01:07:49:29 01:07:54:15 ONE COLONY AFTER ANOTHER
 FOLLOWED HIS EXAMPLE.
 137 01:07:54:17 01:07:58:16 GRADUALLY THESE BROAD-BASED
 RESISTANCE ORGANIZATIONS
 138 01:07:58:18 01:08:03:01 BEGAN EXERCISING WHAT WERE
 NORMALLY POWERS OF GOVERNMENT:

 139 01:08:03:03 01:08:07:23 KEEPING THE PEACE, REGULATING
 TRADE, PREVENTING PRICE GOUGING
 140 01:08:07:25 01:08:10:17 WHEN THE SUPPLY
 OF IMPORTS DECLINED.
 141 01:08:10:19 01:08:12:07 AFTER THE WAR BEGAN
 142 01:08:12:09 01:08:16:06 THESE AD HOC ARRANGEMENTS
 BECAME INSUFFICIENT.
 143 01:08:16:08 01:08:20:05 EARLY IN 1776, BOTH
 NEW HAMPSHIRE AND SOUTH CAROLINA
 144 01:08:20:07 01:08:22:29 WHOSE ROYAL GOVERNMENTS
 HAD COLLAPSED
 145 01:08:23:01 01:08:25:23 ESTABLISHED TEMPORARY
 NEW GOVERNMENTS
 146 01:08:25:25 01:08:27:27 WITH WRITTEN CONSTITUTIONS.
 147 01:08:27:29 01:08:29:14 THEY AT FIRST EXPECTED
 148 01:08:29:16 01:08:33:11 TO GO BACK TO MORE CONVENTIONAL
 GOVERNMENTS UNDER THE CROWN
 149 01:08:33:13 01:08:36:08 ONCE THE CONFLICT WITH BRITAIN
 WAS SETTLED.
 150 01:08:36:10 01:08:39:14 BUT THEN SOMETHING
 UNEXPECTED HAPPENED.
 151 01:08:39:16 01:08:42:20 SELF-GOVERNMENT TURNED OUT
 TO BE BETTER
 152 01:08:42:22 01:08:44:27 THAN THE ROYAL GOVERNMENT.
 153 01:08:44:29 01:08:48:25 "WHAT EVERYONE DREADED
 AS THE GREATEST MISERY
 154 01:08:48:27 01:08:53:15 THEY NOW UNEXPECTEDLY FIND
 THEIR GREATEST ADVANTAGE"
 155 01:08:53:17 01:08:56:00 SO WROTE A GROUP
 OF SOUTH CAROLINIANS
 156 01:08:56:02 01:09:00:07 ONLY TWO MONTHS AFTER THEIR
 NEW GOVERNMENT WENT INTO EFFECT.
 157 01:09:00:09 01:09:02:29 CAROLINIANS COULD CHOOSE
 THEIR GOVERNORS
 158 01:09:03:01 01:09:05:07 FROM CAPABLE MEN
 AMONG THEMSELVES
 159 01:09:05:09 01:09:08:21 MEN WHO-- UNLIKE THE GOVERNORS
 SENT BY THE CROWN--
 160 01:09:08:23 01:09:10:14 KNEW THE STATE WELL.
 161 01:09:10:16 01:09:13:29 NOW, TOO, LAWS PROMOTED
 THE STATE'S PROSPERITY
 162 01:09:14:01 01:09:15:23 NOT THAT OF THE MOTHER COUNTRY.

