

3. *Our enemy is so situated, as to be able seriously to distress us, with little expense, inconvenience, or exposure.*

Our extensive coast is lined, in a great measure, with cities and villages; including a great part of our wealth, and not a small one of our population. Most of these may be invaded, and destroyed, with little difficulty. A vast mass of our property is either floating on the ocean, or lying in the harbours of other nations. The exposure of this property, and of the unfortunate men, destined to convey it homeward, need not be specified.

Our northern frontier extends not far from 2000 miles. A considerable part of it is settled, and every where exposed to the inroads of the enemy. A great part of the western frontier is left naked to the incursions of the savages, with whom, unhappily, we are on the worst of terms.

The British are said to have 10,000 black troops, and the Spaniards, with whom also we are contending, 5,000 more, in the West-Indian islands. These men have long been formed into military regiments, and inured to a strict military discipline. Should they be landed in East-Florida; it would be impossible to predict the consequences. He who remembers the state, extent, and feelings, of our black population, and calls to mind, that GOD is just, will look at this object with a pained eye, and an aching heart.

4. *There is not a little reason to fear, that we may by this war be brought into an Alliance with France.*

The *Jews* often betook themselves in their troubles to the surrounding nations for help; to *Syria*, to *Egypt*, and to *Assyria*. The language of GOD on this subject is regularly, "Wo to them that go down to Egypt