

of a Chief Magistrate elected by the people, yet so mentally debauched had Jefferson become, that his newspaper actually sustained Genet in this course. The organ of this model Secretary of State expressed the hope that the friends of France would act with firmness and spirit, telling him "the people are his friends, or the friends of France, and he will have nothing to apprehend." It turned out, however, that "Citizen" Genet had something to apprehend, the indignation of Washington, who requested the French Government to recall its Minister.

In the meantime the death struggle between Great Britain and France was producing a series of retaliatory measures which proved ruinous to the neutral trader. In June, 1793, an Order in Council was issued by the British Government, declaring that all vessels laden with breadstuffs, bound to any port of France, or places occupied by French armies, should be carried to England, and their cargoes either disposed of there, or security given that they would be only sold in a country at friendship with Great Britain. This was followed in November of the same year by another Order in Council which directed British war vessels and privateers to detain all ships carrying the produce of any colony belonging to France, or conveying provisions or other supplies for the use of such colonies, and to bring the same with their cargoes to legal adjudication in the British Courts of Admiralty.

These Orders in Council fell with heavy effect on the commerce of the United States and produced a corresponding degree of indignation. This was increased by another measure adopted about the same time by the British Government—the impressment of British