

that a powerful party in the government, and a great majority of the people, will take part with her against the government itself, or at least will withhold from it all effectual support ; that the people, wholly immersed in the pursuits of gain, have lost that martial spirit whereby they were distinguished in the late war, and will submit to any indignities or injuries, rather than risk their persons and wealth in a contest ; she has come to a resolution to attack and pillage us, to mal-treat us in every manner, and to refuse all intercourse with us, in the firm persuasion that the government, however unwillingly, will be obliged to yield ; and that we shall submit to her terms, as the price of her forbearance.

These terms, in substance and necessary effect, are a rupture with Britain, and the exclusion of her commerce from our ports ; and such a construction of the treaty with France as shall permit her to arm vessels, enlist crews, and sell prizes in our country, free from the interference of our courts of justice.

Should she even fail in this, still she has no doubt that we, from our desire of peace, will always be ready to make an accommodation, and to relinquish our claim to indemnity as the price of deliverance from further aggression. In the mean time she will accomplish, she thinks, two very important objects ; she will wound the com-