

We were *then* opposed to war with France, though much more popular, and much more just, and much less dangerous than this *present* war. We are also opposed to the present war, for the same reasons as we were then; for the reasons urged and long since imprinted on our minds by Mr. Jefferson and Mr. Madison, "that we are a young country, remote from the collisions of Europe, and we ought to husband our resources until we arrive at such strength and power as will enable us to compel the European nations to respect us."

We are therefore consistent. The County of Norfolk addressed Congress against the war with France, in 1798. The County of Norfolk ought to be equally opposed to *this* war, which is vastly more ruinous?

But how stands Mr. Seaver's consistency? He was opposed to the French war in Mr. Adams's time. He is the strenuous advocate for war *now*. He opposed *then*, all the measures which government adopted to support the national honour. He opposed the standing army. He opposed the cession of Castle Island, and all other measures adopted by Mr. Adams, in that war. Now indeed, *we* republicans are abused because *we* act in perfect coincidence with our *former* opinions, and oppose a war as we did *then*. To us it is immaterial whether Gen. Washington, (as was the case in 1798) or Gen. Dearborn, (as is the case now) be at the head of our armies. We are opposed to all standing armies, and to all foreign conquests of beggarly and miserable provinces, such as the two Canadas.

We have said that we do not mean to enter into the justice or expediency of the war; but we must say, that the advocates for war have made many gross misrepresentations.

We are not disposed to palliate the wrongs of Great Britain; but the existence of those wrongs, and the dreadful nature of the remedy adopted to redress them, are distinct questions.

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