

Alexander Hamilton on the Tyranny of the British Government

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It is frequently asserted that the American Revolution was prompted by the Tyranny of the British Monarch, George III, and that the American institutions were *sui generis*.

The famed Alexander Hamilton, one of the drafters of the *U.S. Constitution* and a prolific contributor to the *Federalist Papers*, had quite a lot to say about the British Government, while in the process of framing the institutions of the newly formed United States of America, more than a decade after the start of the Revolution.

In particular, within a single speech in the Federal Convention, on [Monday, June 18, 1787](#)¹, he declared:

- In my private opinion, I have no scruple in declaring, supported as I am by the opinion of so many of the wise and good, that the British government is the best in the world; and that I doubt much whether anything short of it will do in America.
- This progress of the public mind leads me to anticipate the time when others as well as myself will join in the praise bestowed by Mr. Neckar on the British constitution, namely, that “*it is the only government in the world which unites public strength with individual security.*”
- To the want of this check we owe our papermoney instalment laws, etc. To the proper adjustment of it the British owe the excellence of their constitution.
- I believe the British government forms the best model the world ever produced, and such has been its progress in the minds of many, that this truth gradually gains ground.
- See the excellency of the British Executive.

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