

A Republican Remedy for Faction

Control faction's effects, not liberty itself.

When factions rise, do not demand one voice
For liberty lets differences endure
Set bounds on harm, yet leave each side its choice
And keep the common rules both fair and sure
A majority may wield the greater might
Yet numbers do not make its judgment just
A smaller band may trouble common right
And turn the public trust to ash and dust
Let varied interests stretch across the land
So none can quickly gather into force
Let representation refine the plan
And check the rush by measured, lawful course
Preserve the quarrel; curb the coercive art
Let durable rules grant every side its part