

to prevent every ground of future jealousies and quarrels. If any harsh or galling conditions had been insisted upon, the negotiation would either have entirely broken off, or if the Americans had submitted to them, their prejudices against England would have acquired fresh strength, and occasions have been afforded for those dissensions which might have plunged us again into the horrors of war. It was the part of true policy to pursue the measures that tended to restore a cordial friendship, and which, perhaps, might, at length, be productive of a federal union between the two countries.

If the matter be considered in a commercial view, it will appear, that it was necessary to proceed upon the establishment of a new principle; a principle which hath already notoriously taken place in the instance of Ireland, and which is avowed by America, not only to England, but to all the powers of

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