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E present here, for the study of our youth, the history of the Father of his Country. When Napoleon, the most illustrious monarch of the elder nations, met an American at Toulon, he inquired of him, "How fares your countryman, THE GREAT WASH-INGTON ?" By all sorts and conditions of men,

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