

their trade in the Baltic sea, in a critical situation, which leads me to conclude that the day we now live in, the 7th section of this singular prediction is alluded to.

8th.

*"When seven and six shall make but one,
"The Lion's might shall be undone."*

We very well remember, that after our struggles in the revolutionary war, that the thirteen Atlantic States, were, in the peace of 1783, acknowledged on the part of Britain, as free, sovereign and independent ;—as particularly mentioned in the articles of the treaty, with an extent of territory scarcely to be equalled by any nation on the face of the globe. The want of a federal head, in order more effectually to unite as one, was early felt to be essential for the preservation of the whole ; otherways it was to be feared we should have become a prey to our ambitious and restless neighbors ; and which laid the foundation of our present General Government : If its first and leading principles had been strictly adhered to, in my humble opinion the citizens of the United States would have been the happiest people that exist on the face of the globe. As every resource within itself (if rightly improved,) is a state of independency, and the rapid and unprecedented population of our country, convinces me that we have nothing to dread from any power that may be disposed to try the length of swords on the land ; and probably if put to our trumps, another musquetoe fleet* might be fixed out and be equally successful as the one at Louisburgh, Anno, 1745. But to return—soon after the

* A term of derision given by Morepang, at seeing the New-England fleet anchor in Carbarouse bay.

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