163 01:09:15:25 01:09:17:29 WHO WOULD GO BACK TO CROWN RULE
 164 01:09:18:01 01:09:20:17 WHEN THEY HAD EXPERIENCED
 A GOVERNMENT--
 165 01:09:20:19 01:09:23:21 AS THE STATE'S
 CHIEF JUSTICE PUT IT--
 166 01:09:23:23 01:09:26:25 "IN EVERY RESPECT PREFERABLE"?
 167 01:09:26:27 01:09:31:00 WHAT BEGAN IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND
 NEW HAMPSHIRE BECAME UNIVERSAL
 168 01:09:31:02 01:09:35:15 AFTER THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS
 CALLED ON THE STATES TO SUPPRESS
 169 01:09:35:17 01:09:39:00 "EVERY KIND OF AUTHORITY"
 UNDER THE BRITISH CROWN
 170 01:09:39:02 01:09:42:04 AND ASKED THOSE STATES
 THAT HADN'T ALREADY DONE SO
 171 01:09:42:06 01:09:43:20 TO ADOPT NEW GOVERNMENTS
 172 01:09:43:22 01:09:46:01 PUTTING "ALL THE POWERS
 OF GOVERNMENT"
 173 01:09:46:03 01:09:48:19 UNDER THE "AUTHORITY
 OF THE PEOPLE."
 174 01:09:48:21 01:09:54:07 BY THE END OF 1776, TEN STATES
 HAD NEW CONSTITUTIONS.
 175 01:09:54:09 01:09:58:27 IN 1777, NEW YORK AND GEORGIA
 JOINED THE LIST.
 176 01:09:58:29 01:10:01:00 THAT LEFT MASSACHUSETTS
 177 01:10:01:02 01:10:04:14 WHICH IN 1780 FINALLY ADOPTED
 THE LAST--
 178 01:10:04:16 01:10:07:19 AND WHAT MANY REGARDED
 AS THE BEST--
 179 01:10:07:21 01:10:11:10 OF THE FIRST AMERICAN
 STATE CONSTITUTIONS.
 180 01:10:11:12 01:10:14:25 BEFORE LONG, SOME STATES
 BEGAN REPLACING
 181 01:10:14:27 01:10:16:13 THEIR FIRST CONSTITUTIONS
 182 01:10:16:15 01:10:19:03 TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION
 THEIR EXPERIENCE
 183 01:10:19:05 01:10:20:29 AND THAT OF THE OTHER STATES.
 184 01:10:21:01 01:10:24:08 WHAT WERE THE MOST IMPORTANT
 DEVELOPMENTS WORKED OUT
 185 01:10:24:10 01:10:26:15 IN THOSE EARLY
 STATE CONSTITUTIONS?
 186 01:10:26:17 01:10:29:10 FIRST OF ALL,
 BALANCED GOVERNMENT.
 187 01:10:29:12 01:10:32:09 IN THE BEGINNING, THE STATES
 TENDED TO CENTER POWER
 188 01:10:32:11 01:10:34:04 IN THEIR ELECTED LEGISLATURES.
 189 01:10:34:06 01:10:35:22 THAT MADE SOME SENSE.
 190 01:10:35:24 01:10:39:12 BEFORE THE REVOLUTION, THE ONLY
 PART OF COLONIAL GOVERNMENT
 191 01:10:39:14 01:10:43:05 THAT WAS EVERYWHERE ELECTED,
 AND SO ANSWERABLE TO THE PEOPLE
 192 01:10:43:07 01:10:46:24 WAS THE LOWER HOUSE OF THE
 LEGISLATURE, OR THE ASSEMBLY.
 193 01:10:46:26 01:10:51:15 SO AMERICANS NATURALLY TRUSTED
 THE ASSEMBLIES MOST.
 194 01:10:51:17 01:10:55:02 FROM THE START, HOWEVER, JOHN
 ADAMS SAID IT WAS DANGEROUS

195 01:10:55:04 01:10:57:15 TO GIVE UNCHECKED POWER
TO LEGISLATURES

196 01:10:57:17 01:10:59:25 BECAUSE THEY COULD
OPPRESS THE PEOPLE

197 01:10:59:27 01:11:02:12 EVERY BIT AS MUCH
AS GOVERNORS OR KINGS.

198 01:11:02:14 01:11:04:18 THOMAS JEFFERSON AGREED.

199 01:11:04:20 01:11:08:18 HE CRITICIZED VIRGINIA'S
CONSTITUTION OF 1776

200 01:11:08:20 01:11:12:13 BECAUSE IT PUT
ALL THE POWERS OF GOVERNMENT--

201 01:11:12:15 01:11:17:12 LEGISLATIVE, EXECUTIVE AND
JUDICIARY-- IN THE LEGISLATURE.

202 01:11:17:14 01:11:20:10 "THAT CONCENTRATION OF POWER,"
HE SAID, WAS...

203 01:11:24:12 01:11:26:29 GRADUALLY
THE CONSTITUTIONS SEPARATED

204 01:11:27:01 01:11:29:22 AND BALANCED
THE BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT.

205 01:11:29:24 01:11:33:16 AND CONSTITUTIONS THEMSELVES
BEGAN TO LOOK DIFFERENT.

206 01:11:33:18 01:11:37:12 THE EARLIEST, VIRGINIA'S
AND PENNSYLVANIA'S FOR EXAMPLE

207 01:11:37:14 01:11:41:03 JUST LISTED THEIR MANY
PROVISIONS ONE AFTER ANOTHER

208 01:11:41:05 01:11:43:16 IN A CONTINUOUS
NUMBERED SEQUENCE.

209 01:11:43:18 01:11:46:02 BUT THE MASSACHUSETTS
CONSTITUTION

210 01:11:46:04 01:11:50:00 WHICH JOHN ADAMS DRAFTED,
WAS DIVIDED INTO ARTICLES.

211 01:11:50:02 01:11:52:18 THE FIRST WAS ON THE LEGISLATURE

212 01:11:52:20 01:11:57:09 THE SECOND ON THE EXECUTIVE,
AND THE THIRD ON THE JUDICIARY.

213 01:11:57:11 01:11:58:22 SOUND FAMILIAR?

214 01:11:58:24 01:12:02:22 YOU MIGHT SAY IT'S JUST LIKE
THE FEDERAL CONSTITUTION

215 01:12:02:24 01:12:08:00 EXCEPT THAT THE MASSACHUSETTS
CONSTITUTION CAME FIRST.

