

Time of Peace, and of Privateers in Time of War \*. And not only so, but that Fort Orleans at the Mouth of the *Mississippi* will be invested by a Force too strong to be resisted; in which Case the dreadful Depredations, and inhuman Murders committed on the Back Settlements of *Virginia* and *Georgia* will be retaliated by the *Indians* themselves.

At this Time the *French* possess a Country along the Banks of the *Mississippi* for 900 Leagues, and which far exceeds *Canada* both in the Temperature of the Climate, the Bignity of the Soil, and abounds not only with the Conveniencies of Life, but likewise the Blessings of Nature; all which they expose almost to certain Destruction, as their Fleet is unable to support them.

It is the Saying of *Demosthenes* while haranguing the *Athenians*, “ *Philip* is not your Enemy, O *Athenians*! the *Athenians* are only Enemies to themselves \*.” The *French* are not our Enemies so much as we are Foes to ourselves if, when we have it in our Power to secure the Blessings of Peace for many Ages, we deliver up *Canada*, the very Ground and Cause of the War: If the Crown of *Great Britain* relinquish their Advantages at this Time, and give up what the Wisdom of their Ministry

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\* It is a Sepulchre for the British Merchant Vessels, no less than Twelve Hundred of these having been carried in there since the Beginning of the War.

† Demost. Philippic. 2.