

1 two brief selections from that document, because it seems
2 to me this puts at rest once and for all this question
3 of the necessity for checks and balances within a single
4 branch of government. Hamilton wrote: "It is evident
5 from these considerations that the plurality of the Execu-
6 tive tends to deprive the people of the two greatest
7 securities they can have for the faithful exercise of
8 any delegated power. First, the restraints of public
9 opinion, and secondly, the opportunity of discovering with
10 facility and clearness the misconduct of the persons they
11 trust."

12 If you have clear line of authority, if you
13 have frequent opportunities to call those people to ac-
14 count, then you have true democratic government.

15 Finally, Hamilton says: "The executive power
16 is more easily confined when it is won; that it is far more
17 safe, there should be a single object for the jealousy
18 and watchfulness of the people; and in a word, that all mul-
19 tiplication of the Executive is rather dangerous than
20 friendly to liberty."

21 I urge this Convention to consider carefully the