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Jigsaw Source 1:

A circular letter, from His Excellency George Washington, commander in chief of the armies of the United States of America: addressed to the governors of the several states, on his resigning the command of the army, and retiring from public business [P. 16-17]

There are four things which I humbly conceive are effential to the well-being, I may even venture to fay, to the existence of the United States as an independent power.

1st. An indissoluble union of the States under one fedral head.
2dly. A facred regard to public justice.

3dly. The adoption of a proper peace establishment. And, 4thly.

LETTER.

Athly. The prevalence of that pacific and friendly disposition among the people of the United States, which will induce them to forget their local prejudices and policies, to make those mutual concessions which are requisite to the general prosperity, and, in some instances, to facrifice their individual advantages to the interest of the community.

These are the pillars on which the glorious fabric of our independency and national character must be supported.—Liberty is the basis—and whoever would

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Essential vocabulary:

- Indissoluble
- Peace establishment
- Pacific
- Disposition
- Induce
- Concessions
- Requisite

Phrase to interpret:

"The prevalence of that pacific and friendly disposition among the people of the United States, which will induce them to forget their local prejudices and policies..."

Jigsaw Source 2:

From George Washington to the Hebrew Congregation in Newport, Rhode Island, 18 August 1790

"It is now no more that toleration is spoken of, as if it was by the indulgence of one class of people, that another enjoyed the exercise of their inherent natural rights. For happily the Government of the United States, which gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance requires only that they who live under its protection should demean themselves as good citizens, in giving it on all occasions their effectual support...

"May the Children of the Stock of Abraham, who dwell in this land, continue to merit and enjoy the good will of the other Inhabitants; while every one shall sit in safety under his own vine and figtree, and there shall be none to make him afraid."

Essential vocabulary:

- Toleration
- Indulgence
- Bigotry
- Sanction
- Demean
- Children of the Stock of Abraham
- Sit in safety under his own vine and fig tree (see the following for assistance: https://www.mountvernon.org/library/digitalhistory/digital-encyclopedia/article/vine-and-fig-tree)

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Jigsaw Source 3: James Madison

Memorial and Remonstrance against Religious Assessments, [ca. 20 June] 1785 [Sections 1 & 3]

"The Religion then of every man must be left to the conviction and conscience of every man; and it is the right of every man to exercise it as these may dictate. This right is in its nature an unalienable right. It is unalienable, because the opinions of men, depending only on the evidence contemplated by their own minds cannot follow the dictates of other men...

"Who does not see that the same authority which can establish Christianity, in exclusion of all other Religions, may establish with the same ease any particular sect of Christians, in exclusion of all other Sects? That the same authority which can force a citizen to contribute three pence only of his property for the support of any one establishment, may force him to conform to any other establishment in all cases whatsoever?"

Essential vocabulary:

- Conviction
- Exercise
- Unalienable
- Establish
- Sect
- Pence

Phrase to interpret:

"That the same authority which can force a citizen to contribute three pence only of his property for the support of any one establishment, may force him to conform to any other establishment in all cases whatsoever?"

Jigsaw Source 4:

A sermon preached before the Honorable Council, and the Honorable House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts-Bay, in New-England, at Boston, May 26, 1779. Being the anniversary for the election of the Honorable Council. / By Samuel Stillman, A.M. Pastor of the First Baptist Church in Boston. [p. 33]

Upon the whole, I think it is a plain, as well as a very important truth, that the church of Christ and a common-wealth are essentially different. The one is a religious society, of which Christ is the sole head, and which he gathers out of the world, in common, by the dispensation of his gospel, governs by his laws in all matters of religion, a compleat code of which we have in the sacred scriptures; and preserves it by his power.

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Essential vocabulary:

- Commonwealth
- Dispensation
- Gospel
- Temporal
- Caesar
- Magistrate

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Jigsaw Source 5:

Worcestriensis, Vol IV (1776)

[Quote - P. 5]

In a well regulated state, it will be the business of the Legislature to prevent sectaries of different denominations from molesting and disturbing each other, to ordain that no part of the community shall be permitted to perplex and harass the other for any supposed heresy, but that each individual shall be allowed to have and enjoy, profess and maintain his own system of religion, provided it does not issue in overt acts of treason undermining the peace and good order of society. To allow one part of a society to lord it over the faith and consciences of the other, in religious matters, is the ready way to set the whole community together by the ears.

Essential vocabulary:

- Well regulated
- Sectaries
- Molesting
- Perplex
- Heresy
- Treason
- Set by the ears

Phrase to interpret:

"To allow one part of a society to lord it over the faith and consciences of the other, in religious matters, is the ready way to set the whole community together by the ears."