

THE BEGINNINGS OF AMERICAN POLITICS

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AMERICAN POLITICAL PARTIES

BY JESSE MACT, LL. D. I.—THE FEDERALIST PARTY.

A political party may be defined briefly as an organization for the expression of public opinion. Such organizations have come into existence along with the transition in government from privilege to democracy.

ury and the real head of his party. Among these were found the masses of the rural population and the dwellers in the scattered towns and hamlets throughout the country.

On the other hand, the commercial classes and in general the dwellers in those parts where the population was concentrated, realizing better than the others the importance of a stable and straightforward financial policy and the importance of that well-ordered society and security of life and property upon which progress in civilization depends.

Federalists and Anti-Federalists. The study of American political parties may properly begin with the struggle for the adoption of the constitution, 1787-8.

The whole subject of party names in our early history is somewhat confused, and the variety of terms used by different writers, with their diverse applications, tends to perpetuate the confusion.

Federalists and Republicans. Two years of discussion of the question, "shall the constitution be adopted?" led to the triumph of the federalists and placed Washington in the presidential office.

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Carpenter Hall, Philadelphia.



The chair used by John Hancock when presiding over the continental congress, and later in Washington, at the convention in Philadelphia, 1787.



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