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Fellow Citizens: We are assembled to celebrate the seventy-fifth return of the birthday of American liberty. Three quarters of a century ago this day, the thirteen united colonies of Great Britain on this continent declared themselves absolved from all further allegiance to the British crown. Seven years later, at, the close of an exhausting war, they found themselves reduced to the lowest extremity of national distress. All private enterprise was paralyzed and blasted, and a frightful depreciation had fallen upon all the evidences of the public debt. The new States, still in the feebleness of their infancy, and now miserably debilitated by years of wasting warfare, lay widely scattered along a thousand miles of coast, and still half enveloped in the original forest. Intercommunication was slow and difficult. There is not one of them which is not virtually nearer to the European continent at this day than they were then to their nearest neighbors. Though nominally united in a species of compact entered...



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