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&#8212;Alexander Hamilton, Second Letter from Phocion, 1784

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&#8212;Daniel Webster, Eulogy on Adams and Jefferson, 1826

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