

Mercy Otis Warren Quotes

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The rights of the individual should be the primary object of all governments.

~Mercy Otis Warren

The origin of all power is in the people, and they have an incontestable right to check the creatures of their own creation.

~Mercy Otis Warren

The waves have rolled upon me, the billows are repeatedly broken over me, yet I am not sunk down.

~Mercy Otis Warren

No republic ever yet stood on a stable foundation without satisfying the common people.

~Mercy Otis Warren

It may be a mistake, that man, in a state of nature, is more disposed to cruelty than courtesy

~Mercy Otis Warren

The British were indeed very far superior to the Americans in every respect necessary to military operations, except the revived courage and resolution, the result of sudden success after despair.

~Mercy Otis Warren

The study of the human character opens at once a beautiful and a deformed picture of the soul.

~Mercy Otis Warren

Mankind may amuse themselves with theoretic systems of liberty... but we can only discern its true value by the practical and wretched effects of slavery.

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But in the hero ne'er forget the man.

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To learn to die is an heroic work.

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Democratic principles are the result of equality of condition.

~Mercy Otis Warren

The bulk of mankind have indeed, in all countries in their turn, been made the prey of ambition.

~Mercy Otis Warren

The balm of life, a kind and faithful friend.

~Mercy Otis Warren

I am more and more convinced, of the propensity in human nature to tyrannize over their fellow men.

~Mercy Otis Warren

The United States form a young republic, a confederacy which ought ever to be cemented by a union of interests and affection, under the influence of those principles which obtained their independence.

~Mercy Otis Warren

Great advantages are often attended with great inconveniences, and great minds called to severe trials.

~Mercy Otis Warren

A superfluity of wealth, and a train of domestic slaves, naturally banish a sense of general liberty, and nourish the seeds of that kind of independence that usually terminates in aristocracy.

~Mercy Otis Warren

'Tis social converse, animates the soul.

~Mercy Otis Warren

The love of domination and an uncontrolled lust of arbitrary power have prevailed among all nations and perhaps in proportion to the degrees of civilization.

~Mercy Otis Warren

General Washington had rather incautiously encamped the bulk of his army on Long Island - a large and plentiful district about two miles from the city of New York

~Mercy Otis Warren

But truth is most likely to be exhibited by the general sense of contemporaries, when the feelings of the heart can be expressed without suffering itself to be disguised by the prejudices of man.

~Mercy Otis Warren

On the evening of December 25, General Washington in a most severe season crossed the Delaware with a part of his army, then reduced to less than 2000 men in the whole.

~Mercy Otis Warren

Public emergencies may require the hand of severity to fall heavily on those who are not personally guilty, but compassion prompts, and ever urges to milder methods

~Mercy Otis Warren

The defeat of the Americans in Canada and the advantages gained by the British arms in the Jerseys, and indeed for some months in every other quarter, gave to the royal cause an air of triumph.

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