216 01:12:08:02 01:12:11:25 THE STATES ALSO FOUND A WAY
OF MAKING CONSTITUTIONS

217 01:12:11:27 01:12:15:17 DIFFERENT AND MORE FUNDAMENTAL
THAN ORDINARY LAWS.

218 01:12:15:19 01:12:18:26 ELECTED LEGISLATURES ADOPTED
THE EARLIEST CONSTITUTIONS

219 01:12:18:28 01:12:22:23 AND THEN FELT FREE TO CHANGE OR
IGNORE THEM WHENEVER THEY LIKED.

220 01:12:22:25 01:12:26:26 HOW COULD THE AMERICANS
CREATE CONSTITUTIONS

221 01:12:26:28 01:12:30:02 THAT EVEN LEGISLATURES
HAD TO OBEY?

222 01:12:30:04 01:12:33:08 MASSACHUSETTS AGAIN
CAME UP WITH THE ANSWER

223 01:12:33:10 01:12:37:25 AND, INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH, IT
DIDN'T COME FROM MEN LIKE ADAMS

224 01:12:37:27 01:12:40:27 SO MUCH AS ORDINARY PEOPLE

IN RURAL TOWNS

225 01:12:40:29 01:12:42:29 LIKE CONCORD OR PITTSFIELD.
226 01:12:43:01 01:12:47:08 THERE THE CONSTITUTION WAS
WRITTEN NOT BY THE LEGISLATURE
227 01:12:47:10 01:12:48:23 BUT BY SOMETHING NEW:
228 01:12:48:25 01:12:52:07 A SPECIALLY ELECTED
CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.
229 01:12:52:09 01:12:55:21 THEN THE CONVENTION SENT
ITS DRAFT BACK TO THE PEOPLE
230 01:12:55:23 01:12:57:12 FOR RATIFICATION.
231 01:12:57:14 01:13:02:13 THE MASSACHUSETTS CONSTITUTION
OF 1780 WAS THEREFORE
232 01:13:02:15 01:13:07:12 A DIRECT ACT OF LEGISLATION
BY THE SOVEREIGN PEOPLE.
233 01:13:07:14 01:13:10:05 ITS TEXT MADE THAT CLEAR.
234 01:13:10:07 01:13:14:02 "WE, THE PEOPLE
OF MASSACHUSETTS," IT SAID...
235 01:13:27:06 01:13:30:03 AGAIN, DOES THAT SOUND FAMILIAR?
236 01:13:30:05 01:13:32:28 THE FEDERAL CONSTITUTION
OF COURSE ALSO BEGINS
237 01:13:33:00 01:13:35:21 "WE, THE PEOPLE..."
238 01:13:35:23 01:13:38:26 THE CONSTITUTION OF 1787
DID NOT, HOWEVER
239 01:13:38:28 01:13:42:08 EMERGE AUTOMATICALLY
FROM STATE PRECEDENTS.
240 01:13:42:10 01:13:44:14 A NATION THAT HAD
JUST SPILLED ITS BLOOD
241 01:13:44:16 01:13:46:24 BREAKING AWAY FROM
ONE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT
242 01:13:46:26 01:13:49:07 WAS NOT READY
TO GO OUT AND ESTABLISH
243 01:13:49:09 01:13:52:25 ANOTHER STRONG CENTRAL
GOVERNMENT FIVE MINUTES LATER.
244 01:13:52:27 01:13:56:01 FIRST IT ADOPTED
ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION
245 01:13:56:03 01:13:58:02 WHICH WERE A CLEAR STEP FORWARD
246 01:13:58:04 01:14:01:26 WHEN CONGRESS FIRST SENT THEM
TO THE STATES FOR ADOPTION.
247 01:14:01:28 01:14:05:29 THEY FORMALLY BOUND THE STATES
TOGETHER IN A "PERPETUAL UNION"
248 01:14:06:01 01:14:09:08 AND MADE A GOOD STAB
AT DIVIDING RESPONSIBILITIES
249 01:14:09:10 01:14:11:14 BETWEEN THE STATES AND CONGRESS.
250 01:14:11:16 01:14:14:29 THE ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION,
HOWEVER, PUT ALL POWER
251 01:14:15:01 01:14:17:19 IN ONE ELECTED ASSEMBLY.
252 01:14:17:21 01:14:21:08 THE ARTICLES DID NOT ALLOW
CONGRESS TO RAISE TAXES
253 01:14:21:10 01:14:22:21 OR LAY DUTIES ON TRADE.
254 01:14:22:23 01:14:24:18 THAT MEANT IT COULDN'T RETALIATE
255 01:14:24:20 01:14:27:01 WHEN OTHER COUNTRIES
CLOSED THEIR MARKETS
256 01:14:27:03 01:14:28:11 TO AMERICAN SHIPPERS.
257 01:14:28:13 01:14:30:02 IT COULDN'T STOP STATES
258 01:14:30:04 01:14:32:25 FROM VIOLATING
THE RIGHTS OF CREDITORS

