

her plantations, has been enabled to frustrate them. Had these plantations been in the possession of France, with the advantages arising from their commerce, wealth, and naval force, it is not an improbable conjecture, that she would have succeeded in her design ; nor is it less probable, that should France and America hereafter have it in their power to establish an offensive and defensive alliance, however the former may have hitherto failed in her grand scheme of universal monarchy, this connection may, at some future, and not very distant period, enable her to accomplish it. Such treaties will naturally coincide with their several views and interests, as soon as American Independence shall be acknowledged by the powers in Europe. America will naturally wish, while she is rising from her infant state into opulence and power, to cover her dominions under the protection of France ; and France will find new resources of strength in American commerce, armies, and naval force.

The recovery of America from the disasters and distresses of war, will be rapid