

### A Bad Look-out, and how to Improve It.

In these circumstances the Colonies may find themselves defenceless, and their commerce **at the mercy of the enemy**. The position of the Colonies is therefore one of great insecurity, and it can only be improved by their doing that which **every other civilised country** has found it necessary to do—namely, to **make adequate provision for the defence** of their territories and their interests.

### Alternatives.—I. Independence.

This may be done in two ways : first, by independence.

This means (1) **Costly outlay** on Navy, standing Army, and *matériel* of war, and diplomatic representation all over the world ; (2) simultaneous **loss of financial credit** ; (3) infinitely **greater danger of war** through the weakness of individual Colonies, and the tempting prizes which many of them offer.

### II. Federation.

Secondly, provision may be made by federation for defence.

Advantages—(1) At an expense infinitesimal as compared to that which would be incurred by each Colony setting up for itself, each Colony would assume **a share** in an established and **most efficient system of Naval defence**. (2) Every penny contributed would go to **increase the strength of the Navy** without additional administrative expense. (3) The Navy would become **the Navy of the Empire** in a sense it cannot be while the United Kingdom pays for it and directs it. (4) The Colonies would have a direct voice in the management of the Navy, which would ensure a **full consideration of Colonial interests in case of war**.

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