

America: Listen to This Advice

- 1) "It is a general popular error to suppose the loudest complainers for the public to be the most anxious for its welfare."
- 2) "There never was a bad man that had ability for good service."
- 3) "Whenever a separation is made between liberty and justice, neither, in my opinion, is safe."
- 4) "In a state of nature, it is an invariable law, that a man's acquisitions are in proportion to his labours. In a state of artificial society, it is a law as constant and as invariable, that those who labour most enjoy the fewest things; and that those who labour not at all have the greatest number of enjoyments."
- 5) "But what is liberty without wisdom, and without virtue? It is the greatest of all possible evils; for it is folly, vice, and madness, without tuition or restraint."
- 6) "When the leaders choose to make themselves bidders at an auction of popularity, their talents, in the construction of the state, will be of no service. They will become flatterers instead of legislators; the instruments, not the guides, of the people."
- 7) "It is ordained in the eternal constitution of things, that men of intemperate minds cannot be free. Their passions forge their fetters."
- 8) "The true danger is when liberty is nibbled away, for expedients, and by parts."
- 9) "To make us love our country, our country ought to be

lovely.”

10) “Toleration is good for all, or it is good for none.”

11) “Better to be despised for too anxious apprehensions, than ruined by too confident a security.”

12) “Bad laws are the worst sort of tyranny.”

13) “When bad men combine, the good must associate; else they will fall one by one, an unpitied sacrifice in a contemptible struggle.”

14) “The use of force alone is but *temporary*. It may subdue for a moment; but it does not remove the necessity of subduing again: and a nation is not governed, which is perpetually to be conquered.”

15) “People will not look forward to posterity, who never look backward to their ancestors.”