259 01:14:32:27 01:14:35:22 NOR COULD IT HELP
 MASSACHUSETTS IN 1786
 260 01:14:35:24 01:14:38:13 WHEN THE STATE'S
 HARD-MONEY POLICIES
 261 01:14:38:15 01:14:42:23 CAUSED THE DEBTOR UPRISING
 KNOWN AS SHAYS'S REBELLION.
 262 01:14:42:25 01:14:44:11 AND MEANWHILE
 263 01:14:44:13 01:14:47:26 BRITAIN, WHICH HAD NEVER LEFT
 ITS POSTS IN THE NORTHWEST
 264 01:14:47:28 01:14:50:17 WAS TRYING TO MAKE VERMONT
 PART OF CANADA.
 265 01:14:50:19 01:14:52:15 THERE WAS, IN SHORT, GOOD REASON
 266 01:14:52:17 01:14:54:21 TO THINK THE COUNTRY
 WAS FALLING APART
 267 01:14:54:23 01:14:57:13 WHICH WAS VERY UPSETTING
 TO MEN LIKE WASHINGTON
 268 01:14:57:15 01:15:01:29 WHO'D SPENT EIGHT HARD YEARS
 FIGHTING FOR THE UNITED STATES;
 269 01:15:02:01 01:15:06:07 HIS OLD MILITARY ADJUTANT,
 NEW YORK'S ALEXANDER HAMILTON;
 270 01:15:06:09 01:15:11:15 OR JAMES MADISON, A SHORT,
 PHYSICALLY UNIMPRESSIVE
 VIRGINIAN
 271 01:15:11:17 01:15:16:06 WHO WAS BECOMING PERHAPS
 THE NATION'S GREATEST EXPERT
 272 01:15:16:08 01:15:18:14 ON CONSTITUTIONAL DESIGN.
 273 01:15:18:16 01:15:23:14 THE DELEGATES WHO ASSEMBLED
 AT PHILADELPHIA IN MAY 1787
 274 01:15:23:16 01:15:27:11 SAW THEIR JOB AS NOTHING LESS
 THAN SAVING THE REPUBLIC
 275 01:15:27:13 01:15:30:06 AND SO SAVING
 THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
 276 01:15:30:08 01:15:31:28 FROM IMMINENT FAILURE.
 277 01:15:32:00 01:15:33:29 SO CONGRESS TOOK UP A PLAN
 278 01:15:34:01 01:15:36:21 SUBMITTED
 BY THE VIRGINIA DELEGATION
 279 01:15:36:23 01:15:41:04 AND BEGAN CREATING A NEW FEDERAL
 GOVERNMENT FROM SCRATCH.
 280 01:15:41:06 01:15:43:29 THE DELEGATES AGREED
 ON MANY THINGS.
 281 01:15:44:01 01:15:47:18 ON SOME OTHER ISSUES
 THEY DISAGREED VIOLENTLY.
 282 01:15:47:20 01:15:52:03 THE CONVENTION ALMOST
 BROKE UP OVER REPRESENTATION.
 283 01:15:52:05 01:15:55:20 FINALLY, A COMPROMISE
 SOLVED THE IMPASSE.
 284 01:15:55:22 01:15:58:16 THE CONVENTION MADE
 SO MANY COMPROMISES, IN FACT
 285 01:15:58:18 01:16:00:24 THAT FEW DELEGATES
 WERE ENTIRELY HAPPY
 286 01:16:00:26 01:16:02:21 WITH THE FINISHED CONSTITUTION.
 287 01:16:02:23 01:16:04:07 EVEN MADISON
 288 01:16:04:09 01:16:07:07 WHO HAD HELPED DESIGN
 THE ORIGINAL VIRGINIA PLAN
 289 01:16:07:09 01:16:08:25 CONFESSED THAT HE THOUGHT
 290 01:16:08:27 01:16:13:22 THE CONSTITUTION HAD

SEVERAL FATAL FLAWS.

