



## An Oration (Classic Reprint)

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Forgotten Books, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*.Excerpt from An Oration This day 1776 formed an epoch in the history of mankind, which must in after ages be a subject of deep reflection and high moment. The antagonist principles of hereditary power and the sovereignty of the people were on this day put directly in competition. Our fathers, believing with religious faith in the ability of the people to govern themselves, resolved, smarting as they were under recent instances of injustice and misrule, to sever at once the ties that united them to a distant monarchy, and trusting to that providence which had guided their ancestors over the dark waters of the mighty deep, and protected their infant settlements, to try the experiment of republican government and bid defiance hereafter to the dictate of foreign rule. On the recurrence of this anniversary it has been usual to analyze the moral influences which led the men of that day to dare the most powerful nation of Europe, - flushed with recent victory, old in all the usages of war, exhaustless in resources, and exasperated by...



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