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In 1787—according to the census of 1790—Pennsylvania stood second among the States in population; Virginia first; Massachusetts, third; New York, fourth. Philadelphia was the commercial metropolis; first in point of letters and science; and the scene of the Congress and Conventions which formed the Constitution and shaped its destiny. The Quaker Government of the colony had established personal and religious liberty as the ancient usage of the people; everything essential to the rights of the people, both civil and political, constitutionally secured to them. The power of the colony had long been virtually in the hands of the Quakers—scarcely anything was necessary for the transition from allegiance to the Crown to the full establishment of a popular government, but to displace the royal Governor; and the population had long been ripe for the change. As early as 1750 the Governor wrote to the British authorities that the loyalty of the German people could not be depended upon. They had no attachment to the crown, but they were in every respect foreign to them. The Swedes were the same. The Irish were patriotic, or what was the same thing, rebellious; and the Scotch were Freely-born, and they would not be governed by any form of despotic government, in Church or State. A diverse mass, indeed, but so happily mixed and balanced that the speech of rebellion was toned and tempered by conservatism into rational liberty. They were not to be disturbed by any external power, but they were to be preserved in every respect foreign to them. The Swedes were the same. The Irish were patriotic, or what was the same thing, rebellious; and the Scotch were Freely-born, and they would not be governed by any form of despotic government, in Church or State. A diverse mass, indeed, but so happily mixed and balanced that the speech of rebellion was toned and tempered by conservatism into rational liberty. They were not to be disturbed by any external power, but they were to be preserved in every respect foreign to them.

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