

The Venerable "Fathers"

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Our schools deify the "FATHERS" of the American Government. They set them up as idols to be worshipped. But the noted historian McMaster fearlessly characterizes these "Fathers" in the following:

"A very little study of long-forgotten politics will suffice to show that the filibustering and gerrymandering, in stealing Governorships and Legislatures, in using force at the polls, in colonizing and distributing patronage to whom patronage is due, in all the frauds and tricks that go to make up the worst form of practical politics, the men who founded our State and National governments were always our equals, and often our masters."

Hamilton wanted to give the rich and well-born "a distinct, permanent share in the government". He had a prophetic vision of the class struggle that was to develop in the United States. To Hamilton, "all communities divide themselves into the few and the many. The first are the rich and well-born; the other, the mass of the people, are turbulent and

changing. They seldom judge or determine right."

Governor Morris went as far as even to propose the appointment of men of aristocratic blood for life to the upper House, the Senate, in order to check the lower House. And Madison, often called the Father of the Constitution, believed that the Government ought "to protect the minority of the opulent against the majority." This is the essence of American "democracy" today, a rule of the employing class, by the employing class, and for the employing class—a capitalist dictatorship over the working class.