

Jefferson as described by Charles
Francis Adams.

a brilliant rather than a fast thinker. the
necessary circumstance of a mind more susceptible
than most, the frequency of his
glances from the French Revolution were
flow with them in unceasing -

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Hamilton & Jeff.

Both men of the first class of minds. but they
had little else in common. neither could bear
the ascendancy of the other, nor submit to be
over ruled without resentment. The consequence
was, in the hard councils of the first administra-
tion, a perpetual conflict of opinions, which
the imposing presence of the chief could barely
prevent from breaking over every limit.

To Mr Hamilton the opposite side had been
assigned of drawing order out of the chaos of
the finances.

The habits of Washington and his social re-
lations, naturally placed him in the counter-
vailing class, and at the very doorway of the
revolution were and were described themselves
in France, as well as through the Continental
oratory of the French nation house, he became
more and more alienated from the views which
Mr Jefferson was known to favor

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