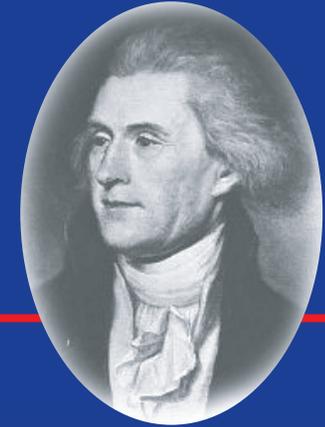


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" The same prudence which in private life would forbid our paying our own money for unexplained projects, forbids it in the dispensation of the public moneys."

– *Thomas Jefferson,
Letter to Shelton Gilliam, 1808*

"We might hope to see the finances of the Union as clear and intelligible as a merchant's books, so that every member of Congress and every man of any mind in the Union should be able to comprehend them, to investigate abuses, and consequently to control them."

– *Thomas Jefferson,
Letter to Albert Gallatin, 1802*