

Quotes About Francis Lightfoot Lee

....He did no brilliant things, he made no brilliant speeches; but the enduring strength of his participation was manifest, his fearlessness in confronting perilous duties and compassing them was patent to all, the purity of his motives was unquestioned, his unpurchasable honor and uprightness were unchallenged (Mark Twain on Francis Lightfoot (Frank) Lee)

.....that band of brothers, intrepid and unchangeable, who, like the Greeks at Thermopylae, stood in the gap, in the defense of their country, from the first glimmering of the Revolution in the horizon, through all its rising light, to its perfect day (John Adams on Richard Henry, Thomas, Francis Lightfoot, William, and Arthur Lee)

...this is not a time for men of abilities with good intentions to be only spectators, if we can't do all the good, we cou'd wish, let us at least endeavour to prevent all the mischeif in our power. (FLL to Col. Landon Carter, October 21, 1775)

....is it possible that in the infancy of our rising Republic, two brothers (William and Arthur) of one family should represent...these United States at four of the principal Courts of Europe; and that two others of the same family (Richard Henry and Frank) should exercise the greatest acts of sovereignty in our great Council? (Robert Treat Paine of Massachusetts in 1779)

....He was calmness and philosophy itself (Arthur Lee of brother Francis Lightfoot Lee)

...The world seems crazy and we old people must scuffle with it as well as we can for our few days of existence (Francis Lightfoot Lee to brother William Lee in 1795)

....Thou sweetest of all the Lee race/ That ever adorned our shore (niece Nancy Shippen of Francis Lightfoot Lee)