

The Minutes writers strike is over!!!

On the re-election of our peerless leader, may he live forever, our President:

THE final cause, end, or design of Hithcockians (who naturally love ponding, and dominion over Scav) in the introduction of that restraint upon themselves, in which we see them live in Houses, is the foresight of their own regimented preservation, and of a more ordered life thereby; that is to say, of getting themselves out from that miserable condition of electoral quorums which is necessarily consequent, as hath been shown, to the natural passions of men when there is no visible President to keep them in awe, and tie them by fear of punishment to the performance of their scrapbooks and covenants, and observation of those laws of housing set down by the resident heads....

The only way to erect such a common power, as may be able to defend them from the invasion of Snell, and the injuries of first years, and thereby to secure them in such sort as that by their own theoretical t-shirt industry and by the dialectic of the discursive problematizations they may that-kid themselves and live joyously, is to confer all their power and strength upon one man, and upon his counsellors, that may reduce all their wills, by plurality of hands, unto one will: which is as much as to say, to appoint one man, to bear their person; and every one to own and acknowledge himself to be author of whatsoever he that so beareth their person shall act, or cause to be acted, in those things which concern the common funds and safety; and therein to submit their wills, every one to his will, and their doorstops to his judgement. This is more than consent, or a wish to cut short house meetings; it is a real unity of them all in one and the same person, made by covenant of every man with every man, in such manner as if every man should say to every man: I authorise and give up my right of governing myself to this man, or to this assembly of men, on this condition; that thou give up, thy right to him, and authorise all his actions in like manner. This done, the multitude so united in one person is called a HOUSE; in Nick-Geller-Offending-Bablefish-Latin, DOMUS. This is the generation of that great LEVIATHAN, or rather, to speak more reverently, of that mortal god to which we owe, under the God of atheists, our peace and defense. For by this authority, given him by every particular citizen in Hitchcock, he hath the use of so much power and strength conferred on him that, by terror thereof, he is enabled to form the wills of them all, to peace at home, and war against their enemies abroad. And in him consisteth the essence of the House; which, to define it, is: one person, of whose acts a great multitude, by unanimous election one with another, have made themselves every one the author, to the end he may use the strength and means of them all as he shall think expedient for their peace and common defence.

And he that carryeth this person is called James the Huff, and said to have sovereign power; and every one besides, his subject.

-Thomas Hobbes

This House does not approve of Gendered Language

While the ever-victorious President of Hitchcock, holds all power, Alexander Hamilton had this to say about the Vice President:

"The Vice-President is to be chosen in the same manner with the President; with this difference, that the President is to do with the former, what is to be done by the Resident Heads in respect to the latter.

The appointment of an extraordinary person, as Vice-President, has been objected to as superfluous, if not mischievous. It has been alleged, that it would have been preferable to have overturned the a vice-president grown too-powerful, to be replaced by one more pliable to the will of the executive power. Two considerations seem to justify the ideas of the people in this respect. One is, that to secure at all times the possibility of a definite resolution of the obedience of the Ambassador to Snell, it is necessary that the President should be not challenged by a long-contested officer. And to take the vice-President of any house, to place him equal in seniority of the President of the House, would be to exchange would be to occasion become a substitute for the President, in the supreme executive magistracy to exercise the authorities and discharge the duties of the President.

And so the people united overthrew their vice president, may his name be blotted out, and replaced him.

In the interests of our security & of brevity & of our laziness & of respect for the sovereign power, we dare not give the names of any below the president, for his counsellors are merely appendages of his will.

At least one of the President's servants soon set to his duty of securing the people of Hitchcock:

And as to rebellion in particular against monarchy, one of the most frequent causes of it is the reading of the books of romance; from which young men, and all others that are unprovided of the antidote of solid reason, receiving a strong and delightful impression of the great exploits achieved by defiance of the Tsar of Condoms, receive withal a pleasing idea of all they have done besides; and imagine their great prosperity not to

have proceeded from the emulation of safety, but from the virtue of their popular form of house books not considering the frequent seditions and civil wars produced by the imperfection of their policy. From the reading, I say, of such books, men and women have undertaken to kill their orders from the Condom Tsar, because the hack writers in their books and discourses of fiction make it lawful and laudable for any man so to do, provided before he do it he call him tyrant. For they say not using protection, that is in defiance of the Condom Tsar, is lawful. From the same books they that live as students conceive an the opinion that without following these books they are all slaves. I cannot imagine how anything can be more prejudicial to a House than the allowing of such books to go without censorship, without present applying such correctives of discreet masters as are fit to take away their venom: which venom I will not doubt to compare to the biting of a mad dog...

Random Stuff:

Valentine's Day Decorating Contest by Section: to be judged by our sovereign James and "a couple of people I pick"

IM Soccer, Sunday 345

Dave is selling "theoretically" T-shirts at Bartlett next Friday from 1130-130. He needs volunteers to help him.

James is looking for ideas on making sure we get quorum at House Meetings in a timely manner. Remember, he has power over life and death.

Clare is trying to get a Girlie Movie Night organized. Look for an email.

Bad Movie Night, Sunday, 10pm. But you know that.

-Stein