291 01:16:13:24 01:16:16:09 BUT, LIKE MOST OTHER DELEGATES
292 01:16:16:11 01:16:20:08 HE TOOK THE CLOSING ADVICE
OF BENJAMIN FRANKLIN
293 01:16:20:10 01:16:24:13 THAT THEY "DOUBT A LITTLE"
OF THEIR INFALLIBILITY
294 01:16:24:15 01:16:27:12 AND WORK "HEARTILY
AND UNANIMOUSLY"
295 01:16:27:14 01:16:30:12 FOR THE CONSTITUTION'S
RATIFICATION.
296 01:16:30:14 01:16:32:16 THE OUTCOME WAS NO SURE THING.
297 01:16:32:18 01:16:36:23 AS SOON AS THE PEOPLE GOT A LOOK
AT THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTION
298 01:16:36:25 01:16:40:08 CRITICS CAME OUT
LOUD AND STRONG.
299 01:16:40:10 01:16:43:06 POWERFUL MEN
LIKE PATRICK HENRY IN VIRGINIA
300 01:16:43:08 01:16:46:05 INSISTED THAT THE CONSTITUTION
WOULD CREATE
301 01:16:46:07 01:16:49:19 A "CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT,"
DESTROYING THE STATES
302 01:16:49:21 01:16:53:09 AND THAT IT INCLUDED NO
REAL CHECKS ON ITS OWN POWER.
303 01:16:53:11 01:16:58:02 SOME, LIKE RICHARD HENRY LEE,
SAID THE CONSTITUTION RE-CREATED
304 01:16:58:04 01:17:01:22 EVERYTHING THE COLONISTS
HAD REJECTED IN 1776--
305 01:17:01:24 01:17:06:13 A STRONG CENTRAL GOVERNMENT
WITH THE POWER TO TAX.
306 01:17:06:15 01:17:11:26 WORSE YET, THE CONSTITUTION
HAD NO BILL OF RIGHTS.
307 01:17:11:28 01:17:14:11 NINE OF THE 13 STATES
HAD TO RATIFY
308 01:17:14:13 01:17:17:10 BEFORE THE CONSTITUTION
WENT INTO EFFECT.
309 01:17:17:12 01:17:20:27 BUT WHEN THE NINTH STATE,
NEW HAMPSHIRE, RATIFIED
310 01:17:20:29 01:17:23:26 ON JUNE 21, 1788
311 01:17:23:28 01:17:28:00 VIRGINIA AND NEW YORK
WERE STILL UNDECIDED.
312 01:17:28:02 01:17:30:25 THE DEBATES IN VIRGINIA
WERE LONG AND PASSIONATE
313 01:17:30:27 01:17:33:27 WITH PATRICK HENRY TAKING
THE FLOOR TIME AND AGAIN
314 01:17:33:29 01:17:37:21 DRIVING SOME OF THE YOUNGER
DELEGATES LIKE MADISON
315 01:17:37:23 01:17:43:09 TO DISTRACTION WITH HIS LONG,
RAMBLING, EMOTIONAL SPEECHES.
316 01:17:43:11 01:17:48:13 IN LATE JUNE, VIRGINIA RATIFIED
THE CONSTITUTION BY A CLOSE VOTE
317 01:17:48:15 01:17:51:04 AS DID NEW YORK A MONTH LATER.
318 01:17:51:06 01:17:56:24 BOTH STATES, AND SOME OTHERS,
PROPOSED LISTS OF AMENDMENTS
319 01:17:56:26 01:18:02:23 THAT SHOULD BE ADOPTED TO "FIX"
THE FLAWED NEW CONSTITUTION.
320 01:18:02:25 01:18:04:29 HOW LONG COULD A CONSTITUTION

321 01:18:05:01 01:18:08:21 THAT PROVOKED SUCH STRONG
 OPPOSITION HOPE TO LAST?
 322 01:18:08:23 01:18:11:01 VIRGINIA'S EXAMPLE
 WASN'T ENCOURAGING.
 323 01:18:11:03 01:18:12:23 IT DECLARED THAT THE POWERS
 324 01:18:12:25 01:18:16:09 GRANTED TO THE NEW GOVERNMENT
 BY THE PEOPLE OF VIRGINIA
 325 01:18:16:11 01:18:17:22 "MAY BE RESUMED BY THEM
 326 01:18:17:24 01:18:20:02 "WHENEVER THE SAME
 SHALL BE PERVERTED
 327 01:18:20:04 01:18:23:01 TO THEIR INJURY OR OPPRESSION."
 328 01:18:23:03 01:18:26:27 THAT AMOUNTED
 TO A THREAT OF DISUNION.
 329 01:18:26:29 01:18:28:11 ON THE OTHER HAND
 330 01:18:28:13 01:18:31:14 GEORGE WASHINGTON AGREED
 TO SERVE AS FIRST PRESIDENT.
 331 01:18:31:16 01:18:34:10 HE HAD PRESIDED OVER
 THE PHILADELPHIA CONVENTION
 332 01:18:34:12 01:18:37:20 AND THREW HIS SUPPORT
 BEHIND THE CONSTITUTION.
 333 01:18:37:22 01:18:42:00 NO AMERICAN COMMANDED THE TRUST
 AND RESPECT OF HIS COUNTRYMEN
 334 01:18:42:02 01:18:43:15 LIKE WASHINGTON.
 335 01:18:43:17 01:18:47:14 THEY KNEW HE COULD
 HAVE BEEN AMERICA'S CAESAR.
 336 01:18:47:16 01:18:50:26 THERE WERE SOME AMONG
 THE NATION'S MILITARY OFFICERS
 337 01:18:50:28 01:18:53:19 WHO, CONFRONTED
 WITH A FUMBLING GOVERNMENT
 338 01:18:53:21 01:18:55:28 UNDER THE ARTICLES
 OF CONFEDERATION
 339 01:18:56:00 01:18:59:16 AT THE END OF THE WAR, WOULD
 HAVE MADE WASHINGTON KING.
 340 01:18:59:18 01:19:04:06 HE REJECTED ANY SUGGESTION OF
 THAT SORT, RESIGNED HIS COMMAND
 341 01:19:04:08 01:19:08:10 AND WENT HOME TO HIS
 PLANTATION, MOUNT VERNON.
 342 01:19:08:12 01:19:11:02 HIS WILLINGNESS TO SERVE
 THE COUNTRY ONCE AGAIN
 343 01:19:11:04 01:19:16:07 GAVE THE NEW GOVERNMENT
 A GOOD CHANCE OF SUCCEEDING.
 344 01:19:16:09 01:19:18:02 BY THE TIME HE LEFT OFFICE
 345 01:19:18:04 01:19:21:06 WASHINGTON HAD REASON
 TO REGRET HIS DECISION.
 346 01:19:21:08 01:19:24:12 HE AND HIS ADMINISTRATION
 HAD COME UNDER ATTACK
 347 01:19:24:14 01:19:27:09 BY A GROUP THAT CALLED
 ITSELF "REPUBLICANS"
 348 01:19:27:11 01:19:31:17 BECAUSE THEY WERE, AS THEY SAW
 IT, TRYING TO SAVE THE REPUBLIC
 349 01:19:31:19 01:19:34:25 FROM "FEDERALISTS"
 AND "PRO-BRITISH SUBVERSIVES"
 350 01:19:34:27 01:19:36:18 LED BY ALEXANDER HAMILTON
 351 01:19:36:20 01:19:39:07 WASHINGTON'S SECRETARY
 OF THE TREASURY.
 352 01:19:39:09 01:19:42:13 HAMILTON HAD FOUGHT

