"...they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS."

DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, THOMAS JEFFERSON, 1776
“I desire you would REMEMBER THE LADIES and be more generous and favorable to them than your ancestors...”

ABIGAIL ADAMS, 1776
A long habit of not thinking a thing wrong, gives it a superficial appearance of being right.

Thomas Paine, 1776
What do we mean by the Revolution? The War? That was no part of the Revolution. It was only an Effect and Consequence of it.

THE REVOLUTION WAS IN THE MINDS OF THE PEOPLE.

JOHN ADAMS, 1815
Sink or Swim, live or die, survive or perish, I give my heart and my hand to this vote.

INDEPENDENCE NOW AND INDEPENDENCE FOREVER!

DANIEL WEBSTER, 1826
“What, to the American slave, is your Fourth of July? I answer: a day that reveals to him, more than all other days in the year, THE GROSS INJUSTICE AND CRUELTY to which he is the constant victim.”

FREDERICK DOUGLASS, 1852
Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves.

Abraham Lincoln, 1859
Where slavery is there liberty cannot be; and WHERE LIBERTY IS THERE SLAVERY CANNOT BE.

CHARLES SUMNER, 1864
Look there above the center, where the flag is waving bright; We are going out of slavery, WE ARE BOUND FOR FREEDOM'S LIGHT...

SOJOURNER TRUTH, 1864
"I had reasoned this out in my mind; there was one of two things I had a right to, liberty, or death; if I could not have one, I would have the other; for no man should take me alive; I SHOULD FIGHT FOR MY LIBERTY AS LONG AS MY STRENGTH LASTED.

HARRIET TUBMAN, 1886"