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We have built no temple but the Capitol;
We consult no common oracle but the Constitution
—RUFUS CHOATE

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W. H. Bartlett, ca. 1839.

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