353 01:19:42:15 01:19:46:08 BUT HE DID ADMIRE SOME ASPECTS
 OF BRITISH GOVERNMENT.
 354 01:19:46:10 01:19:49:00 NONETHELESS, HE AND OTHER
 FEDERALISTS THOUGHT
 355 01:19:49:02 01:19:52:06 THEY WERE THEMSELVES STRUGGLING
 TO SAVE THE REPUBLIC
 356 01:19:52:08 01:19:54:14 FROM WILD-EYED DEMAGOGUES
 357 01:19:54:16 01:19:59:06 LIKE THOMAS JEFFERSON,
 A LEADER OF THE "REPUBLICANS."
 358 01:19:59:08 01:20:03:07 TENSIONS DECLINED BRIEFLY AFTER
 JOHN ADAMS BECAME PRESIDENT
 359 01:20:03:09 01:20:05:08 AND JEFFERSON VICE-PRESIDENT.
 360 01:20:05:10 01:20:07:14 THOSE TWO MEN HAD
 BEEN CLOSE ALLIES
 361 01:20:07:16 01:20:09:14 IN THE STRUGGLE
 FOR INDEPENDENCE
 362 01:20:09:16 01:20:12:12 AND THEIR FRIENDSHIP DEEPENED
 DURING THE 1780s
 363 01:20:12:14 01:20:14:28 WHEN THEY BOTH SERVED
 AS REPRESENTATIVES
 364 01:20:15:00 01:20:17:00 OF THE UNITED STATES IN EUROPE.
 365 01:20:17:02 01:20:20:25 NEITHER, IN TRUTH,
 HAD MUCH LOVE FOR HAMILTON.
 366 01:20:20:27 01:20:22:14 BUT THEIR FRIENDSHIP FRAYED
 367 01:20:22:16 01:20:25:27 AS THE COUNTRY MOVED TOWARD WAR
 WITH REVOLUTIONARY FRANCE
 368 01:20:25:29 01:20:28:22 A COUNTRY TO WHICH JEFFERSON
 AND THE "REPUBLICANS"
 369 01:20:28:24 01:20:31:16 WERE DEEPLY COMMITTED.
 370 01:20:31:18 01:20:33:20 AS THE REPUBLICANS' OPPOSITION
 371 01:20:33:22 01:20:36:03 TO THE ADAMS
 ADMINISTRATION MOUNTED
 372 01:20:36:05 01:20:39:27 FEDERALISTS IN CONGRESS
 ADOPTED A SERIES OF MEASURES--
 373 01:20:39:29 01:20:42:00 THE ALIEN AND SEDITION ACTS--
 374 01:20:42:02 01:20:46:24 TO REPRESS WHAT THEY UNDERSTOOD
 AS "REPUBLICAN" SEDITION.
 375 01:20:46:26 01:20:49:20 THAT PROMPTED
 VICE-PRESIDENT JEFFERSON
 376 01:20:49:22 01:20:53:23 AND HIS CLOSE ALLY JAMES MADISON
 TO DRAFT RESOLUTIONS
 377 01:20:53:25 01:20:58:03 THAT THE LEGISLATURES OF
 KENTUCKY AND VIRGINIA ADOPTED.
 378 01:20:58:05 01:21:01:12 VIRGINIA DENOUNCED
 THE ALIEN AND SEDITION ACTS
 379 01:21:01:14 01:21:03:25 AS EFFORTS
 TO ESTABLISH A MONARCHY
 380 01:21:03:27 01:21:05:28 ON THE RUINS OF THE REPUBLIC.
 381 01:21:06:00 01:21:09:08 KENTUCKY EVEN SPOKE
 OF STATE "NULLIFICATION"
 382 01:21:09:10 01:21:12:01 OF UNCONSTITUTIONAL ACTS
 OF CONGRESS.
 383 01:21:12:03 01:21:17:06 COULD THE NATION SURVIVE IF
 INDIVIDUAL STATES COULD DECIDE
 384 01:21:17:08 01:21:20:10 WHICH NATIONAL LAWS

THEY WOULD OBEY
 385 01:21:20:12 01:21:23:04 AND WHICH THEY WOULD DISREGARD?
 386 01:21:23:06 01:21:25:23 THE END OF THE "WAR SCARE"
 WITH FRANCE
 387 01:21:25:25 01:21:28:28 AND JEFFERSON'S ELECTION
 AS PRESIDENT IN 1800
 388 01:21:29:00 01:21:31:01 SEEMED TO END THE CRISIS.
 389 01:21:31:03 01:21:32:12 IN HIS INAUGURAL ADDRESS
 390 01:21:32:14 01:21:34:19 JEFFERSON REACHED OUT
 TO THE OPPOSITION:
 391 01:21:39:28 01:21:42:12 FEARS FOR THE NATION DECLINED
 392 01:21:42:14 01:21:45:18 UNTIL JEFFERSON'S DECISION
 TO PURCHASE LOUISIANA
 393 01:21:45:20 01:21:47:05 LED DIEHARD FEDERALISTS
 394 01:21:47:07 01:21:50:18 TO CALL FOR NEW ENGLAND'S
 SECESSION FROM THE UNION.
 395 01:21:50:20 01:21:53:26 THREATS OF SECESSION SURFACED
 AGAIN AFTER 1819
 396 01:21:53:28 01:21:57:04 WHEN MISSOURI REQUESTED
 ADMISSION TO THE UNION
 397 01:21:57:06 01:21:58:26 AS A SLAVE STATE
 398 01:21:58:28 01:22:02:26 AND A NEW YORK REPRESENTATIVE,
 JAMES TALLMADGE, PROPOSED
 399 01:22:02:28 01:22:07:01 THAT FIRST THE STATE MUST BEGIN
 A PROGRAM OF EMANCIPATION.
 400 01:22:07:03 01:22:09:16 A COMPROMISE RESOLVED THE CRISIS
 401 01:22:09:18 01:22:13:03 BUT NOT BEFORE SOUTHERNERS
 THREATENED DISUNION
 402 01:22:13:05 01:22:15:16 AND PREDICTED "SEAS OF BLOOD."
 403 01:22:15:18 01:22:17:24 EVEN JEFFERSON WAS PESSIMISTIC.
 404 01:22:17:26 01:22:19:22 IF THE PROBLEM OF SLAVERY
 405 01:22:19:24 01:22:24:02 EMERGED DURING THE MISSOURI
 CRISIS AS, IN JEFFERSON'S WORDS
 406 01:22:24:04 01:22:26:04 "A FIREBELL IN THE NIGHT"
 407 01:22:26:06 01:22:30:18 IT WAS NOT A PROBLEM
 THAT COULD BE SOLVED EASILY.
 408 01:22:30:20 01:22:34:22 ON THAT, JEFFERSON
 AND JOHN ADAMS AGREED.
 409 01:22:34:24 01:22:37:00 THOSE VETERANS OF 1776
 410 01:22:37:02 01:22:40:22 HAD RENEWED THEIR FRIENDSHIP
 IN 1812
 411 01:22:40:24 01:22:42:13 AND EXCHANGED LETTERS
 WITH EACH OTHER
 412 01:22:42:15 01:22:45:03 THROUGH THE REST OF THEIR LIVES.
 413 01:22:45:05 01:22:49:05 THEY LIVED TO SEE A GREAT
 RESURGENCE OF NATIONALISM
 414 01:22:49:07 01:22:51:29 AFTER 1815.
 415 01:22:52:01 01:22:56:05 BY THEN THE DECLARATION OF
 INDEPENDENCE HAD BECOME FOR MANY
 416 01:22:56:07 01:22:58:21 A REVERED
 AND EVEN SACRED DOCUMENT.
 417 01:22:58:23 01:23:01:20 ITS IMPORTANCE, HOWEVER,
 LAY INCREASINGLY
 418 01:23:01:22 01:23:03:13 IN ITS SECOND PARAGRAPH--
 419 01:23:03:15 01:23:06:06 NOT THE LAST ONE,
 WITH ITS ANNOUNCEMENT

420 01:23:06:08 01:23:10:13 THAT THE COLONIES HAD BECOME
"FREE AND INDEPENDENT STATES."
421 01:23:10:15 01:23:15:27 INDEPENDENCE, AFTER ALL, WAS BY
TH ALMOST A HALF-CENTURY OLD.
422 01:23:15:29 01:23:19:23 NEITHER THE FEDERAL CONSTITUTION
NOR THE BILL OF RIGHTS
423 01:23:19:25 01:23:21:24 SAID ANYTHING ABOUT EQUALITY
424 01:23:21:26 01:23:25:01 OR MEN'S "UNALIENABLE RIGHTS"
TO LIFE, LIBERTY
425 01:23:25:03 01:23:27:04 AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS.
426 01:23:27:06 01:23:28:29 AS A RESULT, THOSE WHO WANTED
427 01:23:29:01 01:23:31:28 TO ASSERT THOSE PRINCIPLES
IN NATIONAL POLITICS
428 01:23:32:00 01:23:34:28 HAD TO CITE THE DECLARATION
OF INDEPENDENCE.
429 01:23:35:00 01:23:38:28 AND SO, WHAT WAS ONCE
A REVOLUTIONARY MANIFESTO
430 01:23:39:00 01:23:42:14 TOOK ON NEW LIFE
AS A STATEMENT OF RIGHTS
431 01:23:42:16 01:23:47:08 THAT THE ESTABLISHED GOVERNMENT
HAD TO HONOR AND PROTECT
432 01:23:47:10 01:23:50:13 MUCH LIKE A BILL OF RIGHTS.
433 01:23:50:15 01:23:54:10 FOR JEFFERSON, THE DECLARATION
OF INDEPENDENCE BECAME
434 01:23:54:12 01:23:57:01 THE CROWNING ACHIEVEMENT
OF HIS LIFE.
435 01:23:57:03 01:23:59:22 DISCOURAGED
BY THE MISSOURI CRISIS
436 01:23:59:24 01:24:03:08 AND CONSCIOUS THAT
HIS ADMINISTRATIVE CAREER
437 01:24:03:10 01:24:05:02 WAS LESS THAN GLORIOUS...
438 01:24:05:04 01:24:08:00 WORRIED ABOUT
THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
439 01:24:08:02 01:24:10:11 THE PET PROJECT OF @IS OLD AGE
440 01:24:10:13 01:24:13:07 AS WELL AS HIS OWN HEALTH
441 01:24:10:13 01:24:13:07 AND HIS DEBTS
442 01:24:13:09 01:24:17:13 HE ASKED WHAT HE HAD
ACCOMPLISHED IN HIS LONG LIFE.
443 01:24:17:15 01:24:22:03 HE HAD NO IDEA THAT HE WOULD
BECOME THOMAS JEFFERSON
444 01:24:22:05 01:24:26:27 THE MOST IDEALIZED MEMBER
OF THE FOUNDING GENERATION.
445 01:24:26:29 01:24:30:12 THE INSCRIPTION HE PROPOSED
FOR HIS TOMB BEGAN:
446 01:24:30:14 01:24:34:05 "HERE LIES BURIED
THOMAS JEFFERSON
447 01:24:34:07 01:24:39:05 AUTHOR OF THE DECLARATION
OF INDEPENDENCE."
448 01:24:39:07 01:24:42:23 THE PAIN HE SUFFERED WHILE
CONGRESS EDITED HIS TEXT
449 01:24:42:25 01:24:46:14 WAS, IT SEEMS, FORGOTTEN.
450 01:24:46:16 01:24:52:00 HIS DEATH CAME AT MIDDAY
ON JULY 4, 1826
451 01:24:52:02 01:24:55:18 THE 50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE
DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE
452 01:24:55:20 01:24:57:19 AS HE WISHED.

453 01:24:57:21 01:24:59:28 IN BOUTS OF CONSCIOUSNESS
454 01:25:00:02 01:25:04:03 HE HAD ASKED HIS FAMILY,
"IS IT THE FOURTH?"
455 01:25:04:05 01:25:06:15 LATER THAT DAY,
IN MASSACHUSETTS
456 01:25:06:17 01:25:09:11 JOHN ADAMS UTTERED
HIS OWN LAST WORDS:
457 01:25:09:13 01:25:13:15 "THOMAS JEFFERSON SURVIVES."
458 01:25:13:17 01:25:16:07 THE DEATHS
OF THOSE TWO PATRIARCHS
459 01:25:16:09 01:25:20:22 AND ON SO REMARKABLE A DAY,
FILLED THE NATION WITH AWE.
460 01:25:20:24 01:25:24:09 ANOTHER GENERATION HAD INHERITED
RESPONSIBILITY
461 01:25:24:11 01:25:28:07 FOR CARRYING ON THE ACHIEVEMENTS
OF THE REVOLUTION.
462 01:25:28:09 01:25:30:13 JUST KEEPING THE NATION TOGETHER
463 01:25:30:15 01:25:32:23 WOULD BE A CHALLENGE
TO ITS SKILLS.
464 01:25:32:25 01:25:37:00 AND THAT CHALLENGE WOULD BECOME
MORE TRYING BEFORE IT WENT